

REEESNe 2023 Student Conference, April 14-15, 2023 (in-person, with some virtual panels, at the 20th Annual Slavic Bazaar of the University of Pennsylvania)

Call for Papers

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Northeast Network and the Penn Slavic Bazaar invite presentation proposals from **undergraduate and master's students attending northeast U.S. institutions** who are engaged in learning about Slavic, East European, and Eurasian regions. We welcome presentations that feature breadth and/or depth, and hope to showcase student experience and research in a variety of fields, including political science, history, literature, security and cybersecurity studies, language studies, environmental studies, and other fields that engage with the places and peoples of the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian worlds, and their intersections with global communities. **We encourage students from all disciplines to submit proposals.**

We will feature two presentation formats:

- A) 4- to 6-minute lightning round presentations (speaking from notes and, ideally, slides)
- B) 12- to 15-minute paper presentations (formally reading a polished student paper)

Students may submit **two sorts** of work: **1) a research or analytical project** (this may either be presented in the lightning round format—**option 1A**—or be read as a formal paper—**option 1B**); **2) a presentation on a unique REEES experience** that the student would like to share with peers who are interested in similar opportunities (e.g. sharing a REEES-related study abroad or internship experience) and that fits the shorter, less formal presentation format—**option 2A** (2B is not offered). Per student restrictions include a maximum of one paper presentation and a limit of two presentations overall, but each student may submit proposals for two lightning round presentations or one lightning round presentation plus one paper presentation. Proposals for two paper presentations will not be considered. **For each proposal, please submit a title and abstract, and please specify which format and sort of presentation you prefer** (depending on the number/quality of submitted abstracts, some papers may be slotted in the lightning round even if the presenter indicates a preference for a longer presentation). Guidelines for abstracts are provided on the following page. Each accepted speaker will be part of a panel organized by format and topic, and will receive feedback from a discussant with expertise in a REEES area.

This FREE conference will be hosted by The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA from the morning of **Friday, April 14th until the evening of Saturday, April 15th**. On the presentation submission form, students may indicate a preference to present online. Drawing upon generous but ultimately limited grant resources, REEESNe will fund accommodations and travel for as many students as possible (food will also be provided to all in attendance). Students must submit a proposal to be considered for funding. Students who can draw upon personal, departmental, or institutional funding for their travel are encouraged to do so (and to declare this on the submission form) so that we can extend our funding to others in need. Along with student presentations, the conference will include cultural events, opportunities for student networking, and guest speakers and panels addressing careers in non-academic REEES fields.

The **proposal submission deadline is Friday, January 24th, 2023 at 11:59 pm**. Each student who submits a proposal will hear back from conference organizers by February 15th, 2023 on the acceptance status of their submission as well as panel information.

The Spring 2023 REEESNe Conference is being held in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania's annual Slavic Bazaar. You may find the following abstract guidelines from the Slavic Bazaar useful as you prepare your submission(s).

THE SLAVIC BAZAAR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES

Abstracts must include sufficient information for readers to judge the nature and significance of the paper topic, the adequacy of the methodology, the nature of the findings, and the conclusions. Abstracts should not merely list topics to be discussed but should summarize the results of the original research.

Please follow the following guidelines:

- A conference abstract is an outline of your paper and your whole project.
- It should be around 200 and no more than 300 words and should not include either footnotes or bibliography.
- It should have a paper title, an introduction (a clear statement of the research questions/issues), body (a clear description of the methodology, a brief indication of results, observations or findings) and conclusion (a summary statement of conclusions and theoretical implications).
- It should highlight major points of your paper and indicate why this work is important, how you went about your project, and what you learned.
- It must be understandable to a wide audience.

All abstracts will be published in the Slavic Bazaar Conference Program Booklet.