

CFP: Food Safety/Security in Asia

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I am writing to invite submissions for a panel on food safety and food security in Asia as part of the third Global Asias Conference, to be held at Penn State University on April 9-11, 2015. Papers on issues of health and national security in connection with networks of food production and distribution are encouraged in any discipline or national focus within Asia. Please send a 250-word abstract and brief c.v. to Jessamyn Abel at jessamyn.abel@psu.edu by November 15, 2014. The panel description is pasted below, followed by a general description of the conference.

Asia in the Global Food Chain: The global expansion of food supply networks, while delivering a variety of foods around the world, has also heightened concerns about food safety and security. In the market-opening mood of the 1990s, worries about Japan's food security fueled support for import barriers on staple foods, and the looming threat of an influx of foreign rice sent Japanese consumers into an anxious frenzy of stock-piling domestic grain. More recently, one tainted food scandal after another has inspired bans on imports of food from China, while spurring wealthy Chinese to import suitcases-full of goods like infant formula. For centuries, the absence, availability, and provision of food has been a key element in the vibrancy of overseas Asian communities and the ability of immigrants to feel "safe at home" in their adopted country. This panel will explore the intersection between issues of food safety and security and Asia's place in global networks of immigration and trade.

Global Asias 3: Penn State's Department of Asian Studies announces Global Asias 3, a conference to celebrate the launch of a new journal, *Verge: Studies in Global Asias* (published by the University of Minnesota Press). *Verge* covers Asia and its diasporas, East to West, across and around the Pacific, from a variety of humanistic perspectives—anthropology, art history, literature, history, politics, sociology—in order to develop comparative analyses that recognize Asia's place(s) in the development of global culture and history. In that expansive and multidisciplinary spirit, we invite proposals for the specific panels and roundtables listed below for the conference, to be held April 9-11, 2015. Please submit materials (250-word abstract and brief c.v.) to specific roundtable and panel organizers directly by November 15, 2014.

Thanks to the generous support of the College of the Liberal Arts and the Department of Asian Studies, Penn State will cover lodging and food costs for all conference presenters. In addition, we will provide all conference participants with a 1-year subscription to *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*. General questions can be directed to Tina Chen (tina.chen@psu.edu) or Eric Hayot (ehayot@psu.edu).