



SOKA University

**SOUTH ASIA RESEARCH CENTER(SARC)
AND GLOBAL CORE CENTER**

SOKA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE 2021

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

AUGUST 31, 2021

Contact email: soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp

CONFERENCE CALL

THE SECOND SARC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

MEMORY AND PAST

IN SOUTH ASIA

to be held online from Soka University, Japan

on

November 26-27, 2021



Soka University, selected for the Top Global University Project, will create global initiatives for humanistic education.

The Second International Conference organized by South Asia Research Center, Soka University will focus on Memory and Past in South Asia. Cultures of memory in literature, history and philosophy reclaim a contrived past influenced by traditions developed in the west. Literature evokes memory of a manufactured past through images and symbols. History reconstructs the past through an arrangement of facts narrated convincingly. The paradigms created by western and eastern philosophies seek to understand fundamental truths about self, human relationships and the world we live in. Modern philosophy finds the existence of actual events as unverifiable except as an emotional shadow. The past is constantly negotiated by the present. The dialectics of rationality and event tells us that reason cannot give rise to an event. Remembering and forgetting is also not the way to access the past. The 2021 conference will investigate how stories are told, identities imagined, histories written and past reclaimed through language, orality and archive in South Asia. Since the conference is held under the auspices of Soka University, we would be happy to see a connection with Japan and South Asia as well.

Panel 1: Literatures and Memory in South Asia

Panel 2: Historicizing the Event from Oral and Archival Histories to Social and Economic Histories.

Panel 3: Philosophy and the Artifice of Memory from the Vedas and Confucius to Hegel and Derrida.

The interdisciplinary conference is expected to bring literary critics, historians, economists and philosophy experts.

This conference will be held in English. However, we will welcome presentations in Japanese.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS:
AUGUST 31, 2021

ABSTRACT of 250 words in English (or 600 words in Japanese)
on any of the above themes may be sent in the TEXT BOX of the email
to

soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp
by AUGUST 31, 2021.

All abstract will be reviewed by an expert panel before acceptance. Once letters of acceptance are sent to you, please begin working on your presentation paper.

The abstract must include the following 4 points:

- **Thesis statement**
- **Argument**
- **Evidence**
- **Contribution to academic research**

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWINGS IN YOUR EMAIL:

Name of the delegate
Official designation: department, university or college
Email ID
Panel No.
Abstract 2021: (Title of your paper)

The subject line of your email should read as follows:

Example:

Abstract 2021, A1(Panel No.), Taro Soka(Your Name), Soka University

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PAPERS: AUGUST 31, 2021

Please submit your paper after the conference has ended to the following email: soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp Your paper will be published in the proceedings of SARC once accepted.

For further inquiries please email soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp
OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/sarc>

PANEL PROPOSAL

Please send the followings in the TEXT BOX of the email to soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp by August 31st 2021.

The subject line of your email should read as follows:

Example:

Abstract 2021, A1(Panel No.), Taro Soka(Your Name), Soka University

1. Title of the Panel

2. Panel No.

※Please see Conference Call

3. List of Chair and Panelists with the following information.

Name:(Chair/Panelist)

Official designation: department, University or College:

Email ID:

Title of your individual Abstract:

4. Panel Proposal: 250 words

※Title of the panel and the relevance to the conference theme should be mentioned.

5. Individual Abstracts: 250 words each

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6. Preferred Time for Panel Presentation: --- JST (ex. 3 pm—6pm JST)

※Please check JST (Japan Standard Time) and let us know when you would like to present papers. Though we cannot promise, we will try to accommodate wherever possible.

Panel Session: 1 hour 30 minutes (If 4 presenters, 15minutes each followed by 30 minutes discussion)

Time of the Conference: It will be informed after the selection of the proposals.

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