

The Third Middle Period China Humanities Conference
June 25-28, 2020
Yale University
New Haven

CALL FOR PAPERS

Following the success of the first gathering of Middle Period scholars in 2014 at Harvard and the second in 2017 at Leiden, we are very pleased to announce that Yale will host the third meeting on June 25-28, 2020.

We welcome papers from all disciplines in humanities (specifically history, literature, history of art, and religious studies) that deal with China between 220-1600. Because the theme of the conference is "[Stuck in the Middle](#)" we encourage papers that cover more than a single dynasty and reexamine periodization more broadly.

Papers can be in English or Chinese (all papers should have abstracts in both English and Chinese). The target length is 10,000 words or less for English, 6000 characters or less for Chinese; we urge participants to present work in progress that will spark debate. The two working languages of the conference will be English and Chinese, and we encourage participants to speak whichever language they prefer. We will not translate everything but interpreters will be present to summarize the discussion when necessary.

If you would like to submit a group of papers together (as a panel), please do so, but, depending on the number of participants, we may have to combine some panels or even break them up.

The deadline for all paper proposals is Jan. 6, 2020. The requirements for PhD students and PhD holders are different. (We will not accept proposals from MA students or MA degree holders who are not candidates for the PhD.)

1. PhD students should answer a [brief questionnaire](#) about the paper you would like to present; the advisors of PhD students must submit a [brief form](#) as well. They will also need to submit full versions of their papers by March 15, 2020 if they wish to be considered for funding. Reminder: the target length for everyone is 10,000 words/6000 characters.
2. PhD holders should complete [this registration form](#) and provide abstracts of no more than 500 words/300 characters. Ideally you will cover the questions we have asked the PhD students to address directly (What are your main sources? What are the most important studies on your topic? What is your original contribution to the field of Middle Period Chinese studies?).

The deadline for final submissions of papers is March 15, 2020 if you are seeking funding. If you are not, the deadline for paper submissions is May 15, 2020. (We will not provide funding to anyone who misses the March 15 deadline.)

Please indicate on the registration form whether you are requesting funding. Everyone is eligible for funding, but we will give preference to PhD students. Because our funding is limited, we expect that the maximum travel award will be \$1000.

We will notify everyone about the acceptance of their papers and travel grants by mid-February to give time to make their travel arrangements and to request internal funding at their institutions. We suggest making [hotel reservations](#) now. If you are on a tight budget, consider reserving lodging through Airbnb.

We welcome scholars who do not want to present papers to attend ([Registration From for Non-Paper Givers](#)). The deadline to register is May 15, 2020.

You might wish to add a day or two in New York City before or after the conference at your own expense; we have arranged for a special discounted rate at the [Omni Berkshire Hotel](#). For instructions for how to travel to New Haven from JFK Airport or New York City, please click [here](#).

Please visit the [conference website](#) for further information. If you have any questions, please write to eastasian.studies@yale.edu.