



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Weatherhead East Asian Institute



Columbia University campus



WEAI Professor Andrew Nathan



MARSEA graduates



Japanese Foreign Minister Kōno Tarō at WEAI



Participants at WEAI event, "Sustaining China's Economic Growth"



ABOUT WEAI

The Weatherhead East Asian Institute is a hub for the study of modern and contemporary East, Southeast, and Inner Asia at Columbia University. The Institute brings together scholars from across disciplines, creating a vibrant community for research and teaching. A center for learning and a platform for expanding knowledge, the Institute offers academic programs, renowned publications series, and a robust calendar of public events.

A Hub for East Asia

The Institute administers research, academic, and outreach programs; supports the publication of scholarly work; and collaborates with partners to create and disseminate academic resources.



Academics

Master of Arts in Regional Studies-East Asia (MARSEA)

WEAI Certificate Program for Graduate Studies

East Asian Regional Specialization Program at the School of International and Public Affairs

WEAI administers a standalone master's program and graduate certificate programs, and supports undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs at Columbia University that encompass the study of East Asia.



Research

Center for Korean Research
Dorothy Borg Research Program
Modern Tibetan Studies Program
Toyota Research Program
Vietnamese Studies Initiative

WEAI's research programs provide a platform for concentrated scholarship in key areas. Reaching beyond historical strengths in China and Japan, WEAI fosters research in under-explored areas of East Asian studies, and has done so notably through the founding of the Center for Korean Research in 1988 and the establishment of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program in 1999.

**Weatherhead
East Asian
Institute**



Publications

Asia Perspectives

**Studies of the Weatherhead
East Asian Institute**

Weatherhead Books on Asia

WEAI manages three publications series, working with authors and a variety of academic and trade presses to publish scholarly monographs on East Asia, high-quality translated works, and edited volumes.

Outreach

Asia For Educators

Expanding East Asian Studies

**Inner Asia Curriculum
Resources**

**National Consortium for
Teaching about Asia**

WEAI collaborates extensively with partner institutions to create, improve, and share resources for teaching and learning about East Asia.



Affiliates

APEC Study Center

**Asia Pacific Affairs
Council (APAC), and other
student groups**

Center for Chinese Legal Studies

**Center for Japanese Legal
Studies**

Center for Korean Legal Studies

**Center on Japanese Economy
and Business**

C.V. Starr East Asian Library

**Donald Keene Center of
Japanese Culture**

**New York Southeast Asia
Network (NYSEAN)**

WEAI partners with organizations across Columbia to further research, organize public programs, and provide a critical forum for open debate and information sharing about East Asia.

Since 1960, Columbia University has been designated as an East Asian National Resource Center (NRC) by the US Department of Education. As the home of Columbia's NRC, the Institute develops new initiatives and educational materials to expand the study of East Asia at Columbia and beyond.



WEAI has helped support generations of students who have gone on to become leading scholars of East Asia, as well as professionals and policymakers who engage with Asia.

EUGENIA LEAN, DIRECTOR,
WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE;
PROFESSOR OF CHINESE HISTORY

My work has really changed by being at WEAI because I'm constantly challenged at the Institute...it has made me a better scholar, more connected to the region and the region's place within the world.

LIEN-HANG NGUYEN,
DOROTHY BORG ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
IN THE HISTORY OF THE
UNITED STATES AND EAST ASIA



At WEAI we can bring together the resources of a top-tier research university and the energy of the museums and foundations that are all in New York.

GRAY TUTTLE,
LEILA HADLEY LUCE PROFESSOR OF
MODERN TIBETAN STUDIES





RESEARCH

A Vibrant Community

Faculty, Associates, Research Scholars, and Postdoctoral Fellows comprise the backbone of the Institute. Leading experts in fields from anthropology to urban planning conduct trailblazing research related to the study of East, Southeast, and Inner Asia. These scholars train the next generation of specialists and experts and share their knowledge on the region with a broad audience through public events.

