

Crossing the Boundaries: Asians and Africans on the Move

Seventh Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies [CAAS]

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 22–23, October 2016

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Consortium for Asian and African Studies [CAAS] will hold its Seventh Annual Symposium at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies [TUFS] in Tokyo, on Saturday and Sunday, 22–23 October 2016. Graduate students and faculty of the seven CAAS member universities (Leiden, INALCO, SOAS, NUS, HUFs, Columbia and TUFS) are invited to submit proposals for papers that concerns Asian and African people on the move or crossing the boundaries by any means.

The conference focuses on human mobility across the borders in the past and present. Migrants and refugees will be among the main issues in the conference. The conference does not take the “boundaries” in a narrow sense; it includes not only physical or national boundaries but also social boundaries such as ethnicity, gender, class or religion. In other words, something that changes or affects people’s identity will be discussed in the conference.

All disciplines are welcome, including literature, history, linguistics, sociology, anthropology, religious studies, and migrant studies. The organizers also anticipate that some participants cross the disciplinary boundaries and take multidisciplinary approaches.

Papers will be selected based on content and approach. The papers will be grouped by themes into panels, which will be conducted as workshops, with 15-minute presentations by speakers, and as much discussion as possible among the participants and the audience. The organizers also accept panel proposals with three or four presentations. Each panel must contain at least one CAAS presenter, but it can include non-CAAS presenters, too. Papers submitted to the organizers by 20 September will be made available to the audience at the Symposium.

English is the language of the Symposium, and as in the past four CAAS Symposia, we especially welcome applications from graduate students and post-docs as well as from faculty members.

Application procedures:

For individual applications,

Applicants should send 1) a one-page proposal describing the topic and approach of the paper, and 2) a curriculum vitae (1–2 pages maximum).

For panel proposals,

Applicants should send 1) a one-page proposal of the panel, 2) one-page proposals of the each presenter, and 3) all the curriculum vitas (1–2 pages maximum/ presenter),

The proposals should be combined in a single PDF document, which should be sent as an e-mail attachment to caas2016@tufs.ac.jp.

The deadline for submission is 31 July 2016.

Applicants will be notified of their selection by the end of August 2016.

As in earlier CAAS Symposia, travel and accommodation expenses will not be covered by TUFS.

For further information about the Symposium, please write to caas2016@tufs.ac.jp