

On behalf of the International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS), the organizer Professor Dr. Vo Quang Trong, Director of the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology invites you to attend the international conference of ISARS which will be held in the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (Hanoi, Vietnam) from the 1st through the 4th December, 2017.

The Official Theme of the Conference will be:

Expanding Boundaries: Ethnicity, Materiality and Spirituality

The 13th conference of ISARS explores the interactions between ethnicity, materiality and spirituality. We welcome contributions from various disciplines and encourage submissions that discuss issues of identity, practices of spirituality and material culture. Understanding how ethnic identity and spiritual performativity play out in social and ritual spaces allow us to highlight the multitude of practices and the social importance of aspects of material culture. Material culture tells us much about the construction of memory, history and change. We encourage submissions that discuss the connection between artifacts and associations to ethnic identity, the relation between spirituality and materiality (in a broad sense of the term) in ritual context, as well as theoretical contributions that explore the construction of museums in relation to spiritual practices.

Call for Papers/Sessions Proposal

Please send your paper title and abstract (max.250 words) and/or your session proposal (max 300 words) *on the main theme of the conference* in a word document by March 30th, 2017 to: lathuyvme@yahoo.com)

Session organizer(s) are requested to indicate the general title of the session, a brief description of the main topic (max. 300 words), number, names and affiliation of participants. Sessions should include a minimum of 4 participants and a maximum of 6. Please note that the Scientific Committee will review and select the papers and session proposals. The selected papers and sessions will be announced in June 2017.

Visa and Letter of Invitation

Please inform us if you need a formal letter of invitation for visa or for other purposes, such as travel grant applications. Please send your request to: lathuyvme@yahoo.com

Conference Registration

Participation fee is 120 euros. All the details about modalities of payment of the fee and options regarding accommodation will be announced soon.

Please note that all regular delegates and non-delegates in the conference are required to additionally pay their 2017 membership fee for ISARS either online (through ISARS website: <http://www.isars.org/membership/>), either on the spot, during their registration in Vietnam. Accompanying family members of regular delegates may participate in the conference without becoming member of ISARS. The membership fee includes a printed copy of the journal SHAMAN. Regular members: 60,00 euros, Student/Unemployed Members: 35,00 euros.