



CALL FOR PAPERS

**AAASS 41st National Convention
November 12–15, 2009
Boston, MA**

The 41st National Convention of the AAASS will be held at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston, MA. Elizabeth Wood of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will chair the Program Committee.

**The theme of the 2009 convention is
“Reading and Writing Lives.”**

Lives are the basic stuff of Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies. Literature creates and recreates lives, literary and cultural studies address autobiography, the link between life and work, even “the death of the author.” The role of individual leaders and of their personalities concerns political scientists and psychologists. Economists make broad assumptions about the way individuals think and behave. Anthropologists study lives within cultures. Historians read memoirs and diaries, and history can be “embodied,” can extend to the history of “emotions and feelings,” and increasingly contemplates interconnections between the lives of people, on the one hand, and of animals, environments and ecosystems, on the other.

“Reading and writing lives” is not something new under the sun. But it is worth asking questions about the nature and uses of doing so. How do various disciplines differ in their reading and writing of lives? How have their approaches changed over the years? To what extent do they illuminate different aspects of what Russians sometimes refer to as “life itself”? Are there “national” or “regional” differences in the way we read and write lives in the United States, the West in general, and in the various countries we study? To what extent do theories illuminate lives, or on the contrary, do theories (whether literary, cultural, political, economic or anthropological) have the effect of distancing us from lives as they are actually lived? What is the balance in human affairs between the influence of individuals and groups large and small? Is it “totally yesterday,” as the new generation might say, to contend, with biographers of previous generations, that history is the lives of “great men and women”? Is history, rather, the lives of ordinary people?

All humanists and social scientists likely think they study lives, or at least the contexts in which lives are lived. Studying individuals, even in contexts, raises distinctive questions, but the term is sometimes extended to collectivities, as well. Groups are said to “think.” Nations are said to have “characters.” Can “biographies,” that is accounts of lives over time, be written of groups and nations as well as of individuals?

These and other related questions need not be the specific subjects of panels. Rather they are offered as spurs to choosing and designing panels for the 2009 Convention.

Please see the following pages for information on submitting panel, roundtable, and single paper proposals, and for information regarding the online submission process. If you would like to volunteer to be a chair or a discussant on panels created from individual papers, please contact Wendy Walker.

Panel proposals must be complete and should normally involve the presentation of prepared papers. Special consideration will be given to panels reporting on recent field or archival research, especially those that include presentations by advanced graduate students and/or junior faculty. The Program Committee also encourages the submission of panel proposals that include both women and men. Proposals for roundtables should be submitted only when the topic clearly justifies this format. Please note that proposals can be accepted only from AAASS members or foreign non-members. Please be sure to include an abstract about your panel or roundtable. We cannot process forms without an abstract.

Deadline for single paper proposals is December 9, 2008.

Please do not submit a single paper if you plan to give the paper as part of a panel.

Deadline for receipt of complete panel and roundtable proposals is January 16, 2009.

GENERAL RULES

1. Each participant may only have **one role on a panel or roundtable**, may only **appear on two panels or roundtables during the convention**, and only **present one paper during the convention**. You may organize as many panels or roundtables as you wish and you may give a paper on one panel and be the chair, or a discussant, or a participant on one other, but you cannot be chair and discussant or chair and give a paper on the same panel, and you **CAN NOT sign up for more than two panels/roundtables**.
2. **Panels** can only have: one Chair; maximum of 3 papers; maximum of 2 discussants. **Roundtables** can only have: one Chair; maximum of 5 participants.
3. **All participants who are Slavic scholars living in the U.S. must be current AAASS members**. Only foreigners and scholars outside the field of Slavic studies do not need to join AAASS. All participants on panels/roundtables must preregister by the deadline and pay the registration fee.
4. Be sure to include any requests for audiovisual equipment. Please specify types of equipment (i.e., "overhead projector," not simply "projector"). Please keep in mind that the AAASS can provide **up to \$150** worth of equipment; you will be charged for anything above this amount. The deadline for all audiovisual equipment requests is July 3, 2009.
5. If you agree to participate in the AAASS Convention, you are agreeing to be scheduled during any of the planned sessions. We will honor specific scheduling requests only for religious reasons. Please make sure to include such requests on your panel/roundtable proposal form.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS AND MEETING ROOM REQUESTS

Our online submission system will be available after the November 2008 convention. Please check our Web site www.aaass.org for current information.

