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The 2020–2021 academic year is sure to remain in our collective memory as one of the most challenging, yet pivotal, years of our lifetimes. COVID-19 threatened our traditions; our unique community of scholars, students, and individuals from myriad diverse backgrounds; and the serendipitous exchanges that result from their combined efforts. New daily stresses combined with restrictions on our freedom of movement left us immobilized, mentally and physically. But what we discovered in the midst of an epidemic of uncertainty was an opportunity to reimagine the work of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, to propel us faster and further in new directions.

A few bright spots stand out in particular. At the start of the fall semester, we were thrilled to unveil our new website, which adds accessibility and integration with other Columbia platforms. We also revamped our weekly news and events email digest. Although our physical access to research materials was impeded, these platforms allowed us to share digital resources, which we compiled and disseminated through our COVID-19 Resources page. We would like to extend our gratitude to the staff of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library for their tireless work to ensure that our research could continue throughout the pandemic.

Virtual events continued, and the flexibility of the webinar format allowed us to welcome participants from around the world. We witnessed record attendance at events that might otherwise have been limited by scheduling conflicts and room capacity. More than 600 people attended an online panel discussion that invited professors Lan Cao of Chapman University and Viet Than Nguyen of the University of Southern California and human rights activist Hoi Trinh to discuss “Trauma and Memory in Vietnamese America: Anti-Communism, Authoritarianism, and Anti-Asian Violence in a Divided Community,” with professors Lien-Hang Nguyen and John Phan. Other tremendously successful events included our annual NT Wang lecture on “The Future of China in the World Economy”; Professor Gerald Curtis’s annual Japanese politics lecture on “Political Change in the Post-Abe Era”; and an event with the representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the United States, Bi-khim Hsiao, on “Challenges and Opportunities in US-Taiwan Relations.”

Throughout the year, the Institute’s scholarly community was tapped for expertise and insight into current events, including the Tokyo Olympics, the US presidential election of Joe Biden, the global pandemic recovery effort, and the violent attacks against Asians and Asian Americans. These timely topics were also reflected in our programming: Our “WEAI in a COVID-19 World” event series continued this academic year, and we hosted a number of events on the implications of the new US administration for Asia, including a popular event on “Prospects for US-China Relations in the Biden Era,” hosted in collaboration with the Columbia Alumni Association.

We also launched a resource page titled “Stand Against Anti-Asian Racism” and collaborated with a variety of partners, including those beyond the University, on a series of related events that confronted the recent rise in anti-Asian violence and America’s history of anti-Asian xenophobia. Building on this effort, and representative of our commitment to addressing in real time issues facing Asia and people of Asian descent around the
world, we are pleased to announce the expansion of our Asia in Action initiative. Asia in Action supports research projects showcasing scholarly work, artistic endeavors, and political action related to East and Southeast Asia that do not fall neatly into an academic paradigm. Our expansion of the initiative builds on previous events in the creative sphere with writer-in-residence Xiaolu Guo and Kilomet109 founder and designer Vũ Thào and considers questions about the uncertain new times we live in. To that end, we launched an event series, “Asia in Action: Knowledge and Inclusion in a Time of Fear and Ignorance,” focused on discrimination and violence toward Asians and individuals of Asian descent, systemic racism, and topics of race and ethnicity in relation to Global East Asia more broadly.

Our Asia in Action initiative is meant to link the academic world with the public intellectual and artistic communities. In this regard, we look forward to further exploring issues related to US-Sino collaboration in science and research, and other topics being rapidly shaped by current political and social developments. With these efforts, we hope to build a stronger connection to the community and collaborate with individuals and groups whose work might have traditionally been overlooked by academia, but whose narratives of action can enrich our understanding of Asia.

Our stellar community of scholars continued their work. We applaud Professor Weiping Wu for joining the provost’s 2020–2021 cohort of Senior Faculty Teaching Scholars—a distinguished group selected by their respective schools’ deans for their achievements as outstanding teachers and well-respected researchers in their disciplines. We send our congratulations to Professor Madeleine Zelin, who will be a 2021-2022 Heyman Center Humanities fellow. Congratulations are also in order for Professor Nick Bartlett for the publication of his first monograph, Recovering Histories: Life and Labor after Heroin in Reform-Era China.

