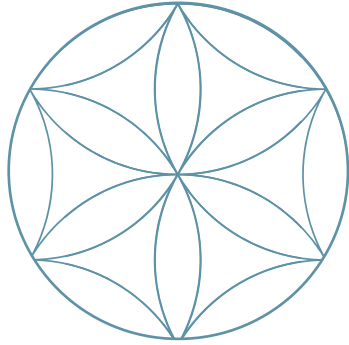


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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

KAREN L. THORNER

*Victor and William Fung Director,
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Professor of East Asian Languages
and Civilizations and of Comparative
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May 2019

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I share with you the activities and achievements of the Harvard University Asia Center in academic year 2018-2019.

Founded in 1997-1998 “to make the University the best place, outside of Asia, for the study of Asia,” the Asia Center is one of the university’s largest international centers. The incredibly diverse regions we cover – stretching from Pakistan in the west to Japan in the east, from Mongolia in the north to East Timor in the south – are home to more than 60 percent of world population and several of the world’s largest economies.

Our current mission – building on the strong leadership of Professor Andrew Gordon, Acting Director AY16-17, developed by the Asia Center Faculty Steering Committee and full Asia Center staff at our October 2017 retreat, displayed prominently on our new website, referred to explicitly at most meetings of Asia Center faculty and staff, and directly guiding most everything we do – is **Generating and sharing knowledge about Asia in transnational and transregional perspective. Fostering teaching, collaboration, and innovation across and beyond cultural and disciplinary boundaries.** Recognizing that Asian nations and their peoples have been inextricably interconnected with one another and with those of other regions for much of history, and that cultural, economic, environmental,

legal, medical, political, religious, social, and other phenomena in Asia regularly transcend boundaries, the Asia Center is becoming a world leader for the study of Asia in transnational, transregional, and transdisciplinary perspective.

Also shaping nearly all the transformations to the Asia Center in the last few years has been our tireless commitment to increasing transparency, accessibility, inclusion/belonging, and diversity.

Changes in AY18-19 to Governance, Community, Programming, Publicity/Presence, Outreach, Book Publishing, Faculty and Student Funding (more details, including complete lists of committee members, events, and grant recipients, can be found in the text and appendices of this Annual Report and on the new Asia Center website)

GOVERNANCE: We have completely restructured the Center’s governance, with the goal of increasing faculty participation in the Center and enabling broad faculty decision-making responsibilities concerning both academic programming and expenditures of Center funds. AY18-19 was the third year of the new faculty Steering Committee, composed of tenured faculty members from 10 Harvard schools, which meets monthly during the academic year, discusses matters of importance to the Center, and determines the Center’s priorities and policies. AY18-19 was the second year of the new Asia Center Council (ACC), which replaced the

former Harvard Council on Asian Studies. The ACC meets twice annually to discuss matters of importance to Asian studies at Harvard and makes decisions on the programming, activities, and direction of the Asia Center. Unlike the former Harvard Council on Asian Studies, the much larger and more diverse Asia Center Council brings together all tenured and tenure-track faculty members across Harvard schools whose primary research focus is on Asia; also unlike the former Harvard Council on Asian Studies, the ACC additionally includes numerous long-term lecturers and faculty colleagues of similar rank with deep training on/in Asia. Detailed minutes are now circulated after Steering Committee and ACC meetings so that everyone can remain informed; the ACC membership list is circulated at every ACC meeting, with colleagues encouraged to suggest additional faculty members who should be included.

In AY18-19, we completely restructured the International Advisory Committee, which provides the Asia Center with vital support and connections worldwide. Many members of this formerly 50+ member committee had long ago moved to other pursuits, so working during summer 2018 in Hong Kong with Victor Fung, the chair of this committee, we established new guidelines and expectations for giving and began creating a new committee that includes a broader range of individuals. In addition, we inaugurated the new category of Honorary Fellows, to recognize the significant contributions of former

members of the IAC to the success of the Asia Center over the past 20 years. The Asia Center depends almost entirely on the generosity of its donors, and meeting so many of our supporters both during frequent trips across Asia as well as in the United States has been one of the great pleasures of serving as Director.

COMMUNITY: In the last few years, the Asia Center has created a diverse community of scholars and other professionals dedicated to working on Asia in transnational and transregional as well as transdisciplinary perspective; many of these individuals now enjoy newly reconfigured office space in the Asia Center's suite in CGIS.

In AY18-19, we launched the Asia Center's first Postdoctoral Fellows Program, welcoming two outstanding recent Ph.D.'s – Professor Elsa Clavé (Goethe University) as the Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow and Dr. Xiaofei Gao (University of California, Santa Cruz) as the Victor and William Fung Postdoctoral Fellow – chosen from more than 150 applicants. In addition to giving public talks on their research, Professor Clavé and Dr. Gao participated in a range of Asia Center activities throughout the year.

The spring 2019 postdoctoral fellowship competition likewise attracted more than 150 applicants, who were vetted by nearly 70 faculty members from across Harvard; as was the case in spring 2018, final decisions were made by a faculty committee. In September 2019 we will welcome our second cohort of postdocs at

the Asia Center: Victor and William Fung Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Adhira Mangalagiri, Lecturer in Comparative Literature, Queen Mary University of London (Ph.D. 2017, University of Chicago), Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. John Buchanan, Director of Research for the Institute for Strategy and Policy, Myanmar (Ph.D. 2018, University of Washington), and Jeffrey Cheah Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Chun Sheng Goh, United Nations University, Tokyo (Ph.D. 2018, Utrecht University).

AY18-19 was the third year of the Asia Center's Graduate Student Associates Program (GSA), which brings together for biweekly meetings about a dozen graduate students chosen from across Harvard schools to present their transnational and transregional scholarship to a diverse audience. The Center is grateful to Professor Anne Monius for expertly directing the AY18-19 GSA program. GSA appointments are by application; decisions are made by a faculty committee.

AY18-19 was the third year of the Asia Center's new Affiliates Program, which brings to campus a diverse group of Visiting Scholars, Associates, and Fellows who have strong support from a Harvard faculty colleague. Membership in these programs is by application, with clear deadlines, required faculty commitment to the affiliate they are nominating, and faculty committees making final decisions. Affiliates give a public talk on their work as part of the Asia Center Fellows Seminar Series; they also are frequently included in Center events.

As Harvard President Bacow noted in his March 2019 speech at Peking University, scholars and their institutions are often capable of doing things that their governments are not; we must maintain scholarly connections with our colleagues in other parts of the world, especially during times of tension among nations. The Asia Center facilitates these collaborations through many of its activities, and especially through its Affiliates and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs; most Asia Center visitors are from countries other than the United States, and the Asia Center is committed to integrating them fully into the Harvard community.

PROGRAMMING: The Asia Center made numerous changes to its programming in AY18-19. One of my many goals as Director has been to expand the number, types, and diversity of events that we feature at the Asia Center, which now sponsors or co-sponsors more than 100 events annually. The Center no longer sponsors male-only panels, and, among other efforts, it is actively rectifying the severe gender imbalance of the Tsai Lecture, the Asia Center's keynote event.

In AY18-19, the Asia Center significantly increased the range of topics addressed in the talks/panels/conferences/film series/exhibits that it (co)sponsors, making sure – consistent with our mission – that we engage rigorously with as many facets as possible of Asia in transnational, transregional, and transdisciplinary perspective. Our events, which often are co-sponsored with other centers across Harvard, connect faculty

members and students with scholars, practitioners, professionals, policy makers, and communities in North America, Asia, and globally to address critical transregional challenges and opportunities, and to foster international understanding and strengthen mutual respect. A list of topics covered at Asia Center events in AY18-19 can be found in the appendices.

In AY18-19, we launched four new faculty-directed seminar series. Faculty members apply for funding for these series as part of the Asia Center's faculty grants competition: Asian American Studies (Professor Ju Yon Kim), Borders in Modern Asia (Professors Sunil Amrith and Sugata Bose), Early Modern Asia (Professor David Atherton), and Science and Technology in Asia (Professor Victor Seow). In AY18-19, we also greatly expanded the popular Asia Beyond the Headlines seminar series and reconvened the Southeast Asia seminar series. Longstanding seminar series such as the Asia Center Fellows seminar series, Asia Center seminar series, and South Asia without Borders seminar series thrived in AY18-19, which likewise saw a diverse range of exhibits and films and an active Thai Studies Program.

SOUTHEAST ASIA: One of the mandates of the Asia Center is to develop the study of Southeast Asia at Harvard, and to further this goal I met with numerous donors in Southeast Asia and ensured the strength of the newly reconfigured Asia Center Southeast Asia Committee, including appointing Professor

Sunil Amrith as chair of this committee; Professor Amrith skillfully led the Asia Center's Southeast Asia Committee in AY18-19 and worked with colleagues to plan numerous initiatives for AY19-20 and beyond. The Asia Center's Southeast Asia Committee was greatly expanded in spring 2019, incorporating all of Harvard's junior faculty members whose work focuses on Southeast Asia. In addition, in AY18-19 the Asia Center hosted a broad range of events on Southeast Asian cultures, economies, elections/political systems, history, humanitarian crises, and other fields. We also created a new Thai Studies Committee in spring 2019; with Dr. Jay Rosengard replacing Professor Michael Herzfeld as Director of the Asia Center's Thai Studies Program, Dr. Malavika Reddy (who will join the faculty as Assistant Professor of Anthropology in January 2020) replaced Dr. Rosengard as chair of the Asia Center's Thai Studies Committee.

PUBLICITY/PRESENCE: Following its spring 2018 debut on social media with the creation of its Facebook page, the Asia Center launched its new website in September 2018, the result of more than 18 months of planning. This is the first time the Asia Center has had a comprehensive website that makes all its funding and programming opportunities transparent and accessible to Harvard students, faculty, staff, and the broader community. The website's interactive map feature also facilitates connections among faculty, students, and visitors. Emailed to thousands of individuals worldwide, the Center's new *Asia Center*

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This Week newsletter is its first publication focused on Center activities and opportunities, and it has helped the Center develop a stronger presence both on campus and further afield. This *Annual Report* is the Center's first in more than a decade, and I expect it will inaugurate a regular practice at the Center.

OUTREACH: The Asia Center has long engaged in many forms of outreach to the broader community; highlights from AY18-19 are described in this report. To give one example, in spring 2018, the Asia Center transformed a system whereby it had given money to two organizations devoted to K-12 education on Asia with which the Center had longstanding ties into a system whereby we advertise our opportunities broadly and organizations apply to the Asia Center for funding. And in spring 2019, the Asia Center for the first time publicized its funding opportunities for student group trips, including service trips, with the goals not only of increasing the rigor of such programs but also of enabling a broader range of students to benefit from Asia Center resources. These changes make our funding opportunities open to all and increase inclusion and diversity.

BOOK PUBLISHING: The Asia Center stands out from the other Harvard international centers and most Asia-related centers globally with its Publications Program, which produces about 15 books annually on the East Asian humanities/humanistic social sciences. Nearly every year, one or more Asia Center books win a major scholarly prize. During AY18-19, in addition to publishing 15 new titles, we significantly restructured the Publications Program. As of spring 2019, we enjoy a new agreement with Brill that promises to expand the reach of our books, and most of our titles are now available digitally through JSTOR and Project Muse. Moreover, following current best practices in scholarly publishing, as of AY18-19, we are outsourcing most of our copyediting. This increases the capacity of the Publications Program, enabling us to publish a greater number of books. I'm particularly pleased that the Asia Center Council, Publications Executive Committee, and Steering Committee all agreed that going forward, the Asia Center will publish books on South and Southeast Asia, in addition to those on East Asia. Expanding the range of books published will bring the Publications Program more in line with the Asia Center mission and enable us to contribute more significantly to new fields in Asian studies.

We also restructured the publications faculty committees in AY18-19, guided in part by Professor David Howell's recent successful reorganization of the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*. Creating a new Publications Executive Committee and Publications Advisory Committee, both expertly chaired by Professor Carter Eckert, enables us to vet potential Center publications more thoroughly than in the past and thus to create a more deliberately chosen and even stronger list, while expanding faculty participation. Faculty colleagues from



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across the university, together with publications staff, are encouraged to solicit books more actively than in the past, ensuring that the Center publishes the top books in Asian humanities and social sciences.

FACULTY AND STUDENT FUNDING: The Asia Center aims to fund all competitive faculty and student projects. To meet current needs and to increase the diversity of its community, the Asia Center has developed several new categories of competitive grants for both faculty members and students, including faculty seminar series (discussed above and later in this report) and student group trip grants (mentioned above), as well as graduate language grants. In addition, seeking to be more inclusive, we greatly reduced the amount of unadvertised funding given out on an ad hoc basis (i.e., not being vetted by a faculty committee). As of February 2019, all Asia Center faculty and student funding opportunities are advertised on our website, and all decisions on faculty and student funding are made by faculty committees, with the exception of decisions for certain undergraduate student grants, which are made by our postdoctoral fellows. Although ladder faculty members are prioritized for faculty grants, non-ladder faculty and other Harvard researchers are also eligible and regularly receive funding, including in AY18-19. It is crucial that our funding opportunities be as transparent and accessible as possible.

The Asia Center has long funded the research and conferences of tenure-track faculty members, but we

have recently expanded our engagement with these scholars, opening the Asia Center Council (see above) to all tenure-track faculty members across Harvard schools who work primarily on Asia; opening our Southeast Asia Committee (see above) to all tenure-track faculty members across Harvard schools who work on Southeast Asia; actively working with tenure-track faculty members on developing events and seminar series for the Center, giving them opportunities to give public talks on their research, and inviting them to participate on Asia Center panels and in Asia Center conferences; and, perhaps most important, giving their applications for research funding top priority. The study of Asia in transnational and transregional perspective is a rapidly growing field, particularly among graduate students and tenure-track faculty members, making the support of the Asia Center especially crucial.

Harvard is distinctive in having not only the Asia Center but also exceptionally strong centers devoted to a single country or region of Asia – the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard China Fund, Korea Institute, Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, as well as centers that also engage with multiple parts of Asia – the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, and East

Asian Legal Studies at Harvard Law School. Together, these and other centers, with which the Asia Center frequently collaborates, make Harvard unparalleled in the study of Asia.

The Asia Center is committed to fulfilling its mission and furthering the teaching and research missions of Harvard University, creating new knowledge and making new discoveries that will address the challenges and opportunities facing Asia and our planet. We thank the countless faculty members, staff, professionals, students, and friends who have allowed us to flourish and who continue to guide us; we look forward to your thoughts and suggestions and to your continued collaboration. Given the many ways we've intellectually and structurally strengthened the Asia Center in AY18-19, we're very excited about the future of the Center as a leading center globally for the study of Asia in transnational and transregional perspective.

With warm wishes, and with thanks,



Karen L. Thornber

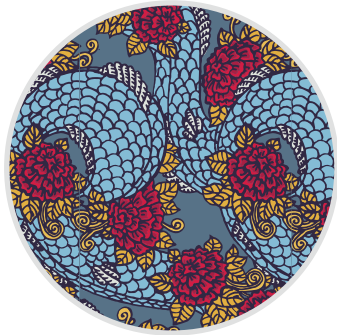
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- 14 - Staff Members
- 22 - International Advisory Committee (IAC) members
- 27 - Honorary Fellows (former members of the IAC)
- 6 - Fellows
- 4 - Visiting Scholars
- 13 - Associates
- 2 - Postdoctoral Fellows
- 13 - Graduate Student Associates
- 2 - Fairmont Scholars
- 7 - Fung Fellows
- 32 - Faculty Projects Funded
- 85 - Student Projects Funded
- 15 - Books Published
- 100+ - Events



NEW SEMINAR SERIES

Asia Beyond the Headlines
Southeast Asia Seminar Series
Science and Technology in Asia
Early Modern Asia
Borders in Modern Asia
Asian American Studies

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Early Modern Asia Seminar Series

Early? Modern? Asia

THREE PERSPECTIVES

Professor Carla Nappi
Department of History, University of Pittsburgh

Professor Elaine Fisher
Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University

Professor Michael Charney
Department of History, SOAS, University of London

Chair: Professor [Name]

Friday, November 16, 2018
 SO50, Japan Center Building
 CGIS South, 17

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BORDERS IN MODERN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES

Crossing the Borders of Asian History and Global History: ON C. A. BAYLY'S *REMAKING THE MODERN WORLD*

Chaired by: **SUGATA BOSE**
Gardner Professor of History, Harvard University

Introduction via video by: **SUSAN BAYLY**
Professor of Anthropology, University of Cambridge

SOUTHEAST ASIA SEMINAR SERIES

THE IMPACT OF MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICIES ON POVERTY INCIDENCE USING FINANCIAL COMPUTABLE GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM (FCGE): CASE EVIDENCE OF ASEAN-3

DR. NUR AIN SHAHRIER
Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and Finance, Sunway University Malaysia

CO-CHAIR: **DR. JAY ROSENGARD**
Director, Thai Studies Program, Harvard University Asia Center; Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

FEBRUARY 25
Monday 2019 12
 SU53, 1st Floor, CGIS South, 17

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WRITING ASIAN AMERICA: A READING AND CONVERSATION WITH THREE POETS

POETS:

TAMIKO BEYER
is the author of the poetry collections *Last Days* (forthcoming) and *We Cross Elemental*. Her work has been published in *Black Warrior Review*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Literary Hub*, *the Rumpus*, *Duke*, and elsewhere. She is a Kundiman and VONA fellow and a Hedgebrook alumna. She is also a social justice communications writer and strategist.

PAUL TRAN
is the recipient of the Ruth Lilly & Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship from Poetry Magazine and the Discovery/Boston Review Poetry Prize. Their work appears in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry Magazine*, and elsewhere. Paul is the first Asian American since 1990 to win the *New Yorker* Poets-Cole Grand Slam, placing Top 50 at the Individual World Poetry Slam and Top 2 at the National Poetry Slam.

EMILY YOON
is the author of *Ordinary Multitudes* (Tupelo Press, 2017), winner of the Susan Garden Chapbook Prize. Her first full-length collection, *A Cruelty Special to Our Species*, was published by Ecco in 2018. Her poems and translations have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry Magazine*, *Columbia Journal Online*, *Pinkshoe*, and elsewhere. She is the poetry editor for *The Margins*, the literary magazine of the Asian American Writers' Workshop. In 2017, Yoon was a recipient of the Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowship from the Poetry Foundation.

CHAIR: PROFESSOR JU YON KIM
Department of English, Harvard University

APRIL 22
Monday, 2019 | 4:15 p.m.

SO30, JAPAN FRIENDS OF HARVARD CONCOURSE,
 CGIS SOUTH, 1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

Sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center and co-sponsored by the Korea Institute, Asian American Studies Working Group and the Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights



A complete list of 2018-2019 Asia Center events can be found in the appendices to this report; highlights appear here.

Inaugurated in fall 2017, the **Asia Beyond the Headlines Seminar Series** focuses on urgent contemporary issues that cut across Asia. Its first year, the series addressed topics such as the history and impact across Asia of China's Belt and Road Initiative, continuing tensions on the Korean Peninsula, the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar, and contemporary repercussions of forced migration during the partition of British India.

