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# 1 LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



The 2023–2024 academic year was both complex and memorable, as we found ourselves caught between the celebration of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute’s 75th anniversary and external upheaval. Demonstrations on campus exposed divisions within the Columbia community that will require time and immense effort to heal. We cannot know the future—what story will be told about the events that unfolded here on campus. We do hope that, moving forward, the University can find a balance between sensitivity to individuals’ and specific groups’ safety and needs, and a moral compass that aligns with the values Columbia University seeks to impart to the world.

Despite this challenging environment, our work on Northeast, Southeast, and Inner Asia remains as important as ever, and so we continue to support research and engagement with the region.

This year is the Weatherhead East Asian Institute’s 75th anniversary—a momentous occasion and an opportunity to take stock of the Institute’s accomplishments, while looking toward the future. Showcasing the breadth of WEAI’s focus, the Institute launched a year of special anniversary programming with a Lunar New Year Gala Dinner on February 1, 2024. The event was an incredible success and featured keynote remarks by US Climate Envoy and former Secretary of State John Kerry, who spoke to over 200 guests. It was also an opportunity to honor trailblazing individuals whose work enriches our own. Chairman and CEO of East West Bank Dominic Ng, Nobel laureate and journalist Maria Ressa, author Min Jin Lee, and artist Cai Guo-Qiang were recognized by the Institute

for their important contributions to their respective fields. Former governor of the Bank of Japan, Haruhiko Kuroda, and chairman and honorary CEO of Kikkoman, Yuzaburo Mogi, were also honored in absentia. Finally, the WEAI 75th Anniversary Student Awards for Excellence were extended to seven outstanding Columbia students whose work focuses on the region. I encourage you to review the events section of this report.

The first half of the anniversary year featured other special programming, which we look forward to continuing in the fall. In late February, we hosted two events that explored the theme “From the American Century to the Pacific Age,” focusing on the arc of Asia’s ascendancy in influencing global issues. The events featured a lecture on “Climate Change and Its Impacts on High Mountain Asia (HMA)” and a panel discussion on “The Role of Cultural Exchange in the History of US-China Relations.” At the time of writing, we are in the process of planning a series of events in Tokyo, Taipei, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore, Beijing, and Hong Kong with the local alumni Columbia chapters in each of these cities. We are excited to reconnect with old friends and make new ones along the way.

Last fall, in the lead-up to the anniversary, we kept busy with a range of events, both large and small: from a discussion of Chinese opera with world-renowned “Dan” opera performer Wei Haimin; to a book launch of Center for Asia Policy Studies Director Mireya Solis’s *Japan’s Quiet Leadership: Reshaping the Indo-Pacific*; to a screening and panel discussion of the Sundance award-winning film *Three Seasons*, with the film’s director Tony Bui, who joined us this academic year as Asia in Action artist in residence.

Our faculty and broader scholarly community made great strides in their work. The C.V. Starr East Asian Library published Online Finding Aids of special archival collection materials, including records documenting the personal and



professional life of Wm. Theodore de Bary and the Meinong Collection (1971-72) of anthropological materials gathered by WEAI's own Professor Myron L. Cohen. Professor Cohen retired at the end of June this year (2024), after teaching at Columbia for 58 years and serving as an Institute director from 1975 to 1976 and from 2006 to 2014. We thank him for his many contributions, dedication, guidance, and work in service of the University and WEAI.

Congratulations are also in order for many of our faculty members. Nick Smith was selected as a Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) Fellow at the National Committee on US-China Relations. Ying Qian and Paul Kreitman published their first books, *Revolutionary Becomings: Documentary Media in Twentieth-Century China* and *Japan's Ocean Borderlands: Nature and Sovereignty* respectively, and were named associate professors. Gray Tuttle began his new position as chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; David Weinstein was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun from the Government of Japan (Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon) for "significant contributions to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States"; Nataly Shahaf received the Arts and Science Diversity Matters Award from Columbia University as well as a grant from the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life; Laurel Kendall received a plaque of appreciation from the Museum of Shamanism for her "great academic achievements investigating and researching Korean Shamanism"; and Carol Gluck delivered a keynote address titled "Memory on the Move: The 'Comfort Women' and Their Afterlives," in Vienna at the final conference for the European Research Council-funded five-year project "Globalized Memorial Museums."

Many of our community also received grants and fellowships, including Ayumi Teraoka (for the Smith Richardson Foundation Strategy and Policy Fellowship), Elizabeth Wishnick (for the East-West Center RICE Fellowship), Alex Eble (from the Gates Foundation and Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab), Nicholas Bartlett (from the Heyman Center for the Humanities), and Ying Qian (also from the Heyman Center and from the Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University, Budapest).

Our students accomplished laudable feats as well. CiCi Wang was named a finalist in the GSAS SynThesis competition, marking the fourth year in a row a MARSEA student was selected for the finals. We applaud Anton Pomarenko for receiving a 2023-2024 Davis Fellowship. His research focuses on China in relation to the war in Ukraine. We congratulate our students, faculty, and researchers for their remarkable achievements and contributions this year.

In addition to being WEAI's 75th anniversary, this year will also mark the 25th anniversary of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program, led by Lauran Hartley. This past academic year was also the 20th anniversary of the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program, led by Thomas J. Christensen.

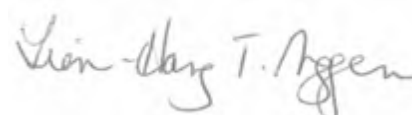
We welcomed new faces to our community as well. We are so pleased to welcome this year Adrian Jacques H. Ambrose from the Department of Psychiatry at the Columbia University Medical Center; Sheila Coronel from the Journalism School; and Duy Linh Tu, also from the Journalism School, as associate members. We also welcomed Aram Hur and Thomas Vallely as adjunct scholars. Hur's book, *Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia*, is from the series Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, and she is an assistant professor at Tufts University. Vallely, who is a senior advisor for Mainland Southeast Asia at the

Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, joins the Institute as a senior advisor for Vietnamese Studies. Our new post-doctoral research scholars were Nataly Shahaf, Ayumi Teraoka, and Konchok Gelek. Hoang Vu joined us from Fulbright University Vietnam as an associate research scholar.

Finally, we welcomed Hiba Rashid to the Institute staff as special projects coordinator. Hiba hit the ground running, taking the lead role in coordinating the anniversary gala and our upcoming summer trips. And we are sorry to say goodbye to Lin King, our phenomenal student affairs coordinator, who worked tirelessly on behalf of the students while juggling a prolific career as a writer and translator; as well as Ariana King, our dedicated and lively senior communications coordinator, who departs after five and a half years at the Institute. It is thanks to Ariana that we have this very report. We also bid a fond farewell to NYSEAN Coordinator Sreyneath Poole, who worked for six years to build up the New York Southeast Asia Network to the vibrant community it is today. We wish them all well in the next stage of their lives and careers.

It was a turbulent year, but one to remind us of the long arc of history that led us to this moment, and one to remember as we face the future. We study history to learn from it. Likewise, there are so many lessons to learn from the Institute's own 75-year story. I hope you will join me in reflecting on that history together during the second half of our anniversary program.

Sincerely,



Lien-Hang T. Nguyen  
Director, Weatherhead East  
Asian Institute

## 2 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 and Southeast 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
John M. H. Lindbeck	1967-1970
James W. Morley	1970-1973
Gerald L. Curtis	1973-1975
Myron L. Cohen	1975-1976
Gerald L. Curtis	1976-1984
James W. Morley	1984-1987
Gerald L. Curtis	1987-1991
Andrew J. Nathan	1991-1992
Madeleine Zelin	1992-1993
Andrew J. Nathan	1993-1995
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-Fall 2022
Lien-Hang T. Nguyen	Spring 2023-









### 3 RESEARCH COMMUNITY

#### NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN 2023-2024



#### **Adrian Jacques H. Ambrose**

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center

*System-based barriers in healthcare for vulnerable and marginalized communities; structural and ethical factors in technological development; artificial intelligence and digital therapeutics; health inequity*

Adrian Jacques H. Ambrose is the chief clinical integration officer for the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center and senior medical director at ColumbiaDoctors Psychiatry. Integrating business development with clinical medicine, he also previously served as a subspecialist consultant in team engagement and strategy for healthcare industries through Mass General Brigham Connected Health, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. For over a decade, Ambrose has also served as a senior consultant in designing national and global programming for system change management, wellness and burnout, and DEI/ESG assessment and operations for industry, including Fortune 100 companies. In addition, he specializes in cultivating psychological safety, team building, and culture acceleration for senior managers and executives.

Clinically, Ambrose specializes in treatment-refractory mood disorders for both the adult and child and adolescent populations in interventional psychiatry and novel therapeutics, such as neuronavigated transcranial magnetic stimulation, rapid-acting racemic ketamine and esketamine, and entactogen-assisted psychotherapy. He also regularly sees executives with high-functioning anxiety. Ambrose completed his clinical trainings at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital/McLean Hospital, public health training at the National Center for Primary Center, and value-based healthcare training at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice, and Minority Health Policy Fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He has a master's in health policy and health management from Harvard University and a master's in business administration from Columbia Business School.

Ambrose is currently exploring system-based barriers in healthcare for vulnerable and marginalized communities (e.g., Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants and refugees). He is also examining the structural and ethical factors in technological development and implementation, such as Artificial Intelligence and digital therapeutics, that may worsen health inequity in the adult, pediatric, and minority populations. He has presented his work at national and international conferences and to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.



### Sheila Coronel

Toni Stabile Professor of Professional Practice in Investigative Journalism in the Faculty of Journalism; Director, Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism, Graduate School of Journalism

*Investigative journalism; journalism in the Philippines*

Sheila S. Coronel is director of the Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism and the Stabile Professor of Professional Practice in Investigative Journalism at Columbia University. She worked for many years as a journalist in the Philippines and was a co-founder and director of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism. She is the author and editor of more than a dozen books. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's highest prize.



### Duy Linh Tu

Professor of Professional Practice in the Faculty of Journalism, Graduate School of Journalism

*Journalism; video storytelling; photography; multimedia networking*

Duy Linh Nguyen Tu is a journalist and documentary filmmaker, focusing on science, climate, and the environment. His work has appeared in print, online, on television, and in theaters. He is also the author of *Narrative Storytelling for Multimedia Journalists* (Focal Press).

Tu is the dean of academic affairs and professor of professional practice at the Columbia Journalism School and teaches reporting and video storytelling courses.

## MEMBERS

### Nicholas Bartlett

Assistant Professor, Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures, Barnard College

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

### Thomas J. Christensen

James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations; Director, Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program

*China's foreign relations; international relations of East Asia; international security*

### Myron L. Cohen

Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

*Chinese culture and society; economic culture, popular religion, family and kinship, social change*

### Qin Gao

Professor of Social Work and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, School of Social Work; Director, China Center for Social Policy

*Poverty, inequality, social policy, and economic and subjective well-being in China and their international comparisons; rural-to-urban migration in China and Asian American immigrants; international social and economic development; international program and impact evaluation*

### Theodore Hughes

The Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Studies in the Humanities, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Modern and contemporary Korean literature and film*

### Takatoshi Ito

Professor of International and Public Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs; Associate Director of Research and Director of Program on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School

*Asian financial markets; Japanese economy; international finance; monetary policy; fiscal policy; public pension funds*

### Merit E. Janow

Dean Emerita, School of International and Public Affairs; Professor of Professional Practice, International Economic Law, and International Affairs

*International trade and competition law and policy; economic and trade policy in Asia Pacific economies; WTO law and dispute settlement; US-Japan trade and economic issues; China trade and investment*

### Junyan Jiang

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

*Political economy of China; Chinese public opinion; elite politics and mass-elite interactions; power and institutions*

### Jungwon Kim

King Sejong Assistant Professor of Korean Studies in the Humanities, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Gender, family, and legal history of Chosŏn Korea (1392-1910)*

### Seong Uk Kim

Il Hwan and Soon Ja Cho Assistant Professor of Korean Culture and Religion, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Interim Director, Center for Korean Research

*Korean Buddhism; religion and politics*

### Dorothy Ko

Professor of History, Barnard College

*History of women, gender, and material cultures in early modern China*

### Paul Kreitman

Associate Professor of Japanese History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Twentieth-century Japanese history; environmental history; global history; commodity history; histories of science and technology*

### Eugenia Lean

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Modern Chinese history; history of science, technology, and industry; mass media; affect studies and emotions; law and society; historiography and critical theory*

### Benjamin L. Liebman

Robert L. Lieff Professor of Law, Columbia Law School; Director, Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies

*Chinese law; medical disputes in China; popular access to the courts in China; the evolving roles of legal institutions and lawyers; environmental law; Chinese tort law*

### Lydia H. Liu

The Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Director, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society

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



### **Xiaobo Lü**

Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science, Barnard College

*Political economy of postsocialist transition; political corruption; Chinese politics*

### **Yao Lu**

Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology

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

### **Andrew J. Nathan**

Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

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

### **Lien-Hang T. Nguyen**

Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; Dorothy Borg Associate Professor in the History of the United States and East Asia, Department of History

*United States foreign relations; Southeast Asia; the Cold War*

### **Gregory Pflugfelder**

Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Department of History

*Early modern and modern Japanese history; gender and sexuality studies*

### **John D. Phan**

Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

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

WEAI staff at the 75th Anniversary Gala dinner



**Ying Qian**

Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

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

**Jonathan M. Reynolds**

Professor of Art History, Barnard College

*Japanese architecture and visual culture*

**Wei Shang**

Wm. Theodore and Fanny Brett de Bary and Class of 1941 Collegiate Professor of Asian Humanities; Du Family Professor of Chinese Culture; Chair, Department of East Asian and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Premodern Chinese literature and cultural history*

**Haruo Shirane**

Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Vice Chair, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Faculty Director, Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

*Japanese literature, visual culture, and cultural history, with particular focus on the interaction between popular and elite cultures*

**Nick R. Smith**

Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Studies, Barnard College

*Urbanization; urban planning; sociospatiality; community development; industrial development; decolonization*

**Tomi Suzuki**

Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Modern Japanese literature and criticism in comparative context; literary and cultural theory, particularly theory of narrative, genre and gender, modernism and modernity; intellectual history of modern Japan; history of reading, canon formation, and literary histories*

**Takuya Tsunoda**

Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*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*

**Gray Tuttle**

Leila Hadley Luce Associate Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

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

**Shang-Jin Wei**

N.T. Wang Professor of Chinese Business and Economy and Professor of International and Public Affairs, Graduate School of Business.

