



**American Studies Association of Kyrgyzstan**

**Theory & Practice**

## **Call for Papers**

**Deadline for submission: March 12, 2010**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual American Studies Symposium in Central Asia**

**April 23 & 24, 2010**

**Bishkek Humanities University**

**Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**

*Trends and Transformations in American Studies:  
How far have we come? What is the road ahead?*

As evidenced by the steadily growing number of American Studies programs and organizations, alongside the growing number of local scholars and students in the field, there seems to be an increasing interest in American Studies. In the context of new regional and global conditions, a number of scholars and students continue to develop the field through shared experiences and constructive academic dialogues especially in the local arena.

The American Studies Association of Kyrgyzstan in collaboration with Bishkek Humanities University invite scholars, students, and those interested in the field to enhance such dialogue and discourse through its annual symposium.

The purpose of this symposium is threefold: 1. to provide an opportunity to reflect on fundamental categories that play a significant role in American Studies in Central Asia, 2. to explore topics that have recently made their way into Kyrgyzstan based on current political and socio-economical changes of the United States of America, and 3. to network with colleagues from local and foreign educational institutions.

Proposals are welcome on topics and themes that are multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary, or may examine topics from the perspectives of literature, art, culture, history, religion, politics or any other foundations that constitute the core of American Studies curriculum.

**Possible topics for session and individual paper proposals include but are not limited to:**

- ❖ Present effective strategies and new methods of teaching in the field of American Studies
- ❖ Show innovative ways of conducting research that substantiates, promotes and advances the work of teacher development
- ❖ Compare/Contrast aspects of educational systems of the United States to post-soviet Central Asia
- ❖ Explore gender and human rights issues (case studies and possible publications welcome)
- ❖ Investigate former and/or current American foreign policies towards Kyrgyzstan
- ❖ Address socio-economical changes taking place in both countries
- ❖ Analyze the role of literature and art of post-Soviet era and its influence on the West
- ❖ Provide a historical perspective with significant moments
- ❖ Discuss current issues pertaining to globalization

**Type of Session** (check box): All sessions are 15 to 20 minutes in length followed by a Q & A.

- Paper Presentation     Workshop/Demonstration     Poster Session

**Requirements for Submission:** (All proposals must be typed and submitted in English, but applicants must submit abstract/proposal first).

Format: 12 pt. MS Word

Spacing: Double-spaced text

Length: 200-500 word description, excluding brief description of the author/presenter

Font: Times New Roman, 12-point

Format of Abstract/Proposal: The title of the article should be centered on the proposal in bold letters. The name of the primary author, educational institution, and city should then be listed in regular text. The main text of the proposal should begin thereafter. If a joint presentation, please list below the same information as above for your co-presenter(s).

**Equipment Needed** (check as many boxes as needed):

- Flipchart     Whiteboard     Overhead projector
- Computer     Tape/CD player     DVD player/ TV set
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** Only abstracts that follow the above guidelines will be considered. The primary author will be contacted with further instructions if the abstract is accepted. ASAK Committee will waive the symposium fee (up to 200 soms) for participants and candidates whose proposals have been accepted.

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Please submit your abstract/proposal electronically as an attachment and send to both email addresses: [durusk@yahoo.com](mailto:durusk@yahoo.com) and [BConde@mail.auca.kg](mailto:BConde@mail.auca.kg) no later than Friday, March 12, 2010. You may also contact the Dean Durus Kozuev, Dean of Faculty of European Civilization, BHU, Kyrgyzstan, Office phone: (+996 312) 49 40 56 if you have further questions.