REEESNe 2024 Student Conference, April 12-13, 2024 (in-person, with some virtual panels, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst)

Call for Papers

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Northeast Network and the University of Massachusetts Amherst invite presentation proposals from **undergraduate and graduate students attending northeast U.S. institutions**. 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) 8- to 15-minute paper presentations (formally reading a polished student paper)

Students may submit **two sorts** of work: **A) a presentation (for which the shorter time slot is reserved) on a unique REEES experience** that the student would like to share with peers (e.g. a REEES-related study abroad or internship experience); and **B) reading a research or analytical paper** (this should typically last at least 8 minutes, but we can consider proposals for shorter papers, e.g. the prospectus of a project that you are just starting). Per-student restrictions include a maximum of one read paper and a limit of two presentations overall; each student may submit proposals for two lightning round presentations or one lightning round presentation plus one paper. Proposals for two papers will not be considered. **For each proposal, please submit a title and abstract, and please specify which format and length (in minutes) of presentation you prefer** (depending on the number/quality of submitted abstracts, some papers may be allotted fewer minutes than the presenter indicates preferring for a longer presentation – this is to accommodate accepting as many student presenters as possible). 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 students and faculty in REEES fields.

This FREE conference will be hosted by The University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA from **Friday, April 12th to Saturday, April 13th,** with travel a day before or after. On the presentation submission form, students may indicate a preference to present online. Drawing on generous but limited grants, REEESNe will fund accommodations/travel for as many students as possible (food is provided to all). Students must submit a proposal to be considered for funding. Those who can find 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 non-academic REEES careers.

The **proposal submission deadline is Friday, February 9th, 2024 at 11:59 pm**. Each student who submits a proposal will hear back from conference organizers by February 19th, 2024 on the acceptance status of their submission as well as panel information.

The Spring 2023 REEESNe Conference was held in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania's annual Slavic Bazaar, and for the 2024 Conference we continue to highlight

emphasize the priorities for writing clear and convincing abstracts detailed in their materials. You may find it useful to download and follow the abstract guidelines from the Slavic Bazaar as you prepare your submission(s): **THE SLAVIC BAZAAR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES**