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Stepping into the role of director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute this year has been an exciting, challenging, and humbling experience. It was a privilege to receive the reins from my predecessors Eugenia Lean, now serving the University as Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, and Madeleine Zelin, who held down the fort as interim director during the Fall 2022 semester. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, so much has changed, and so rapidly, that it has been difficult to keep up. This extends from the subjects we study to the way we conduct and share our research. WEAI has adapted in creative ways and continues to thrive as we make adjustments.

Though we are, for the most part, in a post-pandemic world, we continue to address fissures and challenges that were revealed during that time. It is an unavoidable reality that our study of Asia must include an international component, as what happens in Asia often has global consequences. For this reason, we have renewed support for the Asia in Action initiative started by Professor Lean, which focuses on the impact of policies both toward Asians, and in Asia. For example, the Institute hosted a number of events over the past year that featured voices from the Vietnamese American community, including a discussion that filled Low Library: Chinh Chu, founder and senior managing director of CC Capital, spoke about his experiences as a Vietnam War refugee whose success story is an inspiration to many Asian Americans hoping to break the so-called bamboo ceiling of the business world. Qin Gao contributed enormously through her research, including a survey and report she led on “The State of Chinese Americans” in 2022, which was supported by the Committee of 100. The report offers important findings on discrimination against, and fears within, the Chinese American community. It was released in an online launch event as well as at a conference in Silicon Valley in May 2023 and was featured in a variety of media outlets. Postdoctoral Research Scholar JM Chris Chang organized an event series as part of Asia in Action, considering “dissident stories” and other views of China from inside and outside China.

This theme of diaspora issues is but a small snapshot of the prolific programming that took place throughout the year. In the fall, we hosted Ted Osius, former US ambassador to Vietnam, for a talk about his experience negotiating the normalization of relations between Washington and Hanoi. Students spilled into the halls outside the Institute’s conference room to hear a lecture by presumptive presidential candidate of Taiwan and former Taipei mayor Wen-je Ko. Under the direction of Lauran Hartley, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program led an event series, “Women in Tibetan Studies,” bringing well-deserved attention to critical perspectives in the field. For the inaugural event of the Japan Research Program, established this year by Gerald Curtis, we welcomed Sheila
Smith, John E. Merow Senior Fellow for Asia-Pacific Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, for a talk on the layered implications of Japan’s recent updates to its security strategy. And our scholars led numerous events on timely topics, including one following the assassination of Japan’s former prime minister Shinzo Abe, and another on the 20th Chinese Communist Party Congress, which saw the election of President Xi Jinping to a third term.

Our faculty remained active and engaged, publishing new research, securing grants and awards, and delivering distinguished lectures and keynote addresses. Because of space constraints, I will mention only a few here. Firstly, we congratulate Nicholas Bartlett for receiving a 2023–2024 Heyman Center fellowship and look forward to seeing the research he produces in the upcoming year. Multiple congratulations are also in order for Thomas Christensen, who received another Luce Foundation grant for the China and the World Program, as well as a SIPA teaching prize for his Fall 2022 seminar “International Strategy.” Professor Christensen was also named a senior adviser for the China Coordination Office (China House), Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, in March 2023. We were thrilled to learn of Alex Eble’s achievements this past year: he was named a Jacobs Foundation Research Fellow and won first prize for an article submitted to the 2022 Association for Public Policy and Management poster competition; and to top it off, he received tenure. On the Japan front, we were pleased to host two conferences funded by awards from the Association for Asian Studies’ Northeast Asia Council Japan Studies Grants—one won by Paul Kreitman and Sarah Kovner, and the other by Daniel Smith. We also congratulate Weiping Wu for receiving the 2022 Jay Chatterjee Distinguished Service to ACSP Award, given by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

We are grateful to Kim Brandt for her leadership of the Center for Korean Research as interim director and to the Donald Keene Center as acting director—juggling these responsibilities on top of her teaching work and academic directorship of the MARSEA program. We would also like to recognize Wei Shang for his hard work serving EALAC as department chair and look forward to working with Gray Tuttle as incoming chair moving forward.

In addition to the contributions of our faculty members, our community was enriched by our postdocs, students, visiting scholars, and other affiliates. Our two postdoctoral research scholars, Sau-yi Fong and Hayeon Lee, continued their research while also organizing Institute events that bridged fields and disciplines. We congratulate Dr. Fong for receiving the 2023 Esherick-Ye Family Foundation Grant and Dr. Lee for her new position as postdoctoral fellow at the Korea Institute, Australian National University, College of Asia and the Pacific. We also congratulate Kar Lok Pang, a 2023 MARSEA graduate, for qualifying as a GSAS Master’s SynThesis finalist for his thesis, “The Politics Behind the Curious Case of Qi Yuling v. Chen Xiaoji.” We are proud to note that this is the third year in a row a MARSEA student made it to the finals. Student activities were in full swing, and the Asian Pacific Affairs Council contributed an extremely insightful journal on the theme “Asia in Transition.”

And on that note, I can say firsthand—as the new director of this long-established Institute—that transition is rarely easy. I am grateful to the staff, faculty, and other members of the WEAI community for their patience and encouragement as we strive to find the right balance between old and new. It has been a pleasure working with Katherine Forshay and Sarah Jessup, our new executive and assistant directors, and our very capable Institute staff.

Finally, while it is too soon to share specifics just yet, I am extremely excited to show you what is in store for the Institute as we head into our 75th year. I hope that you will join us in celebrating this milestone in our history and the achievements of the individuals who led us to where we are today.

Sincerely,

Lien-Hang T. Nguyen
Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute
Since its establishment in 1949 as the East Asian Institute, the Institute has been the center for modern and contemporary East Asia research, studies, and publication at Columbia, covering China, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Mongolia, Tibet, and, increasingly, the countries of Southeast Asia. In 2003, the Institute was renamed the Weatherhead East Asian Institute to honor the generosity of the Weatherhead Foundation.

The faculty members of the Institute are members of Columbia’s Schools of Business, Law, International and Public Affairs, Social Work, and Arts and Sciences; and of Barnard College. Annually, the Institute hosts a diverse group of visiting scholars, professionals, and students from the United States and abroad.

The mission of the Institute is:

• To bring together faculty, research scholars, and students in an integrated program of teaching and research on East, Southeast, and Inner Asia; to train students to understand the countries, peoples, and cultures of East and Southeast Asia in order to enable them to function with knowledge of East, Southeast, and Inner Asia in academic teaching and research, in government service, in business, in journalism, and in nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations.

• To advance the general understanding and knowledge of East and Southeast Asia, both inside and outside the University, through meetings, conferences, publications, and otherwise.

Faculty and scholars at the Institute are distinguished by their interdisciplinary and multinational focus. Resources available to the Institute community include Columbia University’s renowned C.V. Starr East Asian Library and the Institute’s extensive ties to the business, diplomatic, legal, and media communities in New York City, the nation, and abroad. The Institute is also one of the leading centers for developing K-12 teacher resource and training programs in the United States.

The importance of East Asian studies at Columbia is recognized by a wide variety of funding sources, including the US Department of Education, which, since 1960, has designated Columbia as an East Asia National Resource Center and provides 3 percent of the Center’s annual funding needs.

Through its research projects, conferences, and seminars, the Institute creates an international forum on economic, political, and security issues facing East Asia.

Directors of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Sir George Sansom 1949–1953
Hugh Borton 1953–1958
C. Martin Wilbur 1958–1964
James W. Morley 1964–1967
James W. Morley 1970–1973
Gerald L. Curtis 1973–1975
Gerald L. Curtis 1976–1984
James W. Morley 1984–1987
Madeleine Zelin 1992–1993
Madeleine Zelin 1995–2001
Xiaobo Lü 2001–2006
Myron L. Cohen 2006–2014
Eugenia Lean 2014–2017
Madeleine Zelin Fall 2017
Xiaobo Lü Spring 2018
Eugenia Lean Fall 2018–Fall 2019
Lien-Hang T. Nguyen Spring 2020
Eugenia Lean Fall 2020–Spring 2022
Madeleine Zelin Fall 2022
Lien-Hang T. Nguyen Spring 2023–
MEMBERS

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Addiction and recovery; labor; civil society; psychoanalysis, groups and authority

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Korean Buddhism; religion and politics

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Modern Chinese literature and culture; critical translation theory; postcolonial theory; new empire studies; material culture, semiotics, and new media

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Internal migration in China and Chinese immigration; collective resistance; public health; child development; labor market inequality

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Chinese politics and foreign policy; the comparative study of political participation and political culture; human rights

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United States foreign relations; Southeast Asia; the Cold War

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Early modern and modern Japanese history; gender and sexuality studies

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Vietnamese writing systems and vernacular scripts; historical linguistics; linguistic contact between China and Vietnam

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Chinese-language cinema and media; documentary, industrial, and scientific films; progressive and activist cinema; labor, craft, and industry in media production; media ecology

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Japanese cinema and media; industrial and science film; history and theory of audiovisual pedagogy; media archaeology; cinematic modernism; microcinematography and film theory; television; new cinemas of the 1960s

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Modern Tibetan history; Manchu Qing Empire frontiers; role of Tibetan Buddhism in Sino-Tibetan relations

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Chinese economy; corruption; international finance and trade

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International economics, macroeconomics, corporate finance, the Japanese economy, and industrial policy

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Global urbanization, migration, housing, and infrastructure of Chinese cities

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Modern Japanese literature, film, and cultural criticism; narrative topography; city cultures; modern tragedy

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Modern Japanese history

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Library and information science; film studies

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Modern Japanese politics, foreign policy, social change, political economy; East Asia international relations

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Modern Japan (19th century to the present); 20th-century international history; World War II; history-writing and public memory in Asia and the world

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Tibetan literature and cultural production, translation studies

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Comparative politics; American politics; political economy; Japanese politics

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East Asian history; Japanese history; gender and sexuality; international and transnational history; military history

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Education about East Asia in US schools; education in China

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Japanese politics, comparative politics, political economy, political behavior

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Library and information science; library history; bibliometrics/webmetrics; Chinese educational policy
RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND AFFILIATES

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History of law, science, and medicine in late imperial and Republican China; the cultural and social politics of expertise; the history of death and the body

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Comparative politics with a focus on China and communist political systems

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Modern Japanese literature and thought

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Korean history focusing on shamans; Korea and Vietnam; material religion; regional comparisons

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Buddhism, Inner Asia, social history of knowledge
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Political economy; historical anthropology; legal anthropology; law and human rights; urban space; postcolonial and postimperial relations; the history and memory; transnational East Asia (China and Japan)

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Comparative education; mass media; contemporary world history

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Politics of Thailand; comparative politics of Southeast Asia

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Income distribution in China; poverty and poverty reduction policies in China; problems of economic reform

Orville Schell
Arthur Ross Director, Center on U.S.-China Relations, Asia Society in New York
Chinese history