In 2018-2019, the Center organized nine Asia Beyond the Headlines seminars, ranging from a panel of seven speakers discussing Operation Tomodachi (lit. Operation Friends), a United States Armed Forces assistance operation supporting Japan in the wake of the 2011 T hoku earthquake and tsunami (see sidebar), to Professor Mary Brinton (Harvard) addressing gender inequality in Japan and Korea and Sreang Heng

(President, PEN Cambodia) and Yee Htun (Harvard) speaking on contemporary Cambodian responses to the Khmer Rouge genocide. In 2018-2019, the Asia Beyond the Headlines series also featured panels on press freedoms in Asia (see sidebar), climate change in Asia for non-scientists, the strategic relationship between India and China, constitutional revision in Japan, challenges to democracy in Southeast Asia, and engaging North Korea.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Asia Center also developed an active **Southeast Asia Seminar Series**. Two of the highlights were Asia Center postdoctoral fellow Professor Elsa Clavé's talk "Shaking up the Established Order: Reflections on Recent Changes in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines" and the panel "Co-optive Engagement: Challenges to Democracy in Southeast Asia," which also was an Asia Beyond the Headlines event, featuring Professor Jacques Bertrand (University of Toronto), Professor Puangthong Pawakapan (Chulalongkorn University and Harvard-Yenching Institute), Dr. William Overholt (Harvard), and Dr. Jay Rosengard (Harvard).

Four additional faculty-directed seminar series, inaugurated during the 2018-2019 academic year as part of the Asia Center's new faculty seminar series grants program, addressed Science and Technology in Asia, Early Modern Asia, Borders in Modern Asia, and Asian American Studies. The Asia Center now works with faculty members to develop seminar series that

provide new perspectives on Asia in transnational and transregional as well as transdisciplinary perspective.

The Science and Technology in Asia Seminar Series, convened by Professor Victor Seow of the Department of the History of Science and inaugurated in fall 2018, focuses on critical historical and contemporary issues in science and technology in East, South, and Southeast Asia. The series brings to campus speakers whose work deeply interrogates the place of the scientific and the technological in Asia and the place of Asia in our ideas and practices of science and technology.

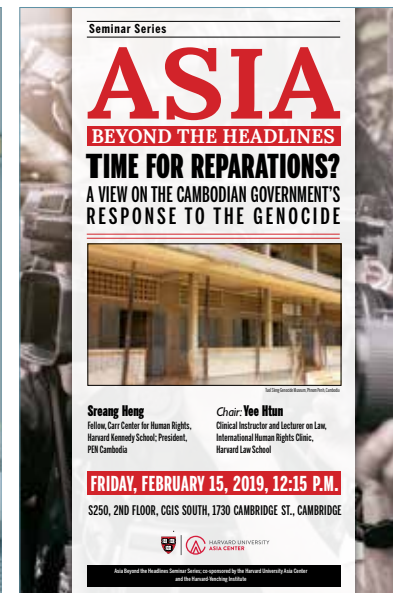
Science and technology are often regarded as the means by which we can realize better futures. For Asian states and societies from the late nineteenth century until today, the pursuit of the scientific and the technological has held promises of progress that would elevate their country's position in the world order. To give one example, for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), science, technology, and innovation are "powerful determinants and enablers of economic development, educational programs, and protection of the environment," and the association has committed to developing nine areas from biotechnology to infrastructure and resource development. The Science and Technology in Asia seminar series traces the historical contingencies and contemporary factors through which science and technology became and remain so deeply intertwined with visions of wealth and power in Asia and beyond.

But science and technology are not mere stepping stones paving the way toward the teleological endpoint of modernity. They have served as tools in the subjugation of peoples, the extraction of resources, and the destruction of the natural world. The Japanese empire that once extended throughout much of East and Southeast Asia experimented with cutting edge science and mobilized state-of-the-art technology in service of its expansionist endeavors. Even when science and technology have been marshaled for nobler or at least less ostensibly nefarious goals, they have often yielded unintended consequences that have had severe human costs. The Asia Center's Science and Technology in Asia seminar series eschews blind valorization of the scientific and technological, embracing instead a critical appreciation for how science and technology are very much implicated in the larger workings of states and societies across Asia.

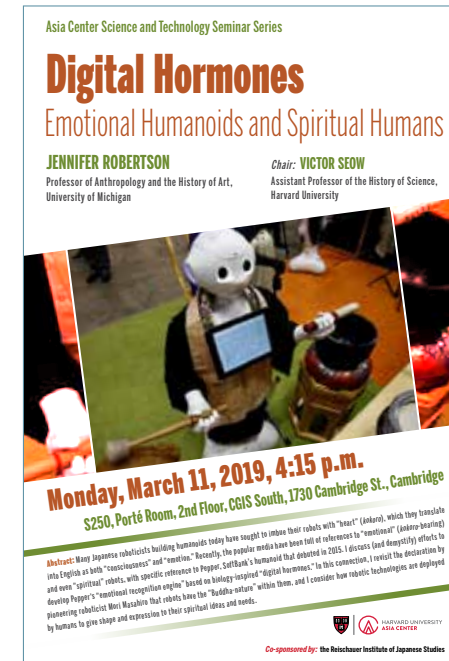
Seven speakers gave talks in the series during the 2018-2019 academic year: Professor Marta Hanson (Johns Hopkins University), Professor Suzanne Moon (University of Oklahoma), Professor Soyoung Suh (Dartmouth College), Professor Jayita Sarkar (Boston University), Professor Zuoyue Wang (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona), Professor Jennifer Robertson (University of Michigan), and Professor Dagmar Schäfer (Max Planck Institute).

The Early Modern Asia Seminar Series, convened by Professor David Atherton of the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, focuses on the comparative potential of “early modernity” in suggesting a certain

Yee Htun (r) calls on an audience member at Sreang Heng's (l) talk on "Time for Reparations?"



Professor Victor Seow introduces Professor Jennifer Robertson at the "Digital Hormones" Science and Technology in Asia seminar.



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BORDERS IN MODERN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES

Parody, Appropriation, and Displacement in Early Modern Bengali Sufi Fictions:
or Navigating the Realm of the *Imaginaire*

TONY K. STEWART
Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in Humanities, Vanderbilt University

Chair:
SUGATA BOSE
Gardiner Professor of History, Harvard University

**Thursday
October 4, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

Robinson Hall Lower Library,
35 Quincy St., Cambridge

Co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University



Seminar Series

ASIA
BEYOND THE HEADLINES

OPERATION TOMODACHI:
PROCESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS—THE U.S.-JAPAN ALLIANCE AFTER THE FUKUSHIMA NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

Koichi Isobe
Lt. Gen. (Ret.), Japan Ground Self-Defense Force; Asia Center Senior Fellow; Senior Fellow, Asia Pacific Initiative, Tokyo; Strategic Advisor, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.

Chair: **Ezra Vogel**
Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences, Emeritus, Harvard University

Discussants:
Burton M. Field
Lt. Gen. (Ret.), U.S. Air Force; former Commander, U.S. Forces Japan; Vice President, Strategic Planning, Aeronautics Strategy and Business Development, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co.

Joseph Nye
Harvard University Distinguished Senior Professor; Research Professor, Harvard Kennedy School

Robin "Sak" Sakoda
Former Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State, and former Senior Country Director for Japan, the Office of the Secretary of Defense

Scott H. Swift
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Robert C. Williams Fellow, Center for International Studies, MIT

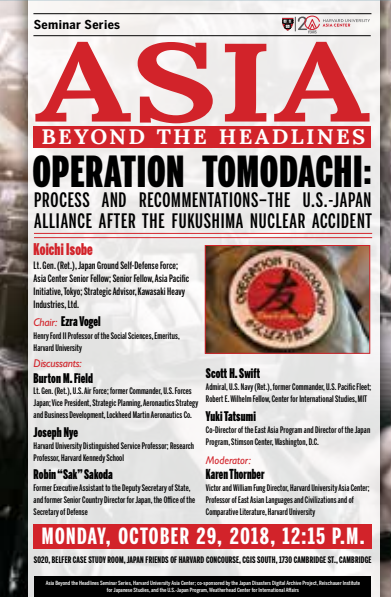
Yuki Tatsumi
Co-Director of the East Asia Program and Director of the Japan Program, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

Moderator:
Karen Thornber
Victor and William Fong Director, Harvard University Asia Center; Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations and of Comparative Literature, Harvard University

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018, 12:15 P.M.

SIOUX, BEEFER CASE STUDY ROOM, JAPAN FRIENDS OF HARVARD CONDOMINIUM, CASE SOUTH, 1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

Asia Beyond the Headlines Seminar Series, Harvard University Asia Center (co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation Digital Archive Project, Research Institute for Japanese Studies, and the U.S. Japan Program, Northeast Asia Center for International Studies)



NEW SEMINAR SERIES
Asia Center Science and Technology Seminar Series

SEPTEMBER 17
Marta Hanson, Johns Hopkins University
Heaven and Earth Are Within One's Grasp (*Qian Kun zai wo 乾坤在握*):
The Handy Mind in Late Imperial Chinese Medicine

OCTOBER 15
Suzanne Moon, University of Oklahoma
Reporting Indonesia's Green Revolution

NOVEMBER 19
Soyoung Suh, Dartmouth College
Breasts, Cancer, and Women in Korea, 1800-1930s

4:15 p.m., Science Center B-10, 1 Oxford St. Cambridge

Hosted by the Department of the History of Science. Co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and the Korea Institute



Early? Modern? Asia?:
THREE PERSPECTIVES

Professor **Garie Nani**
Department of History, University of Michigan

Professor **Shinji Fukui**
Department of History, University of Michigan

Professor **William Chaney**
Department of History, University of Michigan

Joint Professor **Sooyoung Suh**
Dartmouth College

Friday | 2018 | 12:15 p.m.
NOVEMBER 30

2501 Japan Building at Harvard University
1200 South St. 37th Cambridge St. Cambridge

Seminar Full
No more seats available



SIDEBAR:

OPERATION TOMODACHI

Asia Center Fellow Lieutenant General Koichi Isobe gave an Asia Beyond the Headlines seminar series talk on October 29 titled “Operation Tomodachi: Process and Recommendations—the U.S.-Japan Alliance after the Fukushima Nuclear Accident” to a packed audience. General Isobe served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Strategy (J-5), Japan Joint Staff, during the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.

Professor Ezra Vogel (Harvard) chaired and Professor Karen Thornber moderated the panel, which featured five discussants. In addition to General Isobe, these included Professor Joseph S. Nye (Harvard), Burton M. Field (Lieutenant General [Ret.] U.S. Air Force, and former Commander, U.S. Forces Japan), Scott H. Swift (Admiral [Ret.], U.S. Navy, and former Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet), Robin Sakoda (Former Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State and former Senior Country Director for Japan, Office of the Secretary of Defense), and Yuki Tatsumi (Co-Director of the East Asia Program and Director of the Japan Program, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.). General Isobe reviewed the coordination process during the aftermath of the triple disaster of the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accident. He reiterated the importance of personal relationships among members of the two governments and militaries as well as of a proactive bilateral command and control structure. General Isobe also extended, on behalf of the Japanese people, his deepest appreciation to the United States, and especially the United States military, for their tremendous support.

commensurability of experience across a diverse range of cultures. This seminar series brings together scholars from different humanistic disciplines, working on different regions of Asia, to speak with one another on shared themes in dominant discourses of early modernity. The series addresses the themes—and the very concept of “early modernity” itself—as open questions rather than as answers or definitions, and the dialogues are an invitation to compare, challenge, rethink, and possibly replace. Several key questions addressed are: How are the local, regional, and global experiences of early modernity transformed when examined in trans-Asian perspectives? Might we discover alternative models that will prove more intellectually productive? Can such dialogue across regions and disciplines produce fruitful insights?

The inaugural event of the Early Modern Asia seminar series, held in November 2018, was titled “Early? Modern? Asia?: Three Perspectives” and brought together Professor Carla Nappi (University of Pittsburgh), Professor Elaine Fisher (Stanford University), and Professor Michael Charney (SOAS) – a historian of Qing science, a scholar of south Indian religion, and a scholar of Burmese intellectual and military history, respectively. The three presenters were asked to address the seminar’s overarching themes provocatively and creatively, resulting in three very different presentations that resonated in exciting and sometimes unexpected ways around the history,

uses, perils, and promise of the regional and temporal categories we use to make sense of Asia’s past.

“Early Modern [Global] Asia,” the second seminar of the Early Modern Asia seminar series, was held in March 2019 and featured Professor Ning Ma (University of Minnesota), a specialist in East Asian literature; Professor Sugata Ray (UC Berkeley), a specialist in South Asian art; and Professor Elsa Clavé (Harvard and Goethe University), a historian of early modern Southeast Asia. These individuals held a spirited dialogue on the contention that early modernity is characterized in part by the flow of ideas, objects, and people on a scale that was global for the first time in history.

The Asia Center’s third new faculty-directed seminar series for 2018-2019 was Professor Sunil Amrith and Professor Sugata Bose’s **Borders in Modern Asia: Making and Crossing Imperial Frontiers and National Boundaries Seminar Series** (Professors Amrith and Bose both hold joint appointments at Harvard in the Department of History and Department of South Asian Studies). There has never been a more critical time for studying borders. Contemporary political events across the world have awakened us to the direct presence of borders in our lives, be it in the construction of identity or the regulation of international travel. For scholars in the humanities and social sciences, this moment produces new challenges for conceptualizing state practices and collective identities. Given their ubiquity, borders are particularly rich sites for critically

examining a variety of questions, from the global flow of capital to everyday practices of border crossing.

Borders in modern Asia geographically encompass both terrestrial and oceanic frontiers within and around the Asian landmass. The Borders in Modern Asia seminar series discusses phenomena related to these frontiers dating from the early nineteenth century to the present. The series explores the historical transformation of imperial frontiers into national boundaries in modern Asia. How, and because of which historical processes, did frontier regions of empires such as the British, the Dutch, and the Qing transform into borders of nation-states including India, Burma, or China? What political, economic, cultural, and ideological changes were associated with such transitions? These questions shed light on the move from empires to nations, a key historical change in modern Asia. Speakers in this seminar series delve into these questions, drawing on their expertise in various parts of Asia. They also bring to the table a variety of perspectives and disciplinary methodologies, including but not limited to archival work, textual analysis, engagement with visual and material cultures, and ethnography.

Speaking as part of the Borders in Modern Asia seminar series during academic year 2018-2019 were Professor Susan Bayly (University of Cambridge), Nandita Das (Filmmaker, India), Professor Sarvani Gooptu (Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata), Professor Nayanjot Lahiri (University of Delhi), Professor Charles S. Maier

NEW SEMINAR SERIES

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER
Early Modern Asia Seminar Series

**Early? Modern? Asia?:
THREE PERSPECTIVES**

Professor Carla Nappi
Department of History, University of Pittsburgh

Professor Elaine Fisher
Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University

Professor Michael Charney
Department of History, SOAS, University of London

Chair: Professor David Atherton
Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University

Friday | 2018 | 12:15 p.m.
NOVEMBER 30

S050, Japan Friends of Harvard Concourse,
CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER

**Beyond The Nation
And The Novel: THE DRAMA AND MUSIC
OF DWIJENDRALAL ROY**

Address in Modern Asia Seminar Series
Chaired by: **SUGATA BOSE**, Co-chair: Professor of History, Harvard University, **SIBHIL ANANDTA**, Maha Family Professor of South Asian Studies, Harvard University

A Reading on "MUSICAL DISCOURSE" BY **SUBHINI GOVIL**, Professor of Music Library and Cultural Studies, Nehru Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, from her book *The Music of Kolkatahood*

SUGATA BOSE on "Literature as History"

Performance of D.L. Roy's songs (including those from his play *Shuk Jahan*) by **Sarvani Gupta** and **Sugata Bose**, accompanied by **Dipankar Deshmukh** on the *tabla* and **Rajesh Pal** on the *tabla*

THURSDAY | 2018 | 5:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 29

S010, Teal Auditorium, CGIS South
1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge

ASIA CENTER SEMINAR SERIES

**FINDING A VOICE:
A CONVERSATION ON CHINA'S
FEMINIST VOICES with LÜ PIN**

LÜ PIN
Chinese journalist and feminist activist

CHAIR: JULIAN GEWIRTZ
Lecturer, Department of History, Academy of Education, Harvard University for International and Area Studies, Harvard University

DISCUSSANT: MOIRA WEIGEL
Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows

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Co-sponsored by the Farah East Center for Chinese Studies and Area Migration

APRIL 18
Thursday, 2019 12:15 p.m.

S250, PORTER ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, CGIS SOUTH
1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

(Harvard University), Professor Tansen Sen (New York University, Shanghai), Professor Setsuko Shibuya (University of Fukuchiyama, Japan), Professor Samira Sheikh (Vanderbilt University), Professor Tony K. Stewart (Vanderbilt University), Professor Eric Tagliacozzo (Cornell University), and Professor Mou Banerjee (Clemson University).

The Asia Center hosted an **Asian American Studies Seminar** in April 2019, the first in a new series convened by Professor Ju Yon Kim (Department of English) in collaboration with the Committee on Ethnicity Migration, Rights and the Asian American Studies Working Group, which focuses on research, issues, and concerns in the field of Asian American studies. The April seminar featured three leading Asian American poets – Emily Yoon, Tamiko Beyer, and Paul Tran – discussing their work and the concepts of Asian American and Asian American literature more broadly. Professor Si Nae Park led a discussion with graduate students of Ms. Yoon’s poetry at lunch earlier in the day.

Seminar Series

**ASIA
BEYOND THE HEADLINES
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
IN JAPANESE POLITICS TODAY**

Professor Alexis Dudden
Department of History, University of Connecticut

Professor Timothy George
Department of History, University of Rhode Island

Professor Keigo Komamura
Faculty of Law, Vice-President, Keio University

Professor Franziska Seraphim
History Department, Director of Asian Studies, Boston College

Chair: Professor Helen Hardacre
Reischauer Institute Professor of Japanese Religions and Society, Harvard University

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018, 12:15 P.M.

S020, BELFER CASE STUDY ROOM, JAPAN FRIENDS OF HARVARD CONCOURSE, CGIS SOUTH, 1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

Professor Helen Hardacre introduces speakers at the “Constitutional Revision in Japanese Politics Today” panel.



SIDEBAR:

PRESS FREEDOMS IN ASIA: PERSPECTIVES FROM CHINA, MYANMAR, AND THAILAND

In October 2018, the Asia Center's Asia Beyond the Headlines seminar series brought together panelists David Barboza (business correspondent and former Shanghai Bureau Chief, *The New York Times*; winner of the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting), Esther Htusan (Niemman Fellow; Associated Press reporter), and Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan (Harvard-Yenching Institute; Chulalongkorn University). The event was moderated by Mable Chan (Fairbank Center Associate in Research and former ABC News producer and Hong Kong TVB news correspondent), and participants spoke about the increasing difficulties faced by journalists in China, Myanmar, and Thailand.

