

HISTORY, NATIONAL IDENTITY, AND POLITICAL ORDER IN THE NEW EASTERN EUROPE AND EURASIA

8th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Association for the Study of Nationalities (Columbia)

Date: April 3-5, 2003.

Place: Harriman Institute at Columbia University, New York.

Deadline for submission: November 21, 2002.

For information on panel and paper proposals: Troy McGrath, ASN Convention Program Chair, Political Science Department, Arnold Hall, Box 76, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY 13820; tel: 607 / 431 / 4586; fax: 607 / 431 / 4351; e-mail: asn@hartwick.edu. For information on exhibits and advertisements in the convention program: Gordon Bardos, ASN Convention Director, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 1216 IAB, 420 W. 118th St., New York, NY 10027; tel: 212 / 854 / 8487; fax: 212 / 666 / 3481; e-mail: gnb12@columbia.edu.

100 panels on the Balkans, Baltics, Caucasus, Central Europe, Central Asia, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, China, and Mongolia, as well as thematic panels on Nationalism, Islamic Movements, Conflict Resolution, Democratization, Demography, Language Issues, Geography, Interpretations of History, Ethnicity in Film and Literature, Theoretical Approaches to the Nation.

ASN has become the most attended international scholarly gathering dealing with issues of national identity, nationalism, ethnic conflict and state-building in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, and adjacent areas. Disciplines represented include political science, history, anthropology, sociology, economics, geography, and socio-linguistics.

The central theme of the 2003 Convention addresses the complex interaction of history, national identity, and political order in both the past and the present. Proposals may focus on particular cases, theoretical questions, or cross-regional comparisons. Papers or panels comparing cases of the post-Communist world with cases from other regions of the world are encouraged. Given contemporary trends and events, proposals dealing with Islamic movements, ethnic violence, intercultural contact and exchange, the Balkans and Central Asia are particularly welcome. Unlike most conventions, ASN accepts individual paper proposals, although full panel proposals have a greater chance of being accepted, due to space constraints.

The ASN World Convention's yearly theme specifically refers to a core number of panels. Since the Convention is far larger in scope than a thematic conference, we invite, as in previous years, proposals on a wide range of topics related to identity, nationalism, conflict and state-building in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, and adjacent areas.

Themes in previous conventions included *Nationalism and Federalism in the Russian Federation*; *Ethnic Minorities in Georgia*; *Ukrainian Foreign Policy Orientation: East or West?*; *The Kosovo War*; *The Russian-Chechen War(s)*; *Bosnia after Dayton: Disintegration or Reintegration*; *Security, Energy, and Foreign Policy South of Russia*; *What Is European Identity?*; *Forced Migrations in the Balkans and the Caucasus*; *Approaches to the Prevention of Ethnic Conflict* and many more. The ASN web site (<http://www.nationalities.org>) contains a complete list of the 2002 panels.

Videos/Films

The 2002 Convention was enhanced by the highly successful screening of short videos (10-15 minutes), accompanying presentations in regular panels, as well as medium- and full-length documentaries or feature films in video format, shown as special screenings followed by a general discussion. For 2003, proposals partly or entirely revolving around video, film, or audio-visual material (including slides and power point presentations) are strongly encouraged. As a rule, the convention intends to show video or film material produced within the past year or two. Throughout the convention, one or two of the convention meeting rooms are exclusively devoted to the screening of video material. **All suggestions and proposals should be sent to the Chair of the Video/Film Section, Dominique Arel.**

Panel/Roundtable/Roundtable Proposals

There is no particular application form to fill out. Proposals can simply be e-mailed to the Program Chair. For instructions on the proposals, see the Application Information. All proposals must be sent to Troy McGrath, ASN Convention Program Chair, at asn@hartwick.edu.

Registration

Registration fees are \$45 for ASN Members, \$60 for Non-Members and \$30 for Students. All panel participants have to pre-register by March 1st, 2003. Non-panel participants are also

urged to pre-register early. Please note that the Convention will be unable to refund preregistered after March 1st, 2003. Pre-registration by panel participants and attendees can be done electronically, by fax, or by regular mail. A registration form can be downloaded from our ASN web page or be requested from Gordon Bardos.

Funding

Participants are responsible for seeking their own funds to cover all travel and accommodation costs. ASN is unfortunately unable to assist participants financially, including applicants from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Central Asia.

Accommodation

The Convention does not have particular arrangements with hotels. Our ASN web site, however, provides a list of several hotels, in various price ranges. Participants and attendees are strongly encouraged to reserve as early as possible.

Advertisements/Exhibitors

Several dozen publishers and companies had exhibits and/or advertised in the Convention Program in past years. Due to considerations of space, advertisers and exhibitors are encouraged to place their order early. For information, please contact Gordon Bardos.

Convention Papers. The convention papers will be available for sale at the Convention for \$1 apiece. That policy has proven a huge success in the past.

Membership Subscription to ASN

A yearly membership to ASN is \$60 (\$35 for students). Members receive the journal *Nationalities Papers* quarterly, the periodical *Analysis of Current Events* (ACE) quarterly, and the newsletter *ASNNews* twice/year, as well as a registration discount at the *ASN Annual World Convention*. ASN Members also have the option of subscribing to *Europe-Asia Studies* at the cut-rate of \$60 yearly. A membership form can be downloaded, or be requested from Gordon Bardos

Application Information

ASN is accepting proposals for panels, roundtables, or individual papers. There is no particular form to fill out. Proposals have to be e-mailed to the Program Chair at asn@hartwick.edu. All proposals must be included **in the body of a single e-mail**. Attachments will be accepted only if they repeat the content of an e-mail message/proposal. Proposals and CVs exceeding the word limit (see below) will be returned to the sender.

Proposals for panels with presentations based on papers must include:

- a chair, no more than three paper-givers and a discussant
- the title of the panel, as well as the title for each of the papers
- the affiliation, postal address, telephone, fax, and e-mail (very important) of all participants
- a one-paragraph biographical statement of each participant (not a CV)

Proposals for roundtables must include:

- a chair and no more than four presenters
- the title of the roundtable and a short (one paragraph) description of the purpose/theme of the roundtable
- the affiliation, postal address, telephone, fax, and e-mail (very important) of all participants
- a one-paragraph biographical statement of each participant (not a CV)

Note: A panel features' presentation is based on written papers. A roundtable therefore is not based on specific papers, but rather on a number of organized presentations. The number of roundtables, however, will be limited.

Proposals for individual papers must include:

- the title, and a 250-500 word abstract of the paper
- the affiliation, postal address, telephone, fax, and e-mail (very important) of the applicant
- a one-paragraph biographical statement of each participant (not a CV)

If audio-visual equipment is required, please indicate so in your application. Please understand that not ALL video/technical requests can be accommodated.

As before, applicants must abide by three golden rules:

- no participant may be listed more than once on a given panel
- no participant may present more than one paper at the convention
- no participant may appear more than twice in the convention program

The proposals must be sent to Troy McGrath via e-mail. An international Program Committee will be entrusted with the final selections.