Our community also expanded to welcome a number of impressive young scholars. A new cohort of postdoctoral fellows brought fresh perspective to the Institute. These scholars were Keung Yoon (Becky) Bae, Julian Gewirtz, Marnyi Gyatso, Kevin Li, Austin Strange, and Yuan Yi; and among them, they covered an array of research topics on Korea, China, Tibet, and Vietnam.

We are excited to share that Junyan Jiang has joined the WEAI community, an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. A winner of the 2020 Gregory Luebbert Article Award, Professor Jiang brings expertise on the Chinese political elite, elite-mass interactions, and Chinese public opinion. We welcome Nick Smith, assistant professor of architecture and urban planning at Barnard College. Professor Smith’s research focuses on urbanization, urban planning, sociospatiality, community development, industrial development, and decolonization. He also recently published his first book, The End of the Village: Planning the Urbanization of Rural China. We are also pleased to welcome Sarah Kovner, a senior research scholar from the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies in the School of International and Public Affairs. Professor Kovner’s research interests include Japanese history, military history, and gender and sexuality. She is also the author of the new book Prisoners of the Empire: POWs and Their Captors in the Pacific.

In the face of such an overwhelming test of our collective ability to hope, it is important to take stock of the good. But we also acknowledge the toll the past year has taken on all of us. Separate from the pandemic, we were saddened to hear of the passing of WEAI’s former publications coordinator Madge Huntington, who over many years guided countless Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute through the process from rough manuscripts into polished books. We also mourned the loss of former WEAI director James Morley, who contributed so much as a scholar of Japanese studies, and to so many as a teacher and mentor. An In Memoriam highlighting Professor Morley’s legacy is available on the WEAI website.

In closing, I would like to thank the faculty, staff, and members of the extended WEAI community for their continued support of the Institute throughout these challenging times. We look forward to seeing you in person and to finding ways to grow together as we explore this new normal in East, Inner, and Southeast Asia, and beyond.

Sincerely,

Eugenia Lean
Director
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
James W. Morley 1970–1973
Gerald L. Curtis 1973–1975
Gerald L. Curtis 1976–1984
James W. Morley 1984–1987
Madeleine Zelin 1992–1993
Madeleine Zelin 1995–2001
Xiaobo Lü 2001–2006
Myron L. Cohen 2006–2014
Eugenia Lean 2014–2017
Madeleine Zelin Fall 2017
Xiaobo Lü Spring 2018
Eugenia Lean Fall 2018–Fall 2019
Lien-Hang Nguyen Spring 2020
Eugenia Lean Fall 2020–Present
NEW MEMBERS (JOINING IN 2020–2021)

Junyan Jiang
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

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

Junyan Jiang is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. He studies and teaches on topics including elite politics, public opinion, and elite-mass interactions. His current project uses an original biographical database of over 4,000 officials at multiple levels of government to examine how informal patron-client networks shaped the patterns of political and economic governance in China. More generally, he is interested in developing new methods and data sources to better measure and understand the dynamics of intra-elite interactions in both Chinese and comparative contexts. He has published in outlets such as American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Public Economics, and Journal of Development Economics, among others, and is the recipient of the 2020 Gregory Luebbert Article Award for best article in comparative politics. His research was supported by the National Science Foundation from the United States and the Research Grant Council from Hong Kong.

Prior to joining Columbia, Jiang taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and was a postdoctoral fellow at University of Pennsylvania’s Center for the Study of Contemporary China. He received his PhD in political science from the University of Chicago and BA in economics and finance from the University of Hong Kong.

Nick R. Smith
Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Studies, Barnard College

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

Nick R. Smith is a scholar of urban transformation and planning, with a regional focus on rapid urbanization in Asia. His first book, The End of the Village: Planning the Urbanization of Rural China, explores an epochal shift in Chinese urban policy that aims for the near-total urbanization of China’s territory and population. His current book project investigates the origins of China’s rapid urbanization in the 1980s, with a particular focus on the Shekou Industrial Zone. He is also currently expanding his research beyond mainland China to include industrial policy and urbanization in the Sinosphere, comparative studies of urban-rural relations in Asia, and the building of model towns and the history of futurity in Southeast Asia.