*Chinese economy; corruption; international finance and trade*

**David E. Weinstein**

Carl Sumner Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy, Department of Economics; Director, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School

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

**Weiping Wu**

Professor of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; Director, MS Urban Planning Program in the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

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

**Madeleine Zelin**

Dean Lung Professor of Chinese Studies; Professor of History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Department of History

*Modern legal history and the role of law in the Chinese economy*

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

### Paul Anderer

Fred and Fannie Mack Professor Emeritus of Humanities, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

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

### Kim Brandt

Research Scholar; Academic Director to the MARSEA Program

*Modern Japanese history*

### Jim Cheng

Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University

*Library and information science; film studies*

### Gerald L. Curtis

Director, Japan Research Program; Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Department of Political Science; Special Research Scholar

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

### Nicola Di Cosmo

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*History of relations between China and Inner Asia from prehistory to the modern period; climate and history; history of the Mongol empire; history of nomadic societies; Manchu language and history*

### Alex Eble

Associate Professor of Economics and Education, Teachers College

*Development economics; applied microeconomics; economics of education; China*

### Carol Gluck

George Sansom Professor Emerita of History and Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of History

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

### Lauran Hartley

Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program; Adjunct Lecturer in Tibetan Literature

*Tibetan Literature and Cultural Production, Translation Studies*

### Shigeo Hirano

Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

*Comparative politics; American politics; political economy; Japanese politics*

### Nobuhisa Ishizuka

Executive Director, Center for Japanese Legal Studies, Columbia Law School

*Japanese law; corporate law*

### Sarah Kovner

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

### Roberta H. Martin

Director, Asia for Educators; Director, Columbia University National Coordinating Site of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia

*Education about East Asia in US schools; education in China*

### Meg McLagan

Visiting Professor of Professional Practice, Barnard College

*Film; anthropology*

### Laura Neitzel

Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of History, Department of History

*Modern Japanese history*

### Hugh T. Patrick

Robert D. Calkins Professor of International Business Emeritus; Founder, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School; Codirector, APEC Study Center

*Pacific Basin economic relations; Japanese economy and business*

### Morris Rossabi

Associate Adjunct Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

*Mongolian history*

### Chengzhi Wang

Collection Development/Reference Librarian (Chinese), C.V. Starr East Asian Library; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University

*Library and information science; library history; bibliometrics/webmetrics; Chinese educational policy*



## NEW RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND AFFILIATES JOINING IN 2023-2024



### Morgane Dussud

Research Associate, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Morgane Dussud is a PhD candidate at the Department of International Politics at SOAS, working under the supervision of Prof. Stephen Hopgood and Dr. Meera Sabaratnam. Her main scholarly interests are international human rights politics in both theory and practice. She works on issues related to social movements, transnational advocacy, and democracy theories, with a regional interest in South-East Asia. She recently defended her doctoral thesis on the politics of resistance in semi-authoritarian regimes, with a specific focus on human rights mobilization during the semi-democratic interlude in Myanmar in the period 2010-2021.

With a professional background working with national and international NGOs, Dussud is also interested in questions related to civic space and the transformation of the international development and humanitarian fields.



### Aram Hur

Adjunct Associate Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Aram Hur is the Kim Koo Chair in Korean Studies and assistant professor of political science at the Fletcher School, Tufts University. Her research focuses on nationalism and democracy in East Asia, with special attention to issues of identity, integration, and democratic support in the Korean peninsula and Taiwan.

Hur is the author of *Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2022), which was part of the Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University. Her research is published in leading disciplinary journals such as the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, and *Journal of East Asian Studies* and is widely cited in domestic and international media. She was selected as the 2021 Sherman Emerging Scholar by The Korea Society and as a 2018-19 CSIS US-Korea NextGen Scholar; she is the recipient of the 2023 Gold Chalk Award for teaching and advising from the University of Missouri. She also serves on the Editorial Board for *Asian Survey*.

Prior to The Fletcher School, Hur served on the faculty at the University of Missouri, where she was also codirector of the MU Institute for Korean Studies. She was previously a Provost Postdoctoral Fellow at New York University. She holds a PhD in politics from Princeton University, an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School, and a BA with honors from Stanford University.



## Thomas Valley

Senior Advisor for Vietnamese Studies, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Thomas J. Valley is senior advisor on Vietnam at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, director of the Myanmar and Vietnam Programs at the Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center, and chairman of the governing board of Fulbright University Vietnam.

Valley founded the Harvard Vietnam Program in 1989 and established the Fulbright Economics Teaching Program (the Fulbright School) in Ho Chi Minh City in 1994. Under his leadership, the Fulbright School emerged as a center of excellence in public policy research and teaching with a unique level of institutional independence and academic freedom. Valley leveraged the Vietnam Program's research to engage in a candid and constructively critical dialogue with the Vietnamese government about the strategic challenges confronting Vietnam in the context of regional and global trends and the evolving nature of the US-Vietnam relationship. In recent years this dialogue has included such issues as political reform, technology policy, and green energy.

Over the course of his career, Valley has coauthored dozens of policy papers on a wide range of topics including political reform, Vietnam's economic development strategy, higher education reform, technology policy, and green energy. Many of these papers have been translated into Vietnamese and read widely by Vietnamese policymakers. Valley has played a leadership role in the development of several innovative educational exchange initiatives between the United States and Vietnam, including the Fulbright Exchange Program (1992), the Vietnam Education Foundation (2000), and Fulbright University Vietnam (2016).



## Minh Hoang Vu

Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

*20th-century Vietnam and the Asia-Pacific; national and regional security; economics; identity formation; genocide*

Minh Hoang Vu is a faculty member in History and Vietnam Studies at Fulbright University Vietnam, a visiting research associate at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, and an adjunct professor in history at Columbia University. He is a diplomatic historian of 20th-century Vietnam and the Asia-Pacific, studying national and regional security, economics, interests and identity formation, and genocide.

His time at Columbia will be primarily dedicated to completing a book manuscript based on his PhD dissertation at Cornell University, which argued that the Third Indochina War is the key formative event of the present-day regional order in Southeast Asia, most notably by elevating the principle of noninterference above the protection of human rights. He will also be teaching classes on Modern Southeast Asian History and History of Asian Communism, helping carry forward Columbia-FUV collaborative projects, including the Henry Luce Foundation-funded Digital Humanities Project, and working on several conference presentations and articles.

## RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND AFFILIATES

### Daniel Asen

Associate Research Scholar; Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University–Newark

*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*

### Thomas P. Bernstein

Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science

*Comparative politics with a focus on China and communist political systems*

### Richard F. Calichman

Senior Research Scholar; Professor of Japanese Studies, City College of New York, City University of New York

*Modern Japanese literature and thought*

### Maria Adele Carrai

Associate Research Scholar; Assistant Professor of Global China Studies, NYU Shanghai

*Legal history; conceptual history; international relations; China foreign policy; US-China relations; China-EU relations; law and development; foreign direct investments*

### Kornel Chang

Research Scholar; Associate Professor of History and American Studies, Rutgers University–Newark

*History of race, labor, migration, and borders in the Americas; history of the United States in the Asia-Pacific world*

### Michael C. Davis

Research Associate; Professor of Law and International Affairs, Jindal Global University

*Democracy; governance; human rights; conflict resolution and peacebuilding; global governance; international development; society and culture; Asia; China Mainland; South Asia; Southeast Asia*

### Leta Hong Fincher

Research Associate; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Journalist

*Gender issues; feminism in China*

### Amy L. Freedman

Senior Research Scholar; Professor of Political Science, Pace University

*Political Islam in Indonesia and Malaysia*

### Harry Harootunian

Research Associate; Max Palevsky Professor Emeritus of History, The University of Chicago; Professor Emeritus of East Asian Studies, New York University

*Early modern and modern Japanese history; historical theory*

### Takako Hikotani

Senior Research Scholar; Professor, Gakushuin University International Centre

*Civil-military relations and Japanese domestic politics; Japanese foreign policy; comparative civil-military relations*

### Colin Jones

Associate Research Scholar; Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History

*East Asian history; Japanese history; legal and intellectual history; international history; social policy; history of the family*

### Mark Jones

Senior Research Scholar; Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University

*Modern childhood and modern love in early 20th-century Japan*

### Kristy E. Kelly

Associate Research Scholar; Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs

*Globalization, development, and postsocialist transformation in Vietnam and Southeast Asia; gender and feminism studies; sociology of education; politics of knowledge*

### Laurel Kendall

Senior Research Scholar; Curator of Asian Ethnology and Curator-in-Charge of African and Pacific Ethnology, American Museum of Natural History; Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology

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

### Matthew King

Chair of Asian Studies, University of California, Riverside; Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside

*Buddhism, Inner Asia, social history of knowledge*

### Yukiko Koga

Research Associate; Associate Professor of Anthropology, Yale University

*Political economy; historical anthropology; legal anthropology; law and human rights; urban space; postcolonial and postimperial relations; history and memory; transnational East Asia (China and Japan)*



### **Kumiko Makihara**

Research Associate

*Comparative education; mass media; contemporary world history*

### **Duncan McCargo**

Research Associate; Director, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies; Professor of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

*Politics of Thailand; comparative politics of Southeast Asia*

### **Ann Marie Murphy**

Senior Research Scholar; Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University

*International relations of Southeast Asia; political development in Southeast Asia; US foreign policy toward Southeast Asia*

### **Mary Phillips**

Associate Research Scholar

*Chinese intellectual history*

### **Carl Riskin**

Research Associate; Distinguished Professor of Economics, Queens College, City University of New York

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

### **Orville Schell**

Arthur Ross Director of the Center on U.S.-China Relations, Asia Society in New York

*Chinese history*

### **Mark Selden**

Research Associate; Professor Emeritus of Sociology and History, State University of New York at Binghamton

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

### **James D. Seymour**

Research Associate

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

### **Michael Sharpe**

Research Scholar; Associate Professor of Political Science, York College, City University of New York

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

### **Henry D. Smith II**

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*

### **Elizabeth Wishnick**

Senior Research Scholar; Professor of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University

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

### **Chuck Wooldridge**

Research Scholar; Associate Professor of History, Lehman College, City University of New York

*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 2023-2024



### 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 19th 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, Fong has written an article investigating the career trajectory of Ding Gongchen (1800-1875), a Muslim maritime merchant and amateur military technologist in mid-19th-century China, which is forthcoming in *Late Imperial China*. Another article examining the Guomindang's student military training program from 1928 to 1937 is forthcoming in *Modern China*.

Fong's 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.



### Konchok Gelek

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

*Urbanization, territorialization, rural-urban migration dynamics; Tibetan culture, linguistics, and literature*

The research by Konchok Gelek (Gengqiugelai) focuses on urbanization in the aftermath of an earthquake that struck Yushu city, Qinghai province, China, analyzing it through the lens of frontier resource, territorialization, and rural-urban migration dynamics. He obtained his doctoral degree from the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich, with a specialization in urbanization, post-earthquake reconstruction, and land property relations in Qinghai Province, China.

Gelek's secondary research interests revolve around Tibetan culture, linguistics, and literature. He holds a master's degree in international sustainable development from the Heller School at Brandeis University, which has enriched his understanding of rural Tibetan social development. Additionally, his BA degree in Tibetan linguistics and literature has been instrumental in advancing his expertise in modern Tibet studies. He explores ethnographic research focused on linguistic and cultural aspects of Tibetan society.



## Nataly Shahaf

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

*Modern Chinese history, Buddhist studies, visual and material culture, cultural and intellectual history, history of science and technology, modern Japanese history*

Nataly Shahaf is a historian specializing in modern China, with a particular emphasis on the intricate interplay between religion and science within the context of modern Chinese cultural and intellectual history. Her current manuscript project, titled "Multiple Exposures: Ghosts, Buddhism, and Visual Heritage in Early Twentieth-Century China," investigates the innovative utilization of mass-media forms and technologies in early 20th-century China to preserve, reproduce, and disseminate Chinese heritage, offering a unique perspective on this transformative period. It focuses on art and Buddhist publishers, highlights the significance of visual media in shaping political and social attitudes, and emphasizes the importance of authentic preservation in establishing a common Chinese culture during the early 20th century. Her study also explores the lives of lay Buddhists, providing insights into their experiences and perspectives including their dreams, personal conversations and arguments, and engagements with gods, ghosts, and spirits. In particular, it demonstrates what it meant to be a lay Buddhist in early 20th-century China and goes well beyond doctrine and monasteries to investigate this question.

In 2023, Nataly Shahaf completed her PhD at Columbia University's Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Her research has been supported by major grants and awards, including the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation in Buddhist Studies, the Dan David Prize, and the Henry Luce ACLS Program in China Studies, as well as the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University.





## Ayumi Teraoka

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

*Coercive diplomacy, alliance politics in the Indo-Pacific, Japanese foreign policy and national security*

Ayumi Teraoka is a postdoctoral research scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and a lecturer in the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) in Fall 2023. She earned her PhD from the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, where she was also the A.B. Krongard Fellow from 2021 to 2022. Her research focuses on coercive diplomacy, alliance politics in the Indo-Pacific, and Japanese foreign policy and national security. Her book project, based on her doctoral dissertation, examines the interactive effects of US alliance management efforts and China's attempts to weaken US alliances from both historical and contemporary perspectives. In 2022, she was a World Politics and Statecraft Fellow with the Smith Richardson Foundation and, from 2022 to 2023, an America in the World Consortium Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin.