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Political economy and history of China, Japan, and the Asia Pacific; war and peace; revolution; inequality; development; regional and world social change; historical memory

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Research Associate
Politics of the PRC, especially Tibet and the northwest; comparative human rights

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Comparative politics and international relations; Japanese politics; politics of migration; immigrant political incorporation; political transnationalism

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Professor Emeritus of Japanese History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
Late Edo landscape prints; the history of color and pigments in Japanese woodblock prints of the 18th and 19th centuries; woodblock views of Edo and Tokyo; “Chūshingura” and the relationship between history and legend in early modern and modern Japan; history of modern Tokyo; history of modern Japanese architecture

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Chinese foreign policy; nontraditional security in Asia; great power relations in Central Asia

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History of East Asia; world history; history of religions; history of technology

Chün-fang Yü
Sheng Yen Professor Emerita of Chinese Buddhism, Department of Religion and Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
Chinese Buddhism; East Asian religions; Buddhism and gender; Buddhism and modernization

Eve Zucker
Associate Research Scholar; Lecturer in Anthropology, Yale University
Cultural anthropology; the aftermath of mass violence through the lenses of social memory, morality, the imagination, trust, and everyday practices
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS 2022–2023

Jian Ming C. Chang

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Society of Fellows in the Humanities; Asia in Action Fellow

Political science, history

JM Chris Chang is a historian of modern China, having received his PhD in East Asian languages and cultures from Columbia University in 2018. His research focuses on issues of bureaucracy, archive, surveillance, and political culture in 20th-century China. His current project is a history of file-keeping and bureaucratic paperwork as understood through the dossier system, the socialist institution of comprehensive files on individual Chinese subjects. The project examines how the paper routines of the dossier consumed the bureaucratic profession and became the material for everyday political acts. His work utilizes what are known in the field as “garbage sources”—files previously discarded from official archives that have since resurfaced in book and paper markets. The use of this source base has informed a broader interest in the material culture and afterlife of government paper. His research has received support from the Social Science Research Council and the ACLS/Mellon Foundation.

Sau-yi Fong

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

History, China, transimperial histories of military mobilization, maritime technology, oceanic knowledge

Sau-yi Fong is a historian of late imperial and modern China. Her research interests include the transimperial histories of military mobilization, maritime technology, and oceanic knowledge. She is currently working on a book project that examines late Qing China’s naval rebuilding project to explore the politics of military-industrial technological transfer from the West to China in the nineteenth century. Tracing the personal, material, and institutional networks connecting the Qing empire to the world’s naval technology, the project uncovers a global regime of arms production that blurred the boundaries between the arms race and the arms trade, secrecy and openness, competition and collaboration.

In addition to her book project, she has written an article investigating the career trajectory of Ding Gongchen (1800–1875), a Muslim maritime merchant and amateur military technologist in mid-nineteenth-century China, which is forthcoming in Late Imperial China. Another article examining the Guomindang’s student military training program from 1928 to 1937 is to appear in Modern China.

Her research has been supported by grants and fellowships from the D. Kim Foundation, the Japan Foundation, the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute. She received her PhD in East Asian History from Columbia University in 2022.
Hayeon Lee
Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Modern Vietnamese Studies

*Vietnam, feminist ethnography, gender, intersectionality, transnational migration, mixed marriages, labor, sexuality, selfhood, narratives, life histories*

Hayeon Lee is an anthropologist of Vietnam and Korea and is also trained as a social worker. She earned her PhD in 2022 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Her current research, based on three years of fieldwork in Vietnam, focuses on the migration process and narratives of Vietnamese marriage migrant women to South Korea. She is presently working on an article on ethnographic research methods and intersectionality.
VISITING SCHOLARS 2022–2023

Sooyoung An
January 2023–December 2023
Associate Professor, Shanghai Normal University; Historical change and vernacular makings of “scientific medicine” in Korea

Jason Po-Nien Chen
February 2021–December 2022
Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London; China-Taiwan relations in the era of a rising China

Hasichaolu
October 2022–September 2023
Associate Professor, Department of Mongolian Language and Literature, School of Chinese Ethnic Minority Languages and Literatures, Minzu University of China; The Collation and research of Tibetan sources on Tibeto-Mongolian relations in the 16th-17th centuries

Ping He
September 2022–August 2023
Professor, School of Economics, Minzu University of China; Regional economics and poverty governance in ethnic minority areas

Eva Kit Wah Man
September 2022–November 2022
Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University; Discourses of Art and Morality in New China: Confucian moderations in Mao and Xi’s speeches on artistic practice

Minh Quang Pham
April 2022–October 2022
Fulbright Scholar, University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Vietnam National University (VNU); Current US perspectives on Vietnam’s position in the 21st century Cold War

Yangang Shi
September 2022–August 2023
Assistant Researcher, School of International Studies, Shaanxi Normal University; The History and translation of Tibetan-Manju documents in the Qing Dynasty

Hirokazu Yoshie
September 2022–September 2023
Lecturer, Soka University; Analysis of the Imperial portrait and the Imperial Rescript on Education as a modern history of Japan

ROBERT M. IMMERMAN PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS 2022–2023

Sang Mi An
September 1, 2022–August 31, 2023
Staff Reporter, The Korea Economic Daily; ESG Investment by Global Finance: Opportunities in the Korean Capital Market
Aya Matsuo Kodera  
January 1, 2023–June 31, 2023  
Manager, Corporate Planning & Coordination Dept., Marubeni America Corporation; Human Capital Management for Japanese Companies: A Key to Surviving the New Era of Work

Mizuho Morioka  
September 1, 2022–August 31, 2023  
Staff Reporter, The Asahi Shimbun; How Can Newspapers Remain Viable?

Yun-Hsin Shih  
September 1, 2022–February 28, 2023  
Sub-Division Chief, Public Works Department, Taipei City Government; Prioritizing Corruption Complaints Using Big Data

DOCTORATES AWARDED  
2022-2023

Harlan Chambers  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Revolutionary Times: Temporalities of Mobilization and Narrative in China’s Revolution”

Sau-yi Fong  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: “Guns, Boats, and Diplomacy: Late Qing China and the World’s Naval Technology”

Yuki Ishida  

Alexander Kaplan-Reyes  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: “Flowers on the Battlefield: Intimacy and Hierarchy in the Construction of Japanese Warrior Masculinities, 1507-1636”

Peter Moody  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: “Music, Politics, and Indigenization in the DPRK (1945-1991)”

Thomas Ryan  
History: “War at the Exhibition: Militarism and Mass Culture in South Korea, 1946-1973”

Shogo Sakabe  
Economics: “Essays on Spatial Economics”

Tracy (Howard) Stilerman  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Contextualizing Place Writing in Tibet: The Gelukpa Rewriting of the Buddhist Landscape in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries”

Chung-Wei Yang  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Pictorials and the Transformation of Chinese Fiction in the Era of Photolithography (1900-1910)”

Howard Zhang  
Economics: “Essays in Spatial and International Economics”

Zachary Berge-Becker  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: The writings and worldviews of Song dynasty elites

Nicolle Marr Bertozzi  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Material culture, craft knowledge, repurposing of objects, and the tea ceremony

David Xu Borgonjon  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Contemporary art, modern Chinese literature, Southeast Asian literature, economic philosophy; the market in modern Chinese literature within Southeast Asian context

Mohamad Adam Brooks  
Social Work: “Mental health of refugees and asylum-seekers”

Jason Butters  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Transpacific intellectual and cultural exchange through imperial Japan

Xuexin Cai  
East Asian Languages and Cultures

Stephanie Char  
Political Science: “China’s Counter-Criticism Coercion”

Vincent Chartray  
Economics

Peter Chen  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Otherwise than Empire: Anarchist Philology in Late Qing China”
Hyoseak (Stephen) Choi
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Children’s literature, children’s culture, and the notion of childhood in Japan

Suhyun Choi
Art History

Shana Colburn
Teachers College: The role of cultural identity in marketing; commercialization of internet and radio media in China

Anna Dai
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese literature

Yi Deng
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese literature

Tenzin Yewong Dongchung
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Carvers, Scribes, and Patrons: The Spread of Woodblock Printing Technology on Sino-Tibetan Borderlands (1644–1911)”

Tenzin Dorjee
Political Science: The role of religion in promoting or restraining violence

Matt Easton
Economics

Albert E. Errickson
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Vietnamese studies

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Idriss Fofana
History: The “international solution” to the labor question in Africa: A legal history of Chinese and West African migrant labor in the Congo Free State, 1860–1919

Cameron Foltz
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Social organization and administration in the Sino-Tibetan borderlands from the 17th century to the present

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East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Du Fu: Poetry, Network, and the Imagination of the Empire”

Sharon Green
Sociomedical Sciences: “Migration, Empowerment, and Health”

Palden Gyal
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Practices of governance; political and institutional history of Tibetan communities in the Sino-Tibetan borderlands from the 18th to the 19th century

Sam Han
School of Social Work: Pro-work policy changes of settlement support programs and economic adjustment of North Korean defectors in South Korea

Yuri Handa
Art History

Tianran Hang
Religion: Japanese religion

Tenggeer Hao
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Modern Chinese literature and cinema, with interests in critical theory, and Buddhism

Michelle L. Hauk
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: The social history of architecture in Japan

Samuel Monroe Hellman
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Chinese literature, media, and cinema

Tianyuan Huang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Interaction between gender and sexuality, international relations, and nation building in the context of Japan’s tradition toward “modernity”

Mairead Hynes
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Modern Japanese history

Nan Jiang
Social Work: Aging welfare policies, intergenerational relationships, long-term care, and economics of caregiving in China

Ryo Kawashima
History: Japanese history

Gayatri Kawlra

Chris Kim
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Early Chinese history

Iris Kim
East Asian Languages and Cultures:
Constructions of family and gender, visual culture, and translation

Jeewon Kim
Art History and Archaeology: “Decolonizing the Brush: The Problematics of ‘Japanese Color’ in Modern Korean Painting”

Stella Kim
East Asian Languages and Culture: “Bodies of Virtue: Reproduction and Motherhood in Early Modern Korea”

Ekaterina Komova
East Asian Languages and Cultures: The history and development of linguistic thought as well as the interrelation between linguistic processes such as grammatical and semantic broadening and their effect on the evolution and aestheticization of certain poetic and literary concepts

Sang Hoon Kong
Economics

Naomi Kuromiya
Art History: “Finding the Past in the Future: Tracing the ‘Integrated Artwork’ in Modern Japan”

Adrienne Minh-Chau Le

Joanna Lee
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Visions of Emancipation: Islam, Socialism, and Third World Internationalism in the People’s Republic of China from the Cold War to the Present”

Mengheng Lee
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Koreanizing Chinese Laws: Illegal Border-Crossing and Persecuting Catholicism in Late Chosŏn Korea”

Meng-Hsuan Lee

Melissa Li
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese literature

Constantine Lignos
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Sino-Tibetan History and Religion

