

Message from the Board of Sasha

To our current members and returning readers, a big welcome back. And to our new Sasha members and readers, a warm welcome to the city of Helsinki and the Aleksanteri Institute community. As the student association representing Aleksanteri Institute students, we are thrilled to have you join us in this dynamic academic and cultural environment. Whether you're here to begin your studies, attend the Aleksanteri Conference, or explore new perspectives on Eurasian studies, we hope you find both inspiration and belonging with like minded individuals.

We are particularly excited to welcome the new students who are starting their academic journey at the Aleksanteri Institute this year. As you embark on this new chapter, we encourage you to immerse yourself in the vibrant academic community, attend our events, and connect with fellow students and scholars. Your fresh perspectives and enthusiasm are invaluable, and we look forward to seeing the contributions you will make.



We would also like to extend a special welcome to scholars and guests from outside the Aleksanteri Institute who are attending the conference and engaging with our publication for the first time. Your participation enriches our discussions and broadens the scope of academic dialogue.

Many of Sasha's members will be actively participating and presenting at the Aleksanteri Conference. We encourage all conference attendees to engage with the student presenters and participants you may encounter throughout the event. These interactions offer an opportunity for the exchange of ideas across different stages of academic careers and provide a platform for meaningful dialogue.

Thank you for joining us in Helsinki, and we look forward to an inspiring and enriching conference experience with all of you. 