Prior to Princeton, she worked as a research associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) from 2013 to 2015 and the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) from 2015 to 2017. She holds an MA in public affairs from Princeton University, an MA in Asian studies from Georgetown University, and a BA in law from Keio University. Her writing has appeared in *The Japan Times*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Diplomat*, and the *Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs*, among other publications.

## VISITING SCHOLARS 2023-2024

### Nicole CuUnjieng Aboitiz

August 2023–August 2024

*Research Fellow, University of Cambridge;* Effects of class and human relationships to the natural environment of the Philippines during the 19th and 20th centuries

### Lynette Hui-Ling Ong

October 2023–June 2024

*Professor, University of Toronto;* The political economy of the real estate sector and state-business relations in China

### Sungwook Yoon

September 2023–September 2024

*Professor, Chungbuk National University;* Korea's foreign policy and its effects on the US and China

### Hirokazu Yoshie

September 2022–September 2024

*Lecturer, Soka University;* The evolution of public education during Japan's modern era

## ROBERT M. IMMERMAN PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS 2023-2024

### Chunyu Bai

October 1, 2023–June 30, 2025

*President and Founder, Zhejiang Yilian Automobile Technology Co., Ltd., and Shenyang Kenderi Technology Co., Ltd.*

### Hae Yong Jung

September 1, 2023–August 31, 2024

*Staff Reporter, Chosunbiz*

### Taehoon Lee

September 1, 2023–August 31, 2024

*Staff Reporter, The Korea Economic Daily*

### Chen Liu

February 1, 2024–January 31, 2025

*CEO, Beijing Qian Chen Film Co., Ltd.*

### Yusuke Shoji

July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

*Deputy General Manager, Business Planning & Coordination Department, Development Bank of Japan Inc.*

### Min Xiao

September 1, 2023–August 31, 2024

*General Manager, Chengdu Xiaoyao Venture Capital Co., Ltd.*

## DOCTORATES AWARDED 2023-2024

### Zachary Berge-Becker

East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: "Arts, Leisure, and the Construction of 'Gentlemanly' (shi 士) Identities in 7th-14th Century China"

### Stefan Chavez-Norgaard

Urban Planning: "Incremental Vernacular Planning: Resident Repurposing of the Apartheid Built Environment in a Former South African Bantustan"

### Hyoseak (Stephen) Choi

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Literary Dependents: The Child and Publishing Culture in Modern Japan"

### Michelle L. Hauk

East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: "Dwelling with Water: Tokyo Waterworks and the Remaking of the Urban Home, 1890-1990"

### Gayatri Kawlra

Urban Planning: "Contours of Crisis: Critical Infrastructure, Information Governance, and Remote Work in New York City during COVID-19"

### Ekaterina Komova

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Remaining Beautiful in Death: On the Affect of Dying and Mourning in the 'Genji monogatari'"

### Qichen (Barton) Qian

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Benign Bellicosity: Tibetan Military History and the Making of Ganden Podrang 1642-1793"

### 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: "Mirrors of History: The Poetics of the Tibetan Kingdom in the Time of Empire (1728-1750)"

### Norashiqin Toh

Political Science: "Legitimacy in Contested Spaces: Three Papers on Southeast Asia"

### Oliver White

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Layers of Laughter: Investigating the Appeal of Jippensha Ikku's Hizakurige, an Early Modern Japanese Bestseller"

## DOCTORAL STUDENTS PREPARING DISSERTATIONS UNDER GUIDANCE OF INSTITUTE FACULTY

### Matt Bartlett

Law: Law and technology; regulation of emerging technologies; law and policy issues around AI and social media

**Nolan Bensen**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
The early Ming dynasty, especially  
foreign relations

**Nicolle Marr Bertozzi**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: Mate-  
rial culture, craft knowledge, repurposing of  
objects, and the tea ceremony

**David Xu Borjonjon**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Revolution's Middlemen: Chinese Media in  
Modern Indonesia"

**Mohamad Adam Brooks**

Social Work: Mental health of refugees in  
low- and middle-income countries

**Jason Butters**

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

**Xuexin Cai**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Between Wasteland and Wilderness:  
Rubber Farms, Nature Reserves, and Rural  
Life in Southwest China, 1945-2020"

**Stephanie Char**

Political Science: "Scaring the Monkey:  
Effectiveness of Countercriticism Coercion  
by China"

**Vincent Chartray**

Economics

**Nanyu Chen**

Business

**Peter Chen**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Oth-  
erwise 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: Circulation of North Korean art  
in socialist networks

**Roya Chu**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: Tea  
production in early 20th century Yunnan

**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:  
"Poetic Landscapes and Ecological Visions:  
Exploring Natural Environment in Japanese  
Literature and Print Media, 1890s-1920s"

**Yi Deng**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Losers, Exiles, Vengeful Spirits, and  
Their Rebel Children in Late Edo Historical  
Fiction Yomihon"

**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: "Religious Routes to  
Conflict Mitigation: Buddhism, Nationalism,  
and Violence in East and Southeast Asia"

2024 MARSEA graduates





### **Matt Easton**

Economics

### **Albert E. Errickson**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
Vietnamese studies

### **Patrick Farrel**

Economics

### **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

### **Surabhi Ghai**

Economics

### **Guoying Gong**

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

### **Sharon Green**

Sociomedical Sciences: “Migration, Empowerment, and Health”

### **Sally Greenland**

History

### **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: “National” Photography and Visual Culture in Meiji Japan: Ogawa Kazumasa and His Transpacific Journey”

### **Tianran Hang**

Religion: Japanese religion

### **Tenggeer Hao**

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

### **Samuel Monroe Hellman**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
“International Form / Socialist Content: Revolution and Renewal in the Chinese Built Environment”

### **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

### **Andrew Kahn**

East Asian Languages and Cultures

### **Ryo Kawashima**

History: Japanese history

### **Chris Kim**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: Early Chinese history

### **Iris Kim**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
“Intimate Ties to North Korea: Transnational Networks of Separated Families of the Korean Diaspora (1945–2000)”

### **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”

### **Sang Hoon Kong**

Economics

### **Naomi Kuromiya**

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

### **Adrienne Minh-Chau Le**

History: “The Vietnamese Buddhist Anti-War Movement, 1955–1975”

### **Mengheng Lee**

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

### **Meng-Hsuan Lee**

Art History: “Shop-House, Verandah-Arcade, Decorated Façade: An Excavation of Bourgeois Architecture in Japanese Colonial Taiwan”

**Joanna Lee-Brown**

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"

**Hana Lethen**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Representations in Gendered Madness in  
Medieval Noh Theater"

**Melissa Li**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Between Modern Reform and Preservation  
of Theatrical Traditions: Performance,  
Playwriting, Print Media, and Architecture  
in Meiji Kabuki"

**Yilun Li**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
Experimental media arts and ecology from  
the late 1970s to the present

**Constantine Lignos**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: History  
of the performance of Cham tantric dance

**Yuyuan (Victoria) Liu**

East Asian Languages and Cultures and  
History: "Buddhist Portraiture and Pho-  
tographic Technology: Visual Culture and  
Image-Making Across the Tibetan Plateau"

**Caixia Mao**

Architecture, Planning, and Preservation:  
"Fragile Techno-political Machine: (Dis)  
entanglement of Chinese and Japanese  
infrastructure assemblages in Indonesia"

**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:  
"Female Impersonation, Gender, and Old  
Age in Noh Theater"

**Deanna T. Nardy**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Visions of Postwar Japan:  
Black Translation, Rental Manga, and  
Okinawa Photography"

**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, c.  
1920-1940"

**Daniel Penner-Hashimoto**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
"Languages of Critical Enlightenment:  
Science, Literature, and the Aesthetics of  
Writing in Meiji Japan"

**Tasfia Rahman**

Anthropology

**Alexis Rangell-Onwuegbuzia**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
Japanese film and media

**Helena Rong**

Architecture, Planning, and Preservation:  
"An Institutional Analysis of Blockchain  
Technology for Urban Governance"

**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-ōg

**Seungyup Shin**

Political Science

**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: Japanese female artists active  
in Japan and the US in the 1970s

**Isaac Chun-Kiang Tan**

East Asian Languages and Cultures:  
Interwar period in Asia; late imperial China;  
history of medicine in modern Japan

### **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**

History: "The Chinese War on Cancer: Cancer Research, Prevention, and Treatment, 1950s-1990s"

### **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 Cold War modern Chinese literature"

### **Yi Wang**

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

### **Angelo Wong**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Collectors of the Strange: Genre, Cosmology, and Community in 17th-20th century Japan"

### **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 and East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Taxation Systems in the Late Qing Empire's Northern Frontier: The Rise of Provincial Government in Xinjiang and Manchuria, 1864-1911"

### **Yingchuan Yang**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Revolution on the Air: Radio and Mass Technology and Chinese Socialism"

### **Linan Lily Yao**

Political Science: "The Political Economy of the Chinese Film Industry"

### **Timothy Yin**

Political Science

### **Heewon Yoon**

Political Science: "Election rules and outcomes in Northeast Asia"

### **Hongyi Yu**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Interpersonal Propaganda: Propagandists at Work in Wartime and Socialist China, 1937-1965"

### **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: "Local Airs of Sensation: Feng Menglong (1574-1646)'s Popular Song Collection and the Fashioning of Suzhou in Early Modern China"

### **Yujin Zhang**

Political Science: "Growth Strategies, the Economy, and People's Economic Worldviews"

### **Francesca Zhao**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Theatrical Repertoires and the Struggle for Culture in Ming China (1368-1644): New Paradigm with Unicorn Sources"

### **Xinyi Zhao**

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "A National Cinema in the Search of a Nation: Film Culture, Spectatorship, and Colonial (After)lives of Manchuria"

### **Xun Zheng**

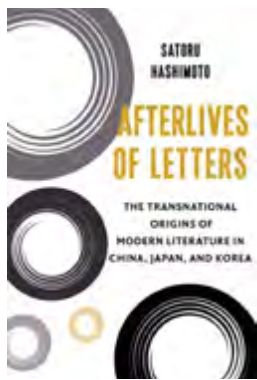
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Japanese film and media



## 4 PUBLICATIONS

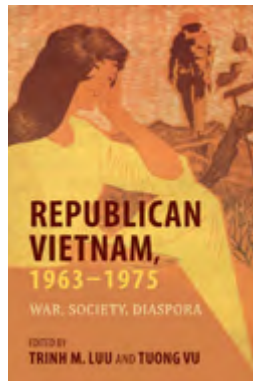
### STUDIES OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE

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. Seven titles were published during the 2023–2024 academic year:



#### Hashimoto, Satoru

*Afterlives of Letters: The Transnational Origins of Modern Literature in China, Japan, and Korea.* New York: Columbia University Press, 2023.



#### Luu, Trinh M., and Vu, Tuong (Eds.)

*Republican Vietnam, 1963–1975: War, Society, Diaspora.* University of Hawai'i Press, 2023.



#### Matsumura, Wendy

*Waiting for the Cool Moon: Anti-imperialist Struggles in the Heart of Japan's Empire.* Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2024.



#### Mullaney, Thomas S.

*The Chinese Computer: A Global History of the Information Age.* Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2024.



#### Qian, Ying

*Revolutionary Becomings: Documentary Media in Twentieth-Century China.* New York: Columbia University Press, 2024.



#### Sato, Yasuko

*Takamure Itsue, Japanese Antiquity, and Matricultural Paradigms that Address the Crisis of Modernity: A Woman from the Land of Fire.* Palgrave Macmillan, 2023.



#### Yasuda, Anri

*Beauty Matters: Modern Japanese Literature and the Question of Aesthetics, 1890–1930.* New York: Columbia University Press, 2024.

## ASIA PERSPECTIVES: NEW HORIZONS IN ASIAN 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.

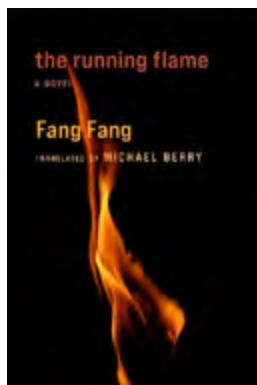
## WEATHERHEAD BOOKS ON ASIA

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. Four titles were published in the 2023–2024 academic year:



### **Fang Fang. Translated by Michael Berry.**

*Soft Burial: A Novel.* New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2024.



### **Fang Fang. Translated by Michael Berry.**

*The Running Flame: A Novel.* New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2024.



### **Yun Ko-Eun. Translated by Lizzie Buehler.**

*Table for One: Stories.* New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2024.



### **Ch'oe Myōngik. Translated by Janet Poole.**

*Patterns of the Heart and Other Stories.* New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2024.

## THE MERVYN W. ADAMS SELDON FIRST BOOKS ENDOWMENT OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE

This endowment was created to enable young scholars to publish their first work. The donor, Mervyn Seldon, was a SIPA alumna who worked for the Institute's publications program more than 30 years ago. It was 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 2023-2024, the award was given to Reut Harari for *Healers of Circumstance: Military Medics and Medical Care in Imperial Japan*, under contract with Cornell University Press. and Keru Cai for *From Russia, with Squalor: Poverty in Modern Chinese Realism*, under contract with Oxford University Press.

## PUBLISHED WORKS BY INSTITUTE AFFILIATES

### Maria Adele Carrai

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## 5 RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE AND AFFILIATED COLUMBIA CENTERS

### 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. Seong Uk Kim has been serving as its interim director since 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 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.

