



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA AND INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES

ANNOUNCE

The Sixth Biennial International Conference of IAAPS at the University of Calcutta, December 17-19, 2012

Dear Colleague,

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES has the honor to invite you to the Sixth Biennial International Conference of the Association to be held under the auspices of the *Department of South & South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal, India*

The University of Calcutta was founded on JANUARY 24, 1857 and the University has just completed the post centenary Golden Jubilee celebration. In India it has been recognized as a “Five Star University” and a “Centre with Potential for Excellence” by the University Grants Commission. In 2011, the United Nations Academic Impact Programme named University of Calcutta as one of the 10 global hubs and the country’s only university to work on the principles of peace and conflict resolution. Calcutta University features at third spot on India Today/ Nielson Universities Rankings 2012. The University has 14 campuses and numerous Departments and Centres under Eight Faculty Councils.

Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies, under the aegis of University of Calcutta, undertakes teachings courses in M.A, M.Phil. & Ph.D and it has a UGC recognised Centre which promotes research on major socio-economic and politico- administrative issues in South & Southeast Asia with special focus on Myanmar, Thailand & Bangladesh. However it examines regional issues of common concern to all countries in South and Southeast Asia. Along with this, the Department/ Centre organizes, from time to time, seminars and conferences on important themes related to different aspects of development in the countries of the region. As a further measure to promote a fruitful exchange of ideas, it invites visiting scholars working in similar fields from other academic institutions both in India and abroad.

The Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies is a non-profit, non-governmental registered organisation (under Act XXVI of 1961, Government of West Bengal, India) devoted to academic activities on Asian and Pacific regions. The Association promotes research, holds conferences, seminars, lecture programs and works towards understanding of different Asian & Pacific regions in its cultural, social, political and economic scenario. The Association is a forum for scholars engaged in Area Studies to carry out social science oriented studies, which are to some extent inter- regional and inter-societal comparative studies. This Association in its past history of twelve years has organized many prestigious national and international seminars, lectures and conferences.

This Sixth Biennial International Conference will be a meeting point of scholars working on Asian & Pacific studies. We expect participation of scholars from all corners of Asia- Pacific

region to enrich the already established network between Indian scholars & scholars across Asia- Pacific region.

We would request you and other colleagues who are members/ intend to become members of the Association to make it convenient to attend this conference and contribute to its success.

**Theme, Academic Sections, Sub-Themes,
Keynote Speaker and Sectional Presidents**

: Theme :

Weaving the Asian Century: Challenges and Opportunities

: Academic Sections :

1. South Asia; 2. South East Asia; 3. East Asia & Pacific; 4. West and Central Asia

: Sub Themes :

1. Pre-colonial, Colonial and Post-colonial Contexts.

- a. History & Historiography
- b. Social Exclusion and Human Rights
- c. Culture, Religion and Identity
- d. Development and Sustainability
- e. Education and Social Movement
- f. Gender and Society
- g. Swami Vivekananda through Contemporary Eyes

2. International Relations, Security and Strategic Studies

- a. Rise of India & China in the context of Asia-Pacific Century
- b. Rethinking Borders and Migrations
- c. Governance and Corruption
- d. Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change
- e. Science, Technology and Medicines: History, Society and Security
- f. West Bengal: History, Society, Culture and Contemporary Changes

: Keynote Speaker :

Mr. Sunanda K. Datta- Ray, Writer and International columnist, author of the award-winning book: *Looking East to Look West: Lee Kuan Yew's Mission India*. Former Visiting Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Oxford and associated with Nanyang Technological University and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

: Sectional Presidents :

SOUTH ASIA:

Professor P. Sahadevan, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA:

Professor Sutiphand Chirathivat, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

EAST ASIA & PACIFIC REGION:

Professor Tansen Sen, Weissman School of Arts & Sciences, Baruch College, New York, USA.

WEST & CENTRAL ASIA:

Professor A.P.S. Chauhan, Centre for Central Asian Studies, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, India

Dates for Submission of Abstract and Paper

Both the abstract and the full paper **must be submitted by e-mail** (word format only). The **deadlines** are as under :

July 31, 2012	Abstracts (not exceeding 200 words). The acceptance will be notified within a week.
October 1, 2012	Complete papers (not exceeding 2500 words). Note: IAAPS will bring out a book titled- <i>Perspective Asia- Pacific</i> , in due course with selected papers presented at the Conference.

Language of the Conference: English.

How to attend the Conference?

Only a member of the Association (not below the research level of M. Phil.) can present a paper and join the Conference. A member of the Association as well as any non member can attend the Conference by paying the requisite Registration Fee. Members will have to clear their dues till fiscal year 2012-2013 positively by **July 31, 2012**. For details about membership, please visit the Association's website.

Payment of the Conference Registration Fee is compulsory for all.

All payments should be made by Demand Draft in favour of *Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies—Conference*, payable on any nationalized bank of Kolkata. **Please note: We do not accept outstation cheques or money orders.**

The registration fee will include 2 lunches and 2 dinners and 4 teas during the academic sessions of the Conference on 17th & 18th December, 2012. It will also include a Conference Kit, certificates of paper presentation and participation and a half day excursion in Kolkata with lunch on the third day of the Conference (19th December, 2012).

Registration Fees

A. Member Delegates:

- (1) Registration fee of Rs. 700 (Seven Hundred only) to be paid by all South Asian member-delegates.
- (2) Registration fee of US \$ 100 (US Dollar One Hundred only) payable for non-South Asian member-delegates.

B. Non-Member Delegates:

- (1) Registration fee of Rs. 1000 (one thousand only) to be paid by non-Member South Asian delegates.
- (2) Registration fee of US \$ 150 (US Dollar One Hundred Fifty only) payable for non-South Asian non-member-delegates.

Travel Subsidy

A limited number of travel subsidy may be available, subject to availability of funds for a few brilliant paper presentors selected by IAAPS Executive Committee.

Accommodation

Participants are to arrange their own accommodation. IAAPS will provide a list of hotels/ guest houses at the time of sending the acceptance of paper- abstract. However the list is only suggestive, not exhaustive one. One is free to arrange one's own accommodation as per one's personal convenience. December being nice time in Kolkata with a pleasantly cool temperature, participants are requested to reserve their accommodation well in advance.

Participants are requested to arrive at the city by the evening of 16th December, 2012 as the inaugural ceremony will take place on the morning of 17th December, 2012. Academic sessions will take place on 17th & 18th December, 2012 and 19th December, 2012 will be reserved for a valedictory session and a half-day city excursion.

Post Conference Paid Excursion :

If there is a good number of requests, IAAPS may organize a post conference paid excursion trip to Sunderban by steamer service on first come first serve basis. One may inform the Secretary about his/ her interest.

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