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2018 CONFERENCE DETAILS & LOGISTICS
Suzhou (Soochow) University, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China PRC
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CIVILIZATIONS

Please join us for the 48th Annual Conference
of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations
to be held June 15-17, 2018

Suzhou (Soochow) University, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China

DEADLINE for CONFERENCE REGISTRATION is April 14, 2018

Registration Form is on the ISCSC website

<http://www.iscsc.org>

Conference Theme:

Civilizational Analysis and the Enhancement of Inter-Civilizational Understanding

LOCATION: The conference location for the 48th ISCSC Conference in 2018 is Suzhou (Soochow) University, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China PRC. The address is School of Foreign Languages, Soochow University, 1 Shizi Street, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, P.R. China 215006.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Conference Registration deadline is **April 14, 2018**. Registration Instructions and payment information are found on the ISCSC website. <http://www.iscsc.org>. Although the deadline to register is April 14th, please consider the time necessary to acquire a Chinese visa depending on your country of residence. After completion of the Conference Registration and Payment instructions, a formal Invitation Letter from our Chinese hosts will be forwarded to you along with your hotel confirmation. It may take several days for these documents to be processed and sent to you, so please factor in the delay if the documents are required for your particular visa application.

COST TO REGISTER: Registration cost is \$225 U.S. (\$175 U.S. for students). Registration cost *includes* a one-year membership in the ISCSC; an opportunity to present at the conference*; subscription to *Comparative Civilizations Review*, the ISCSC professional journal; and the many benefits of affiliation with scholars around the world.

HOSTS: Our hosts at Suzhou (Soochow) University are Professors Fang Han Wen, Director of Comparative Literature and Comparative Civilizations, and Shi Yuanhui, Vice Dean School of Foreign Languages. Professor Fang is ISCSC Vice President of Coordination to China.

HOTEL AND SUGGESTED ARRIVAL: Conference participants should plan to arrive in Suzhou (Soochow) by June 14th, at least one day prior to the initial conference date, for hotel check-in. Our hosts have made arrangements for us to stay at the Suzhou Dongwu Hotel approximately a short walk to the School of Foreign Studies at

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Soochow University where conference sessions will be held. The reduced hotel price per night for our conference group is approximately 400 RMB (approximately \$60 USD) per night, for either single or double occupancy. Upon completion of Conference Registration, a hotel reservation will be made for you by our Chinese hosts. They have secured the preferred hotel rooms for our group. Your payments to the hotel will be made individually, on-site, upon arrival. *Our hosts have asked that you **not** make individual hotel reservations.*

MEALS: Breakfast is included at the host hotel and a banquet/dinner will be provided for all attendees during the conference. Other meals are on your own and locations will be suggested or otherwise made available.

AIRPORT & TRANSPORTATION: Attendees can fly to Shanghai Hongqiao Airport or Shanghai Pudong Airport, either of which has access by bus or express train to Suzhou Railway Station. Additional travel details will be added to the ISCSC website as they become available. The Railway access is more frequent and expedited from Hongqiao Airport and there are signs in English directing visitors to the Railway ticket booth.

Plans are being explored to have university student volunteers to assist conference attendees on-site.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE*: If you are interested in presenting a paper at the conference, please see our Call for Papers (CFP) document which is also on the ISCSC website, <http://www.iscsc.org> and consider submitting an Abstract according to the instructions. The deadline to submit Abstracts is March 20, 2018. A *Poster Session* in addition to formal presentations is under consideration and included on the CFP.

Sincerely,

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