



The Central Eurasian Studies Society's 16th Annual Meeting will be held **October 15-18th 2015** at the **Central Asia Program at George Washington University** in Washington DC.

Paper and Panel Proposal may be submitted via the CESS webpage: <http://cess.memberclicks.net/annual-meeting>. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2015. Selections will be announce in early May.

Founded in 1791, the District of Columbia is the epicentre of American politics. You'll find many historical sites and memorials, as well as the Smithsonian Institute, the National Air and Space Museum, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the National Gallery of Art. The George Washington University's location in the heart of Washington places it at the core of U.S. government, policy and law. Created in 1821 through an Act of Congress, the university seeks to fulfil George Washington's vision of an institution in the nation's capital dedicated to educating and preparing future leaders.

The Central Asia Program (CAP) at the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) at George Washington University promotes high-quality academic research on contemporary Central Asia, and is an interface for the policy, academic, diplomatic, and business communities. It calls for a multidisciplinary approach to research by combining the fields of political science, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, history, development studies, and security studies. The CAP publishes multiple paper series online, and a peer-reviewed quarterly, *Central Asian Affairs*. It hosts several initiatives: Religion in International Affairs; Cultures and Societies; Uzbekistan Initiative; Kazakhstan Initiative; Policy Debate: Economic Forum; Women and Water; and Uyghur Studies. **For more information on CAP check <http://centralasiaprogram.org/>.**

We hope that members will join us at this exciting venue. The conference program will include paper presentations, roundtable forums, keynote speeches and vendor exhibitions. This event is the largest annual gathering of scholars working in Central Eurasian Studies; the program will include an estimated 350 panellists, and we expect that the number of people attending the conference will exceed 500. The conference will feature about 60 panels on topics covering all aspects of the politics, history, culture, and society of the Central Eurasian region, extending from the Caucasus, Iran, and the Volga Basin (Russia) to Tibet, western China, Mongolia, and Siberia, including all of Central and Inner Asia.

Several cultural events will be organized around the convention, among other an exhibition of Central Asian Socialist Realism paintings in partnership with the GW Museum/Textile Museum, a cinema club, musical events and a Central Asian food fair.

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