Initiated in 2014, the annual Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Conference on Pre-modern Chinese Humanities brings together graduate students from around the country and around the world who specialize in the pre-modern period to discuss innovative research on China.

The conference, alternating sites each year between Stanford and Berkeley, features up to fourteen competitively-selected graduate student presentations of original research on any aspect of pre-modern (technically, beginnings to 1911) Chinese humanistic culture, drawing on but not limited to the traditional disciplines of history, literature, religion, art, social sciences, and thought. We encourage proposals that explore new methodologies and critical perspectives, utilize recent developments in digital technology, or either reconfigure or cross disciplinary boundaries. This year’s conference will be co-hosted by the Center for Chinese Studies at UC Berkeley and the Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford University, on March 31 and April 1, 2023 (Friday and Saturday). We are planning to hold an in-person conference.

The conference will cover lodging expenses for the conference presenters, who are encouraged to seek the coverage of transportation costs from their home institutions or other sources. Confirmed presenters who demonstrate that no such funding is available may apply for a travel subsidy.

Conference registration is free.

Interested students from all institutions within the U.S. and abroad must complete the online application form, including a required proposal of up to 800 words and a 1 to 2 page c.v. The link for the on-line application form is: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/bc3a6293ecb746e9a7dcd18dda9d2b3e

It will soon be accessible through the websites for Berkeley’s Center for Chinese Studies and Stanford’s Center for East Asian Studies. The proposal should explain the paper topic, identify the questions or problems to be addressed, and comment on the paper’s significance and contribution to the larger field of study. The deadline for application submission is November 25, 2022 (by 5:00pm PST). Each conference has benefitted from the presence of international students, as well as domestic ones.

Papers will be selected by a joint faculty-student committee of China specialists at the two institutions. Local faculty will serve as discussants for the selected papers.

Applicants are welcome to present papers associated with ongoing or projected dissertation research, but the papers need not be generated by thesis work.
APPLICATION DEADLINE & SUBMISSION

| Proposals/bios due:       | November 25, 2022  
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