

ASIA AND AFRICA ACROSS DISCIPLINARY AND NATIONAL LINES

Fifth Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies [CAAS]

Columbia University, October 3-4, 2014

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Consortium for Asian and African Studies [CAAS] will hold its Fifth Annual Symposium at Columbia University in New York, on Friday and Saturday, October 3-4, 2014. Graduate students and faculty of the seven CAAS member universities (Leiden, INALCO, SOAS, TUFU, NUS, HUFU, and Columbia) are invited to submit proposals for papers that employ more than one disciplinary approach and/or one national setting in addressing their topic.

This crossing of disciplinary or national lines can occur either in the work of an individual or in collaboration among several scholars treating a common topic from different disciplinary perspectives. For the collective applications, the three to four participants are obliged to communicate with one another before the Symposium and revise their papers to take account of the contribution of the different disciplines and/or societies involved, rather than coming together and delivering side-by-side disciplinary or national approaches on the same theme.

All disciplines are welcome, as are comparisons across national boundaries within Asia and Africa or between Asian and African societies and societies elsewhere. In addition to the substance of the presentations, applicants should make clear the advantages and disadvantages of their particular disciplinary and/or comparative combination.

Papers will be selected based on content and approach, potential for exchange among the participants, and benefits from including a broad range of topics and disciplines. The papers will be grouped by themes into panels, which will be conducted as workshops, with 15-minute presentations by speakers, 10-minute remarks by commentators and as much discussion as possible among the participants and the audience. Papers submitted to the organizers by September 20 will be made available to the audience at the Symposium.

English is the language of the Symposium, and as in the past four CAAS Symposia, we especially welcome applications from graduate students and post-docs as well as from faculty members.

Application procedures:

Applicants should send 1) a one-page proposal describing the topic and approach of the paper, especially with regard to disciplinary and/or national border-crossing, and 2) a curriculum vitae (1-2 pages maximum), combined in a single PDF document, which should be sent as an e-mail attachment to CAAS.Columbia@gmail.com,

The deadline for submission is **June 15, 2014**.

Applicants will be notified of their selection by the end of July, 2014.

As in earlier CAAS Symposia, travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by home institutions.

For further information about the Symposium, please write to CAAS.Columbia@gmail.com.