Yuyuan (Victoria) Liu
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Tibetan and Chinese visual culture

Alexandra Mathieu
Political Science: International relations; Japanese politics

Neil McGee
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Mysterious Teachings: Daoism in South China under the Mongols”

Maho Miyazaki
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Pre-modern Japanese literature, with a special interest in Noh plays

Deanna T. Nardy
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Embracing the Other: Rereading Blackness in Modern Japanese Literary and Visual Media”

Dan Nguyen
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Early-modern Vietnamese history

Sehyun Oh
Art History: “The Land Surveyors from the Outside: Documentation of Immigrants in an American Northwest Environment by Kyō Koike and Iwao Matsushita, ca. 1920–1940”

Daniel Penner-Hashimoto
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese literature

Qichen (Barton) Qian

Tasfia Rahman
Anthropology

Alexis Rangell-Onwuegbuzia
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese film and media

Komei Sakai
East Asian Languages and Cultures: The religious iconography of Japanese arms and armor from the Kamakura period, with an emphasis on the engraving on sword blades related to the worship of Fudō Myō-ō

Nataly Shahaf
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Multiple Exposures: Ghosts, Buddhism, and Visual Heritage in Early Twentieth-Century China”

Riga Shakya
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “National Histories, Imperial Memories: The Poetics of the Past and Qing Rule in 18th-century Tibet”

Zhanjie Si
Social Work: Poverty alleviation and inequalities in China; stigma and social policy
Jennifer So
Social Work: Asian American tutorial; effect of social policies on employment and time use in women-led, immigrant, and single parent households

Guy St Amant
East Asian Languages and Cultures and Religion: The development of esoteric Buddhism in middle-period China; the transmission of Buddhist scripture from South to East Asia

Rachel Staum Mei
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Women from other worlds in Japanese literature, especially in Otogizōshi

Kanako Tajima
Art History

Isaac Chun-Kiang Tan
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Interwar period in Asia; late imperial China; the history of medicine in modern Japan

Norashiqin Toh
Political Science: Intergovernmental organizations in Southeast Asia

Jane Traynor
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Kyogen in contemporary society and its use of satire and parody as a means of commenting on medieval Japanese society

Riga Tsering
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Biographies of Tibet’s Political Leaders, 1716–1840”

Jeffrey Chih-Yu Twu
Anthropology: Subnational borders between Hong Kong and China

Bhargavi Viswanath
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Tibetan studies

Danping Wang

Selina Wang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese literature

Siwei Wang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Towards Third World Solidarity: The Sino-Latin American Literary World in the Cold War”

Yi Wang
School of Social Work: Disparities in school readiness and achievement by family socioeconomic status

Oliver White
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Premodern Japanese literature; Edo-period wahan texts

Angelo Wong
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese literature

Andrew Wortham
Teachers College and Anthropology of Education: Emerging LGBT communities in China

Jenny Xiao
Political Science: “A Look Inside: How Firms Reveal State Capabilities and Intentions”

Chuan Xu
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Political valences of everyday interaction with material culture in modern China; technologies of governance and control

Laura Wing Mei Yan
History: “Port Lives: Migrant Workers and the Makings of Singapore and Dubai, 1938–1979”

Dongcheng Yang
Economics

Hekang Yang
History: “Decentralized Statecraft in Late Qing Frontier Development: Alternative State-Making, 1870–1911”

Yingchuan Yang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Revolution on the Air: Mass Technology and the Decline of Chinese Socialism”

Linan Lily Yao
Political Science: “The Political Economy of the Chinese Film Industry”

Timothy Yin
Political Science

Heewon Yoon
Political Science: “Electoral Behavior in the Republic of Korea”

Hongyi Yu
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Modern Chinese history

Qianhui Zhang
Teachers College
Yalu Zhang
School of Social Work: The prediction, consequences, and policy responses of health-induced poverty

Yifan Zhang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Collecting the ‘Airs’ of Suzhou: Vernacular Soundscape, Local Knowledge, and Cultural Hybridity in Early-Modern China, 1450–1650”

Yujin Zhang
Political Science: “Growth Strategies, the Economy, and People’s Economic Worldviews”

Francesca Zhao
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Premodern Chinese literature, with a focus on the conception of space in Qing novels

Xinyi Zhao
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Cinema as a Quest for Modernity: Film Culture, Spectatorship, and Colonial (After) lives of Manchukuo”

Xun Zheng
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese film and media
The Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute is a series sponsored by the Institute and directed by Professors Carol Gluck, Eugenia Lean, Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, and Gray Tuttle. The aim of this series is to bring to light new scholarship on modern and contemporary East Asia. The series, established in 1962, now comprises more than 200 titles by scholars from all over the world, including those from Columbia University. The studies are published individually by a variety of university and trade presses. Twelve titles were published during the 2022–2023 academic year:

**Augustine, Matthew R.**

**Dykstra, Maura**

**Clutario, Genevieve Alva**

**Grant, Andrew**

**Doyon, Jérôme**

**Hur, Aram**
Kim, H. Yumi  

Skabelund, Aaron Herald  

Tran, Nu-Anh, and Tuong Vu  

Wu, Lan  

Wu, Weiping, and Qin Gao  

Xie, Miya  
The donor is a SIPA alumna who worked young scholars to publish their first work. This endowment was created to enable the Asian Institute of History, Society, and Culture.

This series, published by Columbia University Press, was inaugurated in 2000. Under the directorship of Carol Gluck at the Institute and Jennifer Crewe at Columbia University Press, the series includes books on Asian subjects that cross the usual boundary between scholarly monographs and more encompassing general works. The series aims to satisfy the educated general reader as well as the classroom reader in providing texts that are serious but not narrow, substantial but not synthetic.

WEATHERHEAD BOOKS ON ASIA

This series, initiated in 2001 and currently published by Columbia University Press, is designed to produce and publish high-quality translations of works in Asian languages intended for scholars, students, and the interested general reader. The series editors are David D.W. Wang, Edward C. Henderson Professor of Chinese Literature, Harvard University, for fiction; and Carol Gluck, George Sansom Professor of History, for history, society, and culture. The title below was published in the 2022–2023 academic year:

Vasily Eroshenko. Translated by Adam Kuplowsky.


THE FIRST BOOKS ENDOWMENT OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE

This endowment was created to enable young scholars to publish their first work. The donor is a SIPA alumna who worked for the Institute’s publications program more than 30 years ago. It is her hope, through this endowment, that the Institute’s publications programs will continue to benefit young scholars of East Asia for a long time to come. In 2022–2023, the award was given to Klaus Yamamoto-Hamering for Perilous Wagers: Gambling, Dignity, and Day Laborers in Post-Fukushima Tokyo, under contract with Cornell University Press; and Yanqiu Zheng for In Search of Admiration and Respect: Chinese Cultural Diplomacy in the United States, 1875–1974, under contract with The University of Michigan Press.

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WEAI RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Center for Korean Research
The Center for Korean Research (CKR) was established in 1988. Theodore Hughes was director from 2013 to 2021, and Kim Brandt served as interim director from 2021 to 2023. The Center’s goal is to encourage Korean studies at Columbia by developing new courses on Korea, promoting research concerning Korea in all disciplines, sponsoring a regular seminar on contemporary Korean affairs, assisting in expanding Columbia’s Korean library holdings, and stimulating comparative research involving Korea within Columbia’s large East Asian studies community. In 2016, the Academy of Korean Studies awarded CKR a five-year Core University Grant that supports graduate fellowships, postdoctoral positions, adjunct teaching, Korean library collection cataloging, and the development of Korean studies research networks.

From 2016 to 2020, CKR housed The Journal of Korean Studies, which is the preeminent journal in its field, publishing high-quality articles in all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences on a broad range of Korea-related topics, both historical and contemporary.

In 2017, the Center for Korean Research and Columbia University Press announced a new Korean studies book initiative. A $10,000 subvention is awarded each year on a competitive basis to an author who has secured a contract from Columbia University Press for an outstanding Korea-related book in any academic discipline and covering any time period. Columbia University Press considers all Korea-related manuscripts under contract in a given year for the award. The designation “A Center for Korean Research Book” appears on the title page of the book, along with acknowledgment of the funding source on the copyright page. In 2023, the initiative supported the publication of Boundless Winds of Empire: Rhetoric and Ritual in Early Choson Diplomacy with Ming China by Sixin Wang.

http://ckr.weai.columbia.edu/

Dorothy Borg Research Program
The Dorothy Borg Research Program of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute was established to prepare scholars for the challenge of studying transnational issues involving the United States and East Asia and to explore new conceptual strategies and themes for understanding the study of US-East Asia. The program is named in honor of Dorothy Borg (1902-1993), a historian of United States-East Asia relations whose influence—on political scientists like Gerald L. Curtis, Andrew J. Nathan, and Robert Jervis; historians like Carol Gluck; and many others—helped bridge the work of history and contemporary analysis.

A central goal of the program is to encourage and support those who might work primarily in either the United States or East Asia to broaden their scope to focus on the transnational and global linkages—and facilitate areas of convergence that can be drawn between the fields of East Asia and the study of the United States—through postdoctoral training opportunities, graduate fellowships, and collaborative grants to support inquiry that crosses geographic, temporal, and/or disciplinary boundaries.

The program is divided into four research projects: America and East Asia: Past and Present (Cochaired by Gerald L. Curtis and Carol Gluck); The Making of the Modern Pacific World (Core Faculty Members: Mae Ngai and Theodore Hughes); Global Circuits, US-East Asian Archives, and Future Directions (Steering Committee: Eugenia Lean and Professors Haruo Shirane, Gray Tuttle, and Madeleine Zelin); and The United States and Southeast Asia: Past Legacies, Present Issues, and Future Prospects (Cochaired by Professors Duncan McCargo, Ann Marie Murphy, and Amy Freedman). Each project was designed to harmonize with the other three without overwhelming them. Although the individual projects are divergent in their missions, they are convergent in fulfilling the vision Dorothy Borg had to further US-East Asian studies at Columbia University.

Japan Research Program
In fall 2022, the Weatherhead East Asian Institute (WEAI) at Columbia University inaugurated a new program directed by Professor Gerald Curtis that focuses on Japan’s evolving foreign policy strategy. Named the Japan Research Program, it incorporates and builds on activities that were previously sponsored by the Institute’s Toyota Research Program. The Japan Research Program continues to enjoy the generous support of Toyota and is currently seeking support from other corporations, foundations, and individuals for its public policy-related events and activities concerned with Japan’s relations with the United States, with other countries in the Indo-Pacific region and globally.

Modern Tibetan Studies Program
Columbia’s Modern Tibetan Studies Program, established in 1999, was the first university-based program in the West dedicated to engaging the society, history, and culture of modern Tibet. It supports and carries out teaching and research on modern Tibetan society, history, and culture; runs study programs, educational projects, and conferences in close collaboration with other institutions and scholars in the US and abroad; organizes exchange visits with Tibetan and Chinese scholars from Tibet and elsewhere; and offers a vibrant and diverse range of public programming.