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Robert M. Immerman Professional Fellows are mid-career professionals who come to Columbia to engage with the latest research on East Asia and develop their expertise. Professional Fellows come from the public and private sector for a one-of-a-kind research and learning experience.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Each year, the Institute hosts a diverse group of visiting scholars with ties to East Asia. Working alongside a faculty sponsor, the scholars enrich their academic careers by engaging in research related to East Asia across the University. Scholars receive access to facilities, libraries, and courses at Columbia University.

A Center of Learning

Students come to WEAI for its rigorous academic programs, world-renowned faculty, and access to the unparalleled resources of Columbia University. They leave as engaged global citizens prepared for a wide range of careers.

MASTER OF ARTS IN REGIONAL STUDIES—EAST ASIA

The MA in Regional Studies—East Asia (MARSEA) is an intensive graduate program that trains students in the social scientific study of modern and contemporary East Asia. Graduates are prepared for entry into doctoral programs or professional degree programs (such as law, business, social work, or journalism), or for careers in government, NGOs, education, think tanks, and business.

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EAST ASIAN REGIONAL SPECIALIZATION

The East Asian regional specialization provides students enrolled at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) with interdisciplinary training in politics, international relations, modern history, culture, and/or society of the region.

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WEAI CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The WEAI Certificate allows students matriculated in one of Columbia's graduate programs to pursue an intensive program of study designed for a career related to East Asian affairs. Students may choose from among three certificate options: a focus on modern China, modern Japan, or modern Korea.

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RELATED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Columbia University offers over 400 courses, as well as degree programs at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels pertinent to scholars of East Asia. WEAI works closely with academic partners across campus, including the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the Department of History, and the Department of Political Science, to encourage an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the region.



GRADUATE STUDENT GROUPS

Asia Pacific Affairs Council
 Baumeitö Korean Studies Group
 Greater China Initiative
 Japan Study Student Association
 Korea Focus
 Nihon Benkyokai Japan Studies Group
 Rikpé Khorlo Tibetan Studies Group
 Southeast Asia Student Initiative
 Taiwan Focus
 Xingzhui China Studies Group

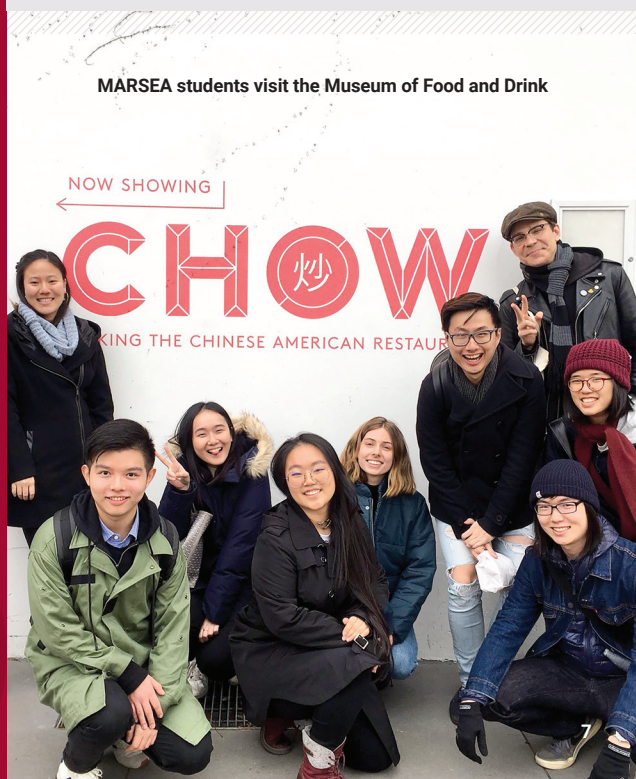
STUDENT SUPPORT

WEAI offers funding for research, language acquisition, unpaid internships, and dissertation write-up to select Columbia students. The WEAI-administered Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, funded by the US Department of Education, provide students on and off campus with a tuition grant and stipend to support studies in East Asian languages.

The genuine support of my professors and cohort at MARSEA gave me the courage to switch disciplines and pursue a research topic that I am truly passionate about.

I am grateful for the flexible curriculum and rich academic and financial resources that WEAI offers.

YUQI ZHANG, STUDENT IN THE
 MASTER OF ARTS IN REGIONAL STUDIES—
 EAST ASIA PROGRAM





ENGAGEMENT

A Platform for Expanding Knowledge

WEAI shares its research with a broad audience through public programming and multimedia content accessible online. WEAI also works to expand knowledge of East Asia beyond the University through outreach initiatives such as Asia for Educators, and works with scholars to publish significant new research through its publications series.

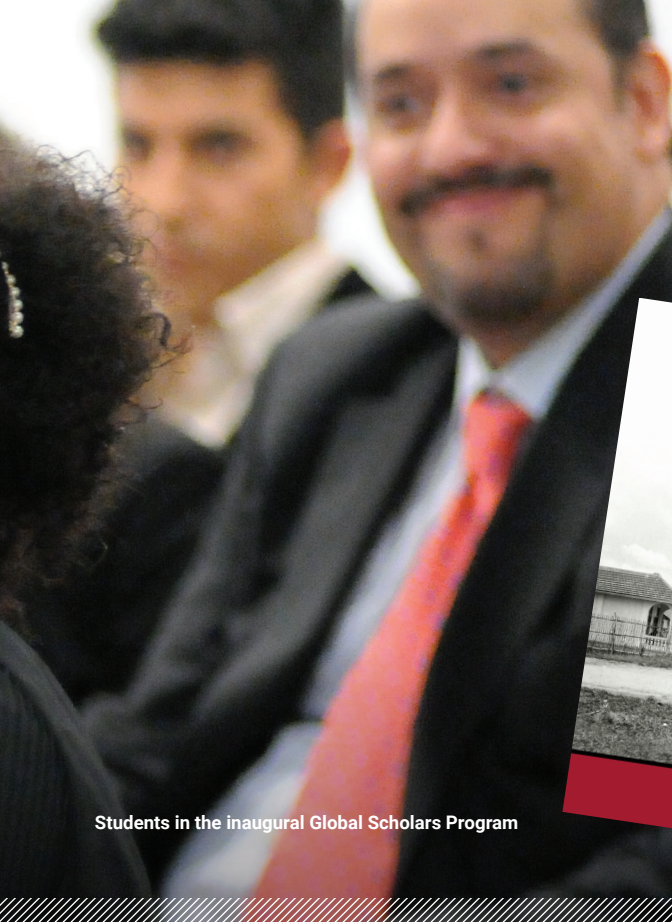
Events

The Institute organizes, hosts, and sponsors myriad public lectures, conferences, and workshops throughout the year. Guest speakers range from scholars presenting new research to public officials commenting on government policy. The Institute also supports student-led events and cultural programming such as film screenings, musical performances, and art exhibitions.

Outreach

ASIA FOR EDUCATORS

The Asia for Educators (AFE) program, based out of WEAI, develops cutting-edge teaching materials, seminars, and workshops on Asia for teachers across the US at the undergraduate and K-12 levels. A founding member of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, AFE connects and equips educators with the resources needed to advance education on Asia.



Students in the inaugural Global Scholars Program



Publications

STUDIES OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE

The Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute supports authors to publish significant new research on modern and contemporary East, Inner, and Southeast Asia, in collaboration with various academic and trade presses.

WEATHERHEAD BOOKS ON ASIA

The Weatherhead Books on Asia series is comprised of high quality English translations of Asian-language works, from fiction and poetry to essays.

ASIA PERSPECTIVES: NEW HORIZONS IN ASIAN HISTORY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE

WEAI and Columbia University Press collaborate to publish scholarly monographs for the classroom and educated general reader in the Asia Perspectives: New Horizons in Asian History, Society, and Culture series.



New York Times journalist Keith Bradsher speaks at WEAI event in Beijing



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