The panelists described the monitoring of journalists by the governments of all three countries. Although the work of Chinese journalists is regularly censored in China, Barboza, as a U.S. correspondent there, was not subjected to censorship. However, he was followed and threatened, and he found it difficult to communicate safely with sources. Before 2012, only state-run newspapers were legal in Myanmar, and although the censorship board was removed in 2013, local journalists are still censored regularly. Htusan received death threats after reporting on the Rohingya refugees and stressed that many journalists have stopped going to difficult areas. Censorship is also prevalent in Thai media. Pawakapan noted that if someone posts something controversial on a website in the U.S., they can be arrested upon entering Thailand, regardless of whether they are a Thai citizen. All three panelists spoke on the ways they evaluate risks in reporting, and they all agreed that the dark side to new and better technology has been an increase in the surveillance of journalists.



(l to r) Nieman Fellow Esther Htusan and New York Times reporter David Barboza speaking at the “Press Freedoms in Asia” panel. Not pictured: Professor Puangthong Pawakapan and panel chair Mable Chan.



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ONGOING SEMINAR SERIES

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Asia Center Fellows Seminar Series
Asia Center Book Talks

ASIA CENTER FELLOWS SEMINAR SERIES

MAKING A COASTAL REVOLUTION: FARMERS, FISHERMEN, AND SOCIALISM IN NORTHEAST CHINA, 1946-76

GAO XIAOFEI
Victor and William Fung Foundation
Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Center

Discussant:
CHRISTIAN HESS
Associate Professor, East Asian History,
Sophia University, Tokyo

MARCH 1
Friday, 2019 | 12:15 p.m.

S153, 1ST FLOOR, CGIS SOUTH
1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

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SOVEREIGNTY IN CHINA: AND THE LONG LEGACIES OF HISTORY

DR. MARIA ADELE CARRAI
Fellow, Harvard Asia Center;
Senior Researcher, KU Leuven, Belgium

Chair:
PROFESSOR WILLIAM ALFORD
Jerome A. and Joan L. Cohen Professor of East Asian Legal Studies;
Director, East Asian Legal Studies, Harvard Law School

Commentator:
PROFESSOR ANNE ORFORD
Visiting Professor of Law and John Harvy Gregory Lecturer
on World Organization, Harvard Law School

MAY 3 | Friday, 2019 | 12:15 p.m.

S153, 1ST FLOOR, CGIS SOUTH
1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

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and East Asian Legal Studies, Harvard Law School

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Asia Center Seminar Series

IN SEARCH OF A BENEVOLENT POLITY: ELDERLY SUICIDE IN CHINA AND A CONFUCIAN SOCIO-ETHICAL VISION OF ELDERCARE

PROFESSOR JING-BAO NIE
University of Otago, New Zealand

Chair:
PROFESSOR ARTHUR KLEINMAN
Esther and Sidney Rabb Professor of Anthropology,
Harvard University; Professor of Medical Anthropology
and Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

September 19, 2018 | 4:00 p.m.
CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge

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Chair:
PROFESSOR SUGATA BOSE
Gardiner Professor of History, Harvard University

APRIL 19
Friday, 2019 | 12:15 p.m.

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1730 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE

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Along with its four new seminar series, in 2018-2019, the Asia Center hosted numerous talks and other events as part of three longstanding Asia Center seminar series. A complete list of events can be found in the appendices to this report; highlights appear here.

The Asia Center Seminar Series featured a broad range of topics and speakers, beginning in September 2018 with Professor Jing-Bao Nie (University of Otago) discussing elderly suicide in China and wrapping up in May 2019 with Harvard Professor Melissa Dell’s talk on General MacArthur’s economic purges in Japan. Other speakers and topics in this series included Professor Meg Rithmire (Harvard) on “Unfaithful Friends: State and Business in Developing Asia” and Nieman Fellows Esther Htusan and Yoshiaki Nohara discussing the challenges they face as journalists in Asia. Their talk was part of a yearly event hosted by the Asia Center featuring Asia-based Nieman Foundation fellows.

The Asia Center Fellows Seminar Series featured a number of the Center’s affiliates speaking on topics ranging from political cultures in the Thai-Malay Peninsula; to farmers, fishermen, and socialism in Northeast China (see sidebar); to the social cost of automobiles and environmental policies in Japan and China.

The Asia Center likewise organized a number of Asia Center Book Talks throughout the year including a

discussion with author Parag Khanna on *The Future is Asian* and a book launch for Professor Hans Pols’s (University of Sydney) *Nurturing Indonesia: Medicine and Decolonization in the Dutch East Indies*. Professor Philip Thai (Northeastern University) also presented on “Trans-Asian Encounters and China’s War on Smuggling,” based on his new book *China’s War on Smuggling: Law, Economic Life, and the Making of the Modern State, 1842-1965*.

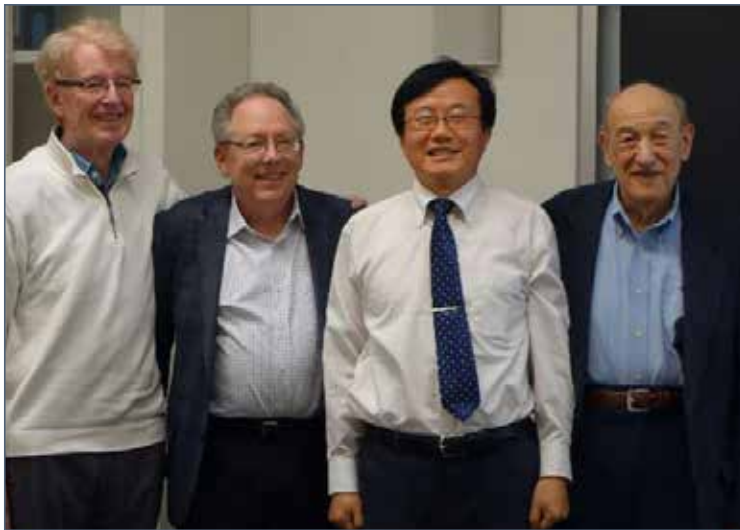
SIDEBAR:

**MAKING A COASTAL REVOLUTION:
FARMERS, FISHERMEN, AND SOCIALISM IN NORTHEAST CHINA, 1946-76**

Dr. Xiaofei Gao’s talk in March used archival documents and oral interviews to examine Northeast China (also known as Manchuria) in the socialist era through the spatial category of the “Yellow/Bohai Sea Rim,” an area along the coast of Manchuria between the Bohai Bay to the west and the Korea Bay to the east. Central questions were: What can we learn about Manchuria if we put oceans and seas at the center of our inquiry? And how can we link the contributions of social history, with its stress on local labor and gendered practices, to maritime studies, which often remain at the global and transnational levels?

To engage with these questions, Dr. Gao considered the Rim as an assemblage of different scales: transnational, regional, local, household, and individual, revealing both regional integration and the complexities of local societies and individual reactions. She argued that to bring revolution to a coastal area historically entwined with the Japanese empire and the postwar Soviet occupation, the socialist state adjusted its revolutionary ideologies to accommodate specific political considerations. This process brought to the fore tensions in the coastal, rural society regarding boundaries between agricultural and nonagricultural activities, and between labor performed by men and labor performed by women.

ONGOING SEMINAR SERIES



(1 to r) Professors Michael McElroy, Andrew Gordon, Harutoshi Matsutani, and Ezra Vogel.



(1 to r) Professors Sugata Bose and Elsa Clavé.



Professor Ngoc Tho Nguyen.

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SOVEREIGNTY IN CHINA: AND THE LONG LEGACIES OF HISTORY

DR. MARIA ADELE CARRAI
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THE SOCIAL COST OF AUTOMOBILES AND ENVIRONMENT POLICIES IN ASIA: A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON CHINA AND JAPAN

PROFESSOR HARUTOSHI MATSUTANI
Fellow, Harvard Asia Center; Professor of Economics,
Aichi University, Japan

Chair:
PROFESSOR EZRA VOGEL
Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences, Emeritus

Discussants:
PROFESSOR ANDREW GORDON
Lee and Juliet Folger Fund Professor of History, Harvard University;
Acting Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute

PROFESSOR MICHAEL MCELROY
Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies, Department of Earth
and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University, and Harvard John A. Paulson School
of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Chair, Harvard-China Project
on Energy, Economy and Environment

MONDAY | MAY 6 | 2019 | 12:15 p.m.

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the Hutchins Institute of Japanese Studies

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POLITICAL CULTURES IN THE THAI-MALAY PENINSULA: IDEA OF SPACE AND FORMATION OF TERRITORY (17TH-19TH C.)

ELSA CLAVÉ
Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow;
Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian Studies,
Goethe University, Frankfurt

Chair:
PROFESSOR SUGATA BOSE
Gardiner Professor of History, Harvard University

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Friday, 2019 | 12:15 p.m.

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TAKING ROOT WHEREVER YOU LAND: THE LITURGICAL TRANSFORMATION OF POPULAR CULTS AMONG ETHNIC CHINESE IN VIETNAM

**PROFESSOR
NGOC THO NGUYEN**
Asia Center Visiting Scholar/Associate Professor in East
Asian Cultural Studies, Vietnam National University,
Ho Chi Minh City

Chair:
PROFESSOR MICHAEL SZONYI
Frank Wen-Hsiung Wu Memorial Professor of Chinese History;
Director, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018
12:00 P.M.

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NAMED LECTURES

14TH TSAI LECTURE
The Honorable
CAROLINE KENNEDY
Reflections on Time as Ambassador
Tuesday | 4:30 p.m.
Nov.
S010, Tsai Auditorium
Japan Friends of Harvard
CGIS South Building
1730 Cambridge Street
Harvard University

4TH STANLEY J. TAMBIAH LECTURE
Materializing Thai Heritage:
Chance and the Life Cycle in the New Ethnology
HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER
PROFESSOR PENNY VAN ESTERIK
Department of Anthropology.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER
AUGURAL SURIN PITSUWAN LECTURE IN THAI POLITICS AND SOCIETY
ELECTIONS, COUPS AND CONSTITUTIONS:
THAILAND'S RECKONING IN REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE
Professor **Thitinan Pongsudhirak**
Director of the Institute of Security and International Affairs,
Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
APRIL 11
Thursday | 2019
4:15 p.m.
S010, Tsai Auditorium
Japan Friends of Harvard Concourse
CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge
SPONSORED BY THE THAI STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER

Tuesday
October 16, 2018
4:15 p.m.
S250, 2nd Floor, CGIS South,
1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge

NAMED LECTURES



former Secretary General of ASEAN, former Foreign Minister of Thailand, and longtime friend of Harvard, the Asia Center, and Thai Studies. In April, Professor Thitinan Ponsudhirak (Chulalongkorn University) gave the inaugural **Surin Pitsuwan Lecture in Thai Politics and Society**, discussing “Elections, Coups and Constitutions: Thailand’s Reckoning in Regional Perspective.” Dr. Pitsuwan’s sons Faudi and Housni both attended the event, and Faudi, a former Asia Center Fellow, gave opening remarks.



Professor Thitinan Ponsudhirak giving the inaugural Surin Pitsuwan Lecture.

The endowed **Tsai Lecture Series** has for the last decade enabled the Asia Center to bring to Harvard notable leaders in academia, government, and business, as well as other professions. The annual lecture is open to the public and offers perspectives from a range of disciplines and from different regions in Asia. In November 2018, as a continuation of the Asia Center’s 20th anniversary festivities, the **Honorable Caroline Kennedy** delivered the 14th Tsai Lecture to a capacity audience on her experiences as U.S. Ambassador to Japan. (see sidebar)

As part of its active **Thai Studies Program**, the Asia Center hosted Professor Penny Van Esterick (York University), who gave the 4th **Tambiah Lecture** on “Materializing Thai Heritage: Change and the Life Cycle in the New Ethnology.” The Tambiah Lecture was established in 2014 in honor of the late Harvard anthropology professor Stanley J. Tambiah.

The **Thailand@Harvard Lecture** was renamed in 2018-2019 in honor of the late Dr. Surin Pitsuwan,



(l to r) Professors Penny Van Esterick and Michael Herzfeld in discussion before the 4th Tambiah Lecture.

SIDEBAR:

14TH TSAI LECTURE

Ambassador Caroline Kennedy gave the Asia Center’s 14th Tsai Lecture, “Reflections on My Time as Ambassador,” on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Kennedy served as Ambassador to Japan from 2013 to 2017 and orchestrated President Obama’s 2016 visit to Hiroshima.

After an introduction by her son, Harvard Law School student Jack Schlossberg, Kennedy began her talk by thanking Emeritus Professor Ezra Vogel for having inspired her love of Japan and then described the early days of her ambassadorship. She joked that her two strongest qualifications were those most valued by the Japanese: that she was close to the President and that she had a famous name. However, as the first female ambassador to Japan, Kennedy experienced an outpouring of support and interest from the Japanese people, since “half of the population had never felt there was an ambassador for them.” She spoke on some of the progress that has been made for women in Japan, such as universal health insurance coverage, while noting the long road ahead toward gender equality.

The first child of a Pacific war veteran to be ambassador to Japan, Kennedy felt deeply the significance of Obama’s trip to Hiroshima. Obama’s visit and the talk he gave in Hiroshima demonstrated the power of “engaged, principled leadership” and brought support for the U.S.-Japan alliance to a new high. Japan remains America’s strongest ally, one that is “holding a place for us when we are ready.”

Kennedy’s lecture was sponsored by the Tsai Lecture Fund at the Harvard University Asia Center and co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Korea Institute, the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, and the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies.



(l to r) Professor Susan Pharr, Vice-Provost Mark Elliott, Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, Professor Karen Thornber, and Professor Andrew Gordon. (Photo: Lisa Cohen)



Reception following the 4th Tambiah Lecture with Dr. Jay Rosengard, Professor Penny Esterick and Nea Herzfeld.



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ALEXIS DUROUD
XIAOFEI GAO
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Jorge Paulo Lemann Professor, Harvard Business School

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THE END OF CONCERN
Reading, Writing, and Thinking with the Chinese

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BRUCE CUMINGS
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MODERATOR:
KAREN THORNER
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ASIA HEADLINES

BEING KOREA: POSTS TELLING US?

Bonnie Glaser
Director, China Power Project, Center for Strategic & International Studies

Ambassador Joseph Yun
Senior Advisor, U.S. Institute of Peace; former U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy

Chair: Dr. John Park
Director, Korea Project, Harvard Kennedy School

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018, 12:15 P.M.
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of the Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School



The Asia Center works closely with Harvard's other Asia-related centers and centers across the university to co-sponsor a variety of events.

Below are highlights of some of the larger events in which the Asia Center participated this past academic year. A complete list of 2018-2019 events and activities can be found in the appendices.

End of Concern: Maoist China, Activism, and Asian Studies: In September 2018, the Asia Center, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Korea Institute, Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, and Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies co-sponsored a book panel, organized by Professor Arunabh Ghosh (Harvard), on University of Arizona Professor Fabio Lanza's *The End of Concern: Maoist China, Activism, and Asian Studies* (2017). Lanza's book is a provocative intellectual history of the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars, in which Harvard and figures associated with Harvard

were key players. The September panel brought together scholars from Harvard, Yeshiva University, the University of California, San Diego, Columbia University, and the University of Chicago who work on different parts of Asia to reflect on the book and on Maoist activism during the late 1960s and 1970s.

Strongman Politics in the 21st Century: The Asia Center co-sponsored this collaborative event with the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation of the Harvard Kennedy School, the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. The panel, held in September 2018, focused on the trend toward autocratic leadership in a number of countries including Russia, China, the Philippines, and Turkey. Speakers included Professor Joseph Fewsmith (Boston University), Professor Ayse Kadioglu (Harvard and Sabanci University), Professor Elsa Clavé (Harvard and Goethe University), Professor Valerie Sperling (Clark University), and Thomas Vallely (Harvard) as moderator. The panel was an outgrowth of the well-received collaborative Trump and Asia Seminar Series convened by the Asia-related centers in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Destination: World-Student Tales from Beyond the Comfort Zone: The Asia Center collaborated with ten other international centers to organize this

kickoff event for Harvard Worldwide Week 2018, held in October. Harvard College undergraduates shared their inspirational stories in "Pechakucha" style (a presentation model developed by architects in Japan that features 20 PowerPoint slides, each displayed for only 20 seconds). The event opened with remarks by Dr. Margot Gill, University Marshal and Administrative Dean for International Affairs in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the students' presentations focused on global engagement, intellectual exploration, and personal discovery made possible through experiences abroad funded by the international centers.

Other Voices, Other Stories: Mary Margaret Steedly's Ethnographic Legacies: The Asia Center co-sponsored with the Department of Anthropology and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs a day-long symposium in December 2018 in honor of the late Mary Steedly. Professor Steedly was a distinguished and internationally recognized scholar of Indonesian culture and history; she was especially known for her many years of research on the Karo people of North Sumatra. Steedly was fascinated by questions of memory and experience, gender and feminism, colonialism and postcolonialism, and the process of collective memory and narration through Karo spirit encounters.

Preserving Asia's Colonial and Modern Architectural Heritage: This roundtable discussion took place in March 2019 and featured Dr. Thant Myint-U, writer,

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

historian, and founder and chair of the Yangon Heritage Trust, a former member of the (Myanmar) National Economic and Social Advisory Council (2011-2015), a former special adviser to the Myanmar Government for the peace process (2011-2015), and a former senior adviser to the Beyond Ceasefires Initiative in Myanmar. The event was co-sponsored by the Asia Center and the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and it included experts on

architecture from across Asia.

In March 2019, to mark the centennial of Korea's March First Movement, the Asia Center and the Korea Institute co-sponsored a panel on **Revisiting the Wilsonian Moment in Asia, 1919**. Asia Center Director Karen Thornber chaired this transregional panel, which featured Professors

Erez Manela, Carter Eckert, Arunabh Ghosh, and Andrew Gordon from Harvard, along with Professor Heather Streets-Salter of Northeastern University.

The Asia Center also funds the active **South Asia without Borders Seminar Series**, organized by the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute.

Professor Arunabh Ghosh speaking at the "Revisiting the Wilsonian Moment" special event.



Panelists and audience at "Revisiting the Wilsonian Moment" special event.



JOINT SPECIAL EVENT

REVISITING THE WILSONIAN MOMENT IN ASIA, 1919

PANELISTS:
Erez Manela
 Professor of History, Harvard University
Carter Eckert
 Yoon Se Young Professor of Korean History; Interim Director, Korea Institute, Harvard University
Arunabh Ghosh
 Assistant Professor of History, Harvard University
Heather Streets-Salter
 Chair and Professor of History, Northeastern University
Andrew Gordon
 Loe and Juliet Folger Fund Professor of History; Acting Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University

Chair: Karen Thornber
 Vector and William Fung Director, Harvard University Asia Center; Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations and of Comparative Literature

MARCH 12
 TUESDAY | 2019 | 4:30 P.M.

