**Call for Panels and Papers**

**Academic conference**

**“Resilient Memories in East Asia: Remembrance, Acknowledgment, Reconciliation”**

at Vytautas Magnus University (VMU), Kaunas, Lithuania

Organised by VMU Centre for Asian Studies; Supported by Spotlight Taiwan

**Date: October 10–11, 2025**

As East Asia navigates its histories of war, colonization, and ideological conflict, the resilience of collective memory plays a crucial role in shaping both domestic and international relations. This conference considers memory as a living process that resists simple narratives, focusing on how communities remember the past, how societies acknowledge historical injustices, and how reconciliation can be pursued in a complex landscape of competing memories and political tensions.

With all this in mind, the conference *Resilient Memories in East Asia: Remembrance, Acknowledgment, Reconciliation* will encourage scholars, practitioners, and students from a range of disciplines to examine the complex dynamics of memory in East Asia and explore how memory shapes and is shaped by historical trauma, collective narratives, and contemporary identities in the region. A special attention will be given to Taiwan’s case which encompasses multiple aspects related to the conference’s theme.

The organisers of the conference invite participants from various academic fields to present their original research that is focused on aforementioned topics and include cases from East Asia (Taiwan, Korea, Japan, China, Hong Kong, etc.). The conference is not limited to one approach and encourages submission of proposals that can be classified under different fields of humanities and social sciences: anthropology, ethnology, history, sociology, economics, political science, etc. The working language of the conference is English.

**Panel proposals**

Panel proposals can be submitted by panel conveners after gathering no less than three presenters. The proposal form (Appendix 1) must be filled and sent by email to conference.asc@vdu.lt by **July 15, 2025**. The selection of panels will be announced to the conveners by July 22, 2025.

**Paper proposals**

Paper proposals can be submitted by individual presenters. The paper proposal form (Appendix 2) must be filled and sent by email to conference.asc@vdu.lt by **July 15, 2025**. The selection of papers and their grouping into thematic sections will be announced by July 22, 2025. In case the paper is fitting one of the proposed panels, the panel convener will be given a right to decide whether such a paper should be included into their panel.

During the selection process, panel proposals are given priority over individual paper proposals. Therefore, we highly recommend individual presenters to convey a panel or join a panel conveyed by someone else.

**Full papers**

There is no requirement to submit a full paper. Presenters who wish to publish their papers are encouraged to apply to academic journals of their choice.

**Participation fee**

The participation fee is 50 Euro per person. The fee can be waived for selected early career researchers.

*Appendix 1*

**Panel submission to**

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| **Information about the panel** |
| Title: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| **Convener** |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail: |  |
| **List of panelists** (insert more if needed) |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail:Title of paper: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail:Title of paper: |  |
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| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail:Title of paper: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |

*Appendix 2*

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| **Information about the paper** |
| Title: |  |
| Abstract (up to 300 words): |
| **Presenter** |
| Full name:Affiliation:Position:E-mail: |  |