OPEN CALL FOR PAPERS

A Conference on Nôm Studies
May 9-10, 2015
Gladfelter Hall, 10th Floor
Center for Vietnamese Philosophy, Culture & Society
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122
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The Center for Vietnamese Philosophy, Culture & Society at Temple University invites scholars, researchers, and other experts to submit original and unpublished works in Nôm studies. These may include multidisciplinary approaches, position papers, field studies, case studies, etc., exploring the current state, scope, methodology, references, databases, and areas of Nôm studies.

Nôm studies can be thought of as a branch of Vietnamese studies based on texts written in the ideographic script called chữ Nôm used in Vietnam from the tenth century to the 1920’s. Rapid advances in all aspects of Nôm studies have been achieved since chữ Nôm becoming accessible in the internet in the 2000s. Associated with this revival, Nôm texts have been found in many countries, particularly in private homes and villages in Vietnam... under all possible disciplines. This poses challenges to their protection, preservation and classification in library styles that help researchers.

Suggested Topics for Conference Papers:

1. Basic Research in chữ Nôm
   The problem of representing newly found uncoded Nôm ideograms in recently found texts on the internet has become urgent. Thus, the Conference hopes to explore such issues as the formation and development of chữ Nôm, Nôm orthographic units (as opposed to “radicals”), script types, functions of chữ Nôm, and problems of text studies of Nôm documents.

2. Fields of Nôm Research
   Scholarship related to historical dialectology, linguistics, and specialized language and idioms (in fields such as philosophy, medicine, mathematics, history, geography, and so on). The Conference hopes to initiate discussions on the scope of discipline specializations in Nôm studies through study of specific Nôm texts on specific subjects.

3. Problems in the Popularization, and Teaching of Nôm
   In the face of a shortage of comprehensive Nôm curricula and texts, the popularization of Nôm studies is difficult. Research in digital preservation of Nôm resources, in different formats and their bibliographic description, to provide a faster and fuller view of Nôm resources is needed. The Conference hopes to initiate efforts to develop textbooks for basic Nôm courses for researchers.

Submitted papers must describe work not previously published. Papers must not be submitted concurrently to another conference with refereed proceedings.

Abstracts and Paper Drafts Submission
1. Papers can be written in English, French or Vietnamese.
2. All submitted papers must have an abstract in English.
3. Abstracts should be 500 words, submitted together with author’s name, professional address, contact telephone and email, and a short biography.
4. All submissions are to be in both paper and in electronic form, or via email. Contact the Center at 2015NomConf@googlegroups.com, if you need help.

Papers Reviewing And Publication

1. Submitted papers will be reviewed. Accepted papers will be published as a part of the electronic proceedings.
2. All submitted papers will use Unicode standard Times New Roman, 12 point, single-spaced.

Important Dates

3. May 2, 2015: Final paper submission for both individual papers and invited sessions, both hard copies and electronic versions.

Important Information about coming to the Conference

1. The Center for Vietnamese Philosophy, Culture & Society will cover the conference costs and food for participants. It is expected that participants to the Conference will arrange and pay for their own transportation and lodging during the Conference.
2. The Organizing Committee has a limited amount of funds to support travel and lodging expenses for qualified participants.

Papers Submission and Conference information, please contact Prof. Kimberly Ann Goyette, Prof. Sophia Quinn-Judge and Dr. Ngô Thanh Nhàn at:

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