S020, Belfer Case Study Room, Japan Friends of Harvard Concourse, CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge

Sponsored by: the Mia Young-Chul Memorial Fund at the Korea Institute and the Harvard University Asia Center
 Co-sponsored by: the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, and the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies

STRONGMAN POLITICS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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VALERIE SPERLING
 CLARK UNIVERSITY

THOMAS VALLELY
 ASH CENTER, HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 4:15PM
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 ASH CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION



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AFRICA-ASIA INITIATIVE



The last two years have seen tremendous growth in the Africa-Asia Initiative, which is directed by the Center for African Studies and the Asia Center together with other centers across Harvard. The initiative focuses on three key themes as these relate to ties between Africa and Asia: Migration, Trade, and Aid; Environment, Science, Infrastructure, and Industry; and Paradigms for Cooperation in Public Health. The Asia Center, in partnership with the Center for African Studies and the other Harvard Asia-related centers, sponsored a conference at the Harvard Center Shanghai in November 2017 that brought together international leaders from a range of professions to discuss Africa-Asia interrelationships. In March 2019, a follow-up workshop was held in Johannesburg on “Africa-Asia Partnerships in Health and Healthcare Delivery for Women & Youth.”

In February 2019, Professor Annette Lienau (Harvard) organized a panel for the Asia Center on “The Transregional Politics of Literary Language: Comparative Work across African and Asian Contexts,” which brought together leading scholars of African and Asian literatures to speak on transregional reinventions of world and comparative literature.



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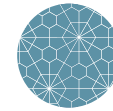
INDIA-CHINA INITIATIVE



During the past few years, the Asia Center has sponsored or co-sponsored numerous events on India-China interrelationships. In academic year 2018-2019, the Asia Center co-sponsored with the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute and the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies several talks on meritocracy in China and India that examined how talent is allocated in a society, how it has been conceptualized in both India and China, and how its definition has changed over time. Additional talks/workshops in academic year 2018-2019 on India-China addressed the historical connections among India, China, and other parts of the world; the Sikh diaspora in global Shanghai; the complex India-China strategic relationship and the prospects of the two Asian powers continuing to rise peacefully; and the nuclear triangle of the U.S., China, and India. The Asia Center also sponsored Harvard Professor Arunabh Ghosh's conference on "China and India in the Age of Decolonization: An Analysis of the Nehru Papers, 1947-1964," held in early June 2019.



CONFERENCES



The Asia Center (co-)sponsored a number of conferences and symposiums throughout the year on such diverse topics as “Mary Margaret Steedly’s Ethnographic Legacies,” “Eye Eye Nose Mouth: Art, Disability, and Mental Illness in Nanjing, China and Shiga-ken, Japan,” “Voice and Silence: Memory in East Asia,” “Africa-Asia Partnerships in Health and Healthcare Delivery for Women and Youth,” “May Fourth@100: China and the World 1919-2019,” “Ocean, Island, Shore: Placing the Global Pacific in the Age of Climate Change,” “China and India in the Age of Decolonization,” and “Health and Health Systems in Transition: What Can We Learn from Key Areas of Change in Southeast Asia.” These conferences are highlighted throughout the report and listed in the appendices.



EXHIBITS AND FILM SERIES

ELEGY

Perhat Tursun

"Your soul is the entire world."
—HERMANN HESSE, *SIDDHARTHA*

Among the corpses frozen in exodus over the icy mountain pass, will you recognize me?
Our brothers we begged for shelter took our clothes. Pass by there even now and you
our naked corpses. When they force me to accept the massacre as love
Do you know that I am with you.

After three hundred years they awaken and do not know each other, their own greatness
I happily drank down poison, thinking it fine wine
When they search the streets and cannot find my vanished figure
Do you know that I am with you.

In that tower built of skulls you'll find my skull as well
They cut my head off just to test the sharpness of a sword.
When before the sword our beloved cause-and-effect relationship is ruined like a wilted
Do you know that I am with you.

When in the market men with tall fur hats are used for target practice and a man's face
agony as a bullet cleaves his brain, and
before the eyes that look to find the reason of their death the executioner fades and
reflected in that bullet-pierced brain's fevered thoughts will be my form, just then
Do you know that I am with you.

In those times when drinking wine was a greater crime than drinking blood, do you know
of the flour ground in the blood-turned mill? The wine
that Alishir Nava's deliciously dreamt took its flavor from my blood
In that endlessly mystical drunkenness's farthest, deepest chambers
Do you know that I am with you.

March 2006
Translated

TWO CAMBODIANS

Malika Leiper Harvard Graduate School of Design '19
Chumming Soun UMass Lowell '20

As two Cambodians residing in the United States, we live within multiple timelinemes and realities. Our shared histories of displacement bring the past into the here and now, as we grapple with a future yet to be defined.

In these bodies of work, we contribute to ongoing narratives that animate contemporary Cambodia: the politics of memory and nation building, transnationalism and the diaspora, urban and rural development, labor and migration.

Our work builds upon memories shaped by the people, places, objects, sounds and smells we associate with home. But what does home mean to us, and where do we find it? In a larger sense, ours is a politics of searching, belonging, and translating the disparate Cambodias that we inhabit.

Through these expressions, our creative and scholarly work pushes against the dualities of past and present, traditional and modern, exile and belonging that shape our experiences as Cambodians moving through this world.



OPENING RECEPTION: STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

UNEXPECTED THAILAND



DECEMBER 3 Monday | 2018 | 5:15 p.m.

Asian Centers' Lounge, 1st Floor, CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge



Sponsored by the Thai Studies Program at the Harvard University Asia Center

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As in past years, in 2018-2019 the Asia Center actively developed, organized, and supported a variety of art exhibits and film series. The year featured a number of student-organized exhibits, ranging from a large-scale exhibit in the CGIS Concourse to a multimedia exhibit in the Asian Centers' Lounge. A complete list of 2018-2019 exhibits and film series can be found in the appendices.

Harvard Media and Anthropology Ph.D. Candidate Benny Shaffer and Comparative Literature Associate Scholar Dr. Raphael Koenig (Ph.D., Harvard, 2018) co-curated the expansive exhibit **Eye Eye Nose Mouth: Art, Disability, and Mental Illness in Nanjing, China and Shiga-ken, Japan**, which was displayed for three months in the CGIS Concourse.

Shaffer and Koenig's curatorial project began in summer 2018 with their immersion in art workshops for people with disabilities at Nanjing Outsider Art Studio in China and Atelier Yamanami in Japan. They were given nearly full access to record and interact with artists and staff in

sculpture, textile, and painting workshops, witnessing not only the creation of art but also the social benefits and opportunities for advocacy enabled by the workshops. Shaffer and Koenig's video footage of the artists practicing their craft was a central component of the exhibition.

An important aspect of Shaffer and Koenig's research and the exhibition was redefining the context and reception for art created by self-taught artists. Movements such as Art Brut, which first emerged in the 1940s, are still often used to interpret the works of artists with disabilities and with mental illness as "pure" or "primordial"—notions that Shaffer and Koenig find dated, essentializing, and inadequate. Their research sheds new light on these artworks by presenting them in their contemporary social and political contexts, such as the emergence of new networks of NGOs in Japan and unresolved tensions between public safety and public health approaches in China.

Dr. Joshua Freeman (Ph.D., Harvard, 2019) introduced Uyghur poetry with translations of Uyghur poets in the exhibit **Three Uyghur Poets**. The translations were displayed, alongside their Uyghur-language source texts, on the walls of the Asian Centers' Lounge in February and March 2019. This exhibit was immediately followed by a week-long pop-up exhibit titled **Two Cambodians—Scenes from Contemporary Cambodia**. (see sidebar)

Harvard College senior Montita Sowapark organized an exhibit in the Asian Centers' Lounge on **Unexpected Thailand**, featuring photographs of the country taken by Thai students at Harvard and displayed during December 2018-January 2019. Professor Michael Herzfeld (Harvard) spoke at the exhibit's reception, one of his final duties as director of the Asia Center's Thai Studies Program before retiring from Harvard.

The Asia-related centers at Harvard periodically spotlight some of the vast library and museum resources on Asia at the University. In fall 2018, the centers collaborated on an exhibit titled **Magnificent Trees of Asia**, which featured a selection of photographs by Ernest Henry Wilson of trees in Asia from the Arnold Arboretum Horticultural Library, many of which appear in this report.

In addition to the above exhibits, during the 2018-2019 academic year the Asia Center co-sponsored a series of films at the Harvard Film Archive on the new Thai cinema. Along with film screenings, the series also featured presentations by visiting directors.

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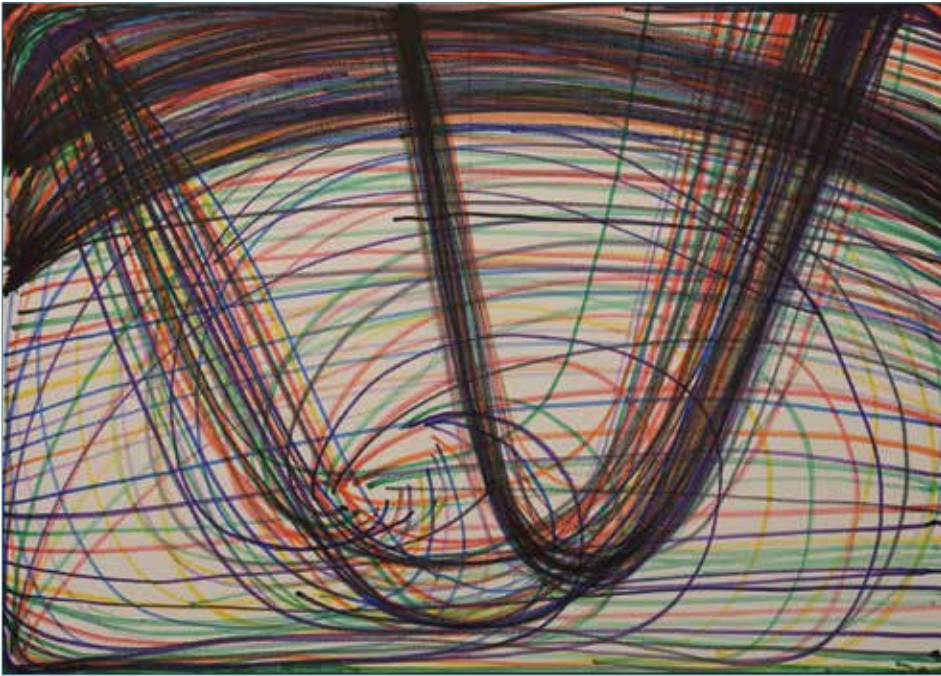
TWO CAMBODIANS-
SCENES FROM CONTEMPORARY
CAMBODIA.

For one week in April 2018, the Asian Centers' Lounge was transformed into a pop-up multimedia art installation titled *Two Cambodians - Scenes from Contemporary Cambodia*. Organized by one of the Asia Center's Graduate Student Associates in Residence, Malika Leiper (Graduate School of Design), and Boston-area based graphic artist Chummeng Soun (UMass Lowell), the installation invited visitors to inhabit a scene constructed from shared memories of home. Through audio, visual, and sensory provocations, their collaborative body of work contributes to ongoing narratives taking place in contemporary Cambodia about the politics of memory and nation building, transnationalism and the diaspora, urban and rural development, and labor and migration. The opening night of the exhibit was marked by Cambodian food, games, and music.



Photographs by Malika Leiper featured in the "Two Cambodians: Scenes from Contemporary Cambodia" exhibit.

EXHIBITS AND FILM SERIES



■ EYE EYE NOSE MOUTH EXHIBIT

Top left: Momoko, 2017
Nakagawa Momoko
Atelier Yamanami

Top right: Untitled, 2017
Sun Yue
Nanjing Outsider Art Studio

Bottom left: Tree Frog, 2016
Li Jie
Nanjing Outsider Art Studio

Bottom right: Industrial Zone, 2018
Takenaka Katsuyoshi
Atelier Yamanami





SOUTHEAST ASIA PROGRAM

Since its founding, the Asia Center has been committed to developing the study of Southeast Asia at Harvard. It has consistently supported the appointment of faculty colleagues with expertise in the region, as well as programming and faculty and student grants for research on the region. To coordinate these efforts more effectively, the Center recently reconvened the Southeast Asia Committee, currently chaired by Professor Sunil Amrith and composed of faculty members from seven Harvard schools: the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Business School, Graduate School of Design, Divinity School, Kennedy School, Law School, and Medical School (see the appendices for a list of the members of this committee). The goal of this committee is to build a critical mass of individuals, programming, and resources that will enable the study of Southeast Asia to thrive at Harvard, and the committee spent considerable time during the 2018-2019 academic year planning for the future. The Asia Center also sponsored

many talks, panels, conferences, exhibits, and film series relating to Southeast Asia (see Southeast Asia Seminars and Events in the appendices).

An important part of the Asia Center's Southeast Asia Program is the Thai Studies Program, established in 2014 at the Asia Center by Professor Michael Herzfeld of the Department of Anthropology and Dr. Jay Rosengard of the Harvard Kennedy School. The Program organized numerous talks and seminars as well as film series and exhibits during the 2018-2019 academic year, as outlined above and in the appendices. Professor Herzfeld directed the Thai Studies Program until his retirement in December 2018; Dr. Rosengard is the current director, and Professor Malavika Reddy (Harvard) is the new chair of the Thai Studies Committee.



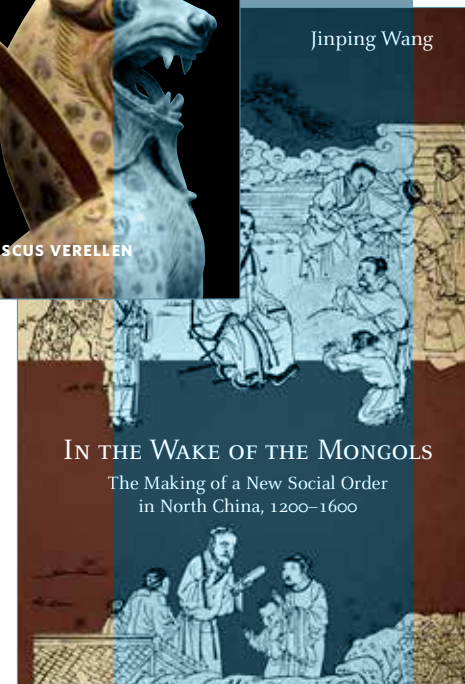
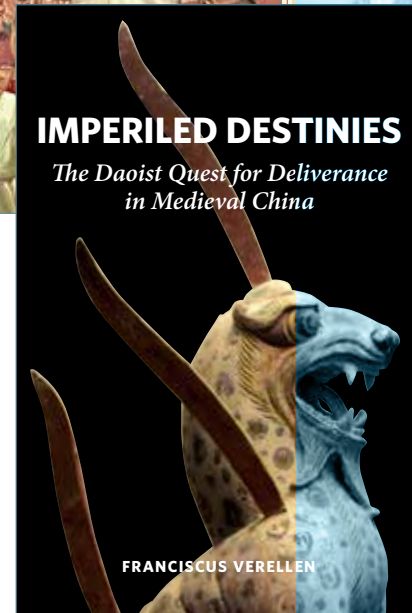
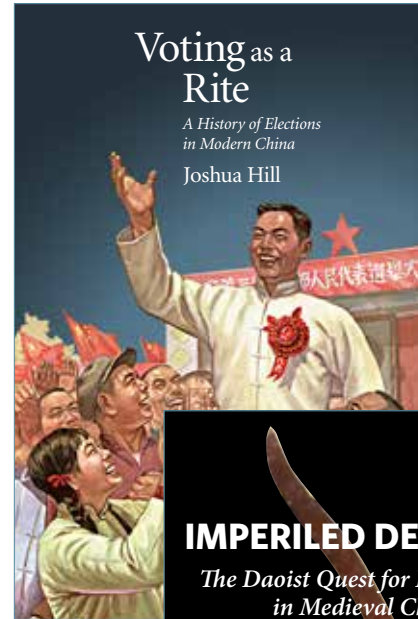


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PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM





The Asia Center Publications Program is one of the world's most widely respected publishers of scholarly books in East Asian humanities and social sciences. The program has published more than 500 titles since its founding in the 1950s; it became part of the Asia Center at the Center's founding in 1998. Most of its titles are now available digitally through JSTOR and Project Muse.

In addition to making the structural changes described in the Director's Letter, the Asia Center published 15 new titles in 2018-2019, including three simultaneously in hardcover and paperback. One of its books – Professor Michael A. Fuller's *An Introduction to Chinese Poetry: From the Canon of Poetry to the Lyrics of the Song Dynasty* (2018) – won a major prize, the 2019 Franklin R. Buchanan Prize for Curriculum Materials, awarded by the Association for Asian Studies. Fuller's textbook presents in bilingual format the major poets and poems of the Chinese poetic tradition from earliest times to the Song dynasty.

New Titles Published in 2018-19

Ang, Claudine, *Drama, Poetry, and the Civilizing Mission: Chinese and Vietnamese Cultural Projects on the Mekong Plains*

Cohen, Paul, *A Path Twice Traveled: My Journey as a Historian of China* (Fairbank Center book)

Dawley, Evan, *Becoming Taiwanese: Ethnogenesis in a Colonial City, 1880s-1950s*

Duara, Prasenjit & Elizabeth J. Perry (eds.), *Beyond Regimes: China and India Compared*

Hill, Joshua, *Voting as a Rite: A History of Elections in Modern China*

Kim, Hwansoo, *The Korean Buddhist Empire: A Transnational History (1910-1945)*

Kim, Loretta, *Ethnic Chrysalis: China's Orochen People and the Legacy of Qing Borderland Administration*

Li, Hsiao-t'i, *Opera, Society, and Politics in Modern China*

Lippit, Miya Elise Mizuta, *Aesthetic Life: Beauty and Art in Modern Japan*

Owen, Stephen, *Just a Song: Chinese Lyrics from the Eleventh and Early Twelfth Centuries*

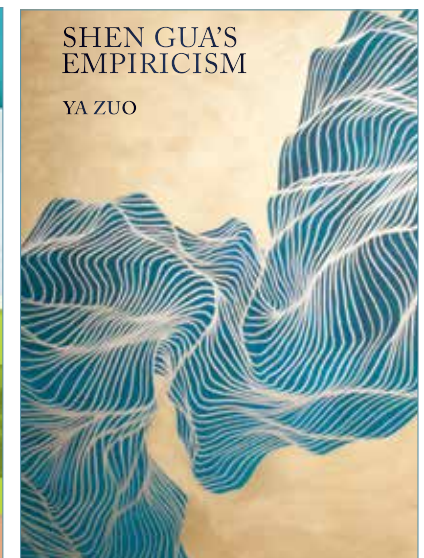
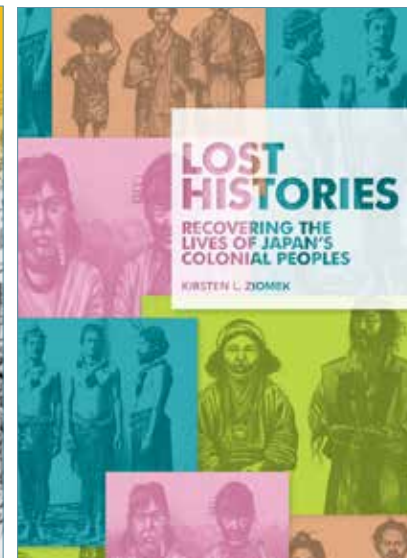
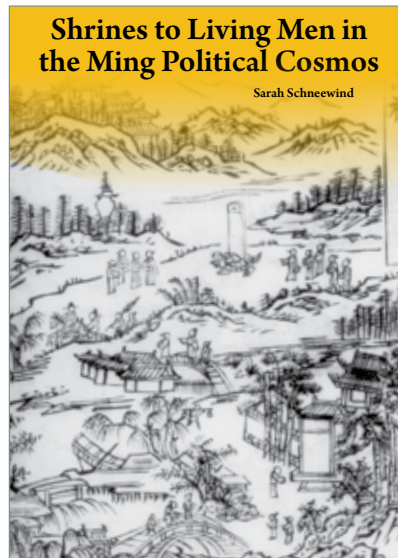
Schneewind, Sarah, *Shrines to Living Men in the Ming Political Cosmos*

Verellen, Franciscus, *Imperiled Destinies: The Daoist Quest for Deliverance in Medieval China*

Wang Jinping, *In the Wake of the Mongols: The Making of a New Social Order in North China, 1200–1600*

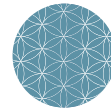
Ziomek, Kirsten, *Lost Histories: Recovering the Lives of Japan's Colonial Peoples*

Zuo Ya, *Shen Gua's Empiricism*





FACULTY PROJECTS



In 2018-2019, the Asia Center awarded 32 grants for Harvard faculty research projects, faculty-directed conferences, and faculty-led seminar series, totaling \$231,000. Consistent with the Asia Center's mission of generating new knowledge on Asia in transnational and transregional as well as transdisciplinary perspective, the Asia Center funds faculty projects that focus on two or more countries of East, South, or Southeast Asia. Because of its mandate to strengthen the study of Southeast Asia at Harvard, the Asia Center also funds research on single Southeast Asian countries. The Asia Center's goal is to fund all rigorous faculty projects from across Harvard schools; we especially prioritize the work of Harvard's tenure-track faculty members. We also regularly fund competitive projects by Harvard researchers who do not hold a faculty

position but who apply through the regular faculty grants process. All decisions on faculty funding are now made by faculty committees.

