



Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia CALL for PAPERS

The Cambodia Studies Working Group and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio University, the University of Massachusetts Lowell and the Center for Khmer Studies, invite the submission of individual papers and panels for an international Cambodia Studies conference scheduled for September 14-16, 2012. The theme "Imagining Cambodia" opens the possibility of presentations in the arts as well as the social sciences and humanities, encourages interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary projects, and promotes creative work on both future possibilities and re-imagined versions of the past. What is beyond a post-conflict society? How are new histories being constructed? What visions of the future are being expressed through painting, drama, and literature as well as economic policy and new patterns of political participation? Papers that focus on Cambodian Diaspora communities are welcome.

In addition to regular academic panels with paper presentations, the format will include special themed panels where papers are circulated in advance to all registered participants for in-depth discussions on the particular topics. Please feel welcome to suggest themes and participants for these panels.

The conference will open for registration Thursday afternoon September 13, with panels Friday and Saturday, dinners Friday and Saturday evenings with a musical performance Saturday night and a trip on Sunday morning the 16th to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago, ending midday. More information on speakers and performers will be forthcoming.

Save the dates! September 13-16, 2012

Deadlines:

Deadline for the submission of 250 word abstracts: **April 1, 2012**

Deadline for the submission of completed papers for themed panels: **June 15, 2012**

We are currently seeking funding to help subsidize participation by graduate students in the US and scholars from Cambodia.

Please send your title and abstract and all queries to: CambodiaConf2012@niu.edu

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Northern Illinois University is located 60 miles from downtown Chicago, Illinois in the far western suburbs.