
Announcement of the 10th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Interaction in East Asia

Confucianism, Chinese characters and Buddhism all certainly represented important factors in the configuration process of East Asian culture. However, oceans and seas also played an important role in the exchange of ideas and beliefs, along with the transport of people and goods; without them, exchanges and interactions in the entire East Asian world would have unquestionably been sluggish and reduced.

It is true that traditional China was a land empire, but in the first years of the Ming dynasty, it already had enough strength to develop itself on the seas. In the end, though, China opted for the order on land it was already familiar with, giving up interest in oceans and seas. Nevertheless, beyond official policies, the entire Chinese maritime space had already become a fertile ground for merchant ships, fishing vessels, and pirates and immigrants as well. Some scholars even believe that China was actually an overlord in all East Asia's seas as early as before the entry of Western imperialism in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Besides China, countries such as Japan and Korea even more considered oceans and seas an important pillar of development. Before the middle of the 19th century, these East Asian countries had already established denser ties of competition and cooperation based on oceans and seas. After the middle of the 19th century, they analogously received the baptism of Western ideas; under the gradual intervention of Western forces, they each developed different models of cultural exchanges and interactions.

During this conference, we will discuss themes under a Maritime East Asia perspective, such as material culture, immigration and identification, production and diffusion of knowledge, and port cities. We firmly believe that Maritime East Asia is an academic field worth further exploring and expanding. Some research subjects we are familiar and unfamiliar with will surely reveal a completely new aspect under this perspective.

The Chinese Civilisation Centre and the Department of Chinese and History of the City University of Hong Kong are sincerely looking forward to the participation of scholars and young researchers at such an important meeting.

Conference Theme this Year:

Maritime East Asia --- Network, Exchanges, and Mobilities

Panel Themes:

1. Transportation Networks and Goods Flow
2. Hong Kong from the Perspectives of East Asia
3. Immigration and Cultural Identification
4. Cultural Production and Reproduction
5. Religious Beliefs and rites
6. Diffusion and Production of Knowledge
7. Modern Translation in East Asia
8. Formation of Modern Keywords in East Asia
9. The Cold War and the East Asian Order
10. Port Cities

Meeting Schedule

Arrival: May 11, 2018 (Friday)

Annual Meeting: May 12-13, 2018 (Saturday and Sunday)

Departure: May 14, 2018 (Monday)

Conference Venue

Joseph Lee Hall (LT-3505), City University of Hong Kong

Address: 3/F, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building

<http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/wayfinder/en/Venue/LT-3505/>

Application Schedule

The conference will be divided into four categories: keynote speeches, panel sessions, individual presentations, and papers presented by PhD candidates.

We encourage each Society member to refer to the above titles for the composition of each panel. Panels will be allotted two hours and will be comprised of four to five presenters, one moderator, and one or two discussants. Presenters can also serve as moderators or discussants. Please submit **your application and abstract (400 characters)** to the Organizing Committee by the deadline if you wish to participate.

The deadline for application submission is **January 16, 2018**. After the Organizing Committee reviews your application and abstract, we will send you a formal letter of invitation around the middle of February.

Conference Expenses

With the exception of specially invited presenters, all participants are responsible for their own roundtrip transportation and lodging expenses. In addition, in accordance with the decision made at the last SCIEA conference, **the 2018 conference fees will be 500 HKD for full members and 300 HKD for PhD students**. Fees include a welcome banquet, lunches

for both days at the conference, and the cost of the published conference proceedings. Please submit payment in cash (Hong Kong Dollar) on site. (Credit cards and foreign currency will not be accepted.)

To apply for participation, contact:

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