**Call for Panels and Papers**

**The Fourth Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies (BAAS) Conference 2020**

at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

**Date: March 5–7, 2020**

After taking place in Vilnius (2014), Tartu (2016) and Riga (2018), in 2020 the BAAS Conference invites scholars of various academic fields to Kaunas. The last conference in Riga attracted nearly 100 participants from around 20 countries, making BAAS Conference one of the major academic events dedicated to Asian studies in the Baltic states. This allows the Conference to be an effective international venue to share new discoveries, insights and future research plans not only among scholars from the Baltic region but many other parts of the world as well.

The organizers welcome participants from various academic disciplines to present their original research that is connected to Asia. The BAAS conference is not limited to one particular approach and encourages submission of proposals that can be classified under different fields of humanities and social sciences: anthropology, ethnology, history, linguistics, sociology, economics, political science, etc. The working language of the conference is English.

**Panel proposals**

Panel proposals can be submitted by panel conveners after gathering no less than three presenters. The proposal form (Appendix 1) must be filled and sent by email to conference.asc@vdu.lt by December 2, 2019. The selection of panels will be announced to the conveners by December 20, 2019. After the panels are confirmed, their list will be announced on Conference’s website. The conveners will be given a right to decide whether they wish to accept more presenters to their panel until January 27, 2020. After this date the composition of each panel will be considered final.

**Paper proposals**

Paper proposals can be submitted by individual presenters. The paper proposal form (Appendix 2) must be filled and sent by email to conference.asc@vdu.lt by December 20, 2019. The selection of papers and their grouping into thematic sections will be announced by January 13, 2020. In case the paper is fitting one of the proposed panels, the panel convener will be given a right to decide whether such a paper should be included into their panel.

During the selection process, panel proposals are given priority over individual paper proposals. Therefore, we highly recommend individual presenters to convey a panel or join a panel conveyed by someone else.

**Participation fee and support**

The participation fee is 30 Euro per person. The fee is waived to the presenters affiliated with BAAS member institutions, namely: Tallinn University, Tallinn University of Technology, University of Tartu, University of Latvia, Vilnius University, and Vytautas Magnus University.

Selected presenters will be provided accommodation in Kaunas with priority given to presenters affiliated with BAAS member institutions and scholars in the early stages of their career.

*Appendix 1*

**Panel submission to**

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| **Information about the panel** |
| Title: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| **Convener** |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail: |  |
| **List of panelists** (insert more if needed) |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail:Title of paper: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail:Title of paper: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail:Title of paper: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |

*Appendix 2*

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| **Information about the paper** |
| Title: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| **Presenter** |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail: |  |