<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 (Cochairs: 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 Haruo Shirane, Gray Tuttle, and Madeleine Zelin); and The United States and Southeast Asia: Past Legacies, Present Issues, and Future Prospects (Cochairs: Duncan McCargo, Ann Marie Murphy, and Amy Freedman). Each project was designed to harmonize with the other three without overlying 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.

#### Modern Tibetan Studies Program

In 2023-2024, Tibetan studies at Columbia raised over \$1 million. The Henry Luce Foundation renewed its cornerstone support of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute with a grant of \$450,000 to support the directorship and a five-year project entitled "Expanding Tibetan Studies: Indigenous Knowledge & Climate Change Research," which will launch on July 1, 2024. The project leverages ongoing work with the Climate School/Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University and other universities in North America, as well as with researchers in the Himalayas and in China. In addition, MTSP was able to leverage WEAI's generous support for Literary Tibetan (for the last three years) to secure an additional six years of support: \$300,000 for Literary/Classical Tibetan from the Khyentse Foundation, to be matched with \$300,000 from the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC). Finally, MTSP secured a grant of \$400,000 for an annual lecture/research visiting fellow, offered by Julian Suez.

Columbia's Modern Tibetan Studies Program (MTSP), 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 MTSP are Gray Tuttle, who holds the Leila Hadley Luce Chair of Modern Tibetan Studies; Luran Hartley, director of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program and adjunct assistant professor in EALAC; 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. This year, Konchok Gelek, whose work focuses on historical and present-day climate change research, joined MTSP as a postdoctoral research scholar.

In Spring 2004, MTSP 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 EALAC, 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 EALAC, in International Affairs (SIPA) or in Regional Studies-East Asia (MARSEA). At the PhD level, students can specialize in modern Tibetan studies within 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 audiovisual 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 Tibetan Studies Librarian at the Starr Library, and she continues a cooperative program whereby she jointly serves the University of Toronto.

MTSP 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 eco-tourism, agriculture, pastoralism, and related economic sectors. 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; it has had an exchange relationship with the Central Nationalities University in Beijing.

In 2023-2024, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program hosted seven speaker events covering climate change in High Mountain Asia, local oral history in the Sino-Tibetan borderlands of Sichuan, newly ordained nuns in Bhutan, and more. These discussions were attended by some 440 people worldwide, with in-person events livestreamed for virtual audiences. In addition, three film-screenings dedicated to the late director Pema Tsedon (1969-2023) drew about 70 attendees each, including many NYC Tibetan community members. Last fall, WEAI "Asia in Action" funds allowed 35 students enrolled in the Tibetan Civilization class to benefit from a curator-led tour at the Rubin Museum of Art.

Recordings of MTSP events can be viewed on the MTSP YouTube playlist: [bit.ly/3OfSgXI](https://bit.ly/3OfSgXI).

The Program has a new website: <https://mtsp.weai.columbia.edu>.

## Japan Research Program

In Fall 2022, the Weatherhead East Asian Institute (WEAI) at Columbia University inaugurated a 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.



## Vietnamese Studies Initiative

Columbia University made huge strides with its 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 Dr. Vinh Quoc Nguyen. 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. This year, there were two visiting scholars. Visiting Assistant Professor Hoang M. Vu from Fulbright University Vietnam and WEAI's Artist-in-Residence, award-winning filmmaker Tony Bui.

During this academic year, Vietnamese Studies also hosted two large events: the screening of the award-winning *Three Seasons* upon its 25th anniversary, featuring director Tony Bui, producer Jason Kliot, and School of the Arts Professor Jack Lechner, followed by a post-screening party hosted by Chinh Chu; and the two-day Legacies of the Vietnam War Conference featuring keynote speaker peace activist Phan Thi Kim Phuc, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, notable documentarians, and prominent historical actors from the Vietnam War era.

## 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 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>

### 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.

WEAI 75th Anniversary Gala keynote speaker US Special Envoy for Climate and former Secretary of State John Kerry



### **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; 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](http://www.keenecenter.org)

### **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/>

## **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. We think 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 policy makers 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>



## 6 PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

### EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

#### She and They: Wei Hai-min and Chinese Opera in Our Time

On September 19, 2023, Wei Hai-min visited Columbia University for a demonstration of artistic features of Master Mei Lanfang's "Dan" opera performance. In a conversation moderated by Columbia professors Lening Liu and Ying Qian, Wei reflected upon her career as an opera performer of the Mei tradition in today's Taiwan. Drawing from Wei's performances in *The City of Desire* (Lady Macbeth in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*), *Woman from Loulan* (Medea in the Greek tragedy *Medea*), *The Story of the Golden Lock* (Cao Qiqiao in Zhang Ailing's *The Story of the Golden Lock*) and others, this event offered insight into Chinese opera from one of its leading practitioners, while introducing Taiwan's vibrant culture of contemporary theater.

#### Book Launch and Talk: Japan's Quiet Leadership: Reshaping the Indo-Pacific

On September 27, 2023, Mireya Solis, director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies at Brookings, introduced her newest book, *Japan's Quiet Leadership: Reshaping the Indo-Pacific*, at an event organized by WEAI and the Japan Foundation. Burgess Professor Emeritus Gerald Curtis moderated the talk. According to a news article about the event by Ryoichi Miura, writing for *NY Seikatsu*, "The book takes a bird's-eye view of the past 30 years of Japan's economic and political evolution, the experiences of globalization, the impact and readjustment of economic statecraft, and the geopolitical challenges that have triggered a gradual but significant shift in the country's security profile. In doing so, it aims to tell a changing, incomplete, and more consequential story of Japan. The key message is that Japan is playing an important leadership role in rebuilding the Indo-Pacific region and defending the liberal international order."

#### Three Seasons Film Screening and Panel Discussion

A screening of WEAI Artist-in-Residence Tony Bui's 1999 film, *Three Seasons*, and panel discussion was held on October 6, 2023. The panel discussed the groundbreaking production—about the past, present, and future of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) during the postwar period known as *Đổi Mới* (New Life). The film won the Grand Jury Prize, Audience Award, and Cinematography Award at the Sundance Film Festival and was Vietnam's official submission for the 72nd Academy Award for Best International Film. Joining Bui on the panel were Jason Kliot, one of the film's producers; Don Young, director of programs at the Center for Asian American Media; and Jack Lechner, chair of film at the Columbia School of the Arts.

#### Why Will Indonesia Become More Important and What Does That Mean for Japan and the US?

Over the next 10–20 years, Indonesia will become an increasingly important player on the international stage. On October 16, 2023, Masafumi Ishii, former ambassador of Japan to Indonesia, spoke with WEAI's Gerald L. Curtis, Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science, and Ann Marie Murphy, adjunct senior research scholar at WEAI and professor at Seton Hall University, about the reasons for Indonesia's growing importance. He discussed what Japan and the US need to do to engage more closely with Indonesia and to align responses to regional contingencies such as the Taiwan straits.

#### Life Is On Your Side: Through the Forest of Fear

On October 30, 2023, Venerable Jeongmok, abbess of Temple Jeonggaksa in Seoul, visited Columbia University for a talk on her life story and career as a Buddhist nun. Jeongmok is among the most influential Buddhist female monks in South Korea and is well known for her media talks, as

the founder of the YouTube channel Una Broadcasting. Seong Uk Kim, assistant professor of Korean religions and culture, moderated the discussion.

#### As Equals: The Oei Women of Java—A Book Talk by Daryl Yeap

In this talk, held on November 8, 2023, Daryl Yeap presented her new book, *As Equals: The Oei Women of Java*. The book tells the fascinating story of Oei Hui-lan (aka Madame Wellington Koo), Ida Oei, and Lucy Ho Oei, daughters and wife of Asia's richest man at the turn of the 20th century—Oei Tiong-ham. Born at the height of Sinophobic fears and at a time when the great majority of Chinese women continued to live under the Confucian veil, the three women defied social conventions and punctured through cultural stereotypes—showing the world that they were the epitome of the modern woman: sophisticated, educated, sexually aware, and above all, fiercely independent. The talk, with discussant Lien-Hang T. Nguyen and moderated by C.V. Starr East Asian Library Director Jim Cheng, focused on the early years and the circumstances that shaped the characters' lives, from the elaborate social networks of the Chinese community in the Dutch East Indies to the colonial policies in Southeast Asia.

#### COSCO in Piraeus: Investment Embeddedness and the Question of Chinese "Influence"

On November 15, 2023, Professor Konstantinos Tsimonis, senior lecturer in Chinese studies at King's College London, presented his research around the landmark investment of China Ocean Shipping Company (COSCO) in the port of Piraeus and discussed its political, social, economic and environmental repercussions. Tsimonis approached COSCO's investment as an embedded phenomenon and unpacked the agency of local, regional, and global actors in order to assess the question of "Chinese influence." The event introduced Chinese activities and policies in Greece and considered the challenge and the



necessity of developing independent China expertise in countries with no China studies tradition, as a way to mitigate the political risks arising from the PRC's global economic outreach. Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science Andrew J. Nathan moderated the discussion.

### **The White Crane of Alag a: Legends of the Sixth Dalai Lama in Mongolia**

The Sixth Dalai Lama Tsangyang Gyatso (1683-1706/46) was recognized in secrecy, lived in controversy, and passed out of history in mystery. The popular tradition holds that he died while traveling to Beijing. Yet in some parts of Mongolia, it is believed that the exiled Sixth Dalai Lama escaped his captors and lived out his life in the desert Gobi region of Alagša, Inner Mongolia. To this day in Alagša, the figure of the Sixth Dalai Lama still serves as a central pillar of the Alagšan identity, religion, and cultural pride among the local Mongolian population. On March 4, 2024, Sangseraima Ujeed, assistant professor of Tibetan Buddhism at the University of Michigan, delivered a talk about her research on the formation of religio-cultural identity and the invention of tradition in the Alagša during the early 18th century. Her work is based on new materials in the form of oral histories, local legends, folk songs, poems, and textual sources collected about the Sixth Dalai Lama and the reincarnation of the Desi Sanggye Gyatso in Alagša during a research trip in 2019. Gray Tuttle, Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, moderated the talk.

### **Wuhan: How the COVID-19 Outbreak in China Spiraled Out of Control**

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began as an outbreak in Wuhan in late 2019, has claimed millions of lives and caused unprecedented disruptions. Despite its generation-defining significance, there has been a surprising lack of independent research examining the decisions and measures implemented in the weeks leading

up to the Wuhan lockdown, as well as the missteps and shortcomings that allowed the novel coronavirus to spread with minimal hindrance. In a March 21, 2024 book talk, *Wuhan: How the COVID-19 Outbreak in China Spiraled Out of Control*, author Dali L. Yang (William Claude Reavis Professor at the University of Chicago) scrutinized China's emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, delving into the government's handling of epidemic information and the decisions that influenced the scale and scope of the outbreak. Yang's research reveals that China's health decision-makers and experts had an excellent head start when they implemented a health emergency action program to respond to the outbreak at the end of December 2019. With granular detail and compelling immediacy, Yang investigates the political and bureaucratic processes that hindered information flows and sharing, as well as the cognitive framework that limited understanding of the virus's contagiousness, hampered effective decisions, and enabled the outbreak to spiral out of control. The talk featured opening remarks by Qin Gao, professor and associate dean for doctoral education at the School of Social Work and director of the China Center for Social Policy. Xiaobo Lü, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science at Barnard College, served as discussant; and Junyan Jiang, assistant professor of political science at Columbia, moderated.

### **Toward a Comparative History of Sexual Violence and War—A Book Talk with Leading Feminist Chizuko Ueno**

Sexual violence in war is a perennial and a global phenomenon. The "comfort women" system of sexual slavery in Asia and sexual assaults by Allied soldiers in Europe during World War II, the rape camps in Bosnia in the 1990s war in the former Yugoslavia--the list is long and continues to this day. In a talk on March 25, 2024, moderated by George Sansom Professor Emerita of History Carol Gluck, leading Japanese feminist Chizuko Ueno, professor

emerita at the University of Tokyo and chief director of Women's Action Network, discussed her book, *A Comparative History of War and Sexual Violence*. Ueno explored a range of issues, including the discourse of victimhood and the question of agency, rape as a weapon of war, and also love and "horizontal collaboration" between enemies.

### **Korea: A New History of South and North—A Book Talk by Victor Cha and Ramon Pacheco Pardo**

In a talk on April 18, 2024, Victor Cha and Ramon Pacheco Pardo spoke about their new book, *Korea: A New History of South and North*, which charts the balance of power politics that ravaged Korea in the late 19th-early 20th centuries, the division of the two Koreas, and their divergent paths thereafter. The book also includes original data on unification and how the great powers view a future single Korea. Jonathan Reade Corrado, lecturer at the School of International and Public Affairs, moderated the discussion.

### **Diplomatic Ties and Community Engagement: A Dialogue with US Ambassadors**

This engaging dialogue, held on April 23, 2024, brought together US ambassadors to Vietnam, Malaysia, and Laos, along with students, faculty, staff, and members of the local Southeast Asian communities, to discuss and explore the multifaceted diplomatic relationships between the US and ASEAN. The engagement offered a platform for an open conversation on the impacts of these ties, the shared challenges and opportunities, and how educational and cultural exchanges can further strengthen bilateral relations.