Beginning from the proposition that urbanization is a process of collective problem solving, Smith’s teaching introduces students to the diversity of urban processes and experiences from around the world as a way to encourage the reflexive pursuit of socially just urban futures and engaged practices of urban citizenship. His current course offerings include Urbanizing China, Urban Elsewheres: Exploring a World of Cities, the Comparative Urban Research Lab, and The Just City: Global Debates in Urban Planning and Policy.

Smith is currently assistant professor of architecture and urban studies at Barnard College, Columbia University. Prior to joining Barnard, he was a founding member of the Urban Studies faculty at Yale–NUS College in Singapore. Smith received his AB (East Asian studies), AM (architecture), and PhD (urban planning) from Harvard University. He has also held visiting positions at Oxford University (Oxford China Centre), Chongqing University (Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning), and Renmin University (History). He is a current member of the Advisory Board of the Urban China Research Network.
MEMBERS

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Fred and Fannie Mack Professor of Humanities and Professor of Japanese Literature, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
Modern Japanese literature, film, and cultural criticism; narrative topography; city cultures; modern tragedy

Nicholas Bartlett
Assistant Professor, Asian & Middle Eastern Cultures, Barnard College
Addiction and recovery; labor; civil society; psychoanalysis, groups and authority

Thomas J. Christensen
Professor of International and Public Affairs; 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 Policy and Social Work, Columbia 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

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

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

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

Jonathan M. Reynolds
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Japanese architecture and visual culture

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Preliminary Chinese literature and cultural history

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

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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

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

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

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Chinese economy; corruption; international finance and trade

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

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

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
NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER (JOINING IN 2020–2021)

Sarah Kovner

Senior Research Scholar, Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs

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

Sarah Kovner is a senior research scholar at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. She has been a fellow in international security studies at Yale University and a tenured associate professor of history at the University of Florida.

Kovner’s first book, Occupying Power: Sex Workers and Servicemen in Postwar Japan, was a Choice Outstanding Academic Title and won the best book prize of the Southeast Conference Association for Asian Studies. Her new book, Prisoners of the Empire: POWs and Their Captors in the Pacific, was published by Harvard University Press in September 2020. Her work has been published in the Journal of Asian Studies, the Journal of Women’s History, and Diplomatic History. Her work has also been translated into Japanese and Chinese.

Kovner received her AB from Princeton University and her PhD from Columbia, and also studied at Kyoto University and the University of Tokyo. She is an active member of the Association of Asian Studies, the American Historical Association, and the Society for Historians of Foreign Relations.
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Education about East Asia in US schools; education in China

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Pacific Basin economic relations; Japanese economy and business

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Senior Research Scholar; Professor of Inner Asian History; Distinguished Professor of History, Queens College, City University of New York
Mongolian history

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Library and information science; library history; bibliometrics/webmetrics; Chinese educational policy
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Historical geographies of Tibet; Tibetan genealogies; anthropology of space and place; urbanization on the Tibetan Plateau

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

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Comparative politics with a focus on China and communist political systems

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Political Islam in Indonesia and Malaysia

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Early modern and modern Japanese history; historical theory

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

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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)
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Politics of Thailand; comparative politics of Southeast Asia

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

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Korean politics; international relations; East Asian politics

Mary Phillips
Associate Research Scholar
Chinese intellectual history

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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

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

Chuck Wooldridge
Associate Research Scholar; Assistant 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
Research Associate; Lecturer in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
Cultural anthropology; the aftermath of mass violence through the lenses of social memory, morality, the imagination, trust, and everyday practices
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS 2020–2021

Keung Yoon (Becky) Bae

Center for Korean Research Academy of Korean Studies Postdoctoral Research Scholar

Korean film and media, new media, industry studies, media archaeology, video game cultures, esports

Becky Bae’s primary research is on the interaction between media production and the state in Korea, starting from the colonial era for a longitudinal perspective on recurrent patterns of film and media regulation and promotion. Her dissertation focused on regulation of colonial Korean cinema, paying particularly close attention to the relationship between state and industry that was established at this time and examining how this time period would go on to shape film production and government control after liberation. The project argues for an approach to colonial and postcolonial cinema more grounded in the economic and regulatory realities of the time, offering a rereading of well-known colonial films through the lens of film policy. She has also published an article on the advent of South Korean webcomics, examining how webcomics both succeed analog manhwa and transform the practices of producing and consuming comics; and she has a forthcoming chapter on the status of South Korean esports in an anthology titled Media Technologies for Work and Play in East Asia.

