

27th AKSE Conference 10–13 July 2015, Bochum (Germany)

- Call for Papers and First Notice -

The Department of Korean Studies at Ruhr-Universität Bochum will host the 27th biennial AKSE Conference from 10 (Fri) to 13 (Mon) July 2015 in Bochum, Germany.

The Association for Korean Studies in Europe, founded in 1977, is the main scholarly society for Korean Studies in greater Europe. Its objectives are to stimulate and coordinate academic Korean studies in all countries of Europe, and to contribute to the spread of knowledge of Korea among a wider public.

The biennial AKSE conferences provide an opportunity for European scholars of Korean studies to gather and exchange research results. Hosting the membership meeting, they are the most important event of the association as such. AKSE conferences are also a way for European scholars to communicate with the global academic community. We thus warmly welcome non-Europeans and non-members.

Conference time-table

- Day 1 (Fri 10 July) registration, opening ceremony, dinner
- Day 2 and 3 full conference days
- Day 4: Mon 13 July half conference day: end of the public events after lunch

Key information for prospective participants

- Submission of abstracts and panel proposals 1 March – 15 July 2014
- Notification of paper acceptance 30 October 2014
- Registration 1 November 2014 – 31 January 2015
- Paper submission 1 November 2014 – 31 May 2015
- Conference website <http://www.rub.de/akse2015/>
- Email akse2015@rub.de
- Administrator and contact person Dr Myoungin Yu

Conference venues and hotels

Events on day 1 (evening of 10 July) will take place on the campus of Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Venue for the conference proper is *Gastronomie im Stadtpark* (more information on the website), located in walking distance from the conference hotels (*acora* and *Courtyard by Marriot Bochum Stadtpark*) and the partner hotel *Renaissance Bochum* (more information on the website).

Registration

Abstract submission will entail preliminary registration (not binding). Formal online registration for all active (presenting and chairing) and passive participants including general audience, non-presenting AKSE members and students will open on 1 November 2014 and last until 31 January 2015. Detailed online registration guidelines are due to follow on 28 February 2014.

For submitters

1) Subjects and general guidelines

- Subjects in all areas of Korean Studies are welcome.
- Both individual abstracts and panel proposals can be submitted. **Panel proposals will be treated preferentially.**
- Official conference languages are English, Korean, French, and German. Be advised that presentations in French or German typically draw little to no audience.
- Abstracts/panel proposals must, however, be submitted **in English**. Please indicate the planned language of presentation in the proposal.
- Abstracts/panel proposals will have to be submitted from 1 March until 15 July 2014 online via a conference management system which will be at your disposal on the conference website.

2) Presentation guidelines

- Each panel will last 105 minutes and typically consist of four presentations.
- In case of an organized panel, a fifth person can be invited as panel chair by the panel organizer, or one of the four panellists can act as chair.
- There are no set discussants. The panel chair can act as discussant if invited to do so.
- In favour of interactive discussion, each presentation should not exceed 15 minutes (60 minutes for presentations, 45 minutes for discussion).

3) Note on panels

- Panel organizers should prepare a proposal for a joint panel indicating a concise title (e.g. “Chosŏn and the Politics of Gender”), keywords (up to three), the number of panellists (five in case of a non-presenting chair or four in case of a presenting chair), and a panel abstract of up to 1,000 words (or 5,200 characters).
- Each panellist should also prepare an abstract of up to 1,000 words (or 5,200 characters) including the title and keywords of their own paper.

4) Note on individual papers

- Individual presenters should prepare an abstract of up to 1,000 words (or 5,200 characters).
- This should include the title and keywords (up to three keyword phrases, consisting of at most ten words: e.g., “Chosŏn book culture” is one keyword phrase consisting of three words).

Detailed online submission guidelines will be announced on 28 February 2014.

Conference fees

1) Conference fees listed below include:

- basic accommodation (more information on the website)
- conference attendance
- opening and closing ceremonies with dinner
- light breakfast, coffee breaks, and lunch in the venue on each conference day
- transport between hotels and the university campus on the first day
- conference materials (e.g. guide, programme, papers in USB flash drive)

2) Not included:

- travel to and from Bochum
- AKSE membership fees (these will be separately collected by the AKSE treasurer, more information on the website)

3) Categories and rates

Based on current pricing information and subsidy expectations, we expect to be able to offer the following rates for active participants (i.e., paper presenters or panel chairs):

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| · non-member active (presenting or chairing) participant | ca 300 EUR |
| · AKSE member active participant | ca 200 EUR |
| · student active participant | ca 100 EUR |

Registration fees

At the time of your online registration, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable registration fee in the amount of ca 100 EUR via *Paypal* through the conference management system. The registration fee for students is 50 EUR.

This online transfer registration fee will be used as a down payment on your conference fee, the remaining amount of which will be collected later on site. Further information about online registration will be announced in due course.

Travel grants

Graduate students whose papers have been accepted are entitled to apply for a travel grant by writing to the AKSE president. The availability and actual amount of the grants depend on funding availability and will be decided by the AKSE Council.

Additional information on the website

Further information including accommodation surcharges, travel etc. is provided on the conference website (<http://www.rub.de/akse2015/>).