The faculty, research scholars, and staff in the Modern Tibetan Studies Program are Gray Tuttle, who holds the Leila Hadley Luce Chair of Modern Tibetan Studies; Lauer Hartley, director of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program and adjunct lecturer in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Kristina Dy-Liacco, Tibetan Studies librarian, and Lobsang Sumbha, Tibetan bibliographical assistant, in the C.V. Starr East Asian Library; and Tibetan language instructors Sonam Tsering and Sonam Tsering Ngulphu.
In spring 2004, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program was awarded a $3 million gift from the Henry Luce Foundation to establish the world’s first chair in modern Tibetan studies. Gray Tuttle, the current holder of the chair, is an expert in modern Tibetan history and Sino-Tibetan relations since the 17th century.

In cooperation with Columbia’s departments of Religion and of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the program supports instruction in both modern and classical Tibetan language and provides courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, covering Tibetan history from the 16th to the 20th century as well as courses on material culture, contemporary Tibetan art, history, politics and culture, biography, film, and other topics. Recent courses have included early modern and 20th-century Tibetan history, climate history of the Tibetan Plateau, Sino-Tibetan relations, Tibetan sacred geography, Tibetan literature, Tibetan cultural production and social change, infrastructure and urbanization in Tibet, and Tibetan life-writing.

Tibetan studies courses can be taken as part of Columbia College’s Core Curriculum requirement for undergraduates, and Tibetan Studies can be chosen as a specialization for MA degrees in East Asian Studies (EALAC), in International Affairs (SIPA) or in Regional Studies-East Asia (MARSEA). At the PhD level, students can specialize in modern Tibetan studies within the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC).

The program is supported by an outstanding library collection of books and manuscripts about Tibet. The collection, one of the largest in the United States, is based at Columbia’s C.V. Starr East Asian Library and includes some 20,000 books on Tibet in English, Tibetan, and Chinese and a major digital library of classical Tibetan texts, as well as audio-visual materials and archives. With WEAI funding, several hundred archival items have also been digitized and are now available in Columbia’s Digital Library Collections. In August 2022, Kristina Dy-Liacco was hired as the new Tibetan Studies librarian at the Starr Library, and she continues the cooperative program whereby she jointly serves the University of Toronto.

The Modern Tibetan Studies Program is part of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute’s initiative to include the borderlands of China and the frontiers of Inner and Central Asia in the American map of knowledge about East Asia. Since 2014, the program has led business training workshops and exchanges for Tibetan entrepreneurs focused on ecotourism, agriculture, pastoralism, and related economic sectors in Tibet. The Modern Tibetan Studies Program also collaborates with other Tibetan studies initiatives in the New York City area, including the Rubin Museum of Art, the Latse Project, the Treasury of Lives, the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, and the Newark Museum, as well as other universities in the United States and Europe; and it has had an exchange relationship with the Central Nationalities University in Beijing.
In 2022–2023, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program hosted 10 public events, including the screening of a new documentary film “Tukdam: Between Worlds,” a roundtable on indigenous knowledge systems and environmental management, two book launches, a five-part lecture series “Women in Tibetan Studies,” and more. These discussions were attended by some 860 people worldwide, with in-person events livestreamed for virtual audiences. Video recordings of MTSP events can be viewed on the MTSP YouTube Playlist: bit.ly/3OfSgXl.

Last fall, WEAI "Asia in Action" funds allowed for some sixty undergraduate students enrolled in the Tibetan Civilization class to benefit from a curator-led tour at the Rubin Museum of Art and a field trip for Tibetan-language students to a cultural center in Jackson Heights, Queens. https://tibet.columbia.edu/

**Vietnamese Studies Initiative**

Columbia University recently formalized a new Vietnamese Studies initiative, which offers courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and focuses on the society, history, politics, and culture of Vietnam from the premodern era to today, as well as language courses at all levels. The Vietnamese Studies faculty include Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, who holds the Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia (History), and John Phan, who teaches Vietnamese Humanities and Cultures in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC). They are joined by the director of the language program and instructor Phuong Chung Nguyen and adjunct instructor Vinh Quoc Nguyen, as well as the 2022–2023 Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Modern Vietnamese Studies, Dr. Hayeon Lee. In addition to offering content and language courses, Vietnamese Studies hosts small workshops as well as international conferences, is building a Global Vietnam project with institutions in-country, and is working toward erecting a Center for Vietnamese Studies at Columbia.

During this academic year, the Luce Foundation awarded Vietnamese Studies at Columbia, along with Fulbright University Vietnam, for "Digitizing Vietnam: The Future of Global Vietnam and Vietnamese Studies" through the Southeast Asia Initiative grant. Vietnamese Studies also hosted two large events: "The Greatest Beer Run Ever—Film screening and panel discussion," featuring director Peter Farrelly, producer Andrew Muscato, costume designer Bao Tranchi, and Chickie Donohue (Professor Lien-Hang T. Nguyen served as historical consultant on the film), and "A Conversation with Chinh Chu: Rise from the Fall—Profile of a Vietnamese American Leader," featuring Chinh Chu, Naja Pham Lockwood, and Anh Do. Vietnamese Studies also hosted Vietnam’s Central Commission of Theoretical Studies for a closed full-day workshop with experts on capitalism.
AFFILIATED COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CENTERS

APEC Study Center
Columbia University established the APEC Study Center in 1994 at the request of the US Department of State in response to the APEC Leaders’ Education Initiative, introduced by President Bill Clinton and endorsed by the leaders of the other APEC member nations at their historic meetings on Blake Island and in Seattle in November 1993. This initiative calls on institutions of higher education in the United States and throughout the Asia Pacific to collaborate on Asia Pacific policy research and—through exchanges, joint research, conferences, and other contacts—to help establish an emerging region-wide network of personal and institutional relationships for all member economies.

https://business.columbia.edu/apec

Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies
The Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies provides in-depth coursework, international fellowships, expert lectures, and academic exchanges to foster a deeper understanding of China's dynamic legal landscape. The center invites students, scholars, faculty, professionals, and alumni to explore emerging topics and ongoing debates, and it connects Columbia Law School to the global Chinese legal community. By engaging with the center’s programming, students are equipped to navigate China’s legal environment in both domestic and international contexts. The center was established in 1983 by Professor Emeritus R. Randle Edwards and, in 2021, was named in honor of Columbia Law School’s first Chinese graduate, Hong Yen Chang, Class of 1886, who was also the first Chinese American to be admitted as a lawyer in the United States. The center is now directed by Professor Benjamin Liebman.

https://chinese-legal-studies.law.columbia.edu/

Center for Japanese Legal Studies
The Center for Japanese Legal Studies, with executive director Nobuhisa Ishizuka, was established in 1980 with financial support from the Fuyo Group (a group of leading Japanese companies) and the Japan-US Friendship Commission. The center administers a range of research-oriented, programmatic, and informal programs designed to enhance understanding of the Japanese legal system. It also maintains strong ties with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and the Center on Japanese Economy and Business. Currently, the center is expanding its activities to reflect the dynamic legal shift underway in Japan in response to the geopolitical environment in Asia—changes that affect Japan’s security posture under the postwar constitution.

https://jls.law.columbia.edu/

Center for Korean Legal Studies
The Center for Korean Legal Studies was founded in 1994 with funding from The Korea Foundation and the Hankook Tire Group. Columbia Law School is proud to be the first law school in the United States to have a center dedicated to studying issues in Korean law and regulations. Directed by Jeong-Ho Roh, the Center encourages research and teaching in Korean law and the Korean legal system. Visiting scholars to the Center include Korean lawyers, judges, and government and company officials.

http://www.law.columbia.edu/korean-legal-studies

Center on Japanese Economy and Business
Established at Columbia Business School in 1986 under the direction of its founder, Professor Hugh Patrick, and led currently by its director, Professor David E. Weinstein, the Center on Japanese Economy and Business (CJEB) promotes knowledge and understanding of Japanese business and economics in an international context. CJEB is a research organization widely recognized for its vigorous research activities, international symposia, conferences, and lectures held in New York City and Tokyo, and, most recently, online, which provide prominent speakers from the public and private sectors a forum for collaboration and reflection on Japan, the United States, and the global economy.

https://business.columbia.edu/cjeb

China Center for Social Policy
As the first center of its kind founded within a US school of social work, the China Center is a hub for innovation and action on social welfare in China. Partnerships with major universities, think tanks, and international organizations make the Center a global platform to share scientific findings, develop policy proposals, and build community. The Center’s global relationships also make it a natural career incubator for Chinese students and others working on social welfare topics pertaining to China and beyond.

Through interdisciplinary research, the Center’s scholars address social concerns from an international comparative perspective, including, but not limited to, poverty, income distribution, population aging, gender equality, rural-to-urban migration, and social policies in China and the Asian American immigration experience in the United States.

Columbia Global Centers | Beijing
Columbia Global Centers | Beijing serves as an important regional hub for the Columbia community in East Asia, facilitating and promoting academic exchange, research, and scholarship programs in the region. It helps provide faculty, students, and alumni with a broader global view and international experience by forging connections with regional intelligence.
C.V. Starr East Asian Library

The C.V. Starr East Asian Library holds the third largest collection for the study of East Asia in North America, with more than 1.3 million print items of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, Mongol, Manchu, and Western-language materials and more than 8,500 periodical titles, as well as 2.7 million volumes of e-books in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, and English. The collection is particularly strong in Chinese history, literature, and social sciences; and Japanese literature, history, and religion, particularly Buddhism; and Korean history. The Kress Special Collections Reading Room provides access to the rare book and special collections, which are especially strong in Chinese local histories and genealogies; Japanese Edo period woodblock printed books; the Makino Collection in East Asian film studies and Wan-go Weng Film Collection; and the Korean Yi Song-yi Collection of rare books, as well as collections of ancient Chinese oracle bones, Chinese paper gods from the early 20th century, signed first editions of modern Japanese authors, Edo-period ukiyo-e, and Chinese archival collections, such as the Ta-Chun Hsu Papers. The library’s microfilm collection is also extensive; and its East Asian Film Collection focuses on early Korean and Japanese feature films and documentaries and on contemporary Chinese feature and independent films, documentaries, television series, local operas, and martial arts, with more than 9,000 DVD titles. Online records have been created for almost all of the collection.

http://library.columbia.edu/locations/eastasian.html

Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

Founded in 1986, the center is named in honor of Columbia’s internationally renowned scholar of Japanese literature. The primary goal of the center is to advance understanding of Japan and Japanese culture in the United States through university instruction, research, and public outreach.

www.keenecenter.org

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program

Founded in 2004, the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program (C&WP) is committed to integrating the advanced study of China’s foreign relations into the field of international relations, by bringing exceptional young scholars whose work bridges China studies and international relations together with recognized scholars in these fields.