# AS EQUALS

## The Oei Women of Java

A Book Talk by Daryl Yeap



WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
4:00 – 5:30 PM ET  
420 W 118th St  
International Affairs Building Room 918  
and via Zoom



**Daryl Yeap**  
Independent Researcher

**Translator:**  
Liam Hoang Nguyen,  
Dorothy Day Chair in the History of  
the United States and East Asia,  
Director of the Weatherhead East  
Asian Institute, Columbia University

**Moderator:**  
Eun Chang,  
Director, C.V. Starr East Asian  
Library, Columbia University

In this talk, Daryl presents her new book, *AS EQUALS: The Oei Women of Java*. The book tells the fascinating story of Oei Hai (also known as Madame Wellington Koo), Ma Oei and Lucy (the Oei), daughters and wife of Asia's richest man at the turn of the 20th century—Oei Tiong-han. Born at the height of Sino-Japanese tensions and at a time when the great majority of Chinese women continued to live under the Confucian patriarchy, the three women defied social conventions and pursued through cultural storytelling—showing to the world that they were the epitome of the modern woman—politically active, educated, sexually aware, and above all, fiercely independent. The talk will focus on the early years and the circumstances that shaped their lives—from the elaborate social customs of the Chinese community in the Dutch East Indies to the colonial policies in South East Asia.



### Lectures and Panels

## Life is On Your Side: Through the Forest of Fear



**Jeongmok**

Address of English  
Translation, Korea, Korea,  
and creator of *Yongho*  
(Korean film)

**Moderator:**  
Seung Hui Kim  
Assistant Professor of  
Asian Religions and  
Culture, Department of  
East Asian Languages &  
Culture, Columbia  
University

Jeongmok will give a talk  
on life, sharing her life  
story and career as a  
feminist female monk,  
followed by Q&A.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30  
5:30-7:00 PM ET  
3022 Broadway, Uris Hall  
Calder Lounge, Room 107



## CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS ON HIGH MOUNTAIN ASIA (HMA)

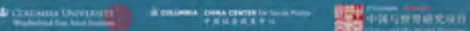
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET  
420 W 118TH ST, IAB 918  
AND VIA ZOOM



**Dr. Lan Cuo**  
Professor, Institute of Tibetan  
Plateau Research, Chinese  
Academy of Sciences, Beijing

**Co-moderator:**  
Dr. Brendan M. Buckley  
Research Professor  
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

The Tibetan Plateau—which is warming at  
twice the rate of the global average—hosts the  
headwaters of 33 large rivers in Asia which  
collectively support the lives of about 2 billion  
people. It is also home to the largest area of  
permafrost soil in the mid-latitude, the largest  
glacier area outside of the Arctic and the  
Antarctic, and delicate ecosystems that are not  
easy to recover once damaged. Dr. Lan Cuo will  
discuss climate-related impacts on water,  
cryosphere and vegetation on the plateau and  
in nearby areas, drawing on her own scientific  
research and other findings.



## WUHAN: HOW THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN CHINA SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL

THURSDAY, MARCH 21  
12:00-1:30 PM ET  
420 W 118th St IAB 918  
& via Zoom

**Publising author:**  
**DALI YANG**  
Associate, David Lewis Professor, Department of Political Science,  
University of Chicago

**Co-moderator by:**  
**QIN GAO**  
Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education,  
Director of China Center for Social Policy,  
Columbia University School of Social Work

**Moderated by:**  
**JUNYAN JIANG**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

**With discussion:**  
**XIAOBO LU**  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Barnard College



### WEAI 75th Anniversary Series: From the American Century to the 21st Century



## THE ROLE OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN THE HISTORY OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET  
420 W 118TH ST, IAB 918  
AND VIA ZOOM

**Menglong Guan**  
Senior Professor for Asian, Regulating  
Council Center for the Performing Arts

**George Hong**  
Professor, Graduate School of Religion and  
Religious Education, Fordham University

**Emily Wilcox**  
Associate Professor of Chinese Studies, Modern  
Languages and Literatures, Rutgers & Mary

**Guoqi Xu**  
Professor, Department of History, University of  
Hong Kong

**Moderator:**  
**Qin Gao**  
Professor and Associate Dean for the Doctoral  
Education, Director of China Center for Social  
Policy, Columbia University School of Social  
Work



## BEYOND UTOPIA

Screening and Q&A panel  
with Executive Producer  
Hannah Song and Ms. Woo  
along with other filmmakers  
from the documentary,  
moderated by human rights  
advocate Sookmyun Lee.



Hannah Song,  
CEO of L Library in  
North Korea



Sookmyun Lee,  
Tribal Studies &  
Human Rights  
Advocate



TUESDAY  
MARCH 26  
6:00 - 8:45 PM

The Kellogg Center,  
Room 1501  
420 West 118th St,  
New York, NY 10027

Free kimbab provided!

COVID holders register  
here via Campus Groups:



Non-COVID holders  
register here:



## WEAI AT 75: REFLECTIONS ON THE ARC OF JAPANESE POLITICS AND POLICY

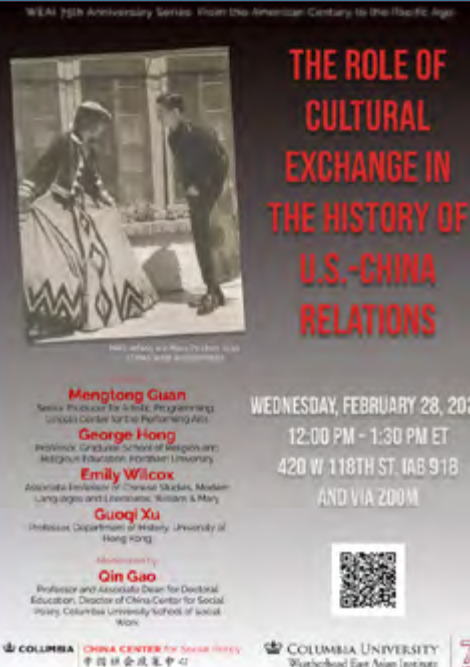


TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM JST

**GERALD L. CURTIS**  
Director of the WEAI Japan Research Program,  
Visiting Professor Emeritus of Political Science,  
Asia of Research Institute, NIAS

TOKYO DAIJINGU SHRINE (東京大神宮)  
2 CHOME-4-1 FUJIMI, CHYODAI CITY, TOKYO

In conversation with Takako Hironaka (Professor at  
Gakushuin University and WEAI Adjunct Senior  
Research Scholar, and former Gerald L. Curtis  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Professor  
Curtis will discuss the prospects for political change,  
the significance of Prime Minister Kishida's state visit  
to the US and the challenges facing the US-Japan  
alliance in an ever more tense and complicated  
international environment, among other issues.



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## DIPLOMATIC TIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: A DIALOGUE WITH U.S. AMBASSADORS

TUESDAY  
APRIL 23  
2024  
4:30-6:00 PM ET  
420 W 118TH ST  
INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS  
BUILDING  
ROOM 1219

**EDGARD RAGAN**  
U.S. AMBASSADOR  
TO MALAYSIA

**HANK S. KNAPPER**  
U.S. AMBASSADOR  
TO VIETNAM

**HEATHER ROACH VARIGA**  
U.S. AMBASSADOR  
TO LAOS

**MODERATED BY**  
**LEKH-HANG T.**  
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UNITED STATES AND EAST  
ASIA  
DIRECTOR, HETHERINGTON  
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AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS,  
BETEN HALL UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28  
Calder Lounge 918 9th Fl

THE PEOPLE VS. AGENT ORANGE  
SCREENING AND DISCUSSION  
5:00-7:30 PM  
With English Subtitles, English Sub,  
Korean Sub to Sub, English K, TV

FRIDAY, MARCH 29  
WAR,  
TRAUMA,  
TRANSFORMATION,  
AND HEALING  
12:30-8:15 PM

with English Speaker **Phan Thi Kim Phuc**  
Peace Activist and (Nobel) Laureate

FRIDAY, MARCH 29  
Pulitzer Hall, The World Room  
SCARS OF WAR IN BODICHA  
10:00-11:30 AM  
George Mack, Elizabeth Archer, Ben Gindoffsky, Peter Smith

NAPALM GIRL: AFTER THE DRAGONS LEFT  
2:00-3:30 PM  
Phan Thi Kim Phuc, Ben Gindoffsky, Peter Smith, Tony Ho

WAR REPORTING: LESSONS FROM VIETNAM  
4:00-5:30 PM  
Peter Smith, Ben Gindoffsky, Elizabeth Archer, George Mack, Ben Gindoffsky, Peter Smith, Tony Ho



## 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

### 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner

To launch a year of special programming and festivities, the Institute hosted a gala dinner on February 1, 2024, in Columbia University's Low Memorial Library. The gala was a major gathering of scholars, students, and luminaries whose work has enriched the study of East, Inner, and Southeast Asia. US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate and former Secretary of State John Kerry delivered the keynote address. He highlighted the importance of US-East Asian relations in tackling the global climate crisis, and, drawing from his experience as a Vietnam War veteran and international negotiator, promoting policies grounded in understanding. The gala also honored six Asian pathbreakers for their contributions to their respective fields. The honorees in attendance were Chairman and CEO of East West Bank Dominic Ng, Nobel laureate and journalist Maria Ressa, author Min Jin Lee, and artist Cai Guo-Qiang. Former governor of the Bank of Japan, Haruhiko Kuroda, and chairman and Honorary CEO of Kikkoman, Yuzaburo Mogi, were honored in absentia. The honorees presented the WEAI 75th Anniversary Student Award for Excellence,

granted to the most outstanding students whose work focuses on the region. The awardees were Caixia Mao (PhD student, GSAPP); Kaitlin Hao (MA student, EALAC); Tenzin (Tendor) Dorjee (PhD student, Political Science); Xuexin Cai (PhD student, EALAC); Samuel Angell (MA student, MARSEA); Isabella Maganda Garcia Bernstein (Barnard); and Kanako Tajima (PhD student, Art History and Archaeology). Their research and studies comprise a diverse array of disciplines, including history, activism, art history, environmental policymaking, and literature.

### Climate Change and Its Impacts on High Mountain Asia

The global surface temperature in the first 20 years of the 21st century was 0.99° C higher than that in 1850-1900 due to the emission of greenhouse gases by human activities. Based on the available air temperature records starting since the mid-20th century, the Tibetan Plateau has become warmer and wetter, a trend that is expected to continue through the 21st century. The Tibetan Plateau's warming rate is twice the global average. Because of its massive area and high elevation, the plateau intrudes to the troposphere and affects the atmospheric circulations,

modulating the regional and global climate and weather. The plateau and its surroundings, nicknamed "Asia's Water Tower," hosts the headwaters of 13 large rivers in Asia—the Yellow River, Yangtze River, Mekong River, Salween River, Irrawaddy River, Brahmaputra River, Ganges River, Indus River, Amu Darya River, Syr River, Tarim River, Ili River, and Hei River—which altogether support the lives of about 2 billion people. The plateau also has the largest area of permafrost soil in the mid-latitudes, the largest glacier area outside of the Arctic and the Antarctic, and delicate ecosystems that are not easy to recover once damaged. Many components of its climate system, such as water, cryosphere, and vegetation, are changing as a result of the warming climate. In this presentation on February 22, 2024, Lan Cuo, a professor at the Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, discussed those changes on the plateau and its surrounding areas, drawing from her own and other researchers' work.

75th Anniversary Gala honorees with WEAI's director (*left to right*): Cai Guo-Qiang, Maria Ressa, Min Jin Lee, John Kerry, Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, and Dominic Ng



## The Role of Cultural Exchange in the History of US-China Relations

Culture and sports exchange has played crucial roles in US-China relations throughout history. Given the current tense US-China relations and in celebration of WEAI's 75th anniversary, the Institute hosted a panel discussion on February 28, 2024, on the role of cultural exchange in the history of the US-China relationship and drew implications for the future. Among the panelists, George Hong, professor, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University, discussed Peking opera diplomacy and Mei Lanfang's visit to the US in 1930; Guoqi Xu, professor of history at Hong Kong University, discussed sports and US-China relations during 1969-1980; Emily Wilcox, associate professor of Chinese studies at William & Mary, discussed the role of dance in US-China relations from the 1950s to the present; and Mengtong Guan, senior producer for artistic programming at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, discussed current US-China exchanges in performing arts.

## Legacies of the Vietnam War Conference

On March 28 and 29, 2024, the Institute hosted a conference to consider the lasting implications of the Vietnam War. The first event of the conference was a screening of the film *The People vs. Agent Orange*, a compelling documentary that follows two activists working across continents to stop the use of the chemical herbicides comprising Agent Orange and to find justice for the victims. A panel discussion followed the screening, featuring producer-director duo Alan Adelson and Kate Taverna. They were joined by the subjects of the film, French-Vietnamese activist Madam Tran To Nga, who led a lawsuit against the US manufacturers of Agent Orange including Dow Chemical and Monsanto; and American activist Carol van Strum, who fought to ban Agent Orange components 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D, and the spraying of these herbicides in Oregon forests.



Panelists from the Legacies of the Vietnam War conference

WEAI's Hoang Minh Vu moderated the discussion. The first event of the second day was a panel discussion, "Scars of War in Indochina," with journalists George Black, Elizabeth Becker, and Peter Osnos, along with Legacies of War CEO Sera Koulabdara. Each panelist, prompted by moderator Peter Osnos, brought to the discussion firsthand accounts from the countries of the region: Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos. In the conference's keynote address, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and peace activist, and the subject of the infamous "The Terror of War" photograph, known colloquially as "Napalm Girl," recounted her journey through "War, Trauma, Transformation, and Healing." A public panel discussion was hosted shortly after the keynote luncheon. Joining Phuc were the photographer behind the image, Nick Ut (who won a Pulitzer Prize for the shot and is the only Vietnamese person who earned that distinction during the war); and Fox Butterfield, a journalist who was at the scene that day on assignment with the *New York Times*. Filmmaker and WEAI Artist-in-Residence Tony Bui moderated.

The final event of the conference was a panel discussion titled "War Reporting: Lessons from Vietnam," which brought together award-winning journalists Fox Butterfield, Peter Arnett, Edith Lederer, and Nancy Trieu Giang Bui. WEAI Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen and James Bennet, senior editor at the *Economist*, moderated the event.



## WEAI EVENTS

## September

## Book Talk

9/13 **The Dragon Roars Back: Transformational Leaders and Dynamics of Chinese Foreign Policy.** *Suisheng Zhao*, Professor and Director, Center for China-US Cooperation, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Moderated by *Qin Gao*, Columbia University School of Social Work. Discussant: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the China Center for Social Policy and the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program (C&WP).

## Film Screening

9/17 **A "Toy Film" History of Shōwa: The Second Sino-Japanese War, 1931-1945.** *Yoneo Ota*, Professor of Art, Curator, Toy Film Museum, Kyoto, Japan; *Makia Matsumura*, Piano accompaniment; Intertitle translation and co-curator: *Joanne Bernardi*, Professor of East Asian Studies, University of Rochester. Cosponsored by the Center for Comparative Media; C.V. Starr East Asian Library; Columbia University Seminars on Sites of Cinema; Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture; Film and Media Studies, School of the Arts; and WEAI.

## Book Talk

9/18 **Radical Worlds, Diasporic Lexicons: A Dialogue with Xiaolu Guo and Jay Gao.** *Xiaolu Guo*, Chinese British novelist, memoirist, and filmmaker. *Jay Gao*, poet from Edinburgh, Scotland. Moderator; *Ana Paulina Lee*, Associate Professor of Latin American and Iberian Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by the Society of Fellows, Heyman Center. Cosponsored by WEAI.

## Lectures and Panels

9/19 **She and They: Wei Hai-min and Chinese Opera in Our Time.** *Wei Hai-min*, world-renowned Dan Opera Performer. Moderators: *Lening Liu*, Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Director, Chinese Language Program, Columbia

University; *Ying Qian*, Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Chinese Language Program, and Asian Cultural Council.

## Lectures and Panels

9/20 **Thailand's Lost Elections and the Return of the Princes.** *Pavin Chachaval-pongpun*, Associate Professor at Kyoto University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Moderated by *Ann Marie Murphy*, Professor at Seton Hall University and NYSEAN co-founder. Sponsored by the New York Southeast Asia Network (NYSEAN). Cosponsored by WEAI.

## Lectures and Panels

9/21 **The Geography of Injustice: East Asia's Battle between Memory and History.** *Barak Kushner*, Professor of East Asian History, Co-Chair of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge. Moderated by *Sarah Kovner*, Senior Research Scholar, Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, WEAI, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

## Book Talk

9/27 **Book Launch & Talk: Japan's Quiet Leadership: Reshaping the Indo-Pacific.** *Mireya Solís*, Director, Center for East Asia Policy Studies; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center for East Asia Policy Studies; and Philip Knight Chair in Japan Studies. Moderated by *Gerald L. Curtis*, Director, WEAI Japan Research Program; Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science; and Special Research Scholar, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and the Japan Foundation. Cosponsored by the Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School and the C&WP.

## Lectures and Panels

9/28 **How to Be Moral: Practical Tips from a Chosŏn Confucian.** *Donald Baker*, Professor in Korean History and Civilization, Department of Asian Studies, The University of British Columbia. Moderated

by *Jungwon Kim*, King Sejong Associate Professor of Korean Studies, EALAC, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research (CKR).

## October

## Asia in Action Event

10/6 **Rise from the Fall: Unmasking the Vietnamese-American Identity: A Conversation with Author Lan Cao.** *Lan Cao*, Author and Professor of Law at the Chapman University School of Law. Sponsored by WEAI.

## Film Screening and Panel

10/6 **Three Seasons Film Screening and Panel Discussion.** *Tony Bui*, Artist-in-Residence, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; *Jason Kliot*, Independent Film Producer; *Don Young*, Director of Programs, Center for Asian American Media (CAAM). Moderated by *Jack Lechner*, Chair of Film, Columbia University School of the Arts, and Film Producer. Cosponsored by WEAI and the Columbia University School of the Arts.

## Book Talk

10/9 **Book Talk with Jessamyn Abel, Author of "Dream Super-Express."** *Jessamyn Abel*, Associate Professor in Asian Studies, Pennsylvania State University. With discussant *Takuya Tsunoda*, Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Moderated by *Ariana King*, Senior Communications Coordinator, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Sponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

10/11 **Re-examining Relations between Hu Shih and T. V. Soong as Top Chinese Diplomats in the US During WWII: New Discoveries from Koo, Soong and Hu Papers.** *Wu Jinping*, Professor, Department of History, Fudan University. With discussant *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Moderated by *Chengzhi Wang*, Chinese Studies Librarian, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

### Lectures and Panels

10/13 **Disruptive Narratives: The Memory and Legacy of Tibetan Participation in the Cultural Revolution in Gyelthang.** *Dáša Pejchar Mortensen*, Assistant Professor of History, Davidson College. Moderated by *Palden Gyal*, PhD Candidate, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

### Film Screening

10/16 **Above and Below the Ground.** *Emily Hong*, Director. Sponsored by GETSEA. Cosponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

10/16 **Why Will Indonesia Become More Important and What Does That Mean for Japan and the US?** *Masafumi Ishii*, Former Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia. With discussant *Ann Marie Murphy*, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar; Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University. Moderated by *Gerald L. Curtis*, Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science; Director of Japan Research Program and Special Research Scholar, WEAI. Sponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

10/18 **Why Columbia Should Invest in Vietnam and Vietnamese Studies: Conversation with Peter Mach (CC '95, SIPA '96).** *Peter Mach*, Columbia Alumni Association Board Member, Vietnamese Studies Senior Advisory Board Member. Moderated by *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia, and Director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the New York Southeast Asia Network.

### Lecture Series: Labor Market Transformations in China

10/19 **The Fruits of Opportunism: The Making of the World's Largest For-profit Education Industry in China.** *Le Lin*, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Moderated by *Qin Gao*, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, and Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia's China Center for Social Policy.

### Lectures and Panels

10/27 **Comparative Philosophy Seminar—Zhunagzi On Not Following The Leader.** *David Wong*, Duke University. Sponsored by the Comparative Philosophy Seminar. Cosponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

10/30 **Japan's Role in Indo-Pacific Security.** *Satoru Mori*, Professor, contemporary international politics at the Faculty of Law, and Deputy Director of the Keio Center for Strategy at Keio University. Moderated by *Ayumi Teraoka*, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Sponsored by WEAI; Japan Research Program. Cosponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in New York and the C&WP.

### Lectures and Panels

10/30 **Life Is On Your Side: Through the Forest of Fear.** Venerable *Jeongmok*, Abbess of Temple Jeonggaksa, Seoul, Korea, and executive of YouTube channel Una. Moderated by *Seong Uk Kim*, Assistant Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by CKR.

### Lecture: Fourteenth Annual N.T Wang Distinguished Lecture

10/30 **China's Prosperous Middle Class and Consumption-Led Growth: Catching Up with the West?** *Terry Sinclair*, Professor of Economics, Western University. Moderated by *Qin Gao*, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, and Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Sponsored by WEAI; Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business. Cosponsored by China Center for Social Policy and the C&WP.

## November

### Book Talk

11/3 **Industrial Policy, National Security, and Globalization.** *Bernard Hoekman*, Professor and Director, Global Economics, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, and *Petros Mavroidis*, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School; Member, Institut de Droit International. Discussed by *Han-koo Yeo*, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics; Former Trade Minister, Republic of Korea. Moderated by *Merit E. Janow*, Dean Emerita, School of International and Public Affairs; Professor of Practice in International Economic Law and International Affairs, Columbia University. Sponsored by APEC Study Center, Columbia University. Cosponsored by Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School; Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business, Columbia Business School; and WEAI.

### Book Talk

11/8 **As Equals: The Oei Women of Java—A Book Talk by Daryl Yeap.** *Daryl Yeap*, Independent Researcher. Discussed by *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Moderated by *Jim Cheng*, Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library and NYSEAN.

### Lectures and Panels

11/9 **The Global Cascade of Repression Against Transnational Activism.** *Victoria Tin-bor Hui*, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame. Moderated by *Amy Freedman*, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, Pace University; WEAI, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

11/9 **The China That Could Have Been: Rhetorical Learning and Political Thought of the Early Modern World.** *Shoufu Yin*,

Assistant Professor of History, University of British Columbia. Cosponsored by Institute for Comparative Literature and Society and WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

11/13 **The War in Ukraine and the Sino-Russian Partnership with Elizabeth Wishnick.** *Elizabeth Wishnick*, Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. *Thomas J. Christensen*, James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations; Director, China and the World Program, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

### Lectures and Panels

11/14 **And Now What? The Life, Status, and Education of Newly Fully Ordained Nuns in Bhutan.** *Dorji Gyeltshen*, Professor, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law, Pangbisa, Paro, Bhutan. Moderated by *Lauran Hartley*, Director of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program and Associate Research Scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

### Lectures and Panels

11/15 **COSCO in Piraeus: Investment Embeddedness and the Question of Chinese "Influence."** *Konstantinos Tsimonis*, Senior Lecturer in Chinese Studies, King's College London. Moderated by *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

### Lectures and Panels

11/27 **PLA Views on US-China Relations.** *Yawei Liu*, Senior Advisor on China, The Carter Center; Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Emory University. Moderated by *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

### Lectures and Panels

11/29 **Chengdu Youth.** *Zhang Feng*, Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University. Moderated by *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

### Book Talk

11/30 **Book Talk with Andrew Grant, Author of "The Concrete Plateau."** *Andrew Grant*, Assistant Professor of Geography, University of Tampa. Moderated by *Lauran Hartley*, Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

## December

### Book Talk

12/4 **Public Interest and State Legitimation: Early Modern England, Japan, and China—A Book Talk by Wenkai He.** *Wenkai He*, Associate Professor, Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Moderated by *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

12/8 **Korea's Culture Wave: The Story behind Its Strength.** *Sohn, Jie-ae*, Ambassador for Cultural Cooperation of the Republic of Korea. Sponsored by WEAI and CKR. Cosponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York.

### Lectures and Panels

12/11 **"How China Shapes Its Reviews in UN Human Rights Regime" with Lucie Lu.** *Lucie Lu*, Ph.D., Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Sponsored by the C&WP. Cosponsored by WEAI.

## January

### Lectures and Panels

1/23 **Jeong Jedu 鄭齊斗 (Hagok 霞谷; 1649–1736) and Korean Yangming Neo-Confucianism: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives.** *Edward Chung*, Professor, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. Moderated by *Seong Uk Kim*, Assistant Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by CKR.

### Book Talk

1/25 **Outsourcing Repression: Everyday State Power in Contemporary China.** *Lynette Ong*, Professor of Political Science, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto; Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Moderated by *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

## February

### Lecture Series: Labor Market Transformations in China

2/6 **Mobilizing the Mountains: Popular Protest in North China and Appalachia.** *Manfred Elfstrom*, Assistant Professor of Economics and Political Science, University of British Columbia. Moderated by *Yao Lu*, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia University's China Center for Social Policy.

### Book Talk

2/6 **Japan's Ocean Borderlands: Nature and Sovereignty—A Book Talk by Paul Kreitman.** *Paul Kreitman*, Associate Professor of 20th Century Japanese History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Moderated by *Carol Gluck*, George Sansom Professor Emerita of History and Professor Emerita of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Special Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

### Book Talk

2/9 **Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China, 10th Anniversary Edition—A Book Talk by Leta Hong Fincher.** *Leta Hong Fincher*, Research Associate, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Moderated by *Nicholas Bartlett*, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society, AMEC/EALAC, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the APEC Study Center.

### Lectures and Panels

2/12 **2024 Taiwan Elections in Context.** *Roland Gillah*, Master's Candidate, Columbia SIPA; *Seamus Boyle*, Master's Candidate, Columbia SIPA; *Lucie Lu*, 2023–2024 C&WP Fellow; *Sabine Mokry*, 2023–2024 C&WP Fellow; *Ayumi Teraoka*, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, WEAI. Sponsored by the C&WP. Cosponsored by WEAI.

### Lectures and Panels

2/19 **China and Latin America: A New Assessment.** *Parsifal D'Sola Alvarado*, Founder and CEO, Fundacion Andres Bello. Moderated by *Xiaobo Lü*, Professor, Political Science, Barnard College. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

### Lecture Series: From the American Century to the Pacific Age

2/22 **Climate Change and Its Impacts on High Mountain Asia (HMA).** *Lan Cuo*, Professor, Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing. Moderated by *Lauran Hartley*, Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program; Associate Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

### Lecture Series: From the American Century to the Pacific Age

2/28 **The Role of Cultural Exchange in the History of US-China Relations.** *Mengtong Guan*, Senior Producer for Artistic Programming, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts; *George Hong*, Professor, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University; *Emily*

*Wilcox*, Associate Professor of Chinese Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures, William & Mary; *Guoqi Xu*, Professor, Department of History, University of Hong Kong. Moderated by *Qin Gao*, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the China Center for Social Policy and the C&WP.

## March

### Lectures and Panels

3/4 **Purity and Ideology.** *Hongkyung Kim*, Professor, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies; Director, Center for Korean Studies at SUNY Stony Brook. Moderated by *Seong Uk Kim*, Assistant Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by CKR.

### Lectures and Panels

3/4 **The White Crane of Alagša: Legends of the Sixth Dalai Lama in Mongolia.** *Sangseraima Ujeed*, Assistant Professor of Tibetan Buddhism, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Moderated by *Gray Tuttle*, Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

### Lectures and Panels

3/4 **Japan's Strategic Cooperation with NATO: Connectivity between Ukraine and Taiwan Crises.** *Tomonori Yoshizaki*, Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS); Former Vice President of National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Ministry of Defense, Japan. Moderated by *Ayumi Teraoka*, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, WEAI, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Japan Research Program and the C&WP.