Faculty grants are generously supported by the AB2000 Fund, the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation Fund, the Carlos Cordeiro Fund, the Victor and William Fung Foundation Fund, the Kin-chung Lam Morning Sun Fund, the O'Friel Fund, and the Dora and Y.L. Yang Fund.

Fall 2018 Faculty Grants

Research

Professor Paul Chang, *Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Reinventing Family: The Rise of Non-Normative Households in South Korea

Professor Jinah Kim, *History of Art and Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Paper, Pothi, and the Goddess: The History of the Devī (goddess) manuscripts in the Himalayas and Northern India

Professor Durba Mitra, *Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Solidarity: Feminist Political Thought in Postcolonial Asia

Professor Victor Seow, *History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Made in China: Manufacturing Revolutions in the Era of Reform

FACULTY PROJECTS

Professor Gabriela Soto Laveaga, *History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Beyond Science in the Fields: Hunger and Hybrid Seeds in Mexico and India, 1966-1996

Dr. Russell Taylor, *Restorative Dentistry and Biomaterials Sciences, School of Dental Medicine*:
Mobile Multimedia Platforms for Diagnostic Instruction (Vietnam)

Professor Yuhua Wang, *Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Building a Paper Tiger: The Politics Behind China's State Development

Conference

Dr. Maria Adele Carrai, *Harvard University Asia Center*:
Legal Pluralism in Asia and Global Histories of International Law(s)

Professor Arunabh Ghosh, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
China and India in the Age of Decolonization: An Analysis of the Nehru Papers, 1947-1964)

Professor David Howell, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*; **Professor Ian Miller**, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Asia's Pacific: East Asia and Japan in the New Maritime History

Professor Annette Damayanti Lienau, *Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Arabic and its Rivals: Sacred Language, Vernacular Difference, and the Politics of (Post)-Colonial Literature

Professor Victor Seow, *History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Making History: Technologies of Production in East Asia's Past

Professor David Der-wei Wang, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*; **Professor Jie Li**, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
May Fourth @ 100: China and the World 1919-2019

Spring 2019 Faculty Grants

Research

Professor Rosetta Elki, *Landscape Architecture, Graduate School of Design*; **Professor Sharon Harper**, *Visual and Environmental Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Imagining Retreat: Notes from the Landscape of Adaptation

Professor Wafei Fawzi, *Global Health and Population, Nutrition, and Epidemiology, T.H. Chan School of Public Health*:
Implementation of Ying Yang Bao to Improve Complementary Feeding among Children in China, Tanzania, and Myanmar

Professor Rema Hanna, *Harvard Kennedy School*:
The Impact of Operational Quality in Public Transportation: The Case of TransJakarta

Professor Jinah Kim, *History of Art and Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*:
Garland of Visions: Color, Tantra, and a Material History of Indian Painting

Conference

Professor Satchit Balsari, *Global Health and Population, T.H. Chan School of Public Health*:
Post-Disaster Impact Ascertainment: A South-South Exchange

Dr. Nara Dillon, *Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*; **Professor Candalaria Garay**, *Harvard Kennedy School*; **Professor Elizabeth Perry**, *Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*; **Professor Gunnar Trumbull**, *Harvard Business School*:
Food in the Global Welfare State

Dr. Xiaofei Gao, *Harvard University Asia Center*; **Dr. Stefan Huebner**, *Harvard University Asia Center*:
Ocean, Island, Shore: Placing the Global Pacific in the Age of Climate Change

Professor Tyler Giannini, *Harvard Law School*; **Dr. Diane Moore**, *Harvard Divinity School*:
De-escalating Conflict in Polarized Societies

FACULTY PROJECTS

Professor Nicholas Harkness, *Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Roman Jakobson Annual Symposium; Inaugural Theme: Signs of Race, Racializing Signs

Professor David Howell, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Slavery in East Asia

Professor Jinah Kim, *History of Art and Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Nepal Mandala in Early Modern “Global” Asia

Professor Herman “Dutch” Leonard, *Harvard Kennedy School:*

Confronting Disasters in an Era of Climate Change

Professor Wai-ye Li, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Jin Ping Mei and the World: Translation and Transculturation

Seminar Series

Professor Sugata Bose, *History and South Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Borders in Modern Asia Seminar Series

Professor Janet Gyatso, *Harvard Divinity School;*
Professor James Robson, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum

Professor Ju Yon Kim, *English, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Asian America and the Asian Diaspora: Transpacific Publics Seminar Series

Professor Durba Mitra, *Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Faculty of Arts and Sciences;* **Professor Karen Thornber**, *Comparative Literature and East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Asian Feminisms and Sexualities Seminar Series

Professor Victor Seow, *History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences:*

Science and Technology in Asia Seminar Series



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STUDENT PROJECTS



In 2018-2019, the Asia Center awarded 85 student grants for winter and summer research, language learning, internships, and service work, totaling \$343,550. Consistent with the Asia Center's mission of generating new knowledge on Asia in transnational and transregional perspective, Asia Center undergraduate and graduate student research grants fund projects that focus on two or more countries of East, South, or Southeast Asia; language grants fund students whose projects engage with two or more countries of East, South, or Southeast Asia. Because of its mandate to strengthen the study of Southeast Asia at Harvard, the Asia Center also funds research on single Southeast Asian countries. Recognizing the need of many graduate students to learn multiple Asian languages, the Asia Center again began offering graduate student language grants. Moreover, the Asia Center was among the first of Harvard's international

centers to establish winter research grants to enable both undergraduate and graduate students to spend a month in Asia between the fall and spring semesters. New for spring 2019, all students looking to receive funding must submit formal applications; grant decisions are made by faculty committees. The Asia Center's goal is to fund all competitive student projects.

Student grants are generously supported by the Robert M. and Ellen E. Boyd Memorial Fund, William E. Braden 1941 Travel Fund, Roger A. Brooks Japan Travel Fund, Richard M. Cashin Fund, Jeffrey Cheah Fund, Lee and Juliet Folger Fund, Victor and William Fung Foundation Fund, NCR Corporation Fund, O'Friel Fund, Stephen A. Orlins Fund, William H. Overholt Fund in Honor of Ezra Vogel, Philippines Fund, Jack C. Tang Fund, Tao & Cheng Travel and Research Fund, and Ezra F. Vogel Fund.

STUDENT PROJECTS

Winter 2019 Undergraduate Research Grants

Chung, Eugene '19, Government: *The Development of Intercultural Competence at International Universities in China and Singapore*

Kim, Jiin '20, Sociology and Ethnicity, Migration, Rights: *Elderly Individuals Experiencing Poverty in Asia*

Patel, Rushi '21, Biomedical Engineering: *Evaluating Social Mobility of Dance-Oriented Careers in India and China*

Poh, Yong Han '20, East Asian Studies and Anthropology: *Vietnamese Women Writing in French: Gender in the Colonial Language*

Rodriguez, Sarah '21, Social Studies and Philosophy: *The Intersection between Religion and Mental Illness in East Asia*

Winter 2019 Undergraduate Group Travel Grants

The Harvard Asia Center supported the Harvard Philippine Forum Service Trip in January 2019, funding the following students:

De Leon, Maria '20, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Ekeya, Jessica '19, Human Evolutionary Biology

Finlayson, Matthew '21, Applied Mathematics

Li, William Tan '19, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Meneses, Mark Theodore '21, Engineering Sciences

Nebres, Paul '20, Applied Mathematics

O'Donoghue, Shane '20, History and Literature

Paek, Jonathan '20, Sociology

Reck Rivera, Claudio '21, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Scholer, Abigail '21, Philosophy and Psychology

The Asia Center also helped support the Program for Scientifically-Inspired Leadership in Imphal, India, directed by Dr. Dominic Mao (Harvard)

Kessler, Samuel '19, Computer Science

Pao, Allison '21, Social Studies

Summer 2019 Undergraduate Research Grants

Carroll, Marie '20, History of Science and Music: *The History of Music Therapy in Japan and Korea*

Choo, Adeline '20, East Asian Studies: *The Bamboo Network's Impact on the Development of Singapore and Hong Kong*

Colarusso, Anthony '22: Harvard Summer School Program in Hong Kong

Gu, Haozhou '20, History: *History of Sino-Japan Relations*

Hull, Sunday '20, History and Literature: *Vietnamese Women Writing in French: Gender in the Colonial Language*

Lu, Tina '21, Computer Science: *Gender Inequality in STEM in China and Japan*

Ngauv, Julie '20, History: *Oral History of Cambodian Genocide Survivors with Rural Origins, from Various Provinces in Cambodia*

Ode, Anders '21, Social Studies: *Harvard Summer School Program in Hong Kong*

Poh, Yong Han '20, East Asian Studies and Anthropology: *Love, Labor, Loss: Voices of Migrant Worker Poets in Singapore*

Qiu, Todd '22: Harvard Summer School Program in Hong Kong

HVIET Summer Program,

The Asia Center also helped support the HVIET Program, funding the travel of the following undergraduates to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to lead seminars inspired by the Harvard liberal arts curriculum:

Britton, Alyssa '21, Environmental Science and Public Policy and Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Kim, Brian '21, Government and East Asian Studies

Kim, Irene '20, Philosophy

Leary, Jake '22

Lee, Jaehyun '21, Computer Science and East Asian Studies

Mardo, Matthew '21, Neuroscience

Mohanty, Vaibhav '19, Chemistry and Physics (continuing at Harvard Medical School)

Patel, Zeel '22

Schaefer, John '21, History and Science

Schumer, Ema '22

Tran, Bethany '22

Wong, Stephanie '20, Chemistry

Winter 2019 Graduate Research Grants

Bellucci, Aurélien, Ph.D. Candidate, *Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Comparative Theater, India and China*

Dai, Jinyun, Ph.D. Candidate, *Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Class Formation in State-led Development: Urbanization as Social Change in China and Vietnam*

De, Aniket, Ph.D. Candidate, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Boundaries of Belonging: Border-making and Spatial Imaginations in Asia*

Desai, Rajji, M.A.U.D. Candidate, *Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design: Global Outsourcing, Local Transformations: Business Process Outsourcing, Urban Restructuring, and the Scrambling of Time in the Philippines*

Guo, Boya, M.A.U.D. Candidate, *Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design: Comparing Domestic Architectures in Japanese Danchi and Chinese Danwei Housing Units after the 1950s: State, Community, and Everyday Life*

Hua, Rui, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: A Borderland Market of Laws: The Transnational Legal Culture of Manchuria, 1900-1957*

Stern, Justin, Ph.D. Candidate, *Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Ethics and Environmentality of Waste: A Comparative Study of the World's Largest Ship Breaking Yards*

Vo, Hung Dao, M.A.U.D. Candidate, *Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design: Diasporic Capital as Speculative Urbanism in Ho Chi Minh City*

Zhao, Shanni, Ph.D. Candidate, *Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: A Comparative Study of the Government-Sponsored Matchmaking Enterprises in Beijing and Singapore*

The Asia Center also funded the following Ed.D. students from the Graduate School of Education to travel to Singapore and Thailand in winter 2019 for their project *A Transnational Review of Systems-Level Education in Singapore and Thailand*.

Tauheedah Baker-Jones, Hassan Brown, Shahara Jackson, Leslie Jimenez, Brian Pick, Erica Jordan Thomas, Sarah Rogers Tucker, Danila Zidovsky

Summer 2019 Graduate Research Grants

Azuaje Alamo, Manuel, Ph.D. Candidate, *Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Interrelationships between Asian and Latin American Literatures*

Bellucci, Aurélien, Ph.D. Candidate, *Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Comparative Theater in India and China*

Chang, Amuy, Ph.D. Candidate, *History of Art and Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: The Spanish Subjects of Asia: Anthropological Images in Spain's Pacific Empire, 1563-1650*

Chen, Jizhou Jannis, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: What is Sinophone Sociality: Engaging with the Ecological and the Posthuman*

Clingen, Kira, M.L.A. Candidate, *Landscape Architecture, Graduate School of Design: Falling Stands: Cryptomeria Japonica and Forest Policy in Japan and Sri Lanka*

De, Aniket, Ph.D. Candidate, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Boundaries of Belonging: Border-making and Spatial Imaginations in Asia*

Dhillon, Hardeep, Ph.D. Candidate, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Indians on the Move: Law, Mobility and Race in the Early Twentieth Century*

Dziedzic, Peter, M.T.S. Candidate, *Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School: Contextualizing Commentaries: Al-Fansuri, al-Sumatrani, and Persian Literary Production in Southeast Asia*

Eom, Gangsim, Ph.D. Candidate, *Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Locating Displacement: Koreans and Community in Indonesia since 1942*

Hickman, Ashley, M.Arch Candidate, *Architecture, Graduate School of Design: Metabolism in Japan and Singapore: The Transformation of Socially Conscious Building*

Hua, Rui, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: A Borderland Market of Laws: The Transnational Legal Culture of Manchuria, 1900-1957*

Huang, Dingru, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Forging Posthuman Kinship: Nishimura Makoto's A-racial Automaton and Eco-Humanism in 1920-40s Japan and China*

Huang, Rong, Ph.D. Candidate, *Religion, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: East Syriac Christianity in Central Asia and its Interaction with Chinese Religions in Tang (618-907) China*

STUDENT PROJECTS

Jostol, Edyth, M.L.A. Candidate, *Landscape Architecture, Graduate School of Design: Falling Stands: Cryptomeria Japonica and Forest Policy in Japan and Sri Lanka*

Murtaza, Natasha, Ph.D. Candidate, *Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Building Bureaucratic Capacity: The Effect of Political Competition on Governance*

Oh, Joo Hyeon, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Testing Boundaries of the Known: The Daily History from the Hall of Stone-Classics Dream and 19th Century Korean Travelers to Beijing*

Ravis, Timothy, M.U.P. Candidate, *Urban Planning, Graduate School of Design: Mapping the Metabolic Metropolis: Harnessing Big Data to Understand Jakarta's Urbanization*

Shernuk, Kyle, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Language and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Transculturating China: Ethnicity, Nation, and Chineseness at the Millennial Turn*

Soderborg, Seth, Ph.D. Candidate, *Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Weak Parties, Strong Bases: How Local Organizations Shape National Parties in Indonesia*

Solis, Jesus, Ph.D. Candidate, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: American Goods, Narcotics, and Smuggling: Japan's International Postwar Black Market*

Song, Lei, M. Des. Candidate, *Design Studies, Graduate School of Design: The Power of Colonialism, Nationalism and Tourism: A Comparative Study of Colonial Prisons in Japan and Taiwan*

Tang, Junchao, A.M. Candidate, *Regional Studies—East Asia, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Diversity and Public Goods Provision under Authoritarianism: Evidence from China*

Thompson, Rachel, Ph.D. Candidate, *Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Jakarta, Sinking City: Ecologies of Belonging in a Flood-Prone Metropolis*

Wang, Liang, Ph.D. Candidate, *Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design: Superblock and Modernity: Scale, Form, Power*

Wing-Lun, Joel, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Negotiating Empire on China's Miao Frontier, 1546-1911*

Yi, Jongsik, Ph.D. Candidate, *History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Red, Gray, Green: Socialist Agrarian Sciences in Twentieth-Century China, Vietnam, North Korea, and Cuba*

Yim, Gyeyoon, Ph.D. Candidate, *Epidemiology, T. H. Chan School of Public Health: Cross-National Comparative Environmental Health: The Association between Prenatal Exposure to Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Infant Neurodevelopment - From a Perspective of a Mixture of Pollutants*

Zhang, Yiran, J.D. Candidate, *Harvard Law School: Filipino Domestic Workers in Mainland China: The Gravity of Illegality*

Zipperer, Kristen, Ph.D. Candidate, *Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Sights Unseen: Political Life in Nepal's Southern Borderland*

Summer 2019 Graduate Language Grants

Chanda, Sudarshana, Ph.D. Candidate, *History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Chinese language study*

Copplestone, Louis, Ph.D. Candidate, *History of Art and Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Sanskrit language study*

Evans, James, A.M. Candidate, *Regional Studies—East Asia, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Chinese language study*

Hahn, Kwan Woo, A.M. Candidate, *Regional Studies—East Asia, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Chinese language study*

Lang, Chao, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Japanese language study*

Luo, Queenie, M.T.S. Candidate, *Harvard Divinity School: Sanskrit language study*

Peters, Catherine, Ph.D. Candidate, *American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Hindi language study*

Wittekind, Courtney, Ph.D. Candidate, *Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Burmese language study*

Yang, Sungik, Ph.D. Candidate, *East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Chinese language study*



POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS, GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATES



New for 2018-2019, Asia Center hosted a community of scholars at a range of career stages from around the world who work on Asia in transnational and transregional as well as transdisciplinary perspective. Many of these individuals have office space in the Asia Center suite in CGIS South Building, and most participate regularly in Asia Center activities.

