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## INTERNATIONAL ALTAY COMMUNITIES SYMPOSIUM – XIII NAMING, TITLING, AND NICKNAMING CULTURE

September 3–5, 2025 | Szeged, Hungary

### First Circular

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce to you the symposium entitled **International Altay Communities Symposium – XIII: Naming, Titling, and Nicknaming Culture in the Altaic World**, which will be hosted by the Department of Altaic Studies, the University of Szeged, Hungary, from September 3 to 5, 2025.

This symposium will focus on the practices of giving names, titles, and nicknames within Altaic communities. It will cover topics such as the historical evolution and etymology of names, titles, and nicknames among Altaic communities; the naming of mythological and epic characters; the stories behind names, titles, and nicknames; cultural identity, social status, class, gender, and age-related naming conventions; traditions and rituals; function of character names in literary works; and the impact of social changes on naming traditions.

The symposium aims to document and compare the practices of giving names, titles, and nicknames from past to present, emphasizing their role in shaping the values and identities of Altaic communities.

Within the scope outlined above, the symposium will feature panels and sessions on topics related to Altaic communities. Papers submitted to the symposium will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and organized into the program based on their content and topics.

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 individuals, including the panel leader. The panel leaders are responsible for both ensuring the general coordination of the panel members to present their views and approaches and for making sure there is enough time for discussion. For this reason, the panel leaders have the right to invite the panel members of their choice. The panel proposal should explain the contribution of each individual paper to be presented on the panel, with regard to topic and justification. The abstract of each paper on the panel should be 300 words, at most.

Duration of presentation for each topic in panels or sessions will be 15 minutes.

The symposium plans to accept approximately 80 papers, prioritizing original and previously unexplored topics of academic interest. The Organizing Committee retains the right to determine the selection and number of papers to ensure the symposium meets a high academic standard.

**Symposium Calendar:**

*Deadline for abstract submission: April 1, 2025*

Participants are required to complete the Registration Form (attached) and submit an abstract of no more than 300 words.

*Announcement of the accepted panels and papers: May 1, 2025*

The Scientific Committee will review all panel and individual abstracts, and the acceptance or rejection will be communicated to the participants.

*Paper languages:* Altaic languages, English, German, and Russian.

During the symposium, the Organizing Committee will cover the participants' meal and cultural tour expenses. However, participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. Further details, including recommended hotels and symposium updates, will be announced later.

With our respects,

The Organizing Committee

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