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The Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies announces the first Himalayan Studies Conference at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, which will be held from October 28th to 30th, 2011 in conjunction with the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. The conference will be held on campus and accommodation will be arranged in area hotels. Please plan now to attend.

We propose a variety of formats for paper presentations, including those listed below, and encourage panels that allow for audience participation, discussion and that are inter-disciplinary. Each session will be two hours in length.

1. Traditional 20 minute presentations for four paper presenters plus a discussant.

2. Workshops devoted to intensive discussions of papers presented. Papers (restricted to three) will be posted online (accessible with a password to registered conference participants). Commentators will critique the paper, and the authors will respond briefly, after which discussion will be widened to include the audience.

3. Roundtable discussions on a topic of broad interest, with 4-5 participants and a moderator.

4. Panels focused on discussing a recent significant publication or film from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

5. Individual paper proposals are also welcome

We invite your ideas for additional formats. Please write to Arjun Guneratne at guneratne@macalester.edu with your ideas. Panelists are invited to submit papers presented at the conference to Himalaya, the journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, for publication; the journal is particularly interested in themed issues which may be based on the topic of a single panel or sequence of panels.

A website for the conference with additional details will be online in the Fall and may be accessed through the website of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (anhs-himalaya.org).