Julian Gewirtz

Postdoctoral Research Scholar

Chinese History

Julian Gewirtz is currently working in the Biden administration on China matters. He was a fellow of the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program and a lecturer in history at Columbia University during the 2020–2021 academic year. He is the author of Unlikely Partners: Chinese Reformers, Western Economists, and the Making of Global China (Harvard University Press, 2017), which the Economist called “a gripping read, highlighting what was little short of a revolution in China’s economic thought”; and The Remaking of China: Myth, Modernization, and the Tumult of the 1980s (Harvard University Press, forthcoming). He completed his doctorate in history in 2018 at the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. His research is published in the Journal of Asian Studies, Past & Present, the American Scholar, the China Leadership Monitor, and Foreign Affairs. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, he has also written on Asia for publications including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the Guardian, the Financial Times, Harper’s, Caijing, Caixin, and Foreign Policy.
Marnyi Gyatso
Postdoctoral Research Scholar
Tibetan and Chinese history; Inner Asian societies and religions; environmental history; tea-horse trade

Marnyi Gyatso studies the historical changes of Inner Asia from the 14th century to the 20th century. Working both in the field and in the archive, his research focuses on the social, political, economic, and religious interactions between China and its multiethnic neighbors. His dissertation examines the resilience of the tsowa-based Tibetan social-political structure and the complex tripartite Tibetan-Chinese-Muslim relationship on the Sino-Tibetan frontier in the course of China’s transformation from empire to nation-state. He is currently working on a book manuscript that investigates how the tea-horse trade shaped the natural, social, and cultural landscapes in Amdo from 1368 to 1735.

Kevin Li
Modern Vietnamese Studies Postdoctoral Research Scholar
History

Kevin Li is a postdoctoral research scholar in Modern Vietnamese Studies and lecturer in the Department of History. He completed his PhD in history at UC Berkeley, with a dissertation titled “Entrepreneurs of Disorder: Gangsters, Revolutionaries, and Collaborators during the Decolonization of Vietnam (1945–1955).” It focuses on the emergence of an armed group called the Bình Xuyên—organized by erstwhile outlaws—that came to play a key role on both sides of the First Indochina War. In narrating the group’s rise and fall, Li examines the dynamics of revolution, counterrevolution, and state-formation. Li’s research has received support from the Social Science Research Council; the Fulbright-Hays Program; and the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale, as well as the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.
Austin Strange
Postdoctoral Research Scholar

*Chinese foreign policy; international political economy; international development, trade, and diplomacy*

Austin Strange is an assistant professor of international relations in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong. He researches and teaches Chinese foreign policy, international political economy, and international development. Strange's first research agenda investigates contemporary China's overseas development finance. With colleagues, he is currently writing a book for Cambridge University Press on this topic. A separate book project examines shifts in China's approach to global development and China's influence in developing countries since 1949. His second agenda examines the domestic sources of trade and diplomacy across Chinese history. His research employs observational datasets, survey experiments, interviews, and archival work.

Strange is also a postdoctoral fellow with the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program. He received a PhD in government from Harvard University, an MA from Zhejiang University, and a BA from the College of William & Mary.

Austin researches and teaches Chinese foreign policy and international political economy. His research primarily focuses on China's historical and contemporary foreign economic policies.

Yuan Yi
Postdoctoral Research Scholar

*Modern Chinese history; history of science and technology; business and labor history; material culture and gender studies; history of textiles*

Yuan Yi is a postdoctoral research scholar in Modern China Studies at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University. Her book manuscript, “Industrial Craft: The Mechanization of Cotton Spinning in China, 1887–1937,” examines the industrialization of Chinese cotton spinning with emphasis on the circulation of spinning machines, technical experts, and cotton varieties between China and the United States. Drawing upon extant spinning machines, the manufacturers’ manuals, engineering journals, interviews with factory workers, and documents from American machine firms and Chinese cotton mills, it shows how Chinese engineers, machinists, and female machine operators strove to solve technological problems specific to their factories, through continued modification and repair of American machines that failed to process short-staple Chinese cotton. Exploring a variety of handwork performed by these technical experts, it argues for the significance of manual labor in the making of the factory system, thereby complicating the dichotomy between craft and mechanization. Also, by demonstrating how new sets of knowledge were created on the Chinese shop floor in the course of using foreign machines, it challenges the assumption that technology transfer simply emanated from the West to be disseminated to the rest of the world. Her paper entitled “Custom-Made Machines in the Ear of Mass Production,” which was part of her dissertation, was awarded the 2019 Samuel Eleazar and Rose Tartakow Levinson Prize by the Society for the History of Technology. She earned a PhD in Chinese history from Columbia University in October 2020.
VISITING SCHOLARS
2020–2021

