

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Flying University of Transnational Humanities (FUTH): “Globalization East”

June 23-26, 2014, University of Pittsburgh

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Each year beginning in 2010, the Flying University of Transnational Humanities (FUTH) has gathered graduate students and young scholars in the humanities and social sciences for a summer school centering on presentations by leading scholars and sharing of information and perspectives by all present. The Flying University of Transnational Humanities, based at Hanyang University, Seoul, was brought into existence through the energies of Professor Jie-Hyun Lim, director of the Research Institute for Comparative History and Culture.

During the week of June 23-26th, the University of Pittsburgh will host the 2014 FUTH meeting, with the theme “Globalization East.” The summer school will address contemporary and past globalization in its socio-economic and cultural dimensions. It centers on “the East” – the various regions of Asia – in two ways. First, it focuses on the nature and impact of globalization in the East, present and past, tracing the nature of globalization in the region of densest population. Second, it focuses on the impact of Eastern processes of globalization on other regions in the world, notably Europe, the Americas, and Africa.

The program is to include lectures, discussions, and panels of papers presented by participants. Distinguished speakers include Edmund Burke III (Univ. Cal-Santa Cruz), Patrick Manning (Univ. of Pittsburgh), Rila Mukherjee (Hyderabad Univ.), Naoki Sakai (Cornell Univ.), Joanna Waley-Cohen (New York Univ.-Shanghai), and Christine Yano (Univ. of Hawai’i). FUTH 2014 will include up to 40 participants from around the world. Conference facilities, including food and lodging, are on campus at the university.

We invite applications from graduate students and junior scholars in all disciplines. Prospective participants should send proposals that include a title, a 500-word abstract, a short (2-page) CV, names of two referees to worldhis@pitt.edu by February 28, 2014. Proposals should include a clear topic and may include methods, temporal organization, and reference to any links between the proposal and broader global, historical, and especially interdisciplinary approaches and questions. Participants will be selected for paper presentations or as discussants in transdisciplinary workshops. Those admitted will be notified in mid-March.