Whether China’s economic and political development is advancing toward rapid expansion in its relative power, or an implosion born of socioeconomic and political inequality, there is growing demand in universities, government, and the business sector for reliable analysis of China’s role in global and regional economic, social, and security affairs. C&WP thinks that a sound understanding of China’s foreign relations depends on research that draws both on theories and methods from the discipline of international relations and on deep knowledge of China’s interaction with the outside world. To this end, C&WP offers postdoctoral fellowships to encourage exceptional advanced graduate students and new PhDs to integrate their knowledge of international relations as a discipline with their knowledge of China. The program provides an opportunity for scholars to advance their research, to develop a stronger sense of community with others working on both China and international relations, to forge interdisciplinary ties with China experts in other fields as well as with policymakers and intellectuals without China expertise, and to access the first-class resources in international relations and China that both Columbia and Harvard have to offer.

https://cwp.sipa.columbia.edu/

New York Southeast Asia Network

Columbia University serves as host of the New York Southeast Asia Network (NYSEAN). Created in 2015 and generously supported by the Henry Luce Foundation, NYSEAN is a nonprofit organization that aims to promote mutual understanding and forge partnerships among individuals, groups, and institutions of New York and Southeast Asia. It seeks to create a community of scholars, thought leaders, practitioners, professionals, and students across the fields of policy, business, and the arts to generate fresh ideas for collaboration in addressing present-day challenges in the region. Working with partners at New York University and Seton Hall University, NYSEAN sponsors approximately 30 events annually in the greater New York area.

http://www.nysean.org
EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Understand the Past | Transform the Future
In the summer of 2022, 300 business leaders, politicians, scholars, and Columbia alumni assembled for a multi-city conference to consider a new vision of Vietnamese Studies. The conferences, both titled “Understand the Past | Transform the Future,” were held on July 28 and 29 in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City and highlighted prospects for advancing the study of Vietnam at Columbia University and beyond. Professor Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Dorothy Borg Associate Professor in the History of the United States and East Asia and incoming director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, led the delegation of Columbia faculty.

A Book Talk with Ambassador Ted Osius: Nothing Is Impossible
On October 17, 2022, Ambassador Osius, now president and CEO of the US-ASEAN Business Council, visited Columbia to discuss his book and the current and future state of US-Asia relations. In his book, Nothing Is Impossible: America’s Reconciliation with Vietnam, Osius recounts his experience as the United States ambassador to Vietnam between 2014 and 2017, during which he helped lead the negotiations to restore relations between the two countries. Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Dorothy Borg Associate Professor in the History of the United States and East Asia, introduced the event. Thomas J. Christensen, James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations and director of the China and the World Program at SIPA; Shang-Jin Wei, N. T. Wang Professor of Chinese Business and Economy and professor of international and public affairs; Junyan Jiang, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science; Xiaobo Lü, professor of social policy at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and moderated the event.

Religion and Politics in Japan after the Abe Assassination
In a talk on October 20, 2022, Levi McLaughlin, associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at North Carolina State University, contextualized revelations about the Unification Church and its political connections, surveying how religions and religion-adjacent activists in Japan exert a decisive impact on vote gathering, policymaking, and party politics. McLaughlin drew on his ethnographic and historical research to provide an overview of Shinto-affiliated nationalists (including the lobby organization Nippon Kaigi and its signatories), Buddhists (including Soka Gakkai and its affiliated party Komeito), and other actors, to reconcile the incommensurate image of Japan as nonreligious with the persistence of Japan’s religiously inspired political engagements. He also discussed precedents for the moral panic that surged in the wake of Abe’s assassination to interpret ways Japan’s religion/politics nexus continues to develop.

The Impact of the Chinese Exclusion Act on the US Economy
In an October 27, 2022, lecture, guest speaker Nancy Qian, James J. O’Connor Professor of Kellogg MEDS at Northwestern University, shared her research on the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, highlighting the overall negative economic impacts of the law. Despite its historical nature, it was a timely discussion with parallels to the present day, as rising Sinophobia and fraught US-China relations have influenced decoupling policies and the recent trade war.

Urbanization, Governance, and Well-being in Local China
This October 28, 2022, lecture by Juan Chen, professor of social policy at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and moderated by Qin Gao, director of the China Center for Social Policy and professor at the Columbia School of Social Work, examined local governance quality in the context of China’s new-type urbanization and estimated its impact on residents’ life satisfaction, using national household survey data collected in 40 carefully selected sampling sites undergoing rural-urban transition. This event was the first event in the 2022–2023 lecture series, “Urbanization, Well-being, and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives,” sponsored by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and China Center for Social Policy.

Assessing the 20th Chinese Communist Party Congress
On October 31, 2022, an esteemed panel of China experts considered the political, economic, and foreign policy implications of the 20th Chinese Communist Party Congress, in which President Xi Jinping was elected to an unprecedented third term as general secretary. The panel featured Thomas J. Christensen, James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations and director of the China and the World Program at SIPA; Shang-Jin Wei, N. T. Wang Professor of Chinese Business and Economy and professor of international and public affairs; Junyan Jiang, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science; Xiaobo Lü, professor of political science at Barnard College; and Sun Zhe, visiting senior scholar at SIPA. Andrew J. Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, moderated the event.

Tukdam: Between Worlds: Film and Panel Discussion
The film Tukdam: Between Worlds follows the first ever scientific research into tukdam by renowned neuroscientist Richard Davidson’s team, juxtaposed with meditators’ death stories and Tibetan understandings of the death process—which include ideas about consciousness and the mind-body connection that are very different from those of mainstream science. Unfolding in cinematic dialogue between scientific and Tibetan perspectives, the film unravels our certainies about life and death and shows how
differently death can be construed in different cultural contexts. In this encounter between worlds, the scientists’ methods and views are challenged by a civilization where death has been a central preoccupation for centuries. On December 6, 2022, a screening of the film was held, followed by a discussion with Director Donagh Coleman and William McGrath, assistant professor of Buddhist studies at New York University. Introductions were made by Gray Tuttle, Leila Hadley Luce Assistant Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Lauran Hartley, director of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program and adjunct lecturer in Tibetan literature in the Department of East Asian Languages and Culture at Columbia.

**Factual Fiction Versus Autobiography: The Korean Diaspora and Creative Writing’s Potential to Go Beyond Family Stories in The Evening Hero**

In a talk on January 24, 2023, Marie Myung-Ok Lee, author and writer-in-residence at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity & Race (CSER), spoke about how her family stories—and also silences—of migration and war, her trip to North Korea, and other research inform the fictional world of her novel The Evening Hero, a winner of a Columbia Humanities War & Peace Initiative Grant. Kim Brandt, WEAI research scholar and academic director for the MA Program in Regional Studies: East Asia (MARSEA), moderated.
“Photography and Tibet”: Politics, Aesthetics and Agency in Tibet Photography

In this talk at Columbia’s Butler Library on February 21, 2023, Clare Harris, professor of visual anthropology at the University of Oxford, curator for Asian Collections at the Pitt Rivers Museum, and fellow of the British Academy, explored some of the modes in which photographs have been instrumentalized by insiders and outsiders and critically evaluates the history of Tibet photography. Harris offered an overview of some of the arguments presented in her book Photography and Tibet, illustrated with many of the rare images she has unearthed in archives and elsewhere over the course of more than 20 years of research on the subject. This event was part of the 2023 lecture series “Women in Tibetan Studies” organized by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Japan’s New Security Strategy and the Changing Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific

On March 6, 2023, Dr. Sheila Smith, John E. Merow senior fellow for Asia-Pacific Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, visited Columbia University to speak about the recent groundbreaking shift in Japanese foreign policy and its implications for the region. Her remarks, at the inaugural event of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute’s new Japan Research Program (JRP), offered an in-depth look at these changes, the conditions that precipitated them, and the geopolitical challenges that lie ahead for Japan. After her presentation, Smith sat down for a conversation with Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science Gerald L. Curtis, director of the JRP.

A Dialogue with Chairman of the Taiwan People’s Party, Dr. Ko Wen-je

On April 10, 2023, Dr. Ko Wen-je, former mayor of Taipei City and presumptive presidential candidate in the 2024 Taiwan election, gave a talk at WEAI on the state of the Taiwan People’s Party (TPP) and his approach to cross-strait and trilateral foreign policy. Founded by Ko in 2019, the TPP differentiates itself from older Taiwan political parties as a “third force” that centers itself on the well-being of the Taiwanese people within domestic and international politics. The event was moderated by Andrew J. Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, and Thomas J. Christensen, James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations and director of the China and the World Program.

What Is Similar and What Is Different in Key, Emerging Indo-Pacific Strategies

Demonstrating continued collaboration between Columbia and policy professionals, on April 11, WEAI hosted a well-attended mini-conference to address global issues in real time, incorporating experts from across Asia to discuss strategic geopolitical considerations involving the United States and its allies in the Pacific. The joint collaboration between the Korea Economic Institute, WEAI, the China and the World Program, and the Law School brought scholars and practitioners together for a day of presentations to address issues in Indo-Pacific strategies. Chairing the talk was Kathleen Stephens, former ambassador to Seoul; other speakers included Thomas J. Christensen; Daniel Russel, vice president for International Security and Diplomacy at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) and previously the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Katrin Katz, adjunct fellow (nonresident), Korea chair CSIS, former director for Japan, Korea, and Oceanic affairs on the staff of the National Security Council; Yuki Tatsumi, senior fellow and codirector of the East Asia Program and director of the Japan Program at the Stimson Center; Gil Rozman, Emeritus Musgrave Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, editor-in-chief of The Asan Forum; and Susannah Patton, director of the Southeast Asia Program at the Lowy Institute.

K-Waves (Hallyu) in the US

In a talk on April 26, 2023, Young A. Jung, an assistant professor of Korean Studies at George Mason University, shared her research on “transcultural contact zones,” created by Korean pop culture waves in the US context. Her work examines the racial dynamics of Korean popular culture fan communities and explores the (im) possibilities of constructing pan-racial fan communities. Seong Uk Kim, assistant professor of Korean religions and culture, moderated the event.

Film Screening and Discussion: The Shepherdess of the Glaciers

On April 28, 2023, a screening was held of the documentary The Shepherdess of the Glaciers, which follows Tsering and her flock of goats and sheep over the course
of a year in the Gya-Miru valley in the Far Northern Mountains of Ladakh, India. Tsering at 50 is one of the last shepherdesses who still lives with her herd, and the youngest in her village to drive her 350 goats and sheep in this region of the Himalayas, located between 4,000 and 6,000 meters above sea level. Surrounded by this dry and desolate landscape, she lives under the continuous threat of wolves and snow leopards. Her brother filmed her exhausting work and documents the strong emotional tie between Tsering and her animals, showing a life diametrically opposed to the Western luxury industry that will use the Kashmir wool she produces. A conversation was held after the screening with director Stanzin Dorjai Gya.