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

Dohoon Lee
September 2020–December 2020
Associate Professor, Director, Yonsei University; College growth and related socio-economic inequalities in South Korea

So-Rim Lee
September 2020–September 2021
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania; Digital media and its effects on contemporary Korean society

Mariko Nishikitani
June 2020–March 2022
Associate Professor, Institute of Decision Science for Sustainable Society, Kyushu University; Comparisons between the sharing labor economy in Japan versus the US

Kai Tian
February 2020–February 2021
Director, Research Fellow, Center for East Asian Studies, Liaoning University; Center for Japanese Studies, Tsinghua University; The logic and history of Japan’s postwar constitutional amendment

Noriko Unno-Yamazaki
September 2020–March 2021
JSPS Overseas Research Fellow, Institute of Policy and Cultural Studies, Chuo University; Hui-Han relations and mutual perceptions in modern China

ROBERT M. IMMERMAN
PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS
2020–2021

Qinghai Gao
January 1, 2020–December 31, 2021
Chairman of the Board, Shanghai Innovation Capital Co., Ltd.; A Comparison of the 10-Year Changes of the Cultural Wealth View between China and the West

Keiichiro Naito
September 1, 2020–August 31, 2021
Director-General, Tokai Local Finance Bureau, Ministry of Finance; Causes of Japan’s Low Economic Growth

Yan Sun
January 1, 2020–December 31, 2021

Yelin Wang
September 1, 2019–December 31, 2020
Xi’an Allian Technology and Trade Co., Ltd.; Beijing Allian Medical Devices Co., Ltd.; Beijing Yuan He Dao culture media co. Ltd.; The Influence of “Institutional Cost” on China’s Social Operation Efficiency and National Social Welfare Promotion

Limin Yang
September 1, 2019–August 31, 2021
Senior Engineer, Future Land Holdings Ltd.; The Development Strategy for Real Estate Private Equity Industry in China
DOCTORATES AWARDED
2020-2021

Gavin Healy

Andrea Janine Horisaki-Christens

Qingfan Jiang

Benjamin Kindler

Ling-Wei Kung
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “The Great Convergence: Information Circulation, International Trade, and Knowledge Transmission between Early Modern China, Inner Asia, and Eurasia”

Nhat-Phuong Ngo-Vu
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Envisioning Lady Ise: Poetic Persona, Performance, and Multiple Authorship in Classical Japanese Poetry”

Tristan Revells
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Mobilizing Microbes: The Path to China’s First Renewable Energy Industry, 1892-1946”

Elizabeth Reynolds

Joshua Rogers
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Enchanted Texts: Japanese Literature between Religion and Science, 1890-1950”

Sonam Tsering
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “The Role of Texts in the Formation of the Geluk School in Tibet during the Mid-Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries”

Yuan Yi

DOCTORAL STUDENTS PREPARING DISSERTATIONS UNDER GUIDANCE OF INSTITUTE FACULTY

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

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

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

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

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

Justin Key Canfil
Political Science: International law; China’s influence on international security regimes; anticipatory arms control in international agreements

Harlan Chambers
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Modern Chinese literature and culture—The relationship between literature, medicine, and politics from the Yan’an period through the Cultural Revolution; cinema, visual culture, and critical theory

Hyoseak (Stephen) Choi
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Children’s literature, children’s culture, and the notion of childhood in Japan

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

Tenzin Yewong Dongchung
East Asian Languages and Cultures: History of material culture, mobility, and borderlands in Tibetan-speaking regions of contemporary China, India, and Nepal

Tenzin Dorjee
Political Science: International relations; the influence of religious doctrine on interethnic relations

Chloe Estep
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Modern Chinese literature, poetics, and semiotics; translation theory and practice

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

Sau-yi Fong  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Guns, Boats, and Diplomacy: Naval Technology and Late Qing China, 1861–1911

