

Call for Submissions:

Oxford-SOAS Graduate Student Workshop: “New Directions in Research on Myanmar”

26-28 May 2017

Hosted by the Programme on Modern Burmese Studies, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford and supported by SOAS, University of London

Submission opens: 21 December 2016

Submission deadline: 1 February 2017

Notification of acceptance/rejection: 15 February 2017

Final draft deadline: 1 May 2017

Workshop dates: 26-28 May 2017

The “New Directions in Research on Myanmar” Graduate Student Workshop is a rare opportunity for a small group of graduate students to workshop in-progress writing with peers and faculty from a range of disciplines and universities in the UK.

We welcome submissions from PhD and Masters students from any university in the world at any stage of their research. For those at an early stage in their research, submissions should clearly state the problem or research question the student aims to address, while providing a theoretical, methodological, and conceptual foundation for the proposed work. Students who have begun research or who are writing up should concretely describe the work undertaken, while providing necessary context for readers from a variety of disciplines. Standalone articles, conference papers, and dissertation chapters will all be accepted, if edited to fit within the requirements listed below.

Because the Graduate Student Workshop will require a considerable time-commitment— both in the development of the workshop paper and in the reading and reviewing of other participants’ papers— in order to be considered, interested graduate students must submit a workshop paper proposal, a letter of support from their advisor/supervisor, and a brief statement confirming their commitment to attend and prepare for the May workshop.

Confirmed participating faculty members include:

Dr Mandy Sadan (SOAS)

Dr Matthew J Walton (University of Oxford)

Professor Michael W. Charney (SOAS)

Submission Guidelines:

The initial submission should be a one-page (single-spaced) proposal of the paper the student intends to develop for presentation at the workshop. We *do not* require final drafts of workshop papers to be submitted at this stage. The one-page proposal should include not only key details regarding the research question and potential

contribution of the research within the student's discipline, but also a gesture to how the student's work might advance scholarly knowledge of Burma/Myanmar at large. While multi-sited or comparative research on Burma/Myanmar will be considered, accepted proposals must situate research clearly within the field of Burma/Myanmar studies. It is not necessary to include a bibliography at this stage.

Students who have a clearly-developed research proposal or who are in the process of producing a thesis or dissertation— and whose work is preliminary enough that it can be influenced by participation in a Graduate Student Workshop— will receive the strongest consideration. For this reason, the submission of previously published papers, submitted theses/dissertations, or completed research proposals is discouraged.

Students should indicate their field of study when submitting their proposal in order to direct it to the most appropriate reviewers. Students pursuing interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary research should select their primary field or graduate program department.

Along with a one-page paper proposal, interested students should also ask a supervisor/advisor or other faculty member in their department to submit a short letter of recommendation that confirms the student's preparedness for the Workshop. All submission materials should be sent to mbs@sant.ox.ac.uk.

Review Process:

The review of submissions will take into account the quality of the one-page proposal, the student's progress through their graduate program, and the recommendation letter. In order to ensure a diversity of disciplines, backgrounds, and paper types, such factors will also be considered.

Funding and Logistics:

The Programme on Modern Burmese Studies will provide meals for all participants during the Workshop. We will also help organise free or low-cost accommodation options for attendees. Participants are expected to request support for their travel from their home institution or other sources, although some partial travel scholarships will be available, with priority given to participants from Myanmar.

Questions:

Please contact the Programme on Modern Burma Studies at St Antony's College, University of Oxford with any questions:

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