



**Baltic Alliance for Asian studies
Latvian Society for the Study of Religion
Centre for Korean Studies of the University of Latvia**

CALL FOR PAPERS
Deadline extended: January 22nd 2018

3rd BAAS Conference
3rd LSSR Conference

Dynamic Asia: Shaping the Future

University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
April 13-15, 2018

On behalf of the Baltic Alliance for Asian studies (BAAS), Latvian Society for the Study of Religions and the Centre for Korean Studies of the University of Latvia we are pleased to welcome both junior and senior scholars from a wide range of academic disciplines and professional fields dealing with all regions of Asia and Middle East under the theme: “Dynamic Asia: Shaping the Future”. Dynamic changing Asia confronts us with a number of issues: power rivalry and rising military tensions, territorial disputes, environmental degradation, economic inequality within and between nations, migration, marginalization, war memory, urban and rural challenges, cross-border cultural encounters, identity in the globalized world, changing models for marriage, work and family, the status of women, shaping lifestyles and modes of leisure. By placing “Dynamic Asia: Shaping the Future” at the centre of attention, this conference intends to put a range of important issues on the agenda, for instance:

- Theoretical and methodological issues relating to Asian studies.
- Role of Asia in shaping the global political arena.
- Social dynamics of the contemporary Asia.
- Contemporary philosophical issues from Asian perspective.
- Relationship between tradition and Asian modernity.
- Quest for anthropological perspective in Asian studies.
- Representations of Asia in the Baltic states: mass media, literature, arts.
- Asian literature in the West: interpretations and re-interpretations.
- Variety of Asian arts and visual cultures in historical and contemporary perspective.
- Dynamics of religious radicalization/universalization of Asia.
- Asia in searching for new models of religion.
- Impact of Asia on the Western esotericism.

Korean Religions Forum will be organized by the Centre for Korean Studies during the conference dates. Panels will be participated by a number of scholars distinguished in the field of Korean religion studies and anyone who is interested may freely take part in the discussion and Q&A sessions. The main topics will be: new aspects on Korean aboriginal religions, the history of Korean religiosity, the identity of Korean national religions and the perspective on religion studies in Korea etc.

All presentations should last 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.
Papers are invited in English.

Important dates:

- Submission of session/panel, round-table proposals – January 22, 2018
- Submission of proposals for individual presentations – January 22, 2018
- Notification of acceptance – January 30, 2018
- Early payment of the conference fee – before March 13, 2018.
- Late payment of the conference fee – after March 13, 2018.

Please send panel, round-table and individual presentation proposals by January 22, 2018 to: Marika Laudere dynamicasia@lu.lv

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For further information, including the Registration Form and Panel Proposal Form see the link www.dynamicasia@lu.lv