Aaron Glasserman  
History: Law, ritual, and the bureaucratization of Islam in Modern China

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

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

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

Tianran Hang  
Religion: Japanese religion

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

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

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”

Yanje Huang  

Yuki Ishida  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: The intersection of intellectual history and literature in 20th-century Japan; the problematics of fiction in modern Japanese literary and intellectual discourse

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

Alexander Kaplan-Reyes  
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Male-male sexuality during the 16th and 17th centuries and how fragmented political and cultural authority during the Warring States period created spaces for experimentation that in turn influenced normative male-male sexual practices and behavior during the Edo period

Ryo Kawashima  
History: Japanese history

Gayatri Kawlra  
Social Science: “The Digital City and the Pandemic: A Spatial Analysis of NYC’s Information Geographies”

Chris Kim  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Early Chinese history

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

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

Stella Kim  
East Asian Languages and Culture: Women’s communicative networks, constructions of mothering and motherhood, and feminist theory

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

Naomi Kuromiya  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Finding the Past in the Future: Tracing the ‘Integrated Artwork’ in Modern Japan”

Mengheng Lee  
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Premodern Korean history; Early modern Sino-Korean relations

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: Premodern Japanese literature, with a special interest in Noh plays
Peter Moody
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: Korean History: The cultural and intellectual history of modern Korea and Japan; the evolution of the discourse of tradition vs. modern during the colonial and postwar periods; neotraditionalism in North Korea

Deanna T. Nardy
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Modern Japanese literature and the articulation and visualization of race, particularly blackness in Japanese literary and visual media

Qichen (Barton) Qian
East Asian Languages and Cultures: The Lhasan Empire (1642–1750)

Thomas Ryan
History: The prose of South Korean counterinsurgency: War, resettlement, and development in South Korea and South Vietnam, 1952–1973

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

Nataly Shahaf
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Multiple Exposures: Ghosts, Visuality, and Media in Early Twentieth-Century China

Riga Shakya
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Classical and contemporary Tibetan literature and the history of Sino-Tibetan relations

Yiwen Shen
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Classical Japanese history; medieval narrative prose

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

Tracy (Howard) Stilerman
East Asian Languages and Cultures: The religious history of 18th- to 20th-century eastern Tibet; the importance of poetic songs of religious experience in Tibet

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

John Thompson
East Asian Languages and Cultures and History: The Mass and the Majesty: Technology, Politics, and the Bombing of China

Norashiqin Toh
Political Science: International relations; Southeast Asian politics; determinants of popular trust in insurgent movements

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

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

Danping Wang
History: Modern Chinese history
Siwei Wang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Chinese socialist literature within the context of cooperative cultural production among Third World intellectuals following the Bandung Conference

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

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

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

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: “Colonial Port City to ‘Global City’: Dubai and Singapore, 1901–1979”

Chung-Wei Yang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Fiction and drama in the late imperial period, highlighting the interplay among different genres, from Ming-Qing fiction and drama to the films of the Republican period

Yingchuan Yang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Social history, cultural history, and the history of science, especially of radio, in modern China

Linan Lily Yao
Political Science; comparative politics; e-government and regime legitimacy in China

Timothy Yin
Political Science

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

Yifan Zhang
East Asian Languages and Cultures: Premodern Chinese literature, with a focus on the Ming-Qing period

Yujin Zhang
Political Science

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

Xinyi Zhao
East Asian Languages and Cultures: East Asian cinema through transnational, media, archaeological, and feminist historiographies
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 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. Fourteen titles were published during the 2020–2021 academic year:

**Fong, Brian C.H.; Wu, Jien-min; Nathan, Andrew**

*China's Influence and the Center-periphery Tug of War in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Indo-Pacific.* London: Routledge, 2020.

**Gertenis, Christopher**


**Hamilton, Peter E.**


**Hill, Christopher L.**


**LaCouture, Elizabeth**


**Mitchell, Arthur M.**


**Nguyen, Martina Thucnhi**


**Person, John**

*Arbiters of Patriotism: Right-Wing Scholars in Imperial Japan.* Honolulu, HI: University of Hawai‘i Press, 2020.

