

FIRST CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

Twelfth International Conference on Thai Studies

Thailand in the World

22 – 24 April 2014

to be hosted by and held at the University of Sydney, Australia

The 12th International Conference on Thai Studies (ICTS12) will be held at the University of Sydney, Australia, over three days 22-24 April 2014. The International Conference on Thai Studies is held every three years, hosted alternately by Thai universities and universities outside of Thailand where there is an interest in Thai Studies.

This is the first call for contributions to ICTS12. It is also a call for suggestions as to further possible sub-themes to the Conference beyond those indicated below. The second call for papers will be posted on 31 March 2013. A third and final reminder will be posted on 30 June 2013.

Location and Important Dates

Eastern Avenue complex, Camperdown Campus, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Dates of Conference: 22-24 April 2014

Registration opens (via website): 1 December 2012

Final date for 'super-early-bird' registration: 30 November 2013

Final date for 'early-bird' registration: 31 January 2014

Offers to organise panels/roundtables due by 1 March 2013

Abstracts of papers, posters and video/film presentations due by 1 September 2013; papers due by 1 March 2014 for those who want them to be distributed in the conference packs

Notification of accepted papers and offers of panels/roundtables: 1 October 2013

Presentations to the Conference will cover a wide range of areas of study: the humanities; the social sciences including economic, social and political disciplines; developments in medicine, science and technology; the fine arts, design and architecture; education; environment. This is not an exhaustive list.

The overall theme of the conference is *Thailand in the World*. The conference organisers particularly encourage the offer of contributions on various sub-themes:

- the global spread of Thai culture: pan- Tai-ism
- the Thai diaspora especially in Europe, North America and Australasia
- the world in Thailand: the expatriate impact on Thailand; institutional change from outside
- Thailand in the coming Southeast Asian economic, social, strategic and cultural communities
- Thailand's geo-political setting, with special reference to Myanmar, China and the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- Thailand within international communities of education, medicine and scientific and technological research.
- Thai art and visual representation in an age of global circulation.

Intending participants should not feel bound by this list of possible sub-themes, however, and should feel free to suggest other possibilities and to outline their corresponding offers.

Presentations to the Conference

Presentations may take various forms. These are:

- *individual papers* (which will be grouped - generally three to a session - by the conference organisers)
- *panel discussions*: papers presented in organised panels focusing on single sub-themes and spanning one to three sessions
- *round-table discussions* on especially topical sub- themes and spanning one session only
- *posters*
- video and film *presentations*
- *informal discussions* of research work in progress led by researchers involved

There will be up to twelve parallel sessions as required. Each session will occupy 1.5 hours.

The panel and roundtable discussions will be coordinated by panel and roundtable leaders who will propose their topics and in turn invite other contributors to join them. In the lead-up to the conference, panel and roundtable leaders will be expected to stay in close contact with one or another designated person among the organisers of the Conference. Contact persons will be identified after the deadline for offers of panels/roundtables on 1 March 2013.

The leaders of panels will have the discretion

- to invite whomever they wish to participate in a panel,
- to organise the discussion as they see fit (as a set of formal papers or as a roundtable discussion) and
- to propose that the panel should straddle more than one session.

Conference structure

	22 April	23 April	24 April
9.00 - 10.00 am	Opening and Keynote address	Keynote Address	Keynote Address
10.30 am – 12.00	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions
1.00 – 2.30 pm	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions
3.00 – 4.30 pm	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions
5.00 – 6.00 pm	Keynote Address or General Roundtable	Keynote Address or General Roundtable	Closing Discussion and announcement of Next Conference
Evening	18:30 – 20:30 Welcoming reception	18:00 – 19:00 Business meeting 19:30 – 22:00 Conference dinner	18:00-19:30 Arts event opening

Guidelines for submissions

- All proposals for panels and papers must be made online at <http://sydney.edu.au/southeast-asia-centre/thai-studies-2014/submission-guidelines-form.php>
- Abstracts should be between 100 and 250 words
- Papers are to be no longer than 5000 words
- Presenters will have a maximum of 20 minutes to address their papers
- Participants preparing posters and video/film presentations should provide a clear written outline of their presentation in no more than 250 words. This is to be made available when proposing the presentation to the committee. Video/film presentations should be a maximum of 20 minutes in duration.

Presenters can choose whether or not to make papers available for distribution prior to the Conference; but it is the expectation of the organisers that most will choose to do so. Electronic copies of those papers made

available will be included on the memory sticks issued at the outset of the Conference. All abstracts of accepted papers will be posted on the Conference website one month before the Conference.

Keynote addresses

Four distinguished people have been invited to present keynote addresses.

Encouragement of research students and early-career academics

The organisers are particularly keen to encourage the participation in the Conference of postgraduate research students and early-career academics (people within five years of their first academic appointment), and especially of people in those categories from Thailand and other countries in the Southeast Asian region as well as from Australia. Registration fees of postgraduate research students will be kept as low as possible. Prizes will be offered to graduate students and to early-career academics for the best poster and the best video/film presentation.

Several sessions each day will be devoted to conventional oral presentations by postgraduate research students who are interested in feedback from specialists based at universities other than their own.

Other matters

Prospective presenters of papers and of panel contributions should note that in order to ensure as high a quality of presentations as possible across the whole range of areas of study, only well-considered offers will be taken up. Where selection of presentations has to occur, the organisers will take informed advice on the likely quality of the presentations offered and will have regard to the coherence of the paper / panel offer with the overall theme of the Conference.

All prospective participants should note that, while subsidies are not available for travel to or within Australia or for accommodation in Sydney, all efforts will be made to keep costs down. Closer to the dates of the Conference, the conference website will show a range of accommodation options near the University.

Visit the conference website at <http://sydney.edu.au/southeast-asia-centre/thai-studies-2014/index.shtml>.

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