ASIA IN ACTION EVENTS

Migrant Worker Rights in Singapore: Advocacy, Legal Frameworks, and Prospects for Change

In a webinar on December 7, 2022, entitled “Migrant Workers Rights in Singapore: Advocacy, Legal Frameworks, and Prospects for Change,” Debbie Fordyce, president of Transient Workers Council Too—a nonprofit organization advocating for more robust migrant labor policies in Singapore—laid out the structural regime and history of how migrants come to work in Singapore. Also speaking at the event, Laavanya Kathiravelu, associate professor at Nanyang Technological University, focused on the impact of COVID-19 and the everyday lives of migrant men, as well as Singaporeans’ views on migrant workers. WEAI research scholars Amy L. Freedman and Ann Marie Murphy moderated the discussion.

Rise from the Fall: Profile of a Vietnamese American Leader

On February 8, 2023, Chinh Chu, founder and managing director of CC Capital—who built up his career and reputation leading investment deals during his 25 years at Blackstone—addressed a full room at Columbia University’s Low Library, offering a rare glimpse into his humble beginnings. Following introductory remarks from Weatherhead East Asian Institute Director and Columbia Professor Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, and RYSE Media Ventures founder Naja Pham Lockwood, Chu spoke with Los Angeles Times journalist Anh Do about his “Rise from the Fall” of Saigon.

One Child Nation

On March 20, 2023, Colin Jones, adjunct associate research scholar at WEAI, spoke with film director Nanfu Wang about her 2019 film One Child Nation, which covers the fallout of China’s one-child policy, which lasted from 1979 to 2015. In creating the film, Nanfu Wang sought to create a 360-degree view of the effects of the policy, as told through the people who carried out the policy and those who were its victims.

Blocked on Weibo at Ten Years: Reflections on Social Media Censorship in China

On April 11, 2023, Jason Q. Ng, data scientist and author of Blocked on Weibo, spoke about the role and possibilities of digital activism amid an evolving landscape of social media censorship and digital surveillance in China. The event, moderated by Asia in Action postdoctoral research scholar JM Chris Chang, also featured an interactive tutorial of the Python package that Ng developed for Weibo censorship testing.

Telling “Dissident” Stories

On April 14, 2023, JM Chris Chang moderated a discussion about new media and the complex narratives surrounding the figure of the Chinese “dissident” within the redrawn boundaries of the US-China relationship. The panelists were filmmaker and journalist Alison Klayman, WEAI adjunct associate research scholar Colin Jones, and Yale Law School research scholar and fellow Yangyang Cheng. The group discussed the term “dissident,” their upcoming collaborative project, and clips from Klayman’s documentary Ai Weiwei, Never Sorry—which were screened at the event.


**WEAI Events**

**September**

**Lectures and Panels**


9/15 Taiwan Update: Local Elections and Cross-Strait Relations. Hungdah Su, National Taiwan University; Yeong-Kang Chen, former vice minister of national defense, Republic of China; Min-Hua Huang, National Taiwan University; Eric Yu, National Chengchi University; Yeh-Chung Lu, National Chengchi University. Moderated by Andrew Nathan, Columbia University, and Thomas J. Christensen, Columbia University. Organized by the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program (C&W) and the College of Social Science, National Taiwan University.

**Lectures and Panels**

9/15 Living in Interesting Times: Patterns and Problems in Contemporary Thai Politics. Allen Hicken, University of Michigan. Cosponsored by the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC), the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), and the New York Southeast Asia Network (NYSEAN).

**Student Event**

9/20 State Department Senior Official Visit with Students. Elizabeth Allen, State Department’s senior official for the office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Cosponsored by WEAI, the Athena Center for Leadership, and the Office of Community Engagement and Inclusion at Barnard College.


**October**

**Lectures and Panels**

10/3 Thailand: The New Monarchy under King Vajiralongkorn? Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Kyoto University. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by NYSEAN.

10/12 We Measure the Earth With Our Bodies—A Book Talk with Tsering Yangzom Lama. Tsering Yangzom Lama, author and Columbia University MFA alumna. Moderated by Lauran Hartley, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program (MTSP).


10/14 Faded Reels: The Golden Era of Cambodian Cinema. Lin Da Saphan, College of Mount Saint Vincent; Nate Hun, Cambodian film collector. Moderated by Sreyneat Poole, NYSEAN program coordinator. Organized by NYSEAN, Mekong NYC, and WEAI.


10/21 In the Forest of the Blind: The Eurasian Journey of Faxian’s Record of Buddhist Kingdoms. Matthew W. King, University of California, Riverside. Moderated by Gray Tuttle, Columbia University. Cosponsored by WEAI and MTSP.


10/24 Japan’s Local Imperialists: Expansive Ideas of Hometown and Empire within the Asia Pacific World. Hannah Shepherd, Yale University. Moderated by Paul Kreitman, Columbia University.

10/26 Go Big or Go Home: Explaining China’s Upsizing in UN Peacekeeping Missions in the Rise of Token Forces. Xiaojun Li, NYU. Moderated by Junyan Jiang, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by C&W.

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10/27 The Greatest Beer Run Ever—Film Screening and Panel Discussion. Peter Farrelly, director; Andrew Muscato, producer; Bao Tranchi, costume designer; Chickie Donohue, coauthor. Moderated by Jason Dempsey, executive director of the Center for Veteran Transition and Integration at Columbia. Cosponsored by WEAI, Teachers College, Military Veterans, and the CVTI at Columbia University; and Pabst Blue Ribbon.
Thirteenth Annual N.T Wang Distinguished Lecture

Lecture Series: Urbanization, Well-being, and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives

Lectures and Panels

November
Lectures and Panels
11/2 On Dangerous Ground: America’s Century in the South China Sea. Gregory Poling, Center for Strategic & International Studies. Moderated by Anh Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by the NYSEAN and C&WP.

Lectures and Panels
11/1 Aftermaths of War: A Chat with House of Sticks Author Ly Tran. Ly Tran, author; Hayeon Lee, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by CSER.

Lectures and Panels

December
Lecture Series: Urbanization, Well-being and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives

Film Screening and Discussion
12/6 “Tukdam: Between Worlds”—Film and Panel Discussion. Donagh Coleman, director; Gray Tuttle, Columbia University; Luanan Hartley, Columbia University. Moderated by William McGrath, NYU. Cosponsored by WEAI and the School of the Arts Film Department, Columbia University.

Lecture Series: Asia in Action
12/7 Migrant Worker Rights in Singapore: Advocacy, Legal Frameworks, and Prospects for Change. Debbie Fordyce, Transient Workers Council Too; Laavanya Kathiravelu, Nanyang Technological University. Moderated by Amy L. Freeman, Pace University and Columbia University’s WEAI. Cosponsored by WEAI and NYSEAN.

January
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1/31 Treason by the Margins of the Book: Censorship, Philology, History, and Memory in 18th Century China. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, NYU. Moderated by Eugenia Lean, Columbia University.

February
Lectures and Panels
2/1 Imperial Gateway: Colonial Taiwan and Japan’s Colonial Expansion in South China and Southeast Asia, 1895-1945. Seiji Shirane, The City College of New York. Moderated by Paul Kreitman, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by C&WP.

Lectures and Panels
2/3 The Seventh Dalai Lama’s Residence in Kham: Gartar Monastery’s Interactions with Indigenous Chiefs and the Qing Court. Yudru Tsumo, Sichuan University. Moderated by Gray Tuttle, Columbia University. Cosponsored by WEAI and MTSP.

Lectures and Panels
2/6 Mongolia between Two Giants: Cold War Lessons and Today’s Realities. Ambassador Batbayar Tsedendamba, Institute of History and Ethnology; Sergey Radchenko, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Morris Rossabi, Columbia University and Queens College. Moderated by Elizabeth Wishnick, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and MTSP.

Lectures and Panels

Film Screening and Discussion
2/15-2/17 Affirming Queer Intimacies in Sinophone Cinema. Cui Zien, director of Enter the Clowns; Fan Popo, director of New Beijing New Marriage and The Drum Tower; Zero Chou, director of Spider Lilies. Facilitated by Ronald Gregg, Columbia University; Ying Qian, Columbia University. Sponsored by the Columbia University Libraries, the School of the Arts, the Film and Media Studies Program, the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, WEAI, Columbia Global Centers | Beijing, the C.V. Starr East Asian Library/Dragon Summit Culture Endowment Fund, and the Lenfest Center for the Arts.

Lecture Series: Urbanization, Well-being and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives

Lectures and Panels

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2/22 The Life We Longed For: Danchi Housing and Middle-Class Dreams in Postwar Japan. Laura Neitzel, Columbia University. Moderated by Carol Gluck, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by the Committee on Global Thought.

March
Lecture Series: Urbanization, Well-being, and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives
3/3 “Villagers in the City”: Chinese Migrant Youth amidst Urbanization. Shuang Lu, University of Central Florida. Moderated by Qin Gao, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by Columbia’s China Center for Social Policy, APEC Study Center, and the Columbia Global Centers | Beijing.

Lectures and Panels

Lectures and Panels
3/6 The Connections World: The Future of Asian Capitalism. Simon Commander, Altura Partners and IE Business School in Madrid; Saul Estrin, LSE. Moderated by Jan Svejnar, Columbia University. Sponsored by the Center on Global Economy and Governance and cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels
3/6 Carving Status at Kümgangsan—A Book Talk by Maya Stiller, Maya Stiller, University of Kansas. Moderated by Seong Uk Kim, Columbia University. Sponsored by CKR.

Lectures and Panels

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Lecture Series: Women in Tibetan Studies
3/10 Teaching Tibetan Buddhism in the Western Academy. Jan Willis, Wesleyan University. Moderated by Gray Tuttle, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by MTSP and the Department of Religion.

Lectures and Panels
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Workshops and Conferences

Lectures and Panels
3/22 An Introduction to CKS Library Resources and Study/Research Programs. Samedy Suong, Center for Khmer Studies (CKS). Moderated by Eve Zucker, CKS and WEAI. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by the NYSEAN and CKS.

Film Screening and Discussion

Workshops and Conferences
3/24 Japan’s Borderless Empire: A Roundtable on Eiichiro Azuma’s In Search of Our Frontier. Eiichiro Azuma, University of Pennsylvania; Mariko Iijima, Sophia University; David Ambaros, North Carolina State University; Martin Dusinberre, University of Zurich.

Lectures and Panels

Lectures and Panels
3/27 “South Korea and Japan: Stabilizing Bilateral Relations with An Eye on China.” Leif Eric Easley, Ewha Womans University, Seoul. Cosponsored by C&WP and WEAI.

Lecture Series: Asia in Action

April
Lecture Series: Urbanization, Well-being, and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives
4/4 Conceptualization and Operationalization of Ambiguous Loss among Left-Behind Children in Rural China. Xiaojin Chen, Tulane University. Moderated by Yao Lu, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by Columbia’s China Center for Social Policy.

Lectures and Panels
4/6 What Are China’s War Plans for Taiwan? Andrew Scobell, United States Institute of Peace. Moderated by Andrew J. Nathan, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by C&WP.

