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### **Suggested topics:**

- Globalization and Asian Merchant Culture
- Merchants As Aristocrats: Changing Tastes in Art, Literature and Society
- Transnational Identity and Merchant Culture
- Archaeological Traces of Merchant Cultures
- Merchant Cultures and Urban Space
- Jewish Merchant Cultures in Asia
- The Silk Road Today
- Asian Diasporas and the Global Economy

We welcome paper and panel proposals on other related topics.

The development and movement of Asian merchant cultures provides a fascinating perspective from which to view the cultures of Asia, as well as other cultures with which they have interacted. This international conference seeks to explore the various ways that Asian merchant cultures intersect.

We invite proposals for panels and papers from scholars of all disciplines. Suggested topics could consider globalization and the relationship between economics and culture, or could consider specific aspects of market cultures in Asia or the Asian Diaspora. Letters of intent and abstracts of 500-600 words, along with a curriculum vitae, must be received by **November 1, 2005**; completed papers by **February 1, 2006**. Presentation time is limited to 20 minutes (10-12 typed, double-spaced pages, excluding notes). Since selected papers may be published in the conference proceedings, previously published material should not be submitted.

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