1. To enter a proposal online, please go to: www.aaass.org and select "**Submit a completed convention proposal form.**" Select the type of submission and enter the information requested. Please remember that as the organizer, you are responsible for the accuracy of the information entered. Please use mixed case when entering data.
2. Please be sure to include c.v. form for each participant.
3. **Deadline for entering proposals and meeting room requests is January 16, 2009 at midnight EST**. The system will be taken off line 12:01 a.m. EST on January 17.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING HARD COPIES OF PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS AND MEETING ROOM REQUESTS

1. **Mail two copies** of the proposal form and one copy of the **one-page c.v. form** for each participant to: Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator, AAASS, 8 Story Street, 3rd floor, Cambridge, MA 02138. **Please remember that we do not accept proposals sent by fax**. You must use the c.v. form included on the last page of the call for papers materials.
2. **Deadline for receipt of proposals is January 16, 2009**. AAASS will conduct initial screening of all proposals and forward them to the appropriate members of the program committee.
3. Indicate in the appropriate space on the form the category under which you would like your panel/roundtable to be considered. Choose only from the list of categories shown below to ensure that the appropriate member of the program committee receives your proposal.
4. Provide complete information on all panel/roundtable participants: name, affiliation, full address, phone, e-mail, and paper title. One-page c.v. forms for all participants **must** accompany the proposal.
5. Type or print **very** clearly, especially when title of the panel includes words in languages other than English and when names of the participants include special characters not used in English.
6. Affiliate organizations of the AAASS are each allowed **one** panel/roundtable, which must be specified on the proposal form. Each affiliate-sponsored panel/roundtable will be screened in the usual manner by the Program Committee; we will not accept unscreened proposals.

CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSION OF PANEL/ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS

Arts/Film/Electronic Media	Linguistics/Language Pedagogy
Comparative Politics	Literature
Economics/Economic History/Transition Issues/Emerging Markets	Library/Information Sciences
Geography	Miscellaneous
History: Central and Southeast Europe	Religion/Philosophy
History: Russian and Eurasian	Sociology/Anthropology
International Relations/Security Studies/Foreign Policy	Themed Panels

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Please note that you may only submit ONE paper proposal.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT A PAPER PROPOSAL IF THE PAPER IS ALREADY PART OF AN ORGANIZED PANEL.

Paper proposals will be screened by members of the Program Committee and formed into panels. We do not guarantee that all paper proposals will be accepted, since not all will fit with others into a coherent panel. In addition, space constraints may preclude our being able to accommodate everyone who submits. Nonetheless, we hope this innovation will enable participation by people—graduate students, in particular—who otherwise don't have the connections necessary to set up their own panel.

All panel and roundtable submissions, including panels formed from individual paper submissions, will be reviewed by the entire Program Committee in their meeting in early March, 2009. You will be notified about the status of your individual paper submission following this meeting.

To have your proposal considered for 2008, please closely follow the rules and procedures below. Otherwise, your proposal will be discarded.

Deadline for Submissions

All individual paper submissions must be received in the AAASS office by 5 p.m. on December 9, 2008.

Our online submission system will be available after the November 2008 convention. Please check our web site: www.aaass.org for current information. **Deadline for entering individual paper proposals is December 9, 2008 at midnight EST.**

Who May Submit

Proposals will be accepted from Independent Scholars and M.A. and Ph.D. candidates. We will accept paper submissions from more established scholars, but would urge them to submit full panel and roundtable proposals instead, in the interests of intellectual coherence. Please do not submit a single paper proposal if you agreed to give the paper as part of a panel. **All those submitting paper proposals must be members of AAASS, unless they are foreign scholars or scholars from outside the field.**

The form must be complete. All paper submissions must be accompanied by a 200 word abstract describing the subject matter of the paper, and you must choose two subject categories for your paper from the list on the form. Incomplete proposal forms will be discarded.

All applicants **MUST SUBMIT** the following materials with their proposals:

1. Complete contact information (current address, telephone, fax and e-mail).
2. A one page c.v. form (please use the form in this *NewsNet* or the form posted on our website at www.aaass.org).
3. Candidates should select an appropriate paper category (i.e., history, literature). If your paper is interdisciplinary please indicate which disciplines it belongs in.

