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Call for Proposals for the 2026 Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Modern Chinese Humanities

Currently enrolled graduate students are invited to submit paper proposals for the Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Modern Chinese Humanities, to be held April 10-11, 2026 at UC Berkeley. Conference registration is free. Presenters will be provided with shared lodging, Friday dinner, and Saturday lunch. There is limited partial funding assistance for those who cannot find their own funding.

Proposals/bios due: Friday November 7, 2025, 11:59 pm PT

Application Instructions:

To apply, please submit your abstract (up to 250 words) and a short bio (up to 100 words, including current institutional affiliation), and include the following information in the application: Author Name, Author Bio, Paper Title, Subtitle (optional), Keywords, and Abstract. Please follow the link to apply:

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a315258c58bb4c6f8511dc3a25350de3

The annual Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Modern Chinese Humanities brings together current graduate students from across the U.S. and around the world to present innovative research on any aspect of modern Chinese cultural production in the humanistic disciplines. The conference provides a window into current research in Chinese studies, and serves as a platform for fostering interaction among budding scholars of geographically disparate institutions, facilitating their exchange of ideas and interests. The conference hopes to encourage interdisciplinary scholarship within and between literary and cultural studies, cultural history, art history, film and media studies, musicology and sound studies, as well as the interpretative social sciences. For a list of past presenters, please see the <u>archived conference schedules</u>.

The 2026 keynote speaker is Ying Qian, East Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, and the conference alumni speaker is Julia Keblinska, Film & Screen Studies, University of Cambridge.

Notification of acceptance: Early January 2026

Final paper submission deadline (if accepted): Friday March 27, 2026, 11:59 pm PT

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