



International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations (ISCSC)  
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

for

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual ISCSC Conference, September 10-15, 2025  
The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations  
with our 2025 hosts, Hallym University Doheon Academy, Chuncheon, Republic of Korea

### SAVE THE CONFERENCE DATES

Arrival September 10, 2025; Conference Program September 11-13, 2025; Lunch, Korean Culture Workshop and dinner reception on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Presentations 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Field Trip and Banquet 14<sup>th</sup>; Departure September 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Additional Conference and Registration details will follow in early 2025.

### WHERE:

Host: Hallym University Doheon Academy, Chuncheon, Republic of Korea.  
Hallymdaehak-gil, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do 24252, Korea

### Primary Theme:

#### Science, Civilization, State

#### How Civilizations are Affected by Science and the State – Past, Present, Future

Civilizations evolve, transform, and decline in response to internal and external influences. Science, war and nation-states are major catalysts to civilization viability and change. The Age of Reason shrinks religion and defines modernity. How did we get here, and where is humankind going? The International Society for the Comparative Studies of Civilizations (ISCSC) historically tackles big questions and provides this forum to continue the tradition.

Suggestions for possible topics for papers and/or panels could include, but are not limited to:

- The effects of artificial intelligence (AI) on society
- The role of religion in civilization
- War and civilization
- Growth and reach of the modern state
- Science and myth
- Ideology as fable
- Dangers and opportunities of a global knowledge elite
- The possibility of a wiser civilization
- Improving humans through medicine, robotics, and genetic engineering
- The clash of environmentalism and economics
- Cultural and environmental protection

- Characteristics of Asian civilizations: China, Japan, Korea, India, etc.
- Papers or panels may also address one of the seven ISCSC advocacy themes:
  - Comparative Civilizational Analysis
  - Social Resilience and Survival of Civilizations
  - Western Civilization and its Values
  - Climate Change Action
  - Confucian/Western Interactions
  - Islamic/Western Interactions
  - Democracy, Capitalism and Civic Engagement

**Guide for Authors:** Abstracts of up to 300 words are to be in English, using MS WORD, Times New Roman, 12-point font. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be included in Conference program materials. The Conference language will be English.

Please include your name, contact information, email, and professional affiliation details (or list as Independent Scholar) directly on the abstract document itself in addition to within your email message when sending. Send a copy of your abstract, as an attachment, to the following ISCSC Board Members: Program Chair , Robert Bedeski at [reb1206ck@gmail.com](mailto:reb1206ck@gmail.com), and Joseph Drew at [joseph.drew@iscsc.org](mailto:joseph.drew@iscsc.org)

Approved papers will be presented by whomever submitted the abstract and in person at the Conference.

**Important Dates:** Firm deadline for abstract submission is May 1, 2025. Notification of acceptance for presentation at the conference will be approximately May 20, 2025. Late submissions may be considered only by request to the Program Chair and under exceptional circumstances.

**Deadline:** Firm Conference Registration deadline *for presenters* is June 25, 2025. This date is different from the abstract submission deadline.

**Deadline:** Firm Conference Registration deadline *for non-presenters* is July 15, 2025.

These important deadlines are in place to ensure that our hosts and the ISCSC have adequate time for arrangements; so that our Program Chair is able to coordinate the full conference program, and that timely notice can be given to all interested parties.

Detailed Registration information will be posted and updated on the ISCSC website as it becomes available at: <http://www.iscsc.org> As with any international travel, current passport and visa requirements apply.

You are cordially invited and encouraged to register and attend whether submitting an abstract for presentation or not. For questions regarding abstracts please contact Conference Program Chair Robert Bedeski at [reb1206ck@gmail.com](mailto:reb1206ck@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



Lynn Rhodes  
President, ISCSC