



Globalising Religions and Cultures in the Asia-Pacific, 1-5 December 2008

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Call for Abstracts

The Adelaide Asian Studies Group invites submissions of abstracts for Panel Sessions, Papers, and Posters for the [2008 ARC-Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Signature Event Conference](#) to be held at Adelaide University, North Terrace, Adelaide, from Monday December 1 to Friday December 5, 2008.

The event's theme, Globalising Religions and Cultures in the Asia Pacific, reflects the importance of the often rapidly changing nature of religious beliefs, practices, and subsequent cultural manifestations in the world today. Globalisation is both changing religion and culture within and across the borders of Asian Pacific states while also allowing and encouraging the transmission of ideas and beliefs around the world.

The Adelaide Asian Studies Group invites contributions from scholars interested in the issues of change, adaptation, hybridisation, and secondary consequences of religion in the Asia Pacific region, including political and social ones.

Submissions are expected to be relevant to any of the conferences key themes:

1. The current state of religions in the Asia-Pacific
2. Manifestations of Religion and Culture
3. Religious and Cultural Fundamentalisms
4. Religion, Violence and State Policies
5. Islamic Thinking at the Grassroots
6. The spread of religions within and from the Asia-Pacific
7. Missionaries to and from Asia
8. Popular Religions, Little Traditions and Cults
9. The Asianisation of Western Traditions
10. Asian Religions and the shaping of popular culture in Asia & around the world

Panel Sessions: To propose a panel session of 90 minutes duration (3 speakers@15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion each), please submit a session abstract comprising ALL individual speaker abstracts, session title, convenor and chairperson (see page 4 for further information).

Papers: Oral presentations will be allocated 15 minutes speaking time (+ 15 min discussion) in an appropriately themed session.

Posters: A poster consists of an A2-size poster to be on display throughout the conference and/or a powerpoint presentation to be included on the conference website. Presenters will be requested to discuss their poster (10 minutes) on Wednesday 3rd December as part of the Postgraduate Program. (For further information: see www.adelaide.edu.au/sigevent08/postgrad)

Abstracts for Papers and Posters should have a limit of 300 words.

Abstracts will be accepted by fax or email until **Friday 15 August 2008** to Dr Gerry Groot, sigevent08@adelaide.edu.au, Fax: +61 8 8303 4388

Applicants will be notified of the acceptance of abstracts by 15 November 2008 at the latest.

Enquiries: Gerry Groot, Centre for Asian Studies, University of Adelaide, Tel: +61 8 8303 5815, Email: sigevent08@adelaide.edu.au

Abstract Submission

Title:..... Name:

Position:

Institution/Organisation:

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Biographical details (100 words max):

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Mode of presentation (please tick): Paper Poster Panel (see page 4)

Please indicate the following:

I **DO/DO NOT** consent to having my abstract published in the conference program.

I **DO/DO NOT** consent to having my contact details published in the conference program.

Signed: Date:

Panel Session Proposals

Panels will normally consist of 3 papers presented over a total of 90 minutes (3 speakers@15 min + 15 min discussion each). Alternative formats may be proposed for a 90 minute session. To propose a session, please provide separate information FOR EACH PRESENTER with the information requested on page 2+3 (name, contact details, abstract), in addition to the following panel information:

Panel session convenor/organiser:

Panel session chair (if different from convenor):

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Panel session title:

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Session theme (i.e. aims/objectives, overview; 300 words max):

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Name of participants:

Presenter 1

Presenter 2

Presenter 3

Relevance to conference theme (please

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- The Asianisation of Western traditions
- Asian Religions and the shaping of popular culture in Asia & around the world
- Other: