



ASN 2009 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

MORE THAN 120 PANELS ON THE BALKANS, CENTRAL EUROPE, RUSSIA, UKRAINE, THE CAUCASUS, EURASIA, TURKEY, CHINA, AND NATIONALISM STUDIES

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he final program of the ASN 2008 World Convention is attached. Updated versions will be posted at www.nationalities.org. The Convention, sponsored by the Harriman Institute, will be held at Columbia University, New York, on **April 23-25, 2009**.

Registration fees are \$60 for ASN members, \$80 for nonmembers, \$40 for students (and a special rate of \$20 for graduate students enrolled in New York universities). Registration forms can be downloaded at <www.nationalities.org>. For registration information, please contact Lydia Hamilton (lch2111@columbia.edu). For general convention information, contact ASN Executive Director Gordon Bardos <gmb12@columbia.edu> or 212 854 8487)

As always, the Convention boasts the most international lineup of panelists of North American-based conventions, with more than half of the 350+ scholars, from more than 40 countries, who will be delivering papers currently based outside of the United States. More than 700 panelists and participants are expected at the convention. The program features more than 120 panels, including the screening of several new documentaries that will be announced later.

In the wake of seminal events that have unfolded in 2008, the Convention will feature four panels in a special section on *The War in Georgia and its Implications* and four on *The Independence of Kosovo*. These will enrich an exceptionally strong lineup of panels in all regions of the former Communist world and Eurasia: Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia/Turkey/China, the Balkans, Ukraine and Central Europe (including the Baltics and Moldova). Every year, the Program Committee has to be more selective in devising the lineup, due to the increasing number of proposals. The Central Europe and the Balkans sections lead the way with 23 panels each, followed by Central Asia/China/Turkey—with a combined 16 panels, Ukraine and Belarus—10, the Caucasus—9, and Russia—8 (excluding the Northern Caucasus). Twelve panels appear in the “Thematic” section. Recurrent themes on the program include the Politics of Memory, Mass Violence, War Tribunals, EU Enlargement, Ethnography, Ethnic Minorities and Diasporas.

The Convention will be hosting seven special panels featuring new important books by John Hall (*Ernest Gellner: An Intellectual Biography*, Verso 2009), Timothy Snyder (*The Red Prince: The Secret Life of a Habsburg Archduke*, Yale 2008), Henry Hale (*The Foundations of Ethnic Politics: Separatism of States and Nations in Eurasia and the World*, Cambridge 2008), Stephen M. Saideman and R. William Ayres (*For Kin or Country: Xenophobia, Nationalism, and War*, Columbia 2008), Zsuzsa Csergo (*Talk of the Nation: Language and Conflict*

in *Romania and Slovakia*, Cornell 2007), Charles Ingrao and Thomas A. Emmert, eds. (*Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies*, Purdue 2009) and Larissa Onyshkevych and Maria G. Rewakowicz, eds. (*Contemporary Ukraine on the Cultural Map of Europe*, M. E. Sharpe, 2009).

Two of these book panels are part of the section *Theories of Nationalism*, now in its sixth year at the ASN Convention, which offers a platform for the latest trends in nationalism studies worldwide. Fourteen more panels appear in the Nationalism section, such as *Processes of Violence, Things Fall Apart: The Politics of Fragmentation in Armed Groups*, and *How (Not) to Study Ethnic Conflict*.

Since 2005, the ASN Convention has acknowledged excellence in graduate studies research by offering Awards for Best Doctoral Student Papers in five sections: Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus, Central Asia/Eurasia, Central Europe, Balkans, and Nationalism Studies. The winners at the 2008 Convention were Jesse Driscoll (Stanford U, Political Science) for Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus, Sarah Cameron (History, Yale U) and Kristin Fabbe (Political Science, MIT, US) for Central Asia/Eurasia/Turkey, Helena Toth (Harvard U, History) for Central Europe, Valentina Burrai (UC London, UK, Political Science) for the Balkans, and Lee Seymour (Northwestern U, Political Science) for Nationalism Studies. More than a hundred doctoral students will be eligible for the awards at the 2009 Convention.

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We look forward to seeing you at the convention!

Cordially,

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