Lectures and Panels
4/10 A Dialogue with Chairman of the Taiwan People’s Party, Dr. Ko Wen-je. Wen-je Ko, Former Mayor of Taipei City. Moderated by Andrew J. Nathan, Columbia University; Thomas J. Christensen, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by C&WP.

Film Screening and Discussion
4/10 Film Screening and Discussion: Free Chol Soo Lee. Eugene Yi, director; Julie Ha, director. Organized by Korea Economic Institute (KEI), the Center for Korean Legal Studies, WEAI, CKR, and C&WP.

Lecture Series: Asia in Action
4/11 Blocked on Weibo at Ten Years: Reflections on Social Media Censorship in China. Jason Q. Ng, Duolingo.

Lectures and Panels

Lecture Series: Women in Tibetan Studies
4/11 Crossing Rivers by Yakhide-Boat and Horsehead-Ferry: The Significance of Waterways in Pre-1959 Tibet. Diana Lange, University of Hamburg. Moderated by Lauran Hartley, Columbia University. Cosponsored by WEAI and MTSP.

Lectures and Panels
4/12 Perfect Spy: The Arc of Pham Xuan An’s Life from War to Peace. Larry Berman, University of California, Davis. Moderated by Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by NYSEAN.

Lectures and Panels

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4/18 Understanding Qing Officialdom through Big Data. Cameron Campbell, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Moderated by Junyan Jiang, Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels

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4/19 Imperfect Partners: The United States and Southeast Asia. Scot Marciel, Stanford University. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by NYSEAN, the Japan Research Program, and C&WP.

Lecture Series: Urbanization, Well-being, and Public Policy: China from Comparative Perspectives

Lectures and Panels
4/20 Rethinking “China” and the “Cold War”: The Kuomintang, the Philippine Chinese, and Diasporic Anticommunism in the Mid-20th Century. Chien Wen Kung, National University of Singapore. Moderated by Eugenia Lean, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and cosponsored by C&W.

Lectures and Panels

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4/26 K-Waves (Hallyu) in the U.S. Young A Jung, George Mason University. Moderated by Seong Uk Kim, Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels

Lecture Series: Women in Tibetan Studies

Film Screening and Discussion

May
Lectures and Panels
5/3 Centrality of the Indo-Pacific to Indonesia’s Foreign Policy. Yayang Ganda Hayat Mulyana, Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University and WEAI. Sponsored by WEAI and NYSEAN.
The Institute supports advanced study of East Asia through programs in the School of International and Public Affairs (Master of International Affairs); the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) (MA in Regional Studies—East Asia); and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures). Institute faculty members also sponsor PhD candidates from various schools and departments at Columbia University.

MASTER OF ARTS IN REGIONAL STUDIES—EAST ASIA (MARSEA)

The Institute administers the Master of Arts in Regional Studies—East Asia (MARSEA) through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for those wishing to focus on a social science approach to modern East Asia. The program provides interdisciplinary training (intensive exposure to the politics, international relations, modern history, and cultural and social formations of the region) with a country and transregional focus. The program is tailored to meet the needs of persons entering professional careers; mid-career professionals; students preparing for entry into doctoral programs; and those pursuing a professional degree, such as a JD or MBA, who want to gain regional expertise.

**2022-2023 MARSEA Graduates and their areas of focus:**

Yuxuan Chen, China
Roya Chu, China
Minglu He, China
Arran Hope, China
Ken Kawamoto, Japan
Xirui Helen Liu, China
Joseline Lu, China
Kar Lok Pang, China
Kitae Park, Korea
Tze Sheng Milton Wong, China

THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Institute Certificate curriculum allows students matriculated in one of Columbia’s graduate programs to pursue an intensive program of study designed for a career related to East Asian affairs in academia, government, or the private sector. The certificate attests to a specialized knowledge of a language and an area of the Asia Pacific region. A student may choose from among three program options: a focus on modern China, modern Japan, or modern Korea.

Graduate Study at the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC)

The Master of Arts program in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures is a regional studies humanities program for students with a limited background in East Asia and is intended to provide a broad overview of the field and equip students with the skills to undertake more advanced research.

School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) Regional Specialization in East Asian Studies

The regional specialization in East Asian studies is open to students earning a Master of International Affairs degree from SIPA and is designed to provide a sound foundation in the modern history, politics, culture, and society of the region.

**2022-2023 SIPA Graduates with a regional specialization in East Asian studies:**

Keith Bermudez
Tessa Browne
Kelsey Chin
Tod Etheredge
Katherine Flanagan
Hyukgun Ji
Sean Kallal
Taiki Kitaoka
Rebecca Lambert
Jenny Li
Yun Liang
Mary Long
Oliver Magnusson
William Mayo
Katherine Sewon Oh
Sophia Posada Parker
Sophia Shin
Tenzin Taklha
WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE UNDERGRADUATE INITIATIVE

The Weatherhead East Asian Institute Undergraduate Initiative is the product of our Institute-wide recognition that Columbia University undergraduate students are key constituents to our Institute’s mission. The Institute strives to enrich students’ education at Columbia with exposure to East Asia through a continuous stream of events, programs, and opportunities, including the support of student groups and key experiences such as research abroad.

AFFILIATED GRADUATE STUDENT GROUPS BASED IN THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Asia Pacific Affairs Council

The Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC) Board, Editorial Board, and contributors celebrate the launch of the Spring 2023 APAC Journal. May 1, 2023.

The Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC) is a forum for Columbia graduate students interested in East and Southeast Asian affairs. Founded and run by students, APAC serves the entire University community by organizing events, distributing information, and coordinating East Asia-related activities while building a community for students interested in East Asia. APAC works with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute to fulfill its mission. The APAC president for 2022-2023 was Rui Cui (SIPA), and the editor of the APAC Journal was Seamus Boyle (SIPA).

Greater China Initiative

The Greater China Initiative (GCI) aims to promote interaction and connection between students who are interested in the economy, politics, business, and media of the Greater China region. It also aims to serve as a resource center for students who are planning to work, live or travel in, or learn more about the region. It taps mainly into the resources and network available with the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and Columbia University.

Japan Study Student Association

The Japan Study Student Association (JASSA) is open to all who are interested in Japan’s politics, economy, language, and culture. The goals of the group are: (1) to establish mutually beneficial friendships between Japanese students and those from other countries by hosting seminars and social events; (2) to supply students who seek job opportunities in Japan with information on recruiting and internships; (3) to help students in their study of the Japanese language through regular language tables; and (4) to increase the level of interest and awareness of Japan. Events are held in English and Japanese and are open to the Columbia University community.

Korea Focus

Korea Focus serves members of the SIPA and greater Columbia communities by enhancing the level of student relations and understanding of Korea-related issues. The group organizes film nights, lecture series, language tables, internship panels, and various social events.

Southeast Asian Student Initiative

The Southeast Asian Student Initiative (SEA-SI) is a student-run organization that serves as a forum for interaction among members of the SIPA and greater Columbia communities who share an interest in the Southeast Asia region. The group is committed to promoting awareness and understanding of, and dialogue on, the region’s culture, politics, and economics through activities such as Brown Bag discussions, internship panels, movie screenings, and lecture series.

Taiwan Focus

Taiwan Focus aims to foster understanding and awareness of this island country and to encourage dialogue and research on Taiwan-related issues at Columbia University. Taiwan Focus also serves as a platform to provide resources for those who are interested in studying and/or traveling in Taiwan. The group organizes and promotes events including movie nights, Brown Bag talks, seminars, cultural events, and art exhibitions on and off campus.
AFFILIATED GRADUATE STUDENT GROUPS BASED IN EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Baeumtő Korean Studies Group
The Korean Studies Group (KSG) is an organization for graduate students who have a research interest in Korea. The fields of research of KSG’s students include history, literature, art history, sociology, public policy, and law. KSG is a working group and provides a space in which the students can be critical and supportive of each other’s work. KSG also invites speakers, shows Korean cinema, and holds several social events throughout the year.

Nihon Benkyokai Japan Studies Group
The aim of Nihon Benkyokai is to foster collaboration and conversation between colleagues across fields with interest in Japan or East Asia in order to build a strong multidisciplinary community of young scholars at Columbia University.

Rikpé Khorlo Tibetan Studies Group
Rikpé Khorlo (Khorlo for short) is the Columbia University Modern Tibetan Studies graduate student group. The group meets several times a semester to discuss common intellectual interests across disciplines in Tibetan studies, share research and advice, and host talks by visiting professors and experts.

Xingzhihui China Studies Group
Xingzhihui is a graduate student-driven group that promotes the study of Chinese history and literature by organizing speakers, seminars, and professional development workshops for graduate students across disciplines within the Columbia community.

STUDENT SUPPORT
Support for East Asian studies at the graduate level comes from generous contributors and foundations. The endowment provided by the Weatherhead Foundation is the largest resource. Every year the Institute grants nearly $1 million in awards on behalf of these donors, as well as the federal government, in support of advancing research and training new generations of experts on East Asia.

Fellowships Administered by the Institute
The abbreviations used in the following lists are as below:
AMEC: Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures
BC: Barnard College
CC: Columbia College
CUNY: City University of New York
EALAC: East Asian Languages and Cultures
ENCL: English and Comparative Literature
GS: General Studies
GSAS: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
IWH: MA/MSc in International and World History
MARSEA: Master of Arts in Regional Studies—East Asia
MESAAS: Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies
MIA: Master of International Affairs
MSPH: Mailman School of Public Health
P&S: Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons
SEAS: School of Engineering and Applied Science
SIPA: School of International and Public Affairs
SOA: School of the Arts
SSW: School of Social Work
TC: Teachers College

Dorothy Borg Academic Year Fellowship
The Dorothy Borg Research Program of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute was established to prepare scholars for the challenge of studying transnational issues involving the United States and East Asia and to explore new conceptual strategies and themes for understanding the study of US–East Asia. This fellowship is awarded to PhD students in the write-up stage of their dissertation and provides academic year support.

None in Academic Year 2022–2023

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)
These fellowships are awarded to students to study East Asian languages during the summer or academic year. The fellowships are funded by the US Department of Education and are part of the Institute’s overall funding as a designated National Resource Center for East Asia.

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FLAS
Elise Claire Barnes (GSAS: EALAC)

Julie How Fellowship
This fellowship, established in May 2001, honors the memory of Julie Lien-ying How. The fellowship offers partial support to advanced doctoral students who are enrolled in a PhD program in a social sciences department and have a research focus on China.

Tenggeer Hao (GSAS: EALAC)
Junior Fellowship in Japan Studies
This fellowship, generously funded by the Japan Foundation, is awarded to doctoral students at the write-up stage of their dissertations focusing on modern and contemporary Japan.

Michelle Hauk (GSAS: EALAC)

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Fellowship
The SYLFF program was established at Columbia in 1991 by the Tokyo Foundation “to provide fellowships to graduate students concentrating in the study of the Pacific Basin region who have demonstrated high potential for future leadership in international affairs, in public life as well as in private endeavor.”