The **Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellows Program**, new in 2018-2019, welcomed two postdocs in fall 2018. Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow, Professor Elsa Clavé (Goethe University), focuses on the political culture of Southeast Asian sultanates. Victor and William Fung Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr. Xiaofei Gao (University of California, Santa Cruz), is a specialist of twentieth-century maritime Manchuria. Postdoctoral Fellows are chosen by a faculty committee from a field of

more than 150 applicants. The Asia Center will be welcoming three new postdocs in fall 2019: Dr. Adhira, Mangalagiri, Dr. John Buchanan, and Dr. Chun Sheng Goh. (See the Director's Letter for more details).

The **Asia Center Graduate Student Associates Program**, launched in 2016-2017, continues to bring together for biweekly meetings graduate students from across the Harvard schools who work on Asia in transnational and transregional perspective to discuss their work and receive feedback from different disciplinary perspectives. In collaboration with other international centers, the Asia Center also hosts professional development events for GSAs. The GSA Program was supervised by Asia Center Acting Director Andrew Gordon in its first year, by Director Karen Thornber in 2017-2018, and by Divinity School Professor Anne Monius in 2018-2019; Professor Monius will continue leading the GSA program in 2019-2020. GSAs are chosen by a faculty committee. There were 13 GSAs in 2018-2019; a list can be found in the appendices at the end of this report. Many of these students come from fields where single-country specialization is the norm; the GSA program in many ways legitimizes their research and provides them with a community of scholars also committed to transnational and transregional scholarship.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS, GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATES

The ongoing **Asia Center Affiliates Program**, restructured during the 2016-2017 academic year, invites Harvard faculty members to nominate and host visiting fellows, scholars, and associates. Prospective Asia Center Affiliates submit a formal application and are chosen by a faculty committee. The program offers individuals from around the world the opportunity to conduct independent research with the support of Harvard faculty members. Affiliates greatly enrich the intellectual life of the Asia Center and Harvard University, participating in seminars, panel discussions, and other activities where they share their expertise and present their research. In 2018-2019, the Asia Center was privileged to host four visiting scholars, six fellows, and 13 associates from China, India, Japan, Korea, Portugal, Sweden, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. These individuals are listed in the appendices.



Asia Center Staff and Fellows: (front row, l to r) Carma Hinton, Tenzin Ngodup, Koichi Isobe, Liz Liao, Kristen Wanner; (back row, l to r) Midori Isobe, Jorge Espada, Elsa Clavé, Ngoc Tho Nguyen, Xiaofei Gao, Harutoshi Matsutani, Bob Graham.



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The Asia Center organized numerous activities throughout the 2018-2019 academic year to promote community among the University's international centers and to reach out to individuals and groups in the greater Boston area and beyond.

In October, the Asia Center hosted its second **Asian Centers' Welcome Lunch**, attended by visiting affiliates, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate student associates from all the Harvard Asia-related centers. The Asia Center published a comprehensive directory, distributed at the lunch and available on the Asia Center's website, listing each center's affiliates, postdocs, and GSAs, with the aim of facilitating cross-center collaboration. In late November, the Asia Center hosted its annual **Holiday Party** for faculty

members, students, and friends, where a sumptuous buffet of Asian food was served.

More broadly, the Asia Center is one of several internationally focused centers and programs at Harvard that collaborate on educational outreach throughout New England and beyond. The goal of this collaboration is to make use of Harvard's resources to help the general public, and especially K-12 teachers and students, better understand the complex world in which we live. Two means of achieving this goal are organizing events and programming around global themes and preparing and disseminating materials for classroom use.

The major event of this collaboration is an annual professional development workshop for teachers on a theme of global significance. The 2018 workshop – **The Internet: Tangled Webs, Global Promise** – brought together 35 K-12 educators from across the country and a number of academics and practitioners from Harvard and other universities around the world. “The Internet” focused on global patterns and trends and explored questions including: How does the internet make us more (or less) healthy, connected, secure, informed, educated, empowered, creative, and globally competent? Where do equity, ethics, and justice fit into the “tangled web” and promises of today's online universe, especially for middle, high school, and community college students? How can teachers engage with these challenges and find opportunities to advance learning for youth who

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think and play, and increasingly live, online? Among the conference presenters was Ms. Madeline Earp, Content/Project Manager at Security First, who spoke on “Shutdowns, Fake News, and Eye Roll Memes: Challenges and Opportunities for Internet Users in Asia.” Ms. Earp, a graduate of Harvard’s A.M. program in Regional Studies–East Asia, has studied digital rights and media freedom in Asia for the past decade.

The Asia Center also offers K-12 Outreach Grants of up to \$5,000 for non-Harvard organizations to develop and implement programming that supports K-12 teachers and students in their study of East, South, and Southeast Asia as well as of the Asian diaspora. Projects include but are not limited to teacher training workshops, development of online and digital materials, and cultural events. Preference is given to projects that are multi-disciplinary in nature and that actively engage less-resourced schools. Applicants are also encouraged

to make use of the Harvard community as a resource. As of spring 2018, funding is by formal application; the results of the 2019 competition were pending when this *Annual Report* went to press.

Another of the Asia Center’s outreach programs, the **Jeffrey Cheah Exchange Program**, was established in collaboration with the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, Malaysia. This program awards grants to advance Southeast Asia-focused teaching and research by engaging Harvard University faculty members and students with Sunway University, Malaysia. The program also supports short-term visits for Southeast Asia-based scholars to interact with the Harvard community. During the 2018-2019 academic year, seven scholars from Sunway and Monash University Malaysia visited Harvard.

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Yap Kian Meng, Associate Professor, Department of Computing and Information Systems, Sunway University

Ashutosh Sarker, Senior Lecturer, Monash University

Spring 2019

Nur Ain Shahrier, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and Finance, Sunway University

Chandrajit Lahiri, Senior Lecturer, Department of Biological Sciences, Sunway University

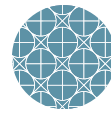
Sha Hongxi, Master of Science in Life Science, Department of Biological Sciences, Sunway University

Alireza Zarei, Senior Lecturer, Sunway University

Kong Xin Ying, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Engineering, Monash University



LOOKING AHEAD



Planning for the 2019-2020 academic year and beyond is well underway, as the Asia Center continues its transformation into a leading center globally for the study of Asia in transnational and transregional as well as transdisciplinary perspective.

Fall events will begin Friday, September 6, 2019 with a conference on “Legal Pluralism in Asia and Global Histories of International Law(s),” organized by Asia Center Fellow Dr. Maria Adele Carrai. This conference will be followed, on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, by a major book event in honor of Professor Ezra Vogel and his most recent publication, *China and Japan: Facing History*. On Thursday and Friday, September 26-27, the Asia Center will co-sponsor the Department of Anthropology’s Roman Jakobson Symposium on

“Signs of Race, Racializing Signs,” featuring scholars of Asia and Asian American studies.

The 15th **Tsai Lecture** will take place Thursday, November 7, 2019 and will feature the Honorable Kathleen Stephens, former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea. The 16th Tsai Lecture, scheduled for 2020, will be given by Noeleen Heyzer, former United Nations Under-Secretary General and trustee of the Asia Foundation. Planning is also in progress for the 17th Tsai Lecture, tentatively scheduled for 2021, which will bring together female film directors from across Asia to speak on their work; their panel discussion will be complemented by screenings of their films. Tentatively scheduled for the spring semester 2020 is a lecture and performance by Mukaddas Mijit, the Uyghur activist, dancer and ethnomusicologist. Going forward, the Asia Center’s numerous art exhibits, film series, and similar events will come under the umbrella of the new **Asia Center Arts Initiative**.

As noted in this report, the 2018-2019 academic year saw a number of new Asia Center **faculty-led seminar series**. Two of these seminar series – Borders in Modern Asia and Science and Technology in Asia – will continue in 2019-2020. Several new faculty-organized seminar series will additionally be launched in 2019-2020, including Asian Feminisms and Sexualities (Professors Durba Mitra and Karen Thornber), and Asian America and the Asian Diaspora: Transpacific Publics (Professor Ju Yon Kim). The Asia Center will also co-sponsor the

Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum (Professors Janet Gyatso and James Robson). Moreover, the Asia Center will be inaugurating a **Harvard Asia faculty lunch** series, offering faculty members from across Harvard the opportunity to learn more about one another's work on Asia in a format modeled after the successful GSA program.

Academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 also promise a robust roster of **faculty-organized conferences** at the Asia Center, including, in addition to those listed above, "Asia's Pacific: East Asia and Japan in the New Maritime History," "Confronting Disaster in an Era of Climate Change," "De-escalating Conflict in Polarized Societies," "Food in the Global Welfare State," "Human Rights in a Time of Populism," "*Jin Ping Mei* and the World: Translation and Transculturation," "Nepal Mandala in Early Modern 'Global' Asia," "Post-Disaster Impact Ascertainment: A South-South Exchange," "Slavery in East Asia," and "Vietnam: State, Economy, Society in a Shifting Global Environment." The Asia Center looks forward to partnering with centers across the university to host conferences on issues of global resonance.

Planning has likewise begun for a major international conference at the Asia Center tentatively titled **What is Asia?**, which will bring together Asia research centers as well as funding organizations and publishers from across the U.S. and abroad to discuss issues that transcend borders from transnational perspectives as well as to interrogate the meaning

of "Asia" and the study of Asia more broadly and address underrepresented phenomena and fields. Included in the conference will be a discussion of the borders and boundaries of Asia. The Asia Center looks forward to partnering with a broad range of Harvard's international centers, including the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, that focus on West Asia and Central/North Asia, respectively. Colleagues also have expressed interest in publishing a book accessible to the educated public on *What is Asia*, similar to the Fairbank Center's recent *The China Questions*.

As part of the "What is Asia?" conference or as a separate event, the Center plans to sponsor an **Asia Center Biennale**, which will spotlight artists from across Asia, including renowned figures such as Indonesian artist Entang Wiharso.

Planning is currently underway for another **Africa-Asia conference** in 2020 as well as faculty and student grants, postdoctoral opportunities, and other programs in the rapidly growing field of Africa-Asia interconnections.

As part of its commitment to strengthen the study of **Southeast Asia** at Harvard, the Asia Center is developing a network of Southeast Asia scholars from across Boston and greater New England; the Asia Center will be hosting Professor Doreen Lee (Northeastern University), most likely in academic year 2020-2021. A

lunchtime series for 2019-2020 featuring the current research of faculty members focusing on Southeast Asia is also being organized. In addition, the Asia Center, in collaboration with Harvard Medical School, is actively exploring the possibility of establishing an **office in Southeast Asia**.

Given the success of the Asia Beyond the Headlines seminar on "China and Asia in a Changing Climate: Natural Science for the Non-Scientist," which was developed by faculty members at the Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences for non-specialists, in the future, the Center plans to host **seminars accessible to a general audience on Asia-related matters of urgent concern**.

Adoption of current best practices in scholarly publishing has increased the capacity of the **Publications Program** and will enable it to begin publishing books on South and Southeast Asia, in addition to those on East Asia. The Publications Program also is newly committed to publishing books on Asia in transnational and transregional perspective as well as books on Asia that will have broad appeal.

As part of its commitment to strengthening **Asian American Studies** at Harvard, the Asia Center – in addition to inaugurating an Asian American Studies seminar series with Ethnicity, Migration, Rights and the Asian American Studies Working Group – is working with Harvard College's many Asian American

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cultural affinity groups and Asian American focused student organizations to gain more insight into how the Center can be of most benefit to students.

As part of its commitment to providing students with more well-rounded experiences in Asia, the Asia Center is working on adding an internship component to the undergraduate **Southeast Asia service trips** that it sponsors.

As part of its commitment to accessibility, beginning in fall 2019, the Asia Center will be providing on its website transcripts to accompany the videos of its events. The Asia Center is currently editing its website

to make more transparent the wide variety of funded topics (all of which are included in this Annual Report) and will be publishing a handbook on Asia resources at Harvard to complement its website.

The Asia Center is working as well on increasing its name recognition and presence in Asia; Professor Thornber has made numerous trips to many parts of Asia for the Asia Center, forging ties with dozens of individuals, groups, and centers.

The Asia Center remains committed to fulfilling its mission and furthering the teaching and research missions of Harvard University, creating new

knowledge and making new discoveries that will address the challenges and opportunities facing Asia and our planet. Given the many ways we've strengthened the Asia Center intellectually and structurally in academic year 2018-2019, we are very excited about the future of the Center as a leading center globally for the study of Asia in transnational and transregional perspective. We thank you for your support and look forward to future conversations and collaborations.



Panelists and audience members at the “Early? Modern? Asia?” seminar.



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APPENDICES



Asia Center Events and Activities Fall 2018-Spring 2019

- EVENT TOPICS FALL 2018-SPRING 2019
- ASIA BEYOND THE HEADLINES SEMINARS
- ASIA CENTER FELLOWS SEMINAR SERIES
- ASIA CENTER SEMINAR SERIES
- ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES SEMINARS
- BORDERS IN MODERN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES
- EARLY MODERN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES
- EXHIBITS AND FILMS
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES
- SOUTHEAST ASIA SEMINARS AND EVENTS
- THAI STUDIES PROGRAM
- TSAI LECTURE
- CONFERENCES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, SYMPOSIA, AND WORKSHOPS
- CO-SPONSORED EVENTS
- SOUTH ASIA WITHOUT BORDERS SEMINAR SERIES (MITTAL INSTITUTE SEMINAR SERIES FUNDED BY THE ASIA CENTER)

Asia Center Governance

- ASIA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE
- ASIA CENTER COUNCIL
- INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND HONORARY FELLOWS
- SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMITTEE
- THAI STUDIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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- VISITING SCHOLARS
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- ASSOCIATES

Abbreviations

Acknowledgements

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Event Topics Fall 2018-Spring 2019

- AFRICA-ASIA INTERCONNECTIONS
- ASIA AND U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS/ALLIANCE
- ASIAN ARCHITECTURE, ARTS, FILM/MEDIA, LITERATURES, POPULAR CULTURES
- ASIAN BORDERS
- ASIAN DIASPORAS (INCLUDING ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES)
- ASIAN FUTURES
- ASIAN STUDIES AND ACTIVISM
- BUSINESS AND ECONOMIES OF ASIA
- CLIMATE CHANGE/ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND ASIA
- DISASTERS AND ASIA
- EARLY MODERN ASIA/EARLY ASIAN HISTORIES
- EARLY TWENTIETH-CENTURY LEGACIES (CENTENNIAL OF THE MARCH FIRST AND MAY FOURTH MOVEMENTS)
- EMPLOYMENT/LABOR IN ASIA
- FEMINISMS/GENDER ISSUES IN ASIA
- HUMAN RIGHTS/REFUGEE CRISES IN ASIA
- INDIA-CHINA INTERRELATIONSHIPS
- INEQUALITY IN ASIA
- JOURNALISM/PRESS FREEDOMS IN ASIA
- MEDICINE/HEALTH/HEALING IN ASIA
- NORTH KOREA AND ASIA
- POLITICAL CULTURES/POLITICS/ELECTIONS/AUTHORITY/STATE BUILDING/DEMOCRACY IN ASIA
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ASIA
- SOUTHEAST ASIA
- TRADE AND AID IN ASIA
- TRANS-ASIAN ENCOUNTERS
- URBANIZING ASIA



Standing room only audience at “Becoming Urban: Emerging Patterns of Urbanization in India” seminar.

ASIA BEYOND THE HEADLINES SEMINARS

Friday, October 5, 2018

THE COMPLEX INDIA-CHINA STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP: CAN THE TWO ASIAN POWERS RISE PEACEFULLY?

Professor Arjun Subramaniam, Tufts University; former Visiting Scholar, Asia Center

Chair: Professor Arne Westad, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute

Thursday, October 25, 2018

PRESS FREEDOMS IN ASIA: PERSPECTIVES FROM CHINA, MYANMAR, AND THAILAND

David Barboza, *The New York Times*; former *New York Times* Shanghai Bureau Chief

Esther Htusan, Nieman Foundation Fellow; correspondent, Associated Press, Myanmar

Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Moderator: Mable Chan, Associate in Research, Fairbank Center; former ABC News producer and Hong Kong TVB news correspondent

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

Monday, October 29, 2018

OPERATION TOMODACHI: PROCESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS—THE U.S.-JAPAN ALLIANCE AFTER THE FUKUSHIMA NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

Koichi Isobe, Lt. Gen., Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (Ret.); Fellow, Asia Center

Chair: Professor Ezra Vogel, Harvard University

Discussants: Burton M. Field, Lt. Gen., U.S. Air Force (Ret.); former Commander, U.S. Forces Japan

Professor Joseph Nye, Harvard University

Robin “Sak” Sakoda, Former Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State; former Senior Country Director for Japan, the Office of the Secretary of Defense

Scott H. Swift, Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.); former Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Yuki Tatsumi, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Professor Karen Thornber, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Japan Disasters Digital Archive Project, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, and the U.S.-Japan Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

Friday, November 2, 2018

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION IN JAPANESE POLITICS TODAY

Professor Alexis Dudden, University of Connecticut

Professor Timothy George, University of Rhode Island

Professor Keigo Komamura, Keio University

Professor Franziska Seraphim, Boston College

Chair: Professor Helen Hardacre, Harvard University
Co-sponsored by the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

ENGAGING NORTH KOREA: WHAT ARE THE CURRENT SIGNPOSTS TELLING US?

Robert Carlin, Visiting Scholar, Stanford University; former CIA Korea analyst

Bonnie Glaser, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Ambassador Joseph Yun, U.S. Institute of Peace; former U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy

Chair: Dr. John Park, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Harvard Korea Institute’s SBS Foundation Research Fund and the Korea Project at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

Friday, February 15, 2019

TIME FOR REPARATIONS? A VIEW ON THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO THE KHMER ROUGE GENOCIDE

Sreang Heng, Harvard University; President, PEN Cambodia

Chair: Yee Htun, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Harvard-Yenching Institute

Thursday, March 7, 2019

CHINA AND ASIA IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: NATURAL SCIENCE FOR THE NON-SCIENTIST

Professor John Holdren, Harvard University

Professor Peter Huybers, Harvard University

Professor Elsie Sunderland, Harvard University

Professor Steven Wofsy, Harvard University

Chair: Professor Michael McElroy, Harvard University
Co-sponsored by the Harvard-China Project on Energy, Economy and Environment and the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

Friday, April 5, 2019

BABIES, WORK, OR BOTH? HIGHLY EDUCATED WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT AND FERTILITY IN JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA

Professor Mary Brinton, Harvard University

Chair: Professor Ezra Vogel, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and the Korea Institute

Thursday, April 18, 2019

CO-OPTIVE ENGAGEMENT: CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Professor Jacques Bertrand, University of Toronto

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Professor Ngoc Tho Nguyen, Visiting Scholar, Asia Center; Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City

Chair: Professor Michael Szonyi, Harvard University

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Friday, February 22, 2019

FROM THE PACIFIC INTO THE ANTHROPOCENE: JAPANESE-U.S. RESEARCH ON FLOATING STRUCTURES, THE METABOLIST MOVEMENT, AND RISING SEA LEVELS

Dr. Stefan Huebner, Visiting Scholar (SSRC), Asia Center; National University of Singapore

Chair: Professor Andrew Gordon, Harvard University

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Friday, March 1, 2019

MAKING A COASTAL REVOLUTION: FARMERS, FISHERMEN, AND SOCIALISM IN NORTHEAST CHINA, 1946-76

Dr. Xiaofei Gao, Victor and William Fung Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Center

Discussant: Professor Christian Hess, Sophia University, Tokyo

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POLITICAL CULTURES IN THE THAI-MALAY PENINSULA: IDEA OF SPACE AND FORMATION OF TERRITORY (17th-19th c.)

