

Call for papers

Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies 14th Biennial Conference

31 January–1 February 2019
Griffith University, Gold Coast Australia

The Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AACaPS) invites panel and paper proposals for the 14th Biennial Conference to be held at the Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia on 31 January–1 February 2019. The event will be hosted by Griffith Business School in collaboration with the Griffith Asia Institute and the National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

*Conference theme: 30 Years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall.
How Communism and Post-communism are tracking*

The year 2019 will mark 30 years since the fall of the Berlin wall. This symbolic event led to German unification and the collapse of communist party rule in countries of the Soviet-led Eastern bloc. Since then, the post-communist countries of Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe have tied their post-communist transition to deep integration into the West, including EU accession. Most of these states have been able to relatively successfully transform their previous communist political and economic systems, although the non-Baltic post-Soviet states have generally been less successful in doing so. In contrast, communist countries in Asia, in particular China and Vietnam, have focused their transformation on economic reforms and development while largely maintaining communist party political dominance.

This conference seeks to address and compare those diverse developments in communist and post-communist countries and their relationship with the West from various angles. The conference organisers welcome papers and panel proposals from a broad range of disciplines, including but not limited to: economics and finance, political science, history, sociology and cultural studies. The geographic focus of the conference is broad and includes countries of the former USSR, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, and Asia. Studies focusing on other regions are also welcome.



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Discussion topics

1. Russia and its role in global affairs.
2. Central and Eastern Europe: Challenges of EU accession and post-accession
3. China under Xi Jinping's leadership.
4. Crisis on the Korean Peninsula and the prospects for peace.
5. Central Asia and its recent developmental dynamics.

Submission of proposals

Please send the following to aacaps2019@griffith.edu.au:

- 1) name, 2) current institutional affiliation, 3) title/position, 4) postal address,
- 5) title of panel or paper, 6) panel description or abstract of paper (200 words or less).

Key dates

- Submission deadline: 31 July 2018
- Panel and abstract acceptance notification issued: 31 August 2018
- Full draft paper submitted to be peer-reviewed: 31 December 2018

Selected papers presented at the conference will be invited for publication in the special journal issues.

Conference registration

- Standard—\$100
- Concessional—A\$60 (current AACaPS members, Griffith University staff, full-time students)

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