

Abstract Proposal Submission Rules

Both Individual and Panel abstract proposals (and full papers) can be submitted at <http://www.na-tsa.org/new/2014-natsa-conference/call-for-papers.html>.

***DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2014**

Language policy

The goal of NATSA is to promote Taiwan studies in North America and English publications. Therefore, we ask that all abstracts and papers be written and presented in **ENGLISH ONLY**.

*****New in 2014*****

Publication Peer Review Option

In addition to our call for individual papers and panel proposals, as a way to promote the professionalization of junior scholars in Taiwan studies, this year, we are offering you the option of having your full paper peer-reviewed. We seek papers that advance both our understanding of Taiwan *and* contribute, in significant ways, to the current debates and discussions in each of our respective fields and disciplines. This is an opportunity for **advanced graduate students** and **junior scholars** who have conducted **significant original research** to have their works evaluated by established scholars outside of their own social networks who may provide the constructive critique that will give the paper a final push towards publication in a top-tier journal. Papers selected will be featured more prominently in the 2014 program, providing an additional opportunity for exposure and critical discussions. As we will not be hosting a scholar's workshop this year, we encourage people who may have submitted to that program in previous years to submit to this peer review process instead.

To participate in the Publication Peer Review Option, in addition to submitting an abstract, potential contributors **MUST** upload a draft of their full paper via our online system by the same **January 10, 2014** deadline. Papers should include a title, a 200-300 word abstract (the same abstract submitted), and a total of about **8,000-9,000** words of main-body text. Please be mindful that we select only the best papers that are close to the quality of a published article for review. Please do not identify yourself by name or institution in your draft. We will send these papers out (blind) to a single, established Taiwan studies scholar in a related discipline for review. The anonymous reviewer will then send their constructive critiques and suggestions to the author in time to do a second draft prior to the conference.

Individual Paper Submission

Each submission **MUST** include **(a) an abstract** and **(b) a separate, concise statement of your paper's contribution** (Please see below for more details). We understand that different disciplines may have different rules and requirements regarding abstract submission and we encourage you to include those elements expected within your own discipline as well. Following the guidelines below will aid our reviewers to more precisely evaluate your abstract as

representative of the paper you will give at the conference. Better structuring of your abstract will facilitate their reviewing and improve your chance to be accepted. While we will consider all Taiwan studies submissions, we will privilege papers related to this year's theme or sub-themes. Submissions missing any section(s) will not be considered by the review committee.

Please also take note of this year's Peer-Review Option for Paper Submissions.

SECTION A: Abstract (up to 300 words)

Instructions: Please follow the guidelines below in composing your abstract. The title of your paper does not count towards the 300 word limit. Your abstract should be informative to both scholars working within the specialized areas of your work, and as much as possible, to a wider readership. Please note that the scope should be that of a journal-length paper rather than that of a book-length project or an entire dissertation. The abstract should address the following points:

- 1) Paper title
- 2) Summary of paper objectives, theoretical framework, and key argument(s).
- 3) Explicitly address the methodologies and/or sources upon which this paper's arguments will be based.
- 4) Describe the paper's intellectual contribution to your academic discipline(s) and, if any (not all papers need have this), broader social and political impacts of the research.
- 5) Place your work (if possible) into the contexts of one of the themes and/or sub-themes of this year's conference.
- 6) Below the abstract, please list 3 to 5 keywords for your paper and 2 to 3 disciplines to which your paper is most closely related (this will be used to help us select reviewers for your abstract).

SECTION B: Broader Intellectual Contribution

Instructions: Please answer the following. Even if you address these themes in your abstract, please treat this as an additional opportunity to make explicit your paper's contributions. Each answer should not exceed 150 words.

- 1) How does your paper contribute to current theoretical dialogues and ongoing debates within your academic discipline(s)?
- 2) How does your paper contribute to current theoretical dialogues and ongoing debates in Taiwan studies?

SECTION C: Presenter's Bio

Please describe your professional/social experience in a way that tells us something about yourself, your interest in Taiwan studies, and your engagement in the research for this presentation (about 100 words). This section will not be sent to abstract reviewers (it is a blind review process), but instead will be used by the organizing committee to design the program should your presentation be accepted.

Panel Submission

We encourage panel organizers to include at least one relatively junior scholar (either graduate student or recent graduate) in their panels.

All Panel Submissions must include the following:

- 1) A panel title and individual paper titles to be included in the panel.
- 2) A 300-word statement of purpose for the entire panel identifying the central issue(s)/theme(s), the relevance of each paper to the theme/issue, and how the panel discussion may contribute to the debate.
- 3) 3 to 5 keywords for your panel and 2 to 3 disciplines to which your panel is most closely related (this will be used to help us select reviewers for your panel). Keywords and disciplines preferences **are not necessary** for each panel paper.
- 4) A 300-word abstract for each paper in the panel following the instructions above for individual paper submissions **and** answers to the specific questions in Section B of the Individual Paper Submission instructions.
- 5) A full list of participants, including title, institutional affiliation, and contact information. Please specify the main organizer of the panel, who will be the chair of the panel during the conference. We recommend that the optimal number of paper presenters in a panel **should be 3-4**.
- 6) **The panel organizer needs to submit the online application form and MUST answer the questions indicated in the form.**

Poster Presentation and Competition

As a larger goal of our conference, NATSA aims to inspire the research and discussions that will continue to push Taiwan and Taiwan studies towards critical, valuable engagement with the most pressing questions of the moment and of the future. Along these lines, we also encourage undergraduate and graduate students who have not yet begun their main research, to submit proposals for our poster session. While poster session participants will not generally be eligible for NATSA's travel grants, we will present a **\$300 award** to the best student poster at the conference's closing session on June 21. This competition will be judged by our invited scholars.

Each submission must include an abstract. We understand that different disciplines may have different rules and requirements regarding abstract submission and we encourage you to include those elements expected within your own discipline as well. Following the guidelines below will aid our reviewers to more precisely evaluate your potential contribution to the conference. While we will consider all Taiwan studies submissions, we will privilege poster session presentations related to this year's theme or sub-themes.

SECTION A: Abstract (up to 300 words)

Instructions: Please follow the guidelines below in composing your abstract. The title of your poster does not count towards the 300 word limit. Your abstract should be informative to both scholars working within the specialized areas of your work, and as much as possible, to a wider readership. Please note that the scope should be that of a journal-length paper rather than that of a book-length project or an entire dissertation. The abstract should address the following points:

- 1) Poster title
- 2) Summary of poster objectives and key argument(s).
- 3) Explicitly address the methodologies and/or sources upon which your arguments will be based.

- 4) Describe the poster's intellectual contribution to your academic discipline(s) and, if any (not all need have this), its potential broader social and political impacts.
- 5) Place your work (if possible) into the contexts of one of the themes and/or sub-themes of this year's conference.
- 6) Below the abstract, please list 3 to 5 keywords for your poster and 2 to 3 disciplines to which your presentation is most closely related (this will be used to help us arrange posters if selected).

SECTION B: Presenter's Bio

Please describe your professional/social experience in a way that tells us something about yourself, your interest in Taiwan studies, and your engagement in the research for this presentation (about 100 words). This section will be used by the organizing committee to design the program should your presentation be accepted.