Professor Elsa Clavé, Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow; Goethe University, Frankfurt

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Friday, May 3, 2019

SOVEREIGNTY IN CHINA AND THE LONG LEGACIES OF HISTORY

Dr. Maria Adele Carrai, Fellow, Asia Center; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

Chair: Professor William Alford, Harvard University
Commentator: Professor Anne Orford, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and East Asian Legal Studies, Harvard Law School

Monday, May 6, 2019

THE SOCIAL COST OF AUTOMOBILES AND ENVIRONMENT POLICIES IN ASIA: A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON CHINA AND JAPAN

Professor Harutoshi Matsutani, Fellow, Asia Center; Aichi University, Japan

Chair: Professor Ezra Vogel, Harvard University

Discussants: Professor Andrew Gordon, Harvard University

Professor Michael McElroy, Harvard University
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Wednesday, September 19, 2018

IN SEARCH OF A BENEVOLENT POLITY: ELDERLY SUICIDE IN CHINA AND A CONFUCIAN SOCIO-ETHICAL VISION OF ELDERCARE

Professor Jing-Bao Nie, University of Otago, New Zealand

Chair: Professor Arthur Kleinman, Harvard University

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Friday, September 21, 2018

BOOK TALK

TRANS-ASIAN ENCOUNTERS AND CHINA'S WAR ON SMUGGLING

Professor Philip Thai, Northeastern University

Chair: Professor Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University

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Friday, September 21, 2018

GLOBAL INCOME INEQUALITY

Professor Sudhir Anand, Associate, Asia Center; University of Oxford

Chair: Professor Karen Thornber, Harvard University

Friday, November 9, 2018

FROM COLONIAL MANCHURIA TO POSTWAR JAPAN: BORDER, SPACE AND COMMUNITY IN ABE KOBO'S *BEASTS HEAD FOR HOME* AND OTHER WRITING

Professor Miya Xie, Associate, Asia Center; Dartmouth College

Chair: Professor Karen Thornber, Harvard University

Friday, November 16, 2018

UNFAITHFUL FRIENDS: STATE AND BUSINESS IN DEVELOPING ASIA

Professor Meg Rithmire, Harvard University

Chair: Professor Ezra Vogel, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

Friday, December 7, 2018

BECOMING URBAN: EMERGING PATTERNS OF URBANIZATION IN INDIA

Professor Rahul Mehrotra, Harvard University

Sourav Biswas, Landscape Planner and Spatial Analyst

Co-sponsored by the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute

Thursday, February 21, 2019

THE TRANSREGIONAL POLITICS OF LITERARY LANGUAGE: COMPARATIVE WORK ACROSS AFRICAN AND ASIAN CONTEXTS

Professor Shaden Tageldin, University of Minnesota

Professor Nergis Ertürk, Pennsylvania State University

Professor Fallou Ngom, Boston University

Professor Henk Maier, University of California, Riverside

Chair: Professor Annette Lienau, Harvard University

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Chair: Nicco Mele, Harvard University

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Thursday, April 18, 2019

FINDING A VOICE: A CONVERSATION ON CHINA'S FEMINIST VOICES WITH LÜ PIN

Lü Pin, Chinese journalist and feminist activist

Chair: Dr. Julian Gewirtz, Harvard University

Discussant: Dr. Moira Weigel, Harvard Society of Fellows

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and Logic Magazine

Friday, April 26, 2019

ASIAN HISTORY AT WATER'S EDGE: ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY IN THE LONG TWENTIETH CENTURY

Dr. Xiaofei Gao, Victor and William Fung Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Center

Dr. Anthony Medrano, Harvard University

Discussants: Professor Prasannan Parthasarathi, Boston College

Professor Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Harvard University Center for the Environment

Monday, April 29, 2019

MANAGERIAL TALENT AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE: EVIDENCE FROM DISCONTINUITIES IN DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S ECONOMIC PURGE

Professor Melissa Dell, Harvard University

Chair: Dr. David Yang, Harvard University

ASIAN AMERICAN
STUDIES SEMINARS

Monday, March 25, 2019

REIMAGINE “ASIAN”: DEFYING STEREOTYPES
AND CELEBRATING IDENTITY IN MEDIA AND
POPULAR CULTURE

Andrea Bang, actor, *Kim’s Convenience*

Paul Sun-Hyung Lee, actor, *Kim’s Convenience*

Simu Liu, actor, *Kim’s Convenience* and *Yappie*

Andrew Phung, actor, *Kim’s Convenience*

Hudson Yang, actor, *Fresh off the Boat*

Moderators: **Woojin Kim**, Harvard University

Amy Jiravisitkul, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, the
Pan-Asian Graduate Student Alliance, the Pan-Asian
Coalition for Education, and the Harvard University
Asia Center

Monday, April 22, 2019

WRITING ASIAN AMERICA: A READING AND
CONVERSATION WITH THREE POETS

Tamiko Beyer, author of *Last Days* (forthcoming) and
We Come Elemental

Paul Tran, recipient of the Ruth Lilly and Dorothy
Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship from *Poetry Magazine*
and the Discovery/Boston Review Poetry Prize

Emily Yoon, author of *Ordinary Misfortunes* and *A
Cruelty Special to Our Species*, recipient of the Sunken
Garden Chapbook Prize

Chair: **Professor Ju Yon Kim**, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Korea Institute, the Asian
American Studies Working Group, and the Committee
on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights

BORDERS IN MODERN ASIA
SEMINAR SERIES

Thursday, October 4, 2018

PARODY, APPROPRIATION, AND DISPLACEMENT
IN EARLY MODERN BENGALI SUFI FICTIONS: OR
NAVIGATING THE REALM OF THE IMAGINAIRE

Professor Tony K. Stewart, Vanderbilt University

Chairs: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Professor Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

Thursday, November 1, 2018

CREATING BORDERS, PARTITIONING HERITAGE:
INDIAN ARCHAEOLOGY AFTER 1947

Professor Nayanjot Lahiri, Ashoka University,
New Delhi

Chair: **Professor Ayesha Jalal**, Tufts University

Co-sponsored by the Mahindra Humanities Center,
Harvard University

Thursday, November 15, 2018

CROSSING THE BORDERS OF ASIAN HISTORY AND
GLOBAL HISTORY: ON C. A. BAYLY’S *REMAKING THE
MODERN WORLD*

Chair: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Introduction: **Professor Susan Bayly**, University
of Cambridge

Commentator: **Professor Charles S. Maier**,
Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Weatherhead Initiative on
Global History

Thursday, November 29, 2018

BEYOND THE NATION AND THE NOVEL:
THE DRAMA AND MUSIC OF DWIJENDRALAL ROY

A reading on “Musical Crossings” by **Sarvani Gooptu**,
Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, from her
book *The Music of Nationhood*

Professor Sugata Bose on “Literature as History,
History as Political Theory”

Performance of **D.L. Roy’s** songs (including those
from his play *Shah Jahan*) by **Sarvani Gooptu** and
Sugata Bose, accompanied by **Dipankar Deshmukh**
on the *esraj* and **Rajesh Pai** on the *table*

Chairs: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Professor Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

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Asia Institute

Monday, February 4, 2019

BORDERS IN MODERN ASIA: CONCEPTS AND CASES

Professor Eric Tagliacozzo, Cornell University

Professor Tansen Sen, New York University Shanghai

Chairs: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Professor Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

Thursday, March 7, 2019

VIETNAMESE WORKERS AND JAPANESE LOCAL
INDUSTRY: BACKGROUNDS AND TRENDS

Professor Setsuko Shibuya, University of
Fukuchiyama, Japan

Chairs: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Professor Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

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of Japanese Studies

APPENDICES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

PARTITION OF LITERATURE, FILM AND HISTORY:
SCREENING OF NANDITA DAS'S NEW FILM *MANTO*

Discussants: **Nandita Das**, Director

Professor Sugata Bose, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Weatherhead Initiative on Global History and the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute

Friday, April 5, 2019

INVISIBLE BOUNDARIES: TAXATION AND
ENCHANTMENT IN LATE-MUGHAL GUJARAT

Professor Samira Sheikh, Vanderbilt University

Chairs: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Professor Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

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Wednesday, May 1, 2019

SYED MUJTABA ALI IN AFGHANISTAN:
AUTOBIOGRAPHY AT THE LIMITS OF HISTORY

Professor Mou Banerjee, Clemson University

Chairs: **Professor Sugata Bose**, Harvard University

Professor Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

EARLY MODERN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES

Friday, November 30, 2018

EARLY? MODERN? ASIA?: THREE PERSPECTIVES

Professor Carla Nappi, University of Pittsburgh

Professor Elaine Fisher, Stanford University

Professor Michael Charney, SOAS, University of London

Chair: **Professor David Atherton**, Harvard University

Friday, March 8, 2019

EARLY MODERN [GLOBAL] ASIA

Professor Ning Ma, University of Minnesota

Professor Sugata Ray, University of California, Berkeley

Professor Elsa Clavé, Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow; Goethe University, Frankfurt

Chair: **Professor David Atherton**, Harvard University

EXHIBITS AND FILMS

(see also Co-sponsored Events and Southeast Asia Seminars and Events)

July–September 2018

MAGNIFICENT TREES OF ASIA

Photographs by **Ernest Henry Wilson** from the Arnold Arboretum Archives

Co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, the Harvard China Fund, the Korea Institute, and the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies

October–November 2018

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER EXHIBITS:
A 20TH ANNIVERSARY RETROSPECTIVE

Featuring works from previous Harvard University Asia Center exhibits

February–March 2019

THREE UYGHUR POETS

An exhibit of work by three contemporary Uyghur poets, with translations by **Joshua Freeman**, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Committee on Inner Asia and Altaic Studies, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, and the Harvard University Asia Center

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NEW THAI CINEMA

Harvard Film Archive with support from the Harvard University Asia Center

Monday, April 1–Friday, April 5, 2019

TWO CAMBODIANS—SCENES FROM
CONTEMPORARY CAMBODIA

A multi-media exhibit organized by **Malika Leiper**, Harvard University and **Chummeng Soun**, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ASIA SEMINAR SERIES

Monday, September 17, 2018

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE WITHIN ONE'S GRASP
(QIAN KUN ZAI WO 乾坤在握): THE HANDY MIND IN
LATE IMPERIAL CHINESE MEDICINE

Professor Marta Hanson, Johns Hopkins University

Chair: **Professor Victor Seow**, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

Monday, October 15, 2018

REPORTING INDONESIA'S GREEN REVOLUTION

Professor Suzanne Moon, University of Oklahoma

Chair: Professor Victor Seow, Harvard University

Monday, November 19, 2018

BREAST, CANCER, AND WOMEN IN KOREA, 1800–1930s

Professor Soyung Suh, Dartmouth College

Chair: Professor Victor Seow, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Korea Institute

Monday, February 11, 2019

THE FIRST BATTLEFIELD OF WESTERN NUCLEAR
COMPETITION: INDIA AND LIGHT WATER REACTORS,
1955-1963

Professor Jayita Sarkar, Boston University

Chair: Professor Victor Seow, Harvard University

*Co-sponsored by the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South
Asia Institute*

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TRANSNATIONAL SCIENCE IN MODERN CHINA:
FROM MAY FOURTH TO THE COLD WAR AND BEYOND

Professor Zuoyue Wang, California State Polytechnic
University, Pomona

*Sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies;
co-sponsored by the Science and Technology in Asia
Seminar Series*

Monday, March 11, 2019

DIGITAL HORMONES: EMOTIONAL HUMANOID
AND SPIRITUAL HUMANS

Professor Jennifer Robertson, University of Michigan

Chair: Professor Victor Seow, Harvard University

*Co-sponsored by the Reischauer Institute of
Japanese Studies*

Monday, April 15, 2019

LISTS, LOCAL GAZETTEERS, AND THE TRUE
LIES OF PREMODERN CHINA'S PATTERNS
OF SOCIAL MOBILITY

Professor Dagmar Schäfer, Max Planck Institute, Berlin

Chair: Professor Victor Seow, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

SOUTHEAST ASIA SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

ROHINGYA PERSECUTION IN MYANMAR:
EVIDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Dr. Jennifer Leigh, Harvard University

Dr. Parveen Parmar, University of Southern California

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University Asia Center*

Monday, October 15, 2018

THE ROHINGYA CRISIS IN MYANMAR:
SITTWE SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Discussant: Myo Win, Burmese peace activist
and film producer

Moderator: Yee Htun, Harvard University

*Co-sponsored by the Human Rights Program, Harvard
Law School and the Religious Literacy Project, Harvard
Divinity School*

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Thursday, October 25, 2018

PRESS FREEDOMS IN ASIA: PERSPECTIVES FROM
CHINA, MYANMAR, AND THAILAND

David Barboza, *The New York Times*; former
New York Times Shanghai Bureau Chief

Esther Htusan, Nieman Foundation Fellow;
correspondent, Associated Press, Myanmar

Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan, Visiting
Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Chulalongkorn
University, Bangkok

Moderator: Mable Chan, Associate in Research,
Fairbank Center; former ABC News producer and
Hong Kong TVB news correspondent

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Thursday, October 25, 2018

Film Screening

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER

Discussants: **Wai Wai Nu**, Women Peace Network – Arakan

Debbie Stothard, founder of Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma

Moderator: **Yee Htun**, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change, the Harvard University Asia Center, and the Harvard Law School Advocates for Human Rights

Friday, October 26, 2018

SHAKING UP THE ESTABLISHED ORDER:
REFLECTIONS ON RECENT CHANGES IN INDONESIA,
MALAYSIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES

Professor Elsa Clavé, Asia Center Postdoctoral Fellow; Goethe University, Frankfurt

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Monday, October 29, 2018

Book Launch

*NURTURING INDONESIA: MEDICINE AND
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Tuesday, November 6, 2018

EXPLAINING THE DIVERSE MIGRATION AND CARE
POLICIES IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Professor Ito Peng, University of Toronto

Moderator: **Professor Mary Brinton**, Harvard University

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Thursday, November 8, 2018

RISE OF RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM AND ITS
GENDERED IMPACT ON MYANMAR

Esther Htusan, Nieman Foundation Fellow; correspondent, Associated Press, Myanmar

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Gender, Law, and Society Workshop Series, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center

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FROM COUNTER-INSURGENCY TO COUNTER-
DEMOCRACY

Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

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AN EVENING WITH ANOCHA SUWICHAKORNPONG

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Friday, February 15, 2019

TIME FOR REPARATIONS? A VIEW ON THE
CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE
KHMER ROUGE GENOCIDE

Sreang Heng, Harvard University; President, PEN Cambodia

Chair: **Yee Htun**, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Harvard-Yenching Institute

Monday, February 25, 2019

THE IMPACT OF MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICIES
ON POVERTY INCIDENCE USING FINANCIAL
COMPUTABLE GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM (FCGE):
CASE EVIDENCE OF ASEAN-3

Dr. Nur Ain Shahrier, Sunway University Malaysia

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Tuesday, June 25-Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Conference

HEALTH AND HEALTH SYSTEMS IN TRANSITION: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM KEY AREAS OF CHANGE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA?

June 25, 2019

Welcome, Introductions, and Overview:

Professor Peter Berman, Harvard University; University of British Columbia

Panelists: Dr. Fatima Zahra, Harvard University

Professor Laksono Trisnantoro, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

Dr. Somsak Chunharas, former Deputy Minister of Public Health, Thailand

Dr. Beverly Ho, Department of Health, Philippines

Professor Chan Chee Koon, University of Malaysia

Professor Cuong Le Quang, Deputy Minister of Health, Vietnam

Professor Ascobat Gani, Universitas Indonesia

June 26, 2019

Dr. Bonwornsom Leerapan, Thailand

Dr. Wei Aun Yap, Health Advisory Council, Malaysia

Professor Manuel Dayrit, Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health, Philippines

Professor Hoang Van Minh, Hanoi University of Public Health, Vietnam

Keynote: Dr. K.V.S. Subramaniam, former Minister of Health, Malaysia

Co-sponsored by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard University Asia Center

THAI STUDIES PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

4th Tambiah Lecture

MATERIALIZING THAI HERITAGE: CHANCE AND THE LIFE CYCLE IN THE NEW ETHNOLOGY

Professor Penny Van Esterik, York University, Toronto

Chair: Professor Michael Herzfeld, Harvard University

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Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan, Visiting
Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Chulalongkorn
University, Bangkok

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December 2018-January 2019

Student Photography Exhibit

UNEXPECTED THAILAND

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Surin Pitsuwan Lecture in
Thai Politics and Society

ELECTIONS, COUPS AND CONSTITUTIONS:
THAILAND'S RECKONING IN REGIONAL
PERSPECTIVE

Professor Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Director of the
Institute of Security and International Affairs, Faculty
of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Chair: Dr. Jay Rosengard, Harvard University

TSAI LECTURE

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

14th Tsai Lecture

REFLECTIONS ON MY TIME AS AMBASSADOR

The Honorable Caroline Kennedy, former U.S.
Ambassador to Japan, 2013-2017

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INDIA, CHINA, AND THE WORLD:
A CONNECTED HISTORY

Professor Tansen Sen, New York University
Shanghai

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February 19, 2019

THE FUTURE IS ASIAN

Parag Khanna, Author; Managing Partner
of FutureMap

Chair: Professor Tarun Khanna, Harvard University

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Asia Institute and the Harvard University Asia Center*

CONFERENCES, PANEL
DISCUSSIONS, SYMPOSIA,
AND WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Panel Discussion

THE END OF CONCERN: MAOIST CHINA,
ACTIVISM, AND ASIAN STUDIES

Professor Fabio Lanza, University of Arizona

Professor Ellen Schrecker, Yeshiva University

Professor Andrew Gordon, Harvard University

Professor Joseph Esherick, University of
California, San Diego

Professor Sugata Bose, Harvard University

Professor Lien-Hang Nguyen, Columbia University

Professor Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago

Chair: **Professor Karen Thornber**, Harvard University

Panel Organizer: **Professor Arunabh Ghosh**,
Harvard University

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Institute of Japanese Studies, the Korea Institute, and the
Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute*

Friday, October 12, 2018

Symposium

ORIGINS OF PROSPERITY AND STABILITY:
STATE BUILDING IN 20TH CENTURY ASIA

Keynote: **Akihiko Tanaka**, President, National
Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Presenters: **Professor Thomas Berger**,
Boston University

Professor Susan Pharr, Harvard University

Yasunori Nakayama, Japan Institute of
International Affairs (JIIA)

