



Mobility, Empire and Cross Cultural Contacts in Mongol Eurasia

CFP: Migrations in Mongol Eurasia: People, Ideas, Artifacts

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The creation, expansion, consolidation, and dissolution of the Mongol Empire (1206-1368) generated a huge amount of human migrations, followed by animals, artifacts, ideas and institutions. The ripples of these movements continued to exert their influence long after the Empire collapsed in the mid- 14th century. This multifaceted and complex array of Eurasian mobilities will be the focus of our forthcoming conference.

The conference seeks to illuminate various facets of migrations, of people, both groups and individuals; knowledge, including science, art, religion, technologies, political culture, and imperial institutions; as well as material goods. We are particularly interested in panels and papers exploring the following topics:

Towards a Typology of Migrations- dealing with one or more types of migration (e.g. refugee migrations; tribal migrations; trade diasporas; military defections; nomadic migrations; ordo migrations; labor migrations; environmental migrations; , compulsory relocations; voluntary migrations) in various parts of Eurasia or across the continent during the Mongol period.

Motivations and Mechanisms of Migration- why, how and to where people chose to migrate. Such papers might explore issues such as the age and gender of migrants; the ethnic and confessional networks and their role in supporting further migrations; or political/economic/strategic/environmental motives for migrations.

Spaces of Migrations: e.g. cities; trade networks; pilgrimage sites; *ordos*; war; migrant literature; artistic expressions of migrations...

Material Migrations: of artifacts, images, and goods e.g. food, plants, animals, artistic motives, textile, trade goods, monetary aspects and numismatics.

Migrations of Knowledge and Ideas: featuring developments in various sciences, arts, technologies, religions, and political culture, including Mongol legacies in post-Mongol Eurasia.

We especially also welcome panels devoted to one of the issues described above, or to various migrations within/into/from certain regions (e.g. Migrations and Migrants in Anatolia in during the Mongol Period; Sufism and Mobilities in Mongol Eurasia; Chinggisid Political

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Culture in Post-Mongol Eurasia; Animal Migrations in Mongol Eurasia). Individual papers also welcome; some papers may be accepted for poster presentation.

Practical details:

We will be accepting abstracts of entire panels or individual papers (up to 250 words); along with a short (maximum 1 page) CV by **March 15, 2017**.

Abstracts and CVs should be sent to:

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For entire panels, please provide an abstract of the panel's theme (up to 250 words) and abstracts of each paper, as well as a short cv (maximum 1 page) of the organizer/s and each of the presenters.

Authors will be notified of acceptance no later than **April 15 2017**, after all proposals have been reviewed. Accommodation in Jerusalem will be provided by the hosts. We hope to be able to offer at least partial refunds for airfare travel to some of the presenters. (Funding is currently limited; if you wish to be considered for funding, state so when submitting the abstract).

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