With any questions, please contact:
Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator
AAASS
8 Story Street, 3rd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138
tel.: 617-495-0678; fax: 617-495-0680; e-mail: walker@fas.harvard.edu

PANEL PROPOSAL

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Proposals should include **two copies** of the completed Panel Proposal form and **one copy of the one-page c.v. form** for each panelist (see the last page of the call for papers for the c.v. form). Materials should be **mailed** to: Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator, AAASS, 8 Story Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline for **receipt** of proposals: **January 16, 2009**. This form is for traditional panels only, with a maximum of 3 papers plus chair and two discussant(s).

PANEL TITLE: _____

PANEL CATEGORY (see list of categories on page with submission procedures): _____

EXPLANATION OF PANEL'S THEME: _____

ORGANIZER: _____ Affiliation: _____

(all panel organizers must be current AAASS members or foreign non-members)

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

CHAIR: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

PAPER PRESENTERS (please list in order of presenter, if desired. If you do not specify this, papers will appear by author's last name in alphabetical order)

1. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Paper Title: _____

2. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Paper Title: _____

PAPER PRESENTERS, cont'd

3. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Paper Title: _____

DISCUSSANTS

1. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

2. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Audiovisual equipment: Normally only projectors and screens can be provided. AAASS will provide up to \$150 worth of equipment; the panel organizer will be charged for AV equipment exceeding that amount. Affiliate societies are expected to share equally with AAASS the cost of equipment requested for their sponsored panels up to \$150 and, as for all panels, to pay in full for any equipment that exceeds \$150. **Please be specific about types of equipment needed. Please note that we do not provide Power Point equipment. It is prohibitively expensive. Deadline for AV requests is July 3, 2009.** A-V equipment needed:

Affiliate organizations: Each affiliate may sponsor only one panel or roundtable, which will be subject to regular screening by the Program Committee. If this panel is sponsored by a AAASS affiliate, indicate the name of the sponsoring affiliate organization:

Please note: Individuals who agree to participate in a panel assume a professional responsibility to do so and agree to be scheduled during any of the planned sessions. Failure to appear, other than in emergency circumstances communicated in advance to the panel organizer or sent in writing to the national office immediately following the convention, will disqualify defaulters from participating in national convention programs for the next three years.

*I certify that I have informed each participant of the membership and registration requirements and that all participants have agreed to serve on the panel. I have also verified that all participants understand the overall limits on convention participation (no more than **one** paper and no more than **two** panels/roundtables).*

Signature of Organizer: _____ Date: _____

ROUNDTABLE PROPOSAL

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Proposals should include **two copies** of the completed Roundtable Proposal form and **one copy of the one-page c.v. form** for each participant (see the last page of the call for papers for the c.v. form). Materials should be **mailed** to: Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator, AAASS, 8 Story Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline for **receipt** of proposals: **January 16, 2009**. A roundtable may include a maximum of 5 participants plus chair.

ROUNDTABLE TITLE: _____

ROUNDTABLE CATEGORY (see list of categories on page with submission procedures): _____

Justification for roundtable format (topic must clearly justify this format):

ORGANIZER: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

(all roundtable organizers must be current AAASS members or foreign non-members)

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

CHAIR: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS:

1. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

2. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS, cont'd

3. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

4. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

5. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

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Signature of Organizer: _____ Date: _____

MEETING ROOM REQUEST FORM

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*Each affiliate organization is allowed only **one** meeting at the convention.
This form **must** be completed and submitted by the deadline in order to reserve meeting space.*

NAME OF AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING: _____

NAME CONTACT PERSON (required): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

SCHEDULING REQUESTS *(Please note your time preferences here and any known conflicts with proposed panels or roundtables. AAASS cannot guarantee that all scheduling concerns will be met, given the complexity of scheduling more than 300 panels, roundtables, and meetings.):*

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM BY JANUARY 16, 2009 TO:

Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator
AAASS
8 Story Street, 3rd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

MEETING ROOM REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

CURRICULUM VITAE FORM

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Please complete all sections of this form. It is especially important that you provide COMPLETE contact information so that we may contact you regarding the status of your convention participation. C.V. must be provided by all panel/roundtable participants.

NAME: _____

CURRENT TITLE AND AFFILIATION: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Home E-mail or Fax: _____

Office Address: _____

OfficePhone: () _____ Office E-mail or Fax: _____

EDUCATION *(please list Institution, Degree, Major, Year Received):*

TEACHING/WORK EXPERIENCE:

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OR CONFERENCE PAPERS:
