

Call for Papers

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University is pleased to announce the latest in its co-sponsored conferences comparing Islam in Southeast Asia and Southeast Europe:

From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia

February 10-12, 2012
Franke Institute for the Humanities
The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

This conference is the third in a series comparing two edges of the Islamic world. The first "Islam at the Edges: Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia" was held at Northern Illinois University 30 March 2009, the second "Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia: Islam, Mergers, and Margins" at Malaysian National University 4-5 January 2011, and the third "From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia" is planned for the University of Chicago for February 10-12, 2012.

Our choice of Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia for the foci of these conferences is motivated by the fact that in each of these regions at opposite ends of the traditional Islamic world Islam is an important historical and social factor that continues to interact with both previous and subsequent cultural traditions and political realities in ways that are informatively comparable. This third conference understands "identities" in the broadest possible manner, and the papers will examine phenomena from music and literacy to politics and spirituality and beyond.

If you are interested in presenting at this conference, please send a title and brief abstract (1-2 paragraphs) to Meredith Clason, Associate Director, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES) (mclason@uchicago.edu) by **November 15, 2011**. Notification of acceptance will be given by December 15, 2011.

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