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## **Call for Papers**

### **40th International Conference**

International Society for the

Comparative Study of Civilizations

Tuesday-Thursday, June 15–17, 2010

Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, USA

#### **Main Theme: Civilizational Futures**

#### **Sub-Themes:**

- What roles religion, in the past, today and tomorrow?
- Is a global civilization developing? How would we know?
- How can past civilizational crises inform the present?
- Does ecology matter, or are these crises driven entirely by culture, politics, religion and other social phenomena?

#### **Eternal Themes:**

- What is a “Civilization” anyway?
- How are civilizations distinct from nations, societies and cultures? Are they correlated with empires?
- How many are there in human history... and today?
- Does history repeat itself?
- What is the nature of the relationship between technology and civilization?
- Are civilizational transformations necessarily traumatic, or can civilizations “transform” peacefully?
- When civilizations “clash” can they hybridize by combining strengths positively? Or must one die?
- How do art, language and culture matter compared to the ancient drivers of commerce and military affairs?

Submission Deadline is March 15, 2010. Email abstracts to:

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