### Lecture Series: Labor Market Transformations in China

3/5 **China as a New Immigrant Destination Country: Macro and Micro Perspectives.** *Zai Liang*, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, SUNY Albany. Moderated by *Yao Lu*, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia University's China Center for Social Policy.

### Lectures and Panels

3/7 **Global Literary Imaginaries: China and India.** *Gal Gvili*, Associate Professor, East Asian Studies, McGill University; *Adhira Mangalagiri*, Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, NYU; *Duncan Yoon*, Assistant Professor, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University. Moderated by *Anupama Rao*, Professor of History and MESAAS, Columbia University. Cosponsored by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; WEAI; the Society of Fellows and Heyman Center for Humanities; South Asia Institute; and the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society.

### Lectures and Panels

3/19 **Freedom Undone: The Assault on Liberal Values and Institutions in Hong Kong.** *Michael Davis*, Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Research Affiliate, Weatherhead East Asia Institute, Columbia University; Professor of Law and International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University. Moderated by *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

### Book Talk

3/21 **Wuhan: How the COVID-19 Outbreak in China Spiraled Out of Control.** *Dali Yang*, William Claude Reavis Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago. With opening remarks by *Qin Gao*, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Discussed by *Xiaobo Lü*,

Professor, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science, Barnard College. Moderated by *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the China Center for Social Policy and the C&WP.

### Book Talk

3/25 **Toward a Comparative History of Sexual Violence and War—A Book Talk with Leading Feminist Chizuko Ueno.** *Chizuko Ueno*, Professor Emerita University of Tokyo, Chief Director of the Nonprofit Organization Women's Action Network. Moderated by *Carol Gluck*, George Sansom Professor Emerita of History, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Japan Research Program.

### Lectures and Panels

3/26 **China's Emerging Talent Strategy: Challenges and Opportunities.** *Denis Fred Simon*, Distinguished Fellow, Institute of China-America Studies (ICAS); Former Executive Vice Chancellor, Duke Kunshan University. Moderated by *Xiaobo Lü*, Professor, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science, Barnard College. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the APEC Study Center.

### Film Screening and Panel

03/26 **Beyond Utopia.** *Hannah Song*, CEO, Liberty in North Korea. Moderated by *Seohyun Lee*, SIPA Student and Human Rights Advocate. Cosponsored by WEAI.

### Lecture Series: Legacies of the Vietnam War 75th Anniversary series and the 75th Anniversary Global Asia Film Series

3/28 **The People vs. Agent Orange.** *Alan Adelson*, Producer and Director; *Kate Taverna*, Producer, Director, and Editor; *Madam Tran To Nga*, French-Vietnamese Activist; *Carol van Strum*, American Activist. Moderated by *Hoang Minh Vu*, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, WEAI, Columbia University. Cosponsored by the Columbia Journalism School; Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Columbia University, SIPA Technology, Media, and Communications; and NYSEAN.

### Lecture Series: Legacies of the Vietnam War 75th Anniversary series

3/29 **Scars of War in Indochina.** *George Black*, Author and Journalist; *Elizabeth Becker*, Author and Journalist; *Sera Koulabdara*, CEO of Legacies of War and Chair, U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines & Cluster Munitions Coalition. Moderated by *Peter Osnos*, Journalist. Cosponsored by the Columbia Journalism School; Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Columbia University, SIPA Technology, Media, and Communications; and NYSEAN.

### Lecture Series: Legacies of the Vietnam War 75th Anniversary series

3/29 **War, Trauma, Transformation, and Healing with Keynote Speaker Phan Thi Kim Phuc.** *Phan Thi Kim Phuc*, Peace Activist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. Introduction by *Tony Bui*, Filmmaker; Artist in Residence, Weatherhead East Asia Institute; Adjunct Professor of Film, Columbia University. Cosponsored by the Columbia Journalism School; Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Columbia University, SIPA Technology, Media, and Communications; and NYSEAN.

### Lecture Series: Legacies of the Vietnam War 75th Anniversary series and the 75th Anniversary Global Asia Film Series

3/29 **Napalm Girl: After the Dragons Left.** *Phan Thi Kim Phuc*, Peace Activist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador; *Nick Ut*, Pulitzer Prize-winning Photojournalist; *Fox Butterfield*, Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist. Moderated by *Tony Bui*, Filmmaker; Artist in Residence, Weatherhead East Asia Institute; Adjunct Professor of Film, Columbia University. Cosponsored by the Columbia Journalism School; Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Columbia University, SIPA Technology, Media, and Communications; and NYSEAN.

Lecture Series: Legacies of the Vietnam War 75th Anniversary series

3/29 **War Reporting: Lessons from Vietnam.** *Peter Arnett*, Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist; *Fox Butterfield*, Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist; *Edith Lederer*, Associated Press Chief Correspondent of the UN; *Nancy Trieu Giang Bui*, Journalist. Moderated by *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia, Director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University; and *James Bennet*, Senior Editor, the *Economist*. Cosponsored by the Columbia Journalism School; Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Columbia University, SIPA Technology, Media, and Communications; and New York Southeast Asia Network.

## April

Lecture Series: Labor Market Transformations in China

4/2 **Is Guanxi Changing? Referral Hiring and Social Networks in China.** *Elena Obukhova*, Associate Professor of Strategy and Organization, McGill University. Moderated by *Yao Lu*, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia's China Center for Social Policy.

Lecture Series: Borton-Mosely Distinguished Lecture Series

4/2 **How Has the Ukraine War Changed the China-Russia Relationship?** *Yun Sun*, Senior Fellow and Co-Director China, East Asia, Stimson Center, *Sergey Radchenko*, Wilson E. Schmidt Distinguished Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Opened by *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Moderated by *Alexander Cooley*, Vice Provost for Research, Libraries, and Academic Centers; Barnard College; Claire Tow Professor of Political Science, Barnard College; Harriman Institute, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI and the Harriman Institute. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Lectures and Panels

4/4 **Governing Digital China.** *Daniela Stockmann*, Author and Director of the Centre for Digital Governance and Professor of Digital Governance at the Hertie School. Moderated by *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Columbia University. Cosponsored by WEAI; Columbia Global Center Beijing; and the Columbia Center for Political Economy.

Lectures and Panels

4/8 **Seoul and Its City Walls at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.** *Sinwoo Lee*, Associate Professor, California State University, Chico. Moderated by *Seong Uk Kim*, Associate Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by CKR.

Book Talk

4/9 **Monique Truong and the Reimagining of Vietnamese Identity Through Fiction.** *Monique Truong*, Author. Moderated by *John Phan*, Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

4/9 **China Town Hall 2024.** *Kurt Campbell*, Deputy Secretary of State. Moderated by *Xiaobo Lü*, Professor, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science, Barnard College; *Qin Gao*, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work; *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations; Columbia's China Center for Social Policy; the C&WP; and the Committee on Global Thought.

Lecture Series: The Critical Chinese Humanities Colloquium

4/11 **The Digital Ideograph: An East Asian History of Unicode.** *Uluğ Kuzuoğlu*, Washington University in St. Louis. Moderated by *Lu Kou*, Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

4/15 **K-Pop Hallyu in the US and the World: Sociocultural Perspectives.** *Dal Yong Jin*, Distinguished Professor, Simon Fraser University, Canada. Moderated by *Seong Uk Kim*, Associate Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by CKR.

Lectures and Panels

4/16 **Russian-Korean Relations Since the War in Ukraine.** *Gregg Brazinsky*, Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University; *Elizabeth Wishnick*, Senior Research Scientist, China and Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, CNA, on leave from Montclair State University, and Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; *Jenny Town*, Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center and Director of Stimson's 38 North Program. Moderated by *Elise Giuliano*, Senior Lecturer in Political Science; Director of the MARS-REERS Program; Director of the Program on U.S.-Russia Relations, Columbia University. Sponsored by the Harriman Institute. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

4/16 **Mainline Islam: Islamic Associational Life in Indonesia.** *Kevin W. Fogg*, Associate Director, Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Moderated by *Sidney Jones*, Senior Adviser, Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC), Jakarta; Adjunct Associate Professor, New York University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by NYSEAN.

### Lectures and Panels

4/16 **Foucault in Japan.** *John Rajchman*, Adjunct Professor in Art History and Archaeology, Columbia University; *Lydia Liu*, Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities; Director, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University; *Bernard Harcourt*, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law; Director, Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University. Moderated by *Carol Gluck*, George Sansom Professor Emerita of History, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL.

### Book Talk

4/16 **Book Talk: The Geopolitics of Green Colonialism.** *Miriam Lang*, Activist Academic; Professor of Environment and Sustainability, Universidad Andina Simón; PhD Sociology, Master's in Latin American Studies, Free University of Berlin; Member, Ecosocial and Intercultural Pact of the South; Latin American Permanent Working Group on Alternatives to Development; Co-coordinator, Global Working Group Beyond Development; *Mary Ann Manahan*, Filipina Feminist, Activist Researcher, Doctoral Assistant, Conflict Research Group of the Department of Conflict and Development Studies, Ghent University; *Sabrina Fernandes*, Sociologist, Political Economist, Head of Research, Alameda Institute, Member, Ecosocial and Intercultural Pact of the South. Sponsored by the New York Southeast Asia Network.

### Book Talk

4/18 **Korea: A New History of South and North—A Book Talk by Victor Cha and Ramon Pacheco Pardo.** *Victor Cha*, Distinguished University Professor, D.S. Song-KF Chair, Professor of Government, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and Department of Government, Georgetown University; *Ramon Pacheco Pardo*, Head of the Department of European & International Studies and Professor of International Relations, King's College, London. Moderated by *Jonathan Reade Corrado*, Lecturer in International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by CKR.

### Lectures and Panels

4/18 **Tibeto-Altaic Grammatical Drift: Major Features and New Evidences.** ཡེ་ཤེས་བོད་གསལ་མ་ཚོགས། / *Yeshe Vodgsal Atshogs*, Professor in Linguistics, Nankai University; Visiting Scholar, Harvard University (2023–2024). Discussed by *Ross Perlin*, Linguist, Endangered Language Alliance; Adjunct Lecturer in Linguistics, Columbia University. Moderated by *Lauran Hartley*, Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program; Associate Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

### Lectures and Panels

4/23 **Diplomatic Ties and Community Engagement: A Dialogue with US Ambassadors.** *The Honorable Edgard Kagan*, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia; *The Honorable Marc E. Knapper*, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam; *The Honorable Heather Roach Variava*, U.S. Ambassador to Laos. Moderated by *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia; Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University; and *Ann Marie Murphy*, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar; Professor and Director, Center for Foreign Policy Studies, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by NYSEAN.

### Book Talk

4/25 **Lifetime of Transitions: Tsai Kun-lin and Taiwanese Political Identity from WWII to the Present.** *Yu Pei-Yun*, Author; Professor and Chair, Graduate Institute of Children's Literature, National Taitung University; *Zhou Jian-Xin*, Illustrator; Doctoral Candidate, Graduate Institute of Children's Literature, National Taitung University. Discussed by *Lin King*, Translator; Program Coordinator, WEAL, Columbia University. Moderated by *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL.

### Lecture Series: Labor Market Transformations in China

4/25 **China's Age of Abundance: Origins, Ascendance, and Aftermath.** *Wang Feng*, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Irvine. Moderated by *Qin Gao*, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by Columbia's China Center for Social Policy and the APEC Study Center.

### Lectures and Panels

4/26 **Elections and Political Change in Southeast Asia Conference.** *Sheila Coronel*, *Amy Freedman*, *Sidney Jones*, *Allen Hicken*, *J.M. Lanuza*, *Kanokrat Lertchoosakul*, *Nava Nuraniyah*, *Jonathan Corpus Ong*, and *Meredith Weiss*. Moderated by *John Gershman*, *Ann Marie Murphy*, and *Margaret Scott*. Sponsored by the New York Southeast Asia Network.





## 7 GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

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## 8 STUDENTS

### 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) 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 co-presidents for 2023–2024 were **David Fu** (SIPA) and **May Kurobe** (SIPA), and the editor of the *APAC Journal* was **Angie Hao Tenon** (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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Southeast Asian Student Association

The Southeast Asian Student Association (SEASA) 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

#### Benkyōkai Japan Studies Group

The aim of Benkyōkai is to foster collaboration and conversation between colleagues across fields with an interest in Japan or East Asia in order to build a strong, multi-disciplinary community of young scholars at Columbia University.

#### Paeumt' 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.

#### 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

GSAPP: Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

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

VP&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 awards PhD students in the write-up stage of their dissertation and provides academic year support.

**None in Academic Year 2023–2024**

## Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)

These awards are given 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.

**None in Academic Year 2023–2024**

## Julie How Fellowship

This fellowship, established in May 2001, honors the memory of Julie Lien-ying How. It 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.

**Yifan Zhang** (GSAS: EALAC)

## Junior Fellowship in Japan Studies

These fellowships, generously funded by the Japan Foundation, are awarded to doctoral students at the write-up stage of their dissertations focusing on modern and contemporary Japan.

