



INTERNATIONAL ALTAY COMMUNITIES SYMPOSIUM – XIV The Past, Present, and Future of Altaic Studies

September 9-12, 2026 | Baku, Azerbaijan

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the symposium entitled **International Altay Communities Symposium – XIV: The Past, Present, and Future of Altay Studies**, which will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on September 9-12, 2026, hosted by the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. The symposium will be organized in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the First Turkology Congress.

The symposium will address the past, present, and future of Altaic studies within various disciplines such as linguistics, history, art history, archaeology, ethnography, anthropology, folklore, literature, and geography. It will provide a platform for discussing new findings, current issues, proposed solutions, and perspectives for future research in the field.

Within the scope outlined above, the symposium will feature panels and sessions on topics related to Altay communities. Papers submitted to the symposium will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and organized into the program based on their content and topics. Each abstract presented on the panel should be a maximum of 300 words.

The abstracts for the individual papers to be submitted for the symposium should not exceed 300 words.

A panel will be made up of three or four participants, including the panel leader. Panel chairs are responsible for coordinating the presentations of panel members and ensuring sufficient time for discussion. Therefore, panel chairs have the right to invite speakers of their choice to participate as panelists. Each panel proposal should include the topic, rationale, and a description of each participant's contribution. Each abstract presented on the panel should be a maximum of 300 words.

Each presentation in panels and sessions will be limited to 15 minutes.

It is planned that approximately 100 papers will be accepted for the symposium. Preference will be given to original and innovative studies that explore previously unexamined topics and contribute to the advancement of the field. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to determine both the number and selection of papers to ensure the high academic quality of the symposium.

Symposium Calendar:

Deadline for abstract submission: March 15, 2026

Participants must fill out the attached Registration Form and submit an abstract of no more than 300 words.

Announcement of the accepted panels and papers: May 1, 2026

Panel and individual abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee, and authors will be notified whether their submissions are accepted or not.

Paper languages: Altaic languages, English, and Russian.

During the symposium, meal expenses and cultural excursion costs will be covered by the Organizing Committee. Travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by participants. The list of hotels available for booking and further information about the symposium will be announced later.

With kind regards,

Organizing Committee

* Please send the Registration Form and abstract to the following address:

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