Request for Proposals
Remote Lecture Series
"Asia in Action: Knowledge and Inclusion in a Time of Ignorance and Fear"
Spring-Summer 2021

Overview

In response to troubling trends concerning anti-Asian sentiment, and a tragic rise in violence and hate against Asians and individuals of Asian descent, the Weatherhead East Asian Institute (WEAI) will launch a remote lecture series titled **"Asia in Action: Knowledge and Inclusion in a Time of Ignorance and Fear"** to be implemented during the remaining spring semester and throughout the summer. As part of the series, faculty and WEAI members will have the opportunity to host online lectures and panel discussions focused on racial discrimination and violence towards Asians and individuals of Asian descent, and topics of ethnicity and identity in relation to Global East Asia more broadly.

Individuals wishing to propose events under this series should follow the format listed below for online events.

Format of Events

Each online event will be conducted via Zoom with the option of recording the program and making the video available online on WEAI's YouTube channel within a few days following the event. Posting the video recording of each event online is contingent upon both the speaker(s) and the faculty sponsor's approval.

Event Implementation

Athina Fontenot, the Institute's Program Coordinator for Events (with assistance of other WEAI staff), will work with faculty to plan and execute the events. Technical and logistical support will be provided to each individual wishing to organize an online program. For more information or questions on how to host remote events, please contact Athina (af3018@columbia.edu).

Proposal Submission and Review

Please submit event proposals in writing to Athina (af3018@columbia.edu). Athina will work with the Programming Committee to review and approve proposed events.

Event proposals will be considered by the Cross-Regional Committee. Members of the Committee will take into consideration event timing and cost, as well as disciplinary and temporal coverage in their assessment.

All event proposals must include the following:

1. Event title
2. Anticipated date(s) or general timing
3. Anticipated speakers (names, affiliations)
4. Anticipated audience size
5. Short description of the event topic
6. Desired level of WEAI support: financial, planning, publicity, all
7. Proposed budget with expected costs: Honorarium (approx. $300) – honoraria are subject to eligibility. **Please Note: Organizers must work with WEAI staff to verify immigration status of event participants before offering financial compensation. For speakers who are non-U.S. citizens, WEAI is joining peer institutions and departments to require program budgets to cover the tax imposed by the IRS. For a $300 honorarium, an additional $128.57 should be budgeted.**