

# 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE ON SLAVIC AND EAST/CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual University of California Undergraduate Conference on Slavic and East/Central European Studies will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2025, in a hybrid format at the University of California, Los Angeles.**

## PURPOSE

One of the great benefits of knowing a foreign language is being able to use source materials in the language. This conference allows undergraduate students to integrate their language skills with research on some aspects of Slavic and East/Central European studies and to present their work in an academic and, at the same time, friendly and supportive environment. Presenting a conference paper is an ideal way to strengthen graduate school applications or add an academic component to a professional résumé. In addition, students also have the opportunity to submit their papers for peer-reviewed publication in the online *UC Journal of Slavic and East/Central European Studies*.

## TOPICS

The presentation may be an extension of a paper written for an undergraduate Slavic or East/Central European studies course or a project related to the student's interests. The presentation could be an individual or a joint one, with other students. Faculty from students' home university should serve as project advisors. Any undergraduate enrolled in a Slavic or East/Central European language, literature, linguistics, history, political science, music, folklore, or other relevant courses may participate. Graduate students are invited to serve as panel moderators.

## REQUIREMENTS

The paper must incorporate some materials in a Slavic or other East/Central European language. The level of proficiency of the student will determine the extent to which foreign language materials should be used. For example, beginning students might incorporate titles of books or articles or place names in the original language; intermediate students might read some passages in the original from relevant sources; advanced students might base their papers on sources in the given language. The presentation must include quotations, citations, or other evidence of using original language materials. Individual presentations should be **10-15 minutes**; joint presentations should be **15-20 minutes**. *A slide presentation is highly recommended.* Students must have a faculty advisor on their home campus with whom they will work on their conference presentation.

**FIRST DEADLINE:** Submission of a tentative title and a proposal: **by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.** The submission will be done through our submission portal (to be opened in February) and should include the title of the paper, its short description, and the name and email of the faculty advisor in the student's home institution.