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The 2006

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MIDDLE EAST & CENTRAL ASIA Politics, Economics, and Society Conference

Sept. 7 -9, 2006

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, USA

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: # # # APRIL 28, 2006 # #

The fourth annual multidisciplinary Middle East & Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference will be held during Sept. 7-9, 2006. Since its inception in 2003, the conference has successfully brought together academics (professors and advanced graduate students), analysts, policy makers, and NGO workers interested in the two regions of Middle East and Central Asia/Caucasus in order to network and share research interests.

This year, the organizers expect to accommodate as many as 150 research papers from around the world divided into nearly 40 panels. There will also be two plenary presentations, one of which will be delivered by **Professor Dru C. Gladney** of the University of Hawaii-Manoa and entitled: "China Faces Central Asia: A New Chapter in the Great Game?"

The three-day event may also include a presentation by an Ambassador to the US from one of the two regions. Other attractions include two complimentary meals, an evening of Middle Eastern & Central Asian music and art, a book fair, and the screening of recently released films and documentaries on the Middle East and Central Asia.

PANEL THEMES: The conference encompasses and encourages interdisciplinary social science approaches to analysis and problem-solving. Panel themes may fall within, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: **State/Society Relations • Religion & Politics • Islam & Islamism • Civil & Inter-State Conflict Prevention & Resolution • Human Rights & Minorities • Post-9-11 International Affairs • Terrorism & State Violence • Authoritarianism & Democracy • Challenges of Post-Communism • Problems of Economic & Democratic Transitions • Nuclear Non-Proliferation • Natural Resources & Conflict • Economic Development & Sustainability • International Financial Institutions & Regional Policy • Oil & Natural Gas Trade & Conflict • Nation-building Projects in Iraq & Afghanistan • Politics of External Actors (US, Russia, EU, China, etc.) • Regional Organizations & Cooperation • Post-Communist Velvet Revolutions • Xinjiang & Uyghur Nationalism • Kurdish Nationalism • Azerbaijan-Armenia Dispute • Chechnya & Russia • US-Iran Relations • Turkey-EU Relations • Palestine-Israel Conflict • Culture, Gender, & Ethnicity • Impacts of Globalization • Civil Society, NGOs & International Development • U.N. Millennium Development Goals • Media, Cinema, & Film • Migration, Refugees, Displaced, & Diaspora.**

APPLICATION: If interested in presenting a paper in the 2006 MECA Conference, please submit:

YOUR FULL NAME # INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION # E-MAIL, POSTAL ADDRESS, and TEL.
PAPER TITLE (and Panel theme and paper titles if applicable) # 300-WORD PAPER ABSTRACT
ONE-PAGE-MAX ACADEMIC RESUME # Indicate willingness to serve as a session MODERATOR and/or DISCUSSANT # Whether, if accepted, you will need a US visa to attend the conference.

Kindly save the above in **NO MORE THAN 2 PAGES TOTAL** in A WORD FILE and name your file as: **Your last name in capital letters, a hyphen, followed by your first name** (e.g. if your name is 'Vadim Sharapov', your 2-page Word application should be named: SHARAPOV-Vadim.doc). As the 'Subject' of your email type: 'MECA 2006 Proposal'. Applications should be sent **no later than April 28, 2006** to:

Middle-East@utah.edu or Central-Asia@utah.edu Updates will also be posted on: <www.utah.edu/meca/> .