**Alexandra Mathieu** (GSAS: Political Science)

**Isaac Chun Kiang Tan** (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 Academic Year Fellowships

These fellowships provide support to graduated students in the study of modern East Asia:

*Doctoral Grants:*

**Stephanie Char** (GSAS: Political Science)

**Zhanjie Si** (SSW)

*Master's Grants:*

**Shimin Kuang** (GSAS: MARSEA)

**Anton Ponomarenko** (GSAS: MARSEA)

**Wenyun CiCi Wang** (GSAS: MARSEA)

## SYLFF Summer Grants

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

*Doctoral Grants:*

**Kampanart Chaoyarat** (TC)  
**Stephanie Char** (GSAS: Political Science)  
**Suhyun Choi** (GSAS: Art History & Archaeology)  
**Yujing Lisa Fan** (GSAS: Political Science)  
**Scarlett Jiali He** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Skylar Hou** (TC)  
**Jiwan Lee** (SSW)  
**Xinzhi Lin** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Caixia Mao** (GSAPP: Urban Planning)  
**Jonggeun Park** (TC)  
**Marie Robin** (GSAS: History)  
**Zhanjie Si** (SSW)  
**Gabriel Solis** (GSAS: History)  
**Yi Yihang Sun** (SSW)  
**Jimin Sung** (SSW)  
**Hao Wen** (SSW)  
**Heewon Yoon** (GSAS: Political Science)  
**Ziqian Zheng** (GSAS: History)

*Master's and Professional Grants:*

**Charissa J. Chou** (VP&S)  
**Xuewei He** (GSAS: MARSEA)  
**Andrew Lim** (SIPA: MIA)  
**Xiaoyue Liu** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Yuhan Liu** (GSAS: MARSEA)  
**Nicholas Natzke** (GSAS: History)

## 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.

**Danping Wang** (GSAS: History)

## 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 Fellowships

*Doctoral Grants:*

**Jialin Cao** (GSAS: Religion)  
**Roya Chu** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Tenggeer Hao** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Jiali Scarlett He** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Andrew Kahn** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Catherine Otachime** (GSAS: Religion)  
**Hanying Wei** (GSAS: Political Science)  
**Dongcheng Yang** (GSAS: Economics)

*Master's Grants:*

**Yuki Nagata** (GSAS: MARSEA)

## Weatherhead Training Grants (Summer)

*Doctoral Grants:*

**On Tsung Andrew Fung** (GSAS: Art History & Archeology)  
**James Gui** (GSAS: Music)  
**Yuri Handa** (GSAS: Art History & Archaeology)  
**Mairead Cecille Hynes** (GSAS: History)  
**Andrew Kahn** (GSAS: EALAC)  
**Meng-Hsuan Lee** (GSAS: Art History & Archaeology)  
**Mako Miura** (TC)  
**Catherine Miki Otachime** (GSAS: Religion)  
**Misaki Sanui** (GSAS: Art History & Archaeology)  
**Kanako Tajima** (GSAS: Art History & Archaeology)  
**Julia Walton** (GSAS: ENCL)

*Master's Grants:*

**Walter Buskirk** (GSAS: History)  
**Yuki Nagata** (GSAS: MARSEA)  
**Suining Sim** (GSAS: EALAC)

*Undergraduate Grants:*

**Inwoo Kim** (GS/Sciences Po: Economics)  
**Iris Shu** (BC: Economics, 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 students at Columbia and Barnard Colleges and the Schools of Engineering and General Studies in language study.

**Ethan Chan Kuperman** (CC: EALAC)  
**Xinzhu Julie Chen** (GS: Comparative Literature & Society)  
**Sophie Dodds** (CC: EALAC)

## Borg Undergraduate Fellowship

These fellowships are made possible by the Dorothy Borg Research Program of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute. This fellowship supports students at Columbia and Barnard Colleges and the Schools of Engineering and General Studies in summer projects related to issues involving the United States and East Asia.

**Kathleen Hoang** (CC: Human Rights)  
**Tossaphum Boss Pornprasert** (CC: EALAC)

## 9 ASIA FOR EDUCATORS PROGRAM

The Asia for Educators (AFE) program, directed since its inception by Roberta Martin at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, is now in its 47th year. AFE sponsors three types of activities serving educators at both the precollegiate 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. Since 2018–2019, the school year prior to the pandemic, the site has seen a 400–500 percent increase in the number of 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 2023–2024, 1.8 million users visited the AFE site, registering 3.18 million page views.

The award-winning AFE website provides online materials for teachers featuring history timelines, key themes, and primary sources organized by the country: China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam and Southeast Asia. In addition, there are six learning modules and in-depth listings of curated outside resources and topic-specific articles and lesson plans. 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; and teachers’ guides and student lessons 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 website, received 26,800 views in 2023–2024. 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, who are 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 China and Europe in the 1800s are central to the curriculum and therefore to AFE resources. In summer 2024 AFE will unveil a new video library with 55 videos and playlists, combining 27 currently available videos with newly produced content on a new platform with the capacity to filter by subject and region.

New presentations recorded in 2023–2024 by WEAI faculty members include: *Tiananmen, 1989 Prelude, Process, Legacy*, with Andrew Nathan; *The Urban Origins of China’s Belt and Road Initiative*, with Nicholas Smith; *The Mao Years: The Great Leap Forward and Its Failure*, and *The Cultural Revolution*, both with Xiaobo Lu. 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 Throughout the Country with 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 background on East Asia: Princeton University for New

Jersey; the Universities of North Carolina/Carolina Asia Center for North and South Carolina; Florida International; Georgia; Arkansas, including Oklahoma teachers; Tennessee at Chattanooga, also serving Mississippi teachers; and Kansas, for their respective states. In Texas, Texas Christian University in Fort Worth coordinates programs in Austin and Houston as well, in an effort to reach teachers throughout this second most populous state. 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.

Nationally, 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. Andrew J. Nathan, Xiaobo Lü, Junyan Jiang, and Thomas J. Christensen all participated, sharing their insights and expertise with students.

### Freeman Book Awards for Children’s and Young Adult Books on East and Southeast Asia—2023 Awards

AFE also administers the Freeman Book Awards, now in its seventh year. Initiated by AFE, the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), and the Committee on Teaching about Asia (CTA) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), 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



Professional Development Options

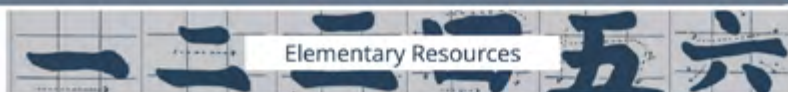
Video Presentations for Teachers & Students

Central Themes

Primary Sources — DBQs

Key Points

Timeline



Elementary Resources



Lesson Plans

ASIA in WORLD HISTORY Resources

>4000 BCE   4000 BCE   1000 BCE   300 CE   600 CE   1000 CE   1450  
1750   1900   1950   21stC

**TOPIC MODULE**  
**GEOGRAPHY**  
East Asia in Geographic Perspective

**TOPIC MODULE**  
**LITERATURE**  
Freeman Award Winners & Recommended Titles

**TOPIC MODULE**  
**ART / OMuERAA**  
Online Museum Resources on Asian Art

**TOPIC MODULE**  
**RELIGION**  
Living in the Chinese Cosmos

**HISTORY MODULE**  
**SONG**  
The Song Dynasty in China

students throughout the US. This year, AFE recognized outstanding literature featuring protagonists from Japan, China, Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Mongolia, and Laos in four categories: winner, honorable mention, "of note," and graphic novel--new this year.

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 coverage of the award winners in newsletters and on websites of interested groups. Submissions continued to increase dramatically in 2023, with 100 titles sent by publishers, signaling growing interest in the awards by both community and school librarians. The nomination process for 2024 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, through the Weatherhead Institute/Title VI National Resource Centers (NRC), the Freeman Book Awards were involved in two national book series promoting literature about other world areas in libraries and classrooms. Book discussion sessions in these series attracted a total of 57 attendees who were K-16 educators. A third book discussion in the national, online book series of online webinars, sponsored by the NRC area studies centers, took place in May 2024, featuring the winning title for 2023 in the graphic novel category, *The Boy from Clearwater* by Yu Pei-Yun and Zhou Jian-Xin, illustrator. Lin King, WEAI's student affairs coordinator, is the novel's translator. The book is the first in a proposed series that will introduce the history of Taiwan in the 20th century to students and teachers. Supplementary teaching resources are provided to teachers in conjunction with all book discussions.

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# 2023 NCTA Freeman Book Awards

## East and Southeast Asian Titles for Young Readers

### WINNING TITLES

#### Children's Literature



#### My Grandfather's Song

written and illustrated by Phùng Nguyễn Quang and Huỳnh Kim Liên (Make Me a World)  
Fiction | Set in Vietnam

#### Young Adult Middle School Literature



#### The Cricket War

by Thọ Phạm and Sandra McTavish (Kids Can Press)  
Fiction | Set in Vietnam and the Philippines

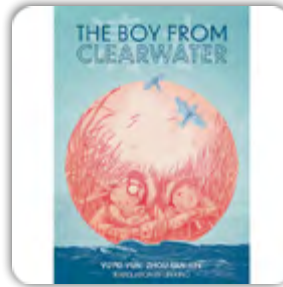
#### Young Adult High School Literature



#### An Echo in the City

by K. X. Song (Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers)  
Fiction | Set in Hong Kong

#### Young Adult Graphic Novels



#### The Boy from Clearwater: Book 1

written by Pei-Yun Yu, illustrated by Zhou Ji-an-Xin, translated by Lin King (Levine Querido)  
Non-Fiction | Set in Taiwan

### Find Honorable Mentions & Of Note Titles Online

Recognizing quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia. Info and submission guidelines on:

[www.nctasia.org/freeman-book-awards/](http://www.nctasia.org/freeman-book-awards/)





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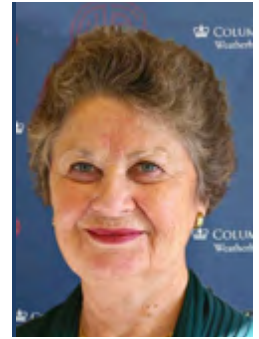
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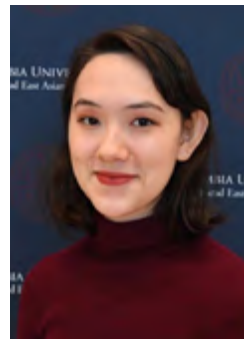
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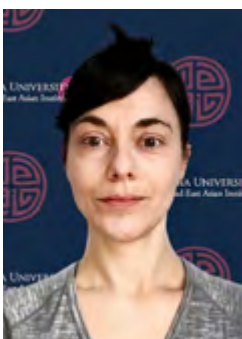
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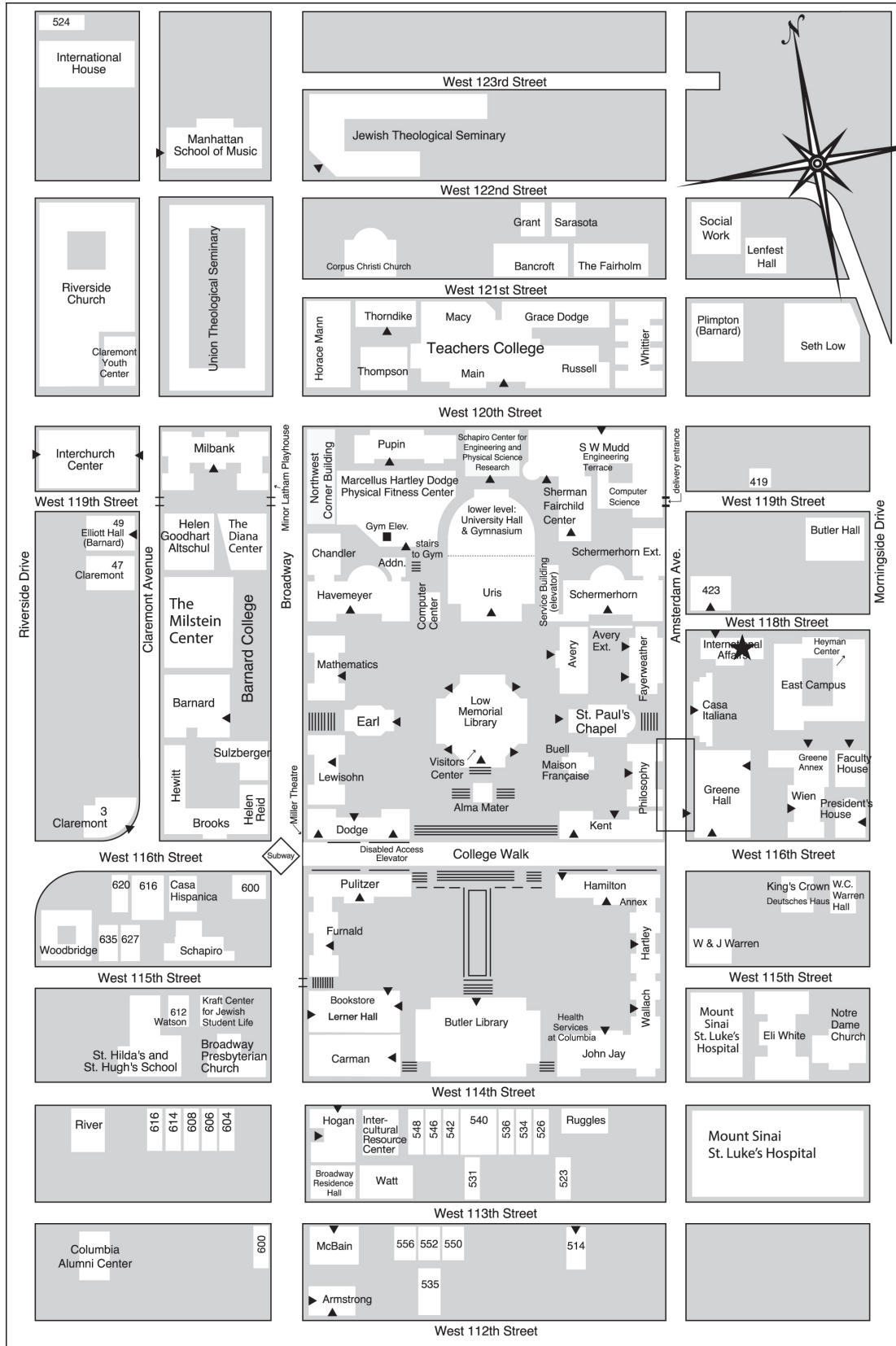
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