The 20th Annual Conference on Asian Studies (ACAS)

Denial, Exclusion, Absence

Exploring the Negative Space in Asia

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Abstract submission deadline: July 15, 2026

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The Department of Asian Studies at Palacký University Olomouc is currently accepting proposals for its **20th Annual Conference on Asian Studies** (ACAS) to be held on **November 20–21, 2026** in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

The general theme of this year's conference **is Denial, Exclusion, Absence: Exploring the Negative Space in Asia**. We invite contributions that deal with issues related to this theme with a focus on the languages, cultures, societies, and histories of Asia as well as their diasporic manifestation, using a variety of theoretical, methodological, and (inter)disciplinary approaches.

Proposals should be grounded in original research in anthropology, history, international relations, linguistics, literature, philosophy, political science, sociology, visual art, and other fields in the **humanities and social sciences**.

We invite proposals in the following formats: (1) individual papers; (2) organized panels; (3) research posters, and (4) alternative formats, such as films, poetry, artworks, performing arts, etc. The conference will also include a session dedicated to (5) student papers (which do not have to be related to the general theme).

Please **see the conference website acas.upol.cz for details** on the conference theme, submission process (including the submission link), conference fee, organizer, venue, and more. The working language of the conference is English.

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Questions can be addressed to **acas@upol.cz**.

We look forward to your proposals.

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