



CALL FOR PAPERS

Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies

part of the Canadian Asian Studies Association

Beyond Boundaries: Southeast Asian Studies in the 21st Century

October 19 - 21, 2007
Laval University, Québec

Conference Objectives

Containing a more methodological flavour than previous conferences, this conference's objective will aim towards having various scholars from a range of disciplines around the same "table" examining existing links across disciplinary boundaries on the one hand, and between space and time scales of analysis on the other. **Without exception, every single research** bears a signature which enables us to situate it in both space and time frameworks. All too often, one stays confined in space and time, and even when one does establish comparisons across different dimensions of analysis, the links between these various levels are often omitted. This said, the general objective of this conference is to profit from the broad richness of our thematic gathering to begin a collective reflection on this issue. The best way to realize this is to go **beyond disciplinary limits**.

At the end of the conference, as a group, the following two specific objectives must have been met:

1. Define similarities or discrepancies (at least, to explore further) in what links together geographical levels of analysis on one side (from individual to global), and historical "levels" on the other (from short events to longer ones).
2. Prove that Area Studies still plays an important role in developing our scientific knowledge, especially in building coherent ideologies. Southeast Asia may be seen as a pilot-project to test this way of doing things, and to see how, with a huge trans-disciplinary and collective endeavour, we are able to significantly improve our knowledge on Southeast Asia.

PROPOSED THEMES

Broad convergent themes and sub-themes have been pre-organized and we strongly encourage the submission of pre-constructed panels under these themes, however the conference committee will examine all panels or individual ideas not directly related to the thematic framework provided that Southeast Asia remains the central concern.

A) IDENTITIES

Building identities involves a wide range of historical and spatial links across social relations, livelihoods, and culture in general. How is it in Southeast Asia?

Sub-themes:

- Gender, sexuality and identities
- Popular culture and local and global identities
- Resources, livelihoods and identities

B) SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGES

What are the causes and consequences of rapid social changes which have occurred during the past two centuries. What are the new ways of mobilizing populations and various other groups around

collective projects? What are the actions and reactions in front of new security risks, in all aspects of Southeast Asian societies? Who are the actors and what are their levels of operation?

Sub-themes:

- Transnational activism
- Security and new risks
- Discourses and political practices : from rhetoric to action

C) AGRARIAN TRANSITION

Southeast Asian societies are transforming from mainly rural and agricultural populations to urban, industrialized and market-oriented ones. Which processes are involved? What are the links between the various systems involved?

Sub-themes:

- Agricultural intensification and territorial expansion
 - Growth of market-oriented exchanges
 - Urbanization and industrialization
 - Population mobility
 - Regulations, rules and governance
- Environmental changes

D) MEMORIES

What is left in contemporary Southeast Asian societies from past traditions, culture, and spiritual spirits? What roles can be attributed to historical remains (physical, orals or traditions) in transforming SEA?

Sub-themes:

- History, Memory and Remembering
- Arts and literatures across time

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE : APRIL 1, 2007
PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

METHODS

Each panel will be organized keeping in mind the need for comparisons between the links that are built between disciplines and time and space levels. As such, two apparently thematically far from each other's subjects may be put together in the same panel since they are related in the time space analysis. IE: Protected areas in Vietnam (geography) and Education and ethnic minorities in Vietnam (social work)

Each panel will have a discussant plus three or four papers presented, at the most. New at this conference, each panel will benefit from a "**Panel Secretary**" who will take discussion notes, especially those which are related to the conference objectives. All panel secretaries will later converge in order to integrate what appears interesting: similarities, differences, challenges, methods to explore, things to avoid, etc. A general review of these findings will be presented during the general assembly.

PANEL SUBMISSIONS

Proposals for full panels are strongly encouraged; individual paper proposals are also welcome, and will be accommodated as space and logistics permit.

PANEL PROPOSAL FORMAT (Please provide **all** the following information)

- Please fill out and submit one **FORM A** (Arial 10).
- Please also fill in one **FORM B** (Arial 10) for the **Panel Organizer, Panel Chair/Discussant and all** presenters (these forms must clearly indicate panel title).

SINGLE PAPER FORMAT

Please **completely** fill in and submit **FORM C (Arial 10)**.

AV EQUIPMENT

Please check the appropriate box for all Specific Audio Visual equipment requirements on the submission form. All requests for audio visual equipment **must be received no later than April 1, 2007**. **Please note that we can not support late requests or lap tops.*

All submissions, panel or individual, **must be received no later than April 1, 2007**. Please ensure all files are saved as RTF (rich text format), Word, or WordPerfect files if submitted as attachments. Please forward your submission to the CASA conference program Committee at; casa_acea@bellnet.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTED PROPOSALS

The list of accepted proposals will be posted mid- May 2007, under « conferences » on the Canadian Asia studies Association website; <http://canadianasianstudies.concordia.ca>

CASA MEMBERSHIP

All participants must be members in good standing with CASA for the 2007 year. For all membership information, please visit our website; <http://canadianasianstudies.concordia.ca>

All participants must also register for the CASA – CCSEAS 2007 Conference. The registration **FORM A** will be available on the CASA – CCSEAS website.

GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPANTS & FINANCIAL AID

Students from outside the Quebec City area wishing to participate in the conference can benefit from partial financial assistance, providing that their membership with CASA is in good standing. All funding requests must be received no later than **April 1, 2007**, on **FORM D** found on the CASA website.

ACCOMMODATIONS

*Details to come

CONFERENCE FEES AND REGISTRATION (taxes included)

	Prior to September 15, 2007	On site
Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> 90 \$	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 \$
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 \$	<input type="checkbox"/> 75 \$

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

Date	Event
April 01/07	Abstract Submission Deadline
April 25	Committee responses: Acceptation, modification or refusal
September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Texts to be received by committee▪ Early Registration Fee Deadline
October 19-21	Conference at Laval University, Québec
December 1	Deadline for text to be published in the Electronic Conference Proceedings
February 28/08	Deadline for submitting a text to be published in a peer reviewed book