Professor Shin Kawashima, University of Tokyo

Dr. Lung-chih Chang, Academia Sinica

Professor Keiko Tsuji Tamura, University of
Kitakyushu, Japan

Professor Nobuhiro Aizawa, Kyushu University, Japan

Professor Dwight Perkins, Harvard University

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Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; co-
sponsored by the Japan Institute of International
Affairs (JIIA) and the Harvard University Asia Center*

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Symposium

OTHER VOICES, OTHER STORIES: MARY MARGARET
STEEDLY'S ETHNOGRAPHIC LEGACIES

Welcome: **Professor Ajantha Subramanian**,
Harvard University

Introduction: **Professor Patricia Spyer**, Graduate
Institute Geneva

Panel Chairs: **Professor Carla Jones**, University of
Colorado

Professor Mary-Jo Delvecchio Good, Harvard
University

Professor Smita Lahiri, University of New
Hampshire

Professor Michael Herzfeld, Harvard University

Professor Lucien Castaing-Taylor,
Harvard University

Closing Remarks: **Professor Byron Good**,
Harvard University

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Department of Anthropology, and the Weatherhead
Center for International Affairs, Harvard University*

Wednesday, January 30-

Friday March 8, 2019

EYE EYE NOSE MOUTH: ART, DISABILITY, AND
MENTAL ILLNESS IN NANJING, CHINA AND
SHIGA-KEN, JAPAN

Exhibition Curated by **Raphael Koenig and Benny
Shaffer**, Harvard University

Panel Discussions:

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Nanjing Outsider Art Studio

Professor Karen Thornber, Harvard University

Masato Yamashita, Director, Atelier Yamanami

Haiping Guo, Director, Nanjing Outsider Art Studio

Professor Shaun McNiff, Lesley University

Disability and Mental Illness in China and Japan:
Social and Legal Issues

Professor William Alford, Harvard University

Dr. Andrew Campana, Cornell University

Professor Cui Fengming, Renmin University of
China Law School

Professor Arthur Kleinman, Harvard University

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REVISITING THE WILSONIAN MOMENT IN ASIA, 1919

Professor Erez Manela, Harvard University
Professor Carter Eckert, Harvard University
Professor Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University
Professor Heather Streets-Salter,
Northeastern University
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Chair: **Professor Karen Thornber**, Harvard University
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March 20, 2019

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AFRICA-ASIA PARTNERSHIPS IN HEALTH AND
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Johannesburg, South Africa

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University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and
University of Johannesburg

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Professor Ian J. Miller, Harvard University
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Wenjiao Cai, Harvard University
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Dr. Beverly Ho, Department of Health, Philippines

Professor Chan Chee Koon, University of Malaysia

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Dr. Bonwornsom Leerapan, Thailand

Dr. Wei Aun Yap, Health Advisory Council, Malaysia

Professor Manuel Dayrit, Ateneo School of Medicine
and Public Health, Philippines

Professor Hoang Van Minh, Deputy Minister
of Health, Vietnam

Keynote: Dr. K.V.S. Subramaniam, former Minister
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Public Health and the Harvard University Asia Center*

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Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Panel Discussion

THE END OF CONCERN: MAOIST CHINA,
ACTIVISM, AND ASIAN STUDIES

Professor Fabio Lanza, University of Arizona

Professor Ellen Schrecker, Yeshiva University

Professor Andrew Gordon, Harvard University

Professor Joseph Esherick, University of
California, San Diego

Professor Sugata Bose, Harvard University

Professor Lien-Hang Nguyen, Columbia University

Professor Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago

Chair: Professor Karen Thornber, Harvard
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Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, the Korea
Institute, and the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South
Asia Institute*

Thursday, September 27, 2018

STRONGMAN POLITICS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Professor Joseph Fewsmith, Boston University

Professor Ayse Kadioglu, Sabanci University, Istanbul

Professor Elsa Clavé, Asia Center Postdoctoral
Fellow; Goethe University, Frankfurt

Professor Valerie Sperling, Clark University

Moderator: Thomas Vallely, Harvard University

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Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School,
the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies,
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University Asia Center, the Minda de Gunzburg Center
for European Studies, and the Weatherhead Center for
International Affairs*

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Book Talk

INDIA, CHINA, AND THE WORLD:
A CONNECTED HISTORY

Professor Tansen Sen, New York University Shanghai
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Wednesday, October 3, 2018

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Dr. Jennifer Leigh, Harvard University

Dr. Parveen Parmar, University of Southern California
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University Asia Center*

Thursday, October 4, 2018

DEMOCRACY WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT: STRONG STATE DEMOCRATIZATION IN AUTHORITARIAN ASIA

Professor Joseph Wong, University of Toronto

Moderator: Professor Scott Mainwaring, Harvard University

Democracy in Hard Places Seminar Series; sponsored by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center and the Kim Koo Forum on Korea Current Affairs at the Korea Institute

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

POLITICAL ORIGINS OF CYBERSECURITY CAPACITY: LESSONS FROM JAPAN AND EAST ASIA

Dr. Ben Bartlett, Harvard University

Moderator: Professor Susan Pharr, Harvard University

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Friday, October 12, 2018

Symposium

ORIGINS OF PROSPERITY AND STABILITY: STATE BUILDING IN 20TH CENTURY ASIA

Keynote: Akihiko Tanaka, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Presenters: Professor Thomas Berger, Boston University

Professor Susan Pharr, Harvard University

Yasunori Nakayama, Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)

Professor Shin Kawashima, University of Tokyo

Dr. Lung-chieh Chang, Academia Sinica

Professor Keiko Tsuji Tamura, University of Kitakyushu, Japan

Professor Nobuhiro Aizawa, Kyushu University, Japan

Professor Dwight Perkins, Harvard University

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Monday, October 15, 2018

THE ROHINGYA CRISIS IN MYANMAR: SITTWE SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Discussant: Myo Win, Burmese peace activist and Film Producer

Moderator: Yee Htun, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center, the Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School, and the Religious Literacy Project, Harvard Divinity School

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

2018 Annual Reischauer Lectures

FLAVORS OF TRUTH AND CLAIMS OF AUTHORITY

Professor Stephen Owen, Harvard University

Discussant: Professor Michael Puett, Harvard University

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Wednesday, October 17, 2018

2018 Annual Reischauer Lectures

HOW CAN ONE SAY THE UNPRECEDENTED IN PRE-MODERN EAST ASIA: SU DONGPO AND INK BAMBOO

Professor Stephen Owen, Harvard University

Discussant: Professor Stephen H. West, Arizona State University

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Monday, October 22, 2018

Worldwide Week at Harvard Panel

DESTINATION: WORLD—STUDENT TALES FROM BEYOND THE COMFORT ZONE

Welcome: Dr. Margot Gill, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, the Harvard China Fund, the Harvard University Asia Center, the Korea Institute, the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, the Program on U.S. Japan Relations, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

FROM ECO-AESTHETICS TO ECO-JUSTICE: THE ECOLOGICAL DISCOURSES IN VIETNAMESE INDEPENDENT ART CINEMA

Dr. Hoang Cam Giang, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Chair/Discussant: Professor Karen Thornber, Harvard University

Harvard-Yenching Institute Lunchtime Seminar; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Film Screening

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER

Discussants: Wai Wai Nu, Women Peace Network – Arakan

Debbie Stothard, founder of Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma

Moderator: Yee Htun, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change, the Harvard University Asia Center, and the Harvard Law School Advocates for Human Rights

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

EXPLAINING THE DIVERSE MIGRATION AND CARE POLICIES IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Professor Ito Peng, University of Toronto

Moderator: Professor Mary Brinton, Harvard University

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Thursday, November 8, 2018

RISE OF RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM AND ITS GENDERED IMPACT ON MYANMAR

Esther Htusan, Nieman Foundation Fellow; correspondent, Associated Press, Myanmar

Moderator: Yee Htun, Harvard University

Sponsored by the Gender, Law, and Society Workshop Series, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center

Friday, November 9-

Saturday, November 10, 2018

FILM SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSION WITH CHINESE DOCUMENTARIAN WANG BING

Co-sponsored by the Harvard Film Archives and the Harvard University Asia Center

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

THE THAI MILITARY'S CIVIL AFFAIRS PROJECTS: FROM COUNTER-INSURGENCY TO COUNTER-DEMOCRACY

Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Chair/Discussant: Professor Michael Herzfeld, Harvard University

Harvard-Yenching Institute Lunchtime Seminar; co-sponsored by the Thai Studies Program at the Harvard University Asia Center

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

EAST ASIAN TRADE AT A CROSSROADS: FROM TPP TO CHINA'S STATE-LED CAPITALISM

Professor Christina Davis, Harvard University

Moderator: Professor Susan Pharr, Harvard University

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Thursday, November 15-

Friday, November 16, 2018

SITUATING EMPIRE: THE GREAT WAR AND ITS AFTERMATHS

Graduate Student Conference, Department of History
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Wednesday, November 28, 2018

TRANSNATIONAL MERCHANT DIASPORA IN MODERN EAST ASIA: BRITISH AND CANTONESE COOPERATION IN THE TREATY PORTS SEEN THROUGH THE CASE OF THE TONGSHUNTAI FIRM

Professor Kang Jin-A, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Hanyang University, South Korea

Chair/Discussant: Professor Victor Seow, Harvard University

Harvard-Yenching Institute lunchtime talk; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Symposium

OTHER VOICES, OTHER STORIES: MARY MARGARET STEEDLY'S ETHNOGRAPHIC LEGACIES

Welcome: **Professor Ajantha Subramanian**, Harvard University

Introduction: **Professor Patricia Spyer**, Graduate Institute Geneva

Panel Chairs: **Professor Carla Jones**, University of Colorado, Boulder

Professor Mary-Jo Delvecchio Good, Harvard University

Professor Smita Lahiri, University of New Hampshire

Professor Michael Herzfeld, Harvard University

Professor Lucien Castaing-Taylor, Harvard University

Closing Remarks: **Professor Byron Good**, Harvard University

Sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center, the Department of Anthropology, and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

BANKING ON THE FUTURE: U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS, THE ADB, AND THE AIIB

Ambassador Robert Orr, former Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank

Moderator: **Professor Susan Pharr**, Harvard University

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FROM POLICEMEN TO REVOLUTIONARIES: A SIKH DIASPORA IN GLOBAL SHANGHAI, 1885-1945

Professor Cao Yin, Tsinghua University, China

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Monday, December 10, 2018

AN UNDESIGNED NUCLEAR TRIANGLE OF THE U.S., CHINA AND INDIA?

Dr. Wang Zhen, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Steven E. Miller**, Harvard University

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SCREENING OF *JIZO AND LIBIDO*

Discussants: **Yoshiaki Kasatani**, Director

Dr. Julia Alekseyeva, Harvard University

Yukiko Koide, Gallery owner

Masato Yamashita, Atelier Yamanami

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Thursday, February 7, 2019

FIGHTING FOR SEATS: THE POLITICS OF GENDER QUOTAS IN EAST ASIA

Professor Huang Chang-Ling, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute and Radcliffe Fellow; National Taiwan University

Chair/Discussant: **Professor Mona Lena Krook**, Rutgers University

Harvard-Yenching Institute Lunchtime Seminar; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center

Thursday, February 7, 2019

AN EVENING WITH ANOCHA SUWICHAKORNPONG

Screenings: *By the Time It Gets Dark*, and *Nightfall*
Discussants: **Anocha Suwichakornpong**, Director

Professor Peter Galison, Harvard University

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Book Talk

THE FUTURE IS ASIAN

Parag Khanna, Author; Managing Partner of FutureMap

Chair: **Professor Tarun Khanna**, Harvard University
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NEW THAI CINEMA

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The Songs of Rice (Pleng khong kao)

Directed by Uruphong Raksasad

Vanishing Point

Directed by Jakrawal Nilthamrong

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Eternity (Tee rak)

Directed by Sivaroj Kongsakul

Night Watch

Directed by Danaya Chulphuthiphong

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Railway Sleepers (Mon Rot Fai)

Directed by Sompot Chidgasornpongse

A Room with a Coconut View

Directed by Tulapop Saenjaroen

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REIMAGINE "ASIAN": DEFYING STEREOTYPES AND CELEBRATING IDENTITY IN MEDIA AND POPULAR CULTURE

Andrea Bang, actor, *Kim's Convenience*

Paul Sun-Hyung Lee, actor, *Kim's Convenience*

Simu Liu, actor, *Kim's Convenience* and *Yappie*

Andrew Phung, actor, *Kim's Convenience*

Hudson Yang, actor, *Fresh off the Boat*

Moderators: **Woojin Kim**, Harvard University

Amy Jiravisitcul, Harvard University

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APPENDICES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

PRESERVING ASIA'S COLONIAL AND MODERN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

Professor Fu Chao-Ching, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

Professor Kim Hyon-Sob, Korea University

Professor Liu Chen, Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute; Tsinghua University, China

Dr. Thant Myint-U, writer, historian, and Founder and Chairman of the Yangon Heritage Trust

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Nakorn-Sawan

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That Day of the Month (Wannan kong duen)

Directed by Jirassaya Wongsutin

Monday, April 8, 2019

The Island Funeral (Maha samut lae susaan)

Directed by Pimpaka Towira

Endless, Nameless

Directed by Mont Tesprateep

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Tropical Malady (Sud pralad)

Directed by Apichatpong Weerasethakul

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Special Event:

Phutti Phong Aroonpheng in Person

Manta Ray (Kraben rahu)

Directed by Phutti Phong Aroonpheng

With History in a Room Filled with People with Funny Names 4

Directed by Korakrit Arunanondchai

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

TOWARD A DISASTER-RESILIENT ASIA: A CONVERSATION WITH YASUYUKI SAWADA

Dr. Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank

Chair: Professor Rema Hanna, Harvard University

Discussant: Dr. Ammar Malik, Harvard University
Sponsored by Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard Kennedy School; co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

SCREENING OF: *LAST NIGHT I SAW YOU SMILING*

Discussants: Kavich Neang, Director of *Last Night I Saw You Smiling*

Dr. George Chigas, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

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SOUTH ASIA WITHOUT BORDERS SEMINAR SERIES

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PREVENTION SCIENCE IN CHILD PROTECTION: AN INDIAN CASE STUDY

Professor Jacqueline Bhabha, Harvard University

Elizabeth Donger, Harvard University

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INDIA-PAKISTAN CRISES: RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND OPTIONS FOR US CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Dr. Moeed Yusuf, Associate Vice President, Asia Center, United States Institute of Peace

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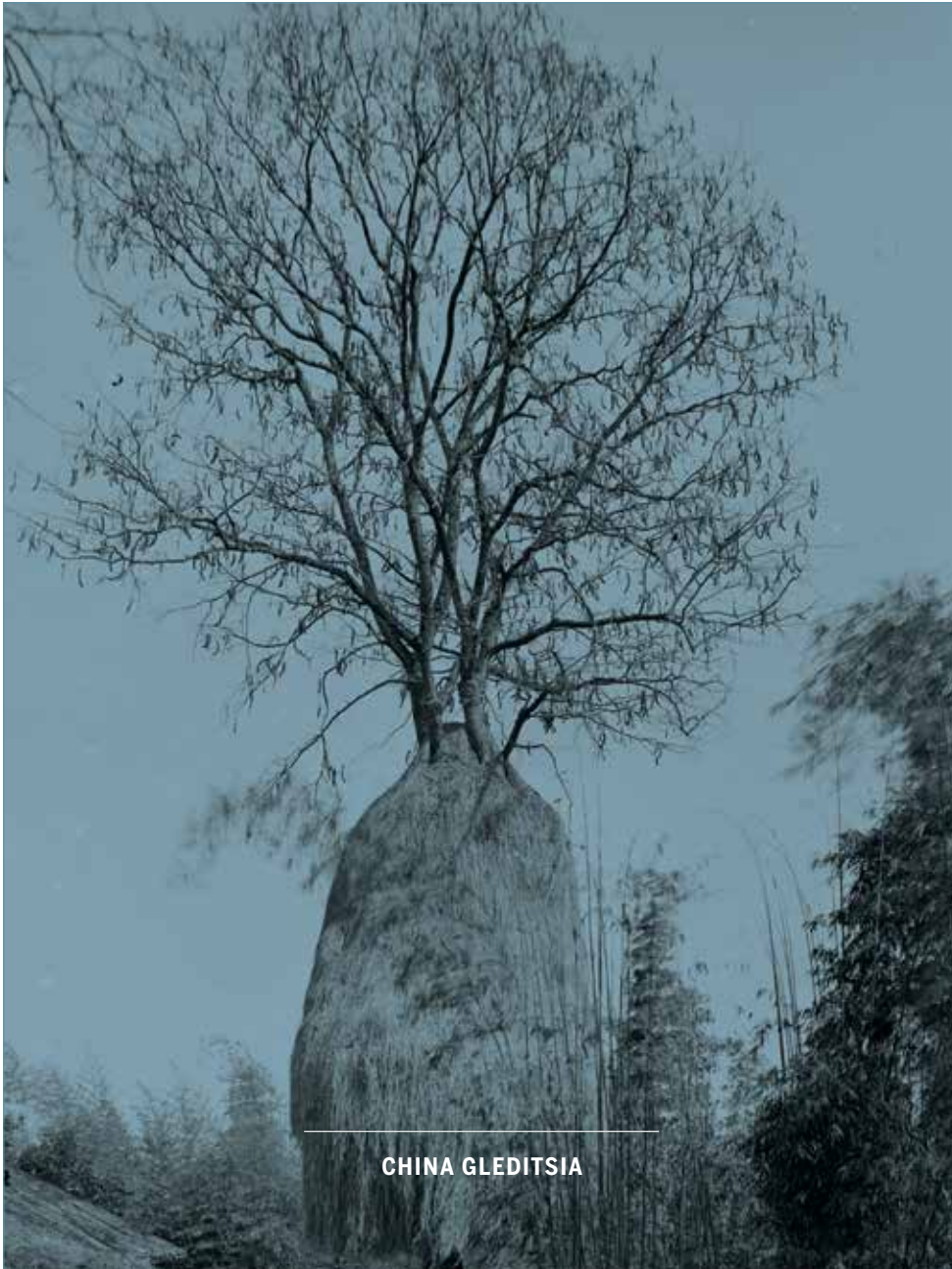
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ACC	Asia Center Council	HSPH	Harvard School of Public Health
ADB	Asian Development Bank	IAC	International Advisory Committee
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	JD	<i>juris doctor</i> (doctor of law)
AM	<i>artium magister</i> (master of arts)	KSGEE	Kennedy School of Government Executive Education
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	LLM	<i>legum magister</i> (master of laws)
CGIS	Center for Government and International Studies, 1730 Cambridge Street	MArch	master in architecture
CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	MAUD	master of architecture in urban design
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration	MBA	master in business administration
EdM	<i>educationis magister</i> (master of education)	MDes	master in design studies
EdD	<i>educationis doctor</i> (doctor of education)	MLA	master in landscape architecture
EHESS	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales	MPA	master in public administration
FAS	Faculty of Arts and Sciences	MTS	master of theological studies
GSA	Graduate Student Associates	MUP	master in urban planning
GSD	Graduate School of Design	P	parent
GSE	Graduate School of Education	PhD	<i>philosophiae doctor</i> (doctor of philosophy)
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