

Call for Papers of the Panel
on
Diverse Ethnic Rites of Passage
in

The 16th World Congress of
The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES 2008)

The 16th International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) on **Humanity, Development and Cultural Diversity** will be held on 15-23 July 2008 in Kunming, Yunnan, China. The panel entitled **Diverse Ethnic Rites of Passage** has already been accepted by the Conference Organizers. The scholars and researchers who have interest, and enthusiastic to contribute their academic exercise to this panel, are earnestly requested to email the required information and the title of paper, abstract of the paper, and full paper to the organizers of this panel.

The language of this panel will be English.

Panel/Session Theme
Diverse Ethnic Rites of Passage

The present panel is wedded to explore the diverse rites of passage that the ethnic communities of our globe observe distinctively in their everyday lives from birth to death. This panel targets to share the in-depth empirical knowledge regarding the uniqueness of rites and ceremonies embedded with their life stages from conception, birth, and childhood to elder status and death, through adolescence and adulthood. It also endeavors to point toward the changes in their life cycle from the mundane to miraculous events occurring in the interplay of their biological development and cultural rites. The panel tries to pinpoint the diversities of the ethnic communities inhabited in close proximity to different geographic environment to dramatize various rituals for recognizing their social status assigned to every stages of life. Another focal concern of this panel is to explore how and why they use particular ecological resources and other material substances for making the rites of passage meaningful. Despite of diversity in beliefs and practices in this regard, their symbiotic relationships may additionally draw our attention in this proposed panel.

Please pay attention to the following deadlines:

1. The required information (pl see the **Form for the Paper Proposal**) and The abstract of your paper, before **30 October 2007**;
2. Notice of paper acceptance, before **30 December 2007**; and
3. Full and final version of paper **30 April 2008**.

Form for the Paper Proposal

Name of Contributor	
Position	
Address	
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Email	
Title of the Topic of Presentation	

Abstract

The abstract should clearly describe the content, major findings, methodological indication and conclusions of the proposed paper and its relationship to the topic or objectives of the session. The abstract should be no longer than **350 words** in Times New Roman, along with the paper title, key words, name, professional title, affiliation, and contact information of the author(s).

Submission

Interested individual participants to the panel should submit their paper abstracts to the Chairperson directly and/or the Organizing Committee.

Session/Panel Organizers

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3. Some delegates who organized annual sessions and symposiums who confirmed by IUAES Commissions; and
4. Keynote speakers.

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