**Reardon, Lawrence C.**


**Wang, Tao**


**Yang, Timothy M.**


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**Bartlett, Nicholas**


**Cho, Hwisang**


**Craig, Christopher**


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**Recover Histories: Life and Labor after Heroin in Reform-Era China.**

**The Power of the Brush: Epistolary Practices in Choson Korea.**

**Middlemen of Modernity: Local Elites and Agricultural Development in Modern Japan.**
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. No new titles were published during the 2020–2021 academic year.

PUBLISHED WORKS BY INSTITUTE FACULTY

Bartlett, Nicholas


Christensen, Thomas J.


Gao, Qin


Han, Sam, and Qin Gao. “Does poverty


Gluck, Carol


**Jiang, Junyan**


**Kim, Seong Uk**


**Ko, Dorothy**


**Kovner, Sarah**


**Lean, Eugenia**


**Liebman, Benjamin**


**Liu, Jinyu**


Lu, Yao


Shang, Wei


Shirar, Haruo


Notes


Washul, Eveline


Wei, Shang-Jin


Wu, Weiping


WEAI RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Center for Korean Research

The Center for Korean Research (CKR) was established in 1988. Theodore Hughes became the director in 2013. 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. It is committed to articles that engage in a Korea-related topic in a substantial way, take existing scholarship (in Korean and/or other languages) into account, and explore new methodologies and theoretical frameworks that speak to readerships beyond Korean studies. The Journal of Korean Studies encourages transnational, interdisciplinary approaches to scholarship. It is published biannually by Duke University Press.

In 2017, the Center for Korean Research and Columbia University Press announced a new Korean studies book initiative. A $10,000 subvention would be 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. Two books in the series were published during the 2020-2021 academic year: The Korean Vernacular Story: Telling Tales of Contemporary Chosŏn in Sinographic Writing by Si Nae Park, and Kinship Novels of Early Modern Korea: Between Genealogical Time and the Domestic Everyday by Ksenia Chizhova.

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

Dorothy Borg Research Program

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

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

The program is divided into four research projects: America and East Asia: Past and Present (Cochaired by Gerald L. Curtis and Carol Gluck); The Making of the Modern Pacific World (Core Faculty Members: Mae Ngai and Theodore Hughes); Global Circuits, US–East Asian Archives, and Future Directions (Steering Committee: Eugenia Lean and Professors Haruo Shirane, Gray Tuttle, and Madeleine Zelin); and The United States and Southeast Asia: Past Legacies, Present Issues, and Future Prospects (Cochaired by Professors Duncan McCargo, Ann Marie Murphy, and Amy Freedman). Each project was designed to harmonize with the other three without 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.

Inner Asia Curricular Development Program

Established in 2015, the Inner Asia Curricular Development Program at Columbia develops materials for teaching and studying Inner Asia—the lands on the eastern fringe of the Eurasian land-bridge that lie mainly within western and northern China, with Mongolia, Inner Mongolia, Xinjiang, and Tibet at their core.

The program is part of a drive to emphasize the regional approach within area studies, encouraging geographic specialists to think in terms of larger contexts, beyond political borders, and to examine flows of people, ideas, resources, cultures, topography, and trade that connect peoples to their neighbors and beyond. In particular, it aims—by combining experts in the area with those trained in broader disciplinary approaches—to find productive ways to integrate the study of local histories, societies, environments, and economies with the study of larger global trends.

Modern Tibetan Studies Program

Columbia’s Modern Tibetan Studies Program, established in 1999, was the first program in the West dedicated to teaching about the society, history, and culture of modern Tibet. It provides a range of
courses and programs for undergraduate and graduate students who want to focus on modern Tibet studies; supports and carries out 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 has an ongoing program of public activities in New York.

The faculty, research scholars, and staff in the Modern Tibetan Studies Program are Gray Tuttle, who holds the Leila Hadley Luce Chair of Modern Tibetan Studies; Lauran Hartley, Tibetan Studies Librarian at Columbia; Lobsang Dondrup, Tibetan Bibliographical Assistant in the C.V. Starr East Asian Library; and Tibetan language instructors Pema Bhum, Sonam Tsering, and Kunchog Tseten.

In spring 2004, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program was awarded a $3 million gift from the Henry Luce Foundation to establish the world’s first chair in modern Tibetan studies. Gray Tuttle, the current holder of the chair, is an expert in modern Tibetan history and Sino-Tibetan relations since the 17th century.

The program, in cooperation with Columbia’s Departments of Religion and of East Asian Languages and Cultