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# ASIAN RESOURCES ON THE WEB

## Central Asian Studies

Central (Eur)Asian studies has long been a field that is fragmented and underdeveloped, with its feet widely spread between Islamic/Middle Eastern studies, East Asian studies and Slavic/Soviet studies. We are trying to counteract this in a variety of ways. So our goal is to promote as wide involvement in these activities as possible. The Central Eurasian Studies Society is devoted to promoting communication and improvement of scholarship in all fields of the humanities and social sciences pertaining to the region from the Crimea and the Caucasus in the west to Mongolia and Tibet in the east (including such places as: Iranian Azerbaijan, Volga Basin, Afghanistan, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Kazakstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Xinjiang, Tuva, Buryatia, etc.).<sup>1</sup>

- General information about the organization may be found at the CESS Website: <http://cess.uno.edu>.
- The first Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sept. 28 - Oct 1, 2000. Information about this meeting will be made available through the CESS website: <http://cess.uno.edu/>
- CESS will produce a bulletin, available on the Website and in print format.
- Interested persons world wide are welcome to join and get involved. Visit [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CESS\\_Membership\\_Form.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CESS_Membership_Form.html) to join CESS.

<Central Asian Studies World Wide> -- This is a comprehensive reference resource that will help you to learn about and orient yourself in worldwide study of this region. 13,000 people a month refer to this rich website. Visit: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/>. And let us know if you are interested in joining the effort to build further on this resource by writing to [casww@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:casww@fas.harvard.edu). The resources available on CASWW include "Dissertations in Central Asian Studies" [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW\\_Diss.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW_Diss.html) and The "Central Asia Experts Page" (now gathering data) [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW\\_Expert.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW_Expert.html).

<Central-Asia-Inst-List> -- This is a discussion list intended to promote cooperation and coordination in institutional initiatives in Central (Eur)Asian studies. To learn

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1 Already among the membership of CESS, there are representatives of several dozen countries, including every country of Central Eurasia aside from Afghanistan. Nevertheless, the largest part (44%) of the members who have joined so far are from North America, whereas 37% are from Central Eurasian and immediately neighboring countries. (...) In Europe, ESCAS (European Society for Central Asian Studies) has been consistently active and increasingly so in recent years. I hope that CESS can work very closely with ESCAS.

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<centralAsia-L Announcement List for Central Asian Studies> -- This is the best source anywhere for information on activities and resources in Central Asian studies world wide (conferences, publications, grants, jobs, etc.). With 2,500 subscribers, it has grown since 1995 to have the widest readership of any similar medium in Eurasian studies. To learn more about how to distribute an announcement, or to subscribe (for free), visit [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/Subscribe\\_CA-L.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/Subscribe_CA-L.html)], or write to [owner-CentralAsia-L@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:owner-CentralAsia-L@fas.harvard.edu). A rich archive of past postings is also available at the web address.

<Central Asia Experts Directory> -- Aimed at matching those who have expertise with those who need it, this web resources provides thorough profiles and indexing of experts in all fields. The data will soon be available on-line at [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW\\_Expert.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW_Expert.html)]. -- If you belong in the Directory, visit the same site to submit your information.

<Dissertations in Central Asian Studies> -- To provide easy access to information about "up and coming" scholars in Central Asian studies, the Dissertations site provides indexed information on recent dissertations (within the last ~8 years) in all fields. This resource helps conference organizers and editors find contributors, and helps young scholars see what work is being done already to help determine where they can make their own contributions. Visit [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW\\_Diss.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~casww/CASWW_Diss.html) to see the hundreds of dissertations already included, or to submit the information on your dissertation or those of others in your department.

These are just a few of the initiatives that are under way to try to build communications and strong community and high intellectual standards among those focused on this part of the world.

Please consider this also an invitation to join in collaboration and to let us know about similar projects that you are involved in. If it seems too much to absorb all at once, then you might just join CESS or subscribe to CentralAsia-L, and this will open the door so that you can learn about other resources in time.

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