



CALL FOR PAPERS

EMPIRES & NATIONS

JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE

*Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris*

(SCIENCES PO)

*and the Association for the Study  
of Nationalities*

(ASN)



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*3-5 July 2008*

PROPOSAL DEADLINE 13 February 2008

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*T*HE ÉCOLE DOCTORALE OF THE INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES POLITIQUES DE PARIS (Sciences Po) and the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) are organizing the Joint International Conference "**EMPIRES AND NATIONS**", to be held on July 3-5 (2008) at Sciences Po in Paris. The Conference is made possible through the contribution of a number of other research centers, including the Centre d'Études des Mondes Russe, Caucasien et Centre-Européen (CERCEC, France), the Institut Français d'Études sur l'Asie Centrale (IFEAC, Uzbekistan) and the European University of Saint Petersburg (Russia).

The Sciences Po-ASN Conference invites proposals from scholars and doctoral students. Applicants currently residing in Central Europe, the Balkans, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia/Eurasia, the Caucasus, China and India are eligible to apply for a number of travel and accommodation grants. Applicants currently residing in Western countries must cover their own expenses. The working language of the Conference is English.

"**EMPIRES AND NATIONS**" is the fifth European summer conference co-sponsored by ASN since 2001, and the second organized by Sciences Po, which launched the successful series of ASN summer academic events in July 2001 with a conference on "Citizenship and Nationality." Summer conferences were also held in Forli, Italy (2002), Warsaw (2004) and Belgrade (2006).

The Sciences Po-ASN Conference is organized separately from the ASN Annual World Convention that will take place at Columbia University, NY, on April 10-12 (2008), and whose program will be announced in February 2008. For information on the ASN 2008 NY Convention, please go to [www.nationalities.org](http://www.nationalities.org). The Sciences Po-ASN Conference will feature approximately 30 panels. The program will be available in April 2008.

The Sciences Po-ASN Conference welcomes proposals on a wide range of topics related to the comparative study of nations and empires, with an emphasis on the former continental empires, i.e. Russian (Soviet), Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian, and their legacies. ASN stands at the juncture of nationalities studies (the study of national identity and nation-building in the former Communist Bloc and Eurasia) and nationalism studies (the comparative and theoretical study of the politics of the nation). In this spirit, the Conference invites proposals empirically grounded in Eastern Europe/Eurasia broadly defined and theoretically-oriented proposals devoted to various aspects of the notion of "empire."

Possible themes include the breakdown of empires, religion and empire, nationality and empire, identity and colonialism, post-colonialism, imperialism since the Cold





War, the European Union as a new kind of empire, and many more. The Conference seeks to feature presentations from a broad variety of disciplines, including

- ✿ **POLITICAL THEORY** — elucidating concepts of empire, imperialism, and world domination
- ✿ **ETHNOGRAPHY** — analyzing the transformation of local cultures in the context of globalization
- ✿ **HISTORY** — focusing on the different types of nation-states and empires and the role of cultural cleavages in the formation of political units
- ✿ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** — revealing the logic of coalitions between political units, the foundations of “imperialism” and the erosion of the capacity of states to exercise sovereignty
- ✿ **COMPARATIVE POLITICS** — studying the legacy of empires and the impact of neo-imperial states on domestic political arrangements
- ✿ **POST-COLONIAL STUDIES** — examining the effects of 19th c. imperial states and questioning the hegemonic temptations of contemporary democracies

...as well as questions raised within the disciplines of sociology, economics, geography, geopolitics, linguistics, and many more.

The theme of the Conference, “**EMPIRES AND NATIONS**,” symbolizes the strong tradition of research on Russia at Sciences Po, home to distinguished specialists, among them Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, author of *L’Empire des Tsars et les Russes (The Empire of the Tsars and the Russians)* and Hélène Carrère d’Encausse, author of *L’Empire Eclaté (Decline of an Empire: the Soviet Socialist Republics in Revolt)*.

To send an *individual paper proposal*, an applicant must include the following information in the body of an email AND in a *single* Word attachment:

- ✿ The title of the paper
- ✿ His/her name, email and institutional affiliation
- ✿ A preferred postal address
- ✿ A 500-word abstract and
- ✿ A 100-word biographical statement in narrative form (one paragraph) that includes bibliographical information of the applicant’s last or forthcoming publication, if applicable (*full CVs are not acceptable*)
- ✿ Doctoral students must also indicate the title of their dissertation and year of projected defense. Incomplete applications will be rejected.





A panel proposal is comprised of three to four paper-givers and a discussant. (The organizers will subsequently select a Chair of the panel). To send a *panel proposal*, an applicant must include the following information in the body of an email AND in a *single* Word attachment:

- ❁ The title of the panel and of each paper
- ❁ A 500-word abstract of each paper
- ❁ The name, email, institutional affiliation
- ❁ A preferred postal address
- ❁ A 100-word biographical statement for each panelist in a narrative form (one paragraph) that includes bibliographical information of the applicant's last or forthcoming publication, if applicable (*full CVs are not acceptable*)
- ❁ Doctoral students must also indicate the title of their dissertation and year of projected defense

The Conference also invites proposals featuring recent films/documentaries or recent books. A *film/documentary proposal* must include following information in the body of an email AND in a *single* Word attachment:

- ❁ The name, email and institutional affiliation of the author
- ❁ A preferred postal address
- ❁ The title and a 500-word abstract of the film/video
- ❁ A 100-word biographical statement in narrative form.

A *book panel proposal*, seeking to generate discussion on an important recent book, features the book's author and three or four discussants. The proposal must include following information in the body of an email AND in a *single* Word attachment:

- ❁ The names, emails, and institutional affiliations of all panelists
- ❁ Their preferred postal address
- ❁ A 500-word abstract of the book and
- ❁ A 100-word biographical statement in narrative form for each panelist.





All proposals must be included *in the body of a single email* AND in a single Word attachment sent to two addresses: *dominique.colas@sciences-po.fr* and *dcolasasn@gmail.com*. Applicants who wish to apply for a grant covering travel and accommodation must indicate so in their proposals. In order to be eligible for these grants, an applicant must be residing *at the time of the conference* in Central Europe, the Balkans, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia/Eurasia, the Caucasus, China or India. The reception of all proposals will be acknowledged electronically.

The Conference is organized by Dominique Colas, Director of the Doctoral Program “Russia and CIS” at the Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris. The International Program Committee of the Conference is comprised of Dominique Colas, Dominique Arel (University of Ottawa, Canada, ASN President), Florian Bieber (University of Kent at Canterbury, UK), Zsuzsa Csergo (Queen’s University, Canada), Sherrill Stroschein (University College London, UK), Juliette Cadiot (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France), Alexandra Goujon (Université de Dijon, France), and Olivier Ferrando (Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris).

Applicants will be notified in March–April 2008. Information regarding registration costs and other logistical questions will be communicated at a later date. Updated information on the conference will be posted periodically on the conference web site [[http://ecoledoctorale.sciences-po.fr/actu\\_scientif/empires\\_nations.htm](http://ecoledoctorale.sciences-po.fr/actu_scientif/empires_nations.htm)] and the ASN web site [[www.nationalities.org](http://www.nationalities.org)].

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

**DOMINIQUE COLAS**, on behalf of the Program Committee

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**13 February 2008**

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