



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PREMODERN ASIA, WESTERN BRANCH

The 2025 meeting of the American Society for Premodern Asia (ASPA, formerly AOS), Western Branch, will take place on **October 16–18**, hosted by the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Colorado Boulder. All members of the society are cordially invited and enthusiastically encouraged to attend, to organize panels, and to present papers.*

Please send by **Monday, July 21**, a title and 250-word abstract for a proposed paper. Successful applicants will be notified in early August, at which point registration and payment must be sent in. All registrations and payments, for paper presenters and attendees who do not wish to present a paper, must be received by **Monday, September 1**. Accepted papers will be allotted 15–20 minutes for presentation. Final programs will be emailed to participants at the end of September.

Proposals (Word documents, **by July 21**) should be sent to Antje Richter: richtea@colorado.edu.

Registration forms (**by September 1**) should be sent via email to the Secretary-Treasurer of the society, Timothy Davis: [wbaspal951@gmail.com](mailto:wbaspa1951@gmail.com). Payment can be made on the [WBASPA website](#) or sent to Timothy Davis (see instructions on the attached Registration Form).

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD:

To encourage graduate students to engage in the activities of the Western Branch, the society has created the “Graduate Student Travel Award of the American Society for Premodern Asia, Western Branch.” This year, two awards will be offered to subvent expenses to attend the Western Branch meeting up to a sum of \$500. Awardees will also be honored by special recognition during the conference and on the society’s website. The number of awards in future years will depend on the amount of donations made for this purpose.

Graduate students who intend to apply for the award should indicate this in the email that accompanies the submission of their registration form and abstract. All applications to the Graduate Student Award will be anonymously reviewed by members of the Executive Committee of the Western Branch.

***Attendance at the conference does not require membership, but to present a paper you need to be a member of the American Society for Premodern Asia.**

Membership information is available at the society’s website: <http://www.aos-site.org>.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

All sessions will be held at Norlin Library on the campus of the University of Colorado Boulder.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Arrangements have been made with the **Moxy Boulder** for a discounted conference rate of \$229/night for a Queen Bedroom. The Moxy is a brand new hotel conveniently located on the “Hill” (1247 Pleasant St), less than a 10-minute walk from the conference venue.

The conference rate will be available either until September 20 or until all rooms are booked, whichever comes first. We strongly encourage you to make your reservation at the Moxy right away. (Should your plans change, you can cancel your reservation until 48 hours prior to your scheduled arrival.) To ensure access to the conference rate, please book using this link only:

[Book your group rate hotel room for ASPA Western Branch Conference.](#)

TRAVEL FROM DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DIA):

The most convenient and inexpensive method of transportation is the RTD Bus AB line. It takes a bit more than an hour from Denver Airport Station to Broadway & Euclid Ave (from where it’s a ca. 8 minutes’ walk to the Moxy). Tickets are \$10 one-way. For information about the schedule and stops go to <https://app.rtd-denver.com>.

The EightBlack Shuttle usually takes longer but will drop you off at the hotel directly. It requires prior reservation at <https://eightblackairportshuttle.com>. Tickets are ca. \$65 one-way, \$130 for a round trip.

Cabs or rideshares (Uber/Lyft) cost around \$90 one-way and take around 45 minutes.

If you are driving, valet parking at the hotel is available for \$40 per day.

WEATHER:

Mid-October is usually a delightful time in Boulder, with clear skies and daytime highs in the 60s, although nighttime lows are often in the 30s. This can vary of course, so please check weather forecasts before departure.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET:

A **reception** will be held in the Humanities Library (HUMN 350) in the Eaton Humanities Building on Thursday, October 16, at the conclusion of the afternoon session, with drinks and light snacks, 7:00–9:00 PM. The annual meeting **banquet** will be held at the CU Boulder Koenig Alumni Center on Saturday evening 7:00–10:00 PM. The traditional keynote address will be given by the current President of the Western Branch, **Professor Yuming He** from the University of California, Davis.