

21st annual undergraduate conference on **slavic & east/central european studies**

CALL FOR PAPERS

You are invited to participate in the 21st Annual University of California Undergraduate Conference on Slavic and East/Central European Studies. The conference will be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2018**, on the UCLA campus.

PURPOSE

One of the great benefits of knowing a foreign language is being able to use source materials in that language. This conference gives students the opportunity to integrate their language skills with research on some aspect of Slavic or East/Central European studies and to present their work in a collegially critical 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 your résumé. In addition, those interested have the opportunity to submit their papers for peer-reviewed publication in the on-line *UCLA Journal of Slavic and East/Central European Studies* (<http://web.international.ucla.edu/cwl/slavicjournal>).

TOPICS

Your presentation may be an extension of a paper written for a course in Slavic or East/Central European studies or a project related to your personal interests. You may work alone or jointly with another student. Instructors from your campus Slavic, Russian or East/Central European Studies program will 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 course 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. Your level of proficiency 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 Slavic language; intermediate students might read some passages in the original from relevant sources; advanced students might base their paper on sources in the given language. Individual presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length; joint presentations should be 15-20 minutes in length.

INFORMATION

For more information, please contact a Slavic studies faculty member on your campus, or Dr. Susan Kresin (kresin@humnet.ucla.edu) at UCLA.

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IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

If you would like to participate in the conference, please submit a proposal (a title and a one-sentence description) for your presentation to a faculty member on your campus as well as to both of the conference program coordinators Nicholas Fedosenko (nafedosenko@comcast.net) and Peter Winsky (winskyg@gmail.com) by **Friday, March 23, 2018**.

Friday, April 13, 2018, you must send the following information to both of the conference coordinators Nicholas Fedosenko (nafedosenko@comcast.net) and Peter Winsky (winskyg@gmail.com). Save and send it as a Word document:

1. Your name as you would like it to appear in the conference program
2. Your email address; unless you request otherwise, this will be included in the conference program
3. Your school and major(s)/minor(s)
4. The exact title of your presentation
5. An abstract (250 words); this is a paragraph describing the topic of your paper. It will be included in the conference program.
6. If you need any technical equipment: computer data projector? Does your presentation have an audio component? Will you need to use a DVD player? Do you plan to do a Power Point presentation?

DEADLINES

Friday, March 23, 2018: Submission of proposal to a faculty member on your campus and to the conference coordinators.

Friday, April 13, 2018: Submission of paper title, short abstract, and request for technical equipment to the conference coordinators.