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### 8<sup>th</sup> SSEASR CONFERENCE

Dhaka, Bangladesh | June 13-16, 2019

A Regional Conference of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)  
Member of CIPSH under the auspices of the UNESCO

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## Second Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)!

The 8th SSEASR Conference Organizing Committee wishes you all well from Dhaka, Bangladesh! We are delighted to receive quite a good number of paper proposals so far from as many as 20 countries. As we go now busy to give final touch to the logistics, the following information would facilitate your plan to be here:

### Submission of

### Abstracts/Papers

If you have not submitted your abstract (300 words maximum) yet please visit our website:

[www.sseasr.org](http://www.sseasr.org)

Online Registration Form:

[www.sseasr.org/registration-form-wsc.php](http://www.sseasr.org/registration-form-wsc.php)

If you find difficult in submitting ONLINE, you can send us by email attachment with all the requisites as per the ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM.

Email us at:

[SSEASRBangladesh@gmail.com](mailto:SSEASRBangladesh@gmail.com)

### Please adhere to the following dates

Early Registration Deadline

 **March 15, 2019**

Panel Submission Closes

 **March 1, 2019**

Last Submission of Abstract

 **April 15, 2019**

Submission of Full paper

 **May 30, 2019**



## Travel Plan

Dhaka is the capital and largest city of Bangladesh covering a total area of 306.38 square km. It is one of the fastest growing megacities in the world with a population of 18.89 million people in the Greater Dhaka Area. As part of the Bengal plain, the city is bounded by the Buriganga River, Turag River, Dhaleshwari River and Sitalakshya River. The city's culture is known for its cycle-rickshaws, cuisine, art festivals and religious diversity.

Dhaka City is well connected by all major airlines in the world. More than 20 airlines in Bangladesh operate their business including the national carrier in the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka (DAC). You would find very good deal at the web portals of several airlines such as Biman Bangladesh Airlines (BG), Air India (AI), Jet Airways (9W), Thai Airways (TG), Malaysia Airlines (MH), Singapore Airlines (SIA), Emirates (EK), Qatar Airlines (QR), Turkish Airlines (TK), China Southern Airlines (CZ).

## Important Dates

<b>Inauguration of the Conference</b>		<b>Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 09:00 AM (BST)</b>
<b>Conference Closes</b>		<b>Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 10.00 AM (BST)</b>
<b>Pre-Conference Tour</b>		<b>Wednesday, June 12, 2019</b>
<b>Post-Conference Tour</b>		<b>Sunday, June 16, 2019 – Wednesday, June 19, 2019</b>

*Please make your travel plan accordingly. Those planning to join the Post-Conference Tour, please see the details below.*

## Visa

As a sovereign state, Bangladesh requires all foreigners to obtain permission to enter its territory. Visa is issued by Bangladesh Mission located throughout the world or on arrival to Bangladesh. However, Visa Fees vary by country. Make sure your passport is valid till 15th of December 2019 when applying for visa. You can apply for visa by submitting a copy of the invitation letter of our conference. For details, please visit the links below:

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ON ARRIVAL VISA

 [visitbangladesh.gov.bd](http://visitbangladesh.gov.bd)

 [www.visa.gov.bd](http://www.visa.gov.bd)



## Registration Fees

Please understand, we are running on a shoe-string budget and hence, the transaction fee for both ends in sending/receiving the amount has to be borne by sender. Furthermore, payment for the venue and meal during the conference will be made in advance, thus, there shall be no refund of fee whatsoever after May 10, 2019. Please email all details of transfer to us at:

[SSEASRBangladesh@gmail.com](mailto:SSEASRBangladesh@gmail.com)

Registration Fees	Local Participants	Foreign Participants	Developing countries Participants
Early registration	BDT 3000	US \$300	US \$250
Late registration	BDT 3500	US \$350	US \$300
Full time students	BDT 2000	US \$200	US \$150
	US\$ 200 (Overseas persons living in Bangladesh)	US\$ 250 (Retired academicians)	US\$ 200 (Retired academicians)

*The registration amount covers conference day meals, dinners, coffee/tea, conference publications, pickup service at the airport and entry to cultural and heritage sites and cultural evenings.*

*It does not include air tickets, hotels and other personal expenses.*

## Accommodation

For the convenience of the Registered Participants, we have identified following hotels in Dhaka that offer a special price for our conference. This special price would remain valid from **June 11 to June 20, 2019** for our Conference Guests.



**Hotel Purbani**

Room Category | **Deluxe**

Single Occupancy

**US\$ 85**

Double Occupancy/ Twin share

**US\$ 95**





**Hotel SEL Nibash**

Room Category | **Exe. Suite**

Single Occupancy

**US\$ 55**

Double Occupancy/ Twin share

**US\$ 60**

Room Category | **Deluxe**

Single Occupancy

**US\$ 35**

Double Occupancy/ Twin share

**US\$ 40**

*Room Tariff mentioned above are inclusive of all taxes & buffet breakfast*

**Note:** Hotel Payments are required to be paid to us only (Not to the Hotel) at the bank account details provided below. As this special price has been secured through prepayment made by us last week, we would solicit your entire stay payment in advance along with your other payments. In the event of cancellation of your attendance of the 8th SSEASR Conference, total accommodation amount will be refunded except one night deposit and transfer cost. Such refund request must reach us before May 10, 2019. All receipts will be issued by the 8th SSEASR Secretariat, Dhaka and will be given to you on arrival. If you require any invoice, let us know in advance. No card payment facility is available.

### **Pre and Post-Conference Tour**

Pre and Post-Conference Tours are now finalized. However, it should be noted here that the Sundarbans World Heritage Tour could not be arranged because the Government of Bangladesh has introduced a new policy this year that does not allow visitors to enter the Sundarbans between June and August, as the months are the wild animals' breeding season. Therefore, we have now arranged a **Pre-Conference Tour in Dhaka City** including **National Museum, Museum of Independence, Lalbagh Fort, Dhakeswari Temple** etc. on **12 June 2019** and **4Days 3Nights Post-Conference Tours** from the afternoon of **16 June to the afternoon of 19 June 2019** to visit **World Heritage Somapura Mahavihara, Paharpur archaeological site and Museum, Mahasthangarh archaeological site and Museum, Mainamati Archaeological Sites and Museum, 11th longest bridge of the world: Bangabandhu Bridge on the river Jamuna, Kherua Mosque, The largest Navaratna Temple of Bangladesh** etc.





**Bangladesh National Museum**



**Lalbagh Fort**



**Dhakeshwari Temple**



**Gokul Medh, Mahasthangarh**



**Somapura Mahavihara, Paharpur**



**Kherua Mosque**



**Rupbanmura, Mainamati**



**Navaratna Temple**



The total amount including 2 nights stay in Bogra, 1 night stay in Dhaka, tickets for AC mini bus with English speaking driver, entry fees for monuments and museums, meals, tea/coffee and snacks, mineral water during tour & guide service is as follows:

**US\$ 350 per person** (*twin share*) & **US\$ 450 per person** (*single*)

## Mode of Payment

for Registration Fee, Accommodation, Pre & Post-Conference Tour

### For Scholars of UK, USA, Europe and Canada

Account Name: SSEASR  
Account Number 586133-52-1  
Bank Name: CREDIT SUISSE (Switzerland) Ltd.  
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