SYLFF Fellowship in Pacific Basin Studies
These fellowships are awarded for academic year study of the Pacific Basin at the doctoral level.

SYLFF Academic Year Fellowships
These fellowships provide support to graduated students in the study of modern East Asia:

PhD Grants
Yuqing Luo (GSAS: EALAC)
Riga Shakya (GSAS: EALAC)

MA Grants
Keith Jacob Bermudez (SIPA: International Security Policy)
Jianzhang Lu (GSAS: MARSEA)
Dehia Mitchell-Gray (GSAS: EALAC)
Xin Yang (GSAS: MARSEA)

SYLFF Summer Grants
The SYLFF Summer Grants are awarded for internships and research in the Asia Pacific.

PhD Grants
Stephanie Char (GSAS: Political Science)
Tenggeer Hao (GSAS: EALAC)
Skylar Hou (TC: Anthropology)
Meng-Heng Lee (GSAS: EALAC)
Crismon Lewis (GSAS: EALAC)
Constantine Lignos (GSAS: EALAC)
Yuyuan Liu (GSAS: EALAC)
Laetitia Marie Ndiaye (GSAS: French)
Robin Marie (GSAS: History)
Nataly Shahaf (GSAS: EALAC)
Zhanjie Si (SSW)
Jeong Hyun Jennifer So (SSW)
Yihang Sun (SSW)
Danping Wang (GSAS: History)
Liu Xuan (GSAS: EALAC)
Hekang Yang (GSAS: EALAC)
Yifan Zhang (GSAS: EALAC)
Fran Zhao (GSAS: EALAC)

MA Grants
Cailin Cheng (GSAS: MARSEA)
Cheng Kiat Nicholas Chua (SIPA)
Kaitlin Hao (GSAS: EALAC)
Medhavi Hassija (SIPA: Public Administration)
Minny Lee (GSAS: Anthropology)
Jianzhang Lu (GSAS: MARSEA)
Aimary Aurora Rubio (TC: Counseling & Clinical Psychology)

V. K. Wellington Koo Fellowship
This fellowship, named for the distinguished diplomat and Columbia University alumnus V. K. Wellington Koo (Columbia College 1908, PhD 1912), is awarded to doctoral students at the write-up stage of their dissertations, focusing on modern China.

Nolan Benson (GSAS: EALAC)

Weatherhead Fellowships
These fellowships are made possible by the support of the Weatherhead Foundation and are awarded to students doing summer research and for academic year support. The Weatherhead fellows are Columbia students representing a variety of academic disciplines who are given fellowships in recognition of their dedication to the study of East Asia.

Weatherhead Academic Year Fellows

PhD Grants
Emily Carr (GSAS: Political Science)
Haejo Kang (GSAS: Political Science)
Zijian Ma (GSAS: Economics)
Alexis Rangell-Onwuegbuzia (GSAS: EALAC)
Misaki Sanui (GSAS: Art History & Archaeology)
Bhargavi Viswanath (GSAS: EALAC)
Jiaqi Wang (GSAS: EALAC)

MA Grants
Sima Greebel (GSAS: MARSEA)
Kimberly Eileen Martinez (GSAS: EALAC)

Undergraduate Grants
Colton Sears (GS: EALAC)

Weatherhead PhD Training Grants

Stephanie Bell (GSAS: Religion)
Suhyun Choi (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)
Marnie Ginis (GSAS: Political Science)
Yuri Handa (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)
Hana Lethen (GSAS: EALAC)
Xinzi Lin (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)
Misaki Sanui (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)
Samantha Saona (GSAPP: Urban Planning)
Kanako Tajima (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)
Bhargavi Viswanath (GSAS: EALAC)
Julia Walton (GSAS: ENCL)
Heewon Yoon (GSAS: Political Science)
Weatherhead MA Training Grants
Pachara Aungsusuknarumol (SIPA: International Security Policy)
Zhuoheng Li (GSAS: EALAC)
Tenzing Dolma Sherpa (GSAS: EALAC)
Lauren Stricker (SIPA: International Affairs)
Jessica Sun (School of the Arts)
Lingran Xie (GSAS: EALAC)

Weatherhead Undergraduate Training Grants
Theodore de Bary Fellowship
Kathleen Hoang (CC: Human Rights)
Tossaphum Pornprasert (CC)
Donna Qi (CC: History)

Theodore de Bary Fellowship
In 2018, the University Committee on Asia and the Middle East (UCAME) inaugurated this fellowship in honor of William Theodore de Bary, an American sinologist and East Asian literary scholar who was a professor and administrator at Columbia for nearly 70 years. The fellowship supports international students at Columbia and Barnard Colleges and the Schools of Engineering and General Studies.

Ardaschir Alexander Arguelles (CC: Classics)
Weiqing Vivian Chen (CC: EALAC)
Nithin Chilakapathi (CC)
Tossaphum Pornprasert (CC)

Borg Undergraduate Summer Fellowship
William Gore (CC: EALAC)
Jacqueline Yu (CC: Art History)
The Asia for Educators (AFE) program, directed since its inception by Roberta Martin at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, is now in its 46th year. AFE sponsors three types of activities serving educators at both the pre-collegiate and undergraduate levels:
- Preparation and dissemination of online teaching resources
- Professional development opportunities for educators
- Freeman Book Awards

**Resources for Educators Online**

The Asia for Educators/AFE website is one of the most widely used and highly respected sources for materials on Asia by faculty and their students. From 2018 to 2019, the school year prior to the pandemic, the site has seen a 400-500 percent increase in the number of our site visitors. This is due both to better record keeping and to school closings during the pandemic, when schools, teachers, and parents engaged in remote teaching sought online resources for their students. In 2022-2023, 1.2 million users visited the AFE site, registering 3.25 million page views. While this represents a slight drop from 2021 to 2022, when the numbers were, respectively, 1.3 million users visiting the site, and 3.4 million page views, in 2022-2023 users visited 5 percent more pages per session and remained on these pages 4 percent longer.

Reformatted for tablets, the site includes a comprehensive annotated list of “Online Museum Educational Resources in Asian Art” (OMuEERA); modules on the Song dynasty and the Qing dynasty, each using iconic scrolls as teaching resources; teachers’ guides, student lessons, and primary source readings on China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam for teachers of world history, world cultures, world geography, economics, current events, literature, and art.

**Video Presentations on AFE**

The video presentations by faculty specialists, hosted on the AFE site, received 30,000 views in 2022-2023. Ranging from 30 seconds to 30 minutes in length, these video presentations include PowerPoint images and are particularly popular with both teachers and students who enjoy the presentations by expert teachers, excited about their subjects of expertise. Topics such as *The Tale of Genji*, the *Book of Songs*, Confucian Thought, the Tokugawa era, the Silver Trade, and Comparing China and Europe in the 1800s are central to the curriculum and therefore to AFE resources. With support from both the Freeman Foundation and the Geiss Foundation, AFE recorded 23 new presentations in 2022-2023 on key issues in East Asian history, literature, art, and contemporary issues in the state-of-the-art video studio at the Columbia School of Journalism. AFE expects they will be made available to teachers and students on the new video website by September 2023. Altogether, there will be 50 video presentations available on this new, publicly accessible web platform that is in its final stages of design. Editing and presentation of the videos on the AFE site are under the direction of Kim Madalinski, associate director of AFE and a consummate media specialist.

**Professional Development for Teachers through State Partner Sites as part of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA)**

As one of the founding, national coordinating sites of NCTA, formed in 1998 with funding from the Freeman Foundation, AFE works directly on behalf of the foundation with East Asian studies colleagues at partner universities to develop programs for teachers in 11 states, where, in many cases, there have historically been few opportunities for teachers to gain a background on East Asia: Princeton University for New Jersey; the Universities of North Carolina/Carolina Asia Center, South Carolina, Florida International, Georgia, Arkansas, Tennessee at Chattanooga (that also serves Mississippi), Oklahoma, and Kansas, for their respective states, and Texas Christian University for Texas. Three of the partner sites are based in schools of education. Columbia and WEAI graduates, teaching at universities around the country, often serve as directors of NCTA partner sites. Columbia faculty may indeed be teaching undergraduates or graduate students whose first encounter with East Asia was with a high school teacher.

AFE supported a China specialist for six monthly sessions of the “AP-Comparative Government” national pedagogy Zoom session for teachers and students. An average of 90 participants take part each month, hearing a China specialist give a PowerPoint presentation on current issues in Chinese government and foreign policy, followed by time to ask questions and interact directly with a leading specialist on China from Columbia University.

**Placing NCTA “Featured Speakers” at National Professional Conferences**

On behalf of NCTA, AFE also takes the initiative to identify and sponsor “Featured Speakers” at national professional conferences of educators. In 2022-2023, AFE coordinated a feature speaker at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) convention in San Antonio, TX, in April 2023:
- Shawn Yuan, associate curator of Asian art at the San Antonio Museum of Art, spoke on “Mountains and Rivers, Blue and White: A Brief Introduction to Chinese Art,” before an audience of 111 teachers, in person and on Zoom.

**Freeman Book Awards for Children’s and Young Adult Books on East and Southeast Asia—2022 Awards**

Initiated by AFE, the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the Committee on Teaching about Asia (CTA) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), and Asia for Educators established the annual Freeman Book Awards in 2016. The annual awards recognize quality books for
children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia, bringing first-person experiences of East and Southeast Asian youth into the homes and libraries of students throughout the United States. This year, AFE recognized outstanding literature featuring protagonists from China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Mongolia, Indonesia, and Hong Kong in three categories: winner, honorable mention, and “of note.”

With support from the Freeman Foundation and the US Department of Education, AFE administers the selection procedures. Nancy Hope, who joined AFE in 2021–2022 as the executive director of the Freeman Awards, has significantly increased announcement of the award winners in newsletters and on websites of interested groups. Submissions continued to increase dramatically in 2022, with 87 titles sent by publishers, signaling growing interest in the awards by both community and school librarians. The nomination process for 2023 titles is now open. Additional information on the awards is available at http://nctasia.org/book-awards/.

The Freeman Awards parallel similar awards administered by area studies consortia in Middle Eastern, South Asian, African, and Latin American studies. This year, the Freeman Book Awards, through the Weatherhead Institute/Title VI NRC, was involved in two national book discussions, with a total of 57 attendees who were K-16 educators. A third book discussion is scheduled for this June, with an anticipated audience of 40 school librarians, where AFE will join colleagues in promoting literature about other world areas in libraries and classrooms.
2022-2023 Work-Study and Casual Worker Students

Maria-Jose Andrade-Gutierrez (SIPA); Samuel Angell (WEAI); Isaac Bennet (CC); Katherine Flanagan (SIPA); Samuel Guyer (CC); Nathaniel Kwon (GS); Kat Sewon Oh (SIPA)

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