

CALL FOR PAPERS

In the year 2013, an International Conference on Iranian World will be organized and hosted by the Department of Iranian Studies Faculty of Oriental Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland. The Conference will be held under the name "Power of Identity. Persian World in Research" and would focus on so called Greater Iran as a vast civilization area of a glorious past and much promising future. The aim of the Conference is first of all to examine the key issues covering Iran's spiritual and intellectual legacy and its message to the rest of the world with the utmost stress being put on the crucial notion of identity. It would include language and literature, philosophy, fine arts, history and archeology, anthropology, oral heritage, society, and some contemporary issues, or all which in a way or another covers the specific area where the Iranian languages are or used to be spoken and where the Iranian civilization has marked its influence. The Iranian World throughout its long history had been in multiple interactions with not only neighboring but also remote countries, peoples, and civilizations that not rarely have exerted their impact on it and vice versa. However, the most outstanding hallmark of the Iranian or Persian civilization is and always has been its continuity and preserving its vital sources throughout the centuries in a way that it has never lost its identity. Beyond any doubt, the strong identity should be perceived as a main component of the Iranian cultural complex based upon the Persian language and its literary output. Despite many vicissitudes and political, social, ethnic, and religious upheavals throughout its history, Persia has not changed its key features that determine its identity.

Thus has it left an impressive legacy for itself that has attracted intellectuals and scholars for centuries. It still calls for in-depth research in many areas and from many perspectives. Researchers from diverse fields are invited to take part and contribute to this scholarly event. Both great narrations and close-range-insight researches are welcomed. The interdisciplinary approach would be strongly encouraged. The presentations will offer a multi-dimension picture of what is called the Iranian World in a broader sense of the word both in its historical and contemporary aspects.

1. Submission of abstracts

Program limitations: Each participant may present only one paper at the conference. Each paper presentation should not exceed 20 minutes.

Language: English. No translation facilities will be provided.

Submission format:

The application forms are attached at the end of the Call for Papers. Abstracts should be e-mailed to powerofidentity@uw.edu.pl with the subject "Forms". All abstracts will be examined by the Oriental Faculty's and the Conference Program Boards.

Only English language electronic submissions in the MS Word format will be accepted.

Equipment: Together with the abstracts, the authors are asked to indicate the need for audio-visual equipment and technical specifications/requirements. This is an important notification as the Organizers may not be able to accommodate all requests. Should the equipment request be changed/abandoned, please inform immediately the Organizers.

2. Publication of the Conference proceedings

The Organizers plan to publish conference proceedings pending availability of funds. The participants are requested to preliminarily indicate the interests in including their papers in the volume upon submission.

3. Venue

The Conference will be held at the Main Campus of the University of Warsaw, at Krakowskie Przedmieście Street. The Campus is formed by the complex of historical buildings, which were built in 17-19 centuries, some of them as palaces and residences, and some of them in order to satisfy

the needs of the University of Warsaw and other educational institutions. The main edifice, King John Casimir the 2nd's Palace, was built in the first half of the 17 century. The University of Warsaw itself was founded in 1816. The location is surrounded by baroque churches, situated along the Royal Way, in the vicinity of the Royal Castle and the Old City.

4. Registration fees

Cost of participation in the Conference is 120 Euro for each Participant.

6. Accommodation

Dormitories

The primary accommodations for conference attendees are Students Hostels where about 20 rooms are available at a price of about Euro 35-45 incl. breakfast.

Hotels

Warsaw has several hotels in different price categories and standards ranging from Euro 35 single room incl. breakfast up to Euro 150 incl. breakfast.

These are individual arrangements and the Organizers will not be responsible for any costs or other financial issues.

8. APPLICATION INFORMATION

The forms for abstracts together with the application form are attached below.

The forms should be e-mailed to powerofidentity@uw.edu.pl with the subject: "Forms".

Schedule of key dates:

Deadline for application form and submission of abstracts: 15 November 2012

Notification of acceptance: 15 December 2012

All forms should be included as attachments IN THE BODY OF A SINGLE EMAIL.

Please fill in the forms in Latin alphabet!

9. Conference Board:

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