

ECSAS 2020 Reflecting on Disciplinary Boundaries

26th European Conference on South Asian Studies

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Call for Panels

The **26th European Conference on South Asian Studies** (ECSAS) will be held at the University of Vienna, Austria, from **29 July to 1 August 2020**. On behalf of the European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS) and the Academic and Organising Committees we cordially invite you to submit panel proposals.

There is a long tradition of South Asian Studies in Vienna, both at the University of Vienna and at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, going back to the mid-19th century. While a strong focus has been on South Asia's premodern period, recent decades have witnessed a process of historical as well as disciplinary expansion. South Asian Studies in Austria today covers a wide range of disciplines and interests, and extends across several institutions. Against this background the motto of the Vienna conference will be "Reflecting on Disciplinary Boundaries". We particularly welcome panels which reflect on disciplinary boundaries and promote trans-, inter- or multidisciplinary approaches.

The **panel submission** is open from **4 February until 14 April 2019**. Please go to the conference website: <https://ecsas2020.univie.ac.at/>.

All panel proposals must include the title of the panel, the name(s), affiliation(s) and the EASAS membership number of the convener(s), a contact e-mail, and a short and long abstract of the panel topic. Innovative elements of the panel should be particularly highlighted. Names of tentative paper contributors may be included (optional).

The short abstract must not exceed 300 characters, long abstracts must not exceed 1700 characters and should be text only. Please keep in mind that all panel proposals (and subsequent papers) must be in English.

EASAS membership required. Please note that all panel conveners must be EASAS members at the time of submission. (Join here: <https://www.easas.eu/become-a-member/>) At least one of the conveners must be based at a European institution.

One panel and paper per conference. Due to the 'competition for time' within such a conference, colleagues are allowed to convene no more than one panel and present only one paper during the conference. This does not prevent potential participants from making several proposals, but in the case of multiple acceptances the convener and/or panelist will be asked to choose only one.

All panels with an open call. ECSAS requires all accepted panels to be open to paper proposals through the website: proposed panels cannot be 'closed' to further papers from the outset.

All panel submissions will be evaluated by the conference's Academic Committee. Panel proposers will be notified of the outcome by July 2019.

If you have any general queries, please do not hesitate to contact: ecsas2020@univie.ac.at

The abstracts of those panel proposals which have been selected will be published on the conference website.

The Call for Papers will be open from **4 September to 17 November 2019**. EASAS members can then submit paper proposals to the selected panels.

For the panels accepted by the Academic Committee, it is the responsibility of the panel convener(s) to:

- review the proposed papers in line with the conference guidelines and deadlines
- notify the Organising Committee of the acceptance or rejection of papers in a timely manner
- provide adequate feedback to be forwarded to authors
- plan the arrangement of papers and chairs in their panel in collaboration with the Organising Committee. No panel may run for more than four sessions of 90 minutes.

While it is recognised that the content of any panel is dependent upon the selected papers and their overall quality, the Academic Committee asks all panel conveners to take due consideration of gender and diversity balance in their panel sessions.

Please note that in the case of similar or overlapping panel submissions, the Academic Committee may ask panel conveners to collaborate in leading consolidated panels to ensure the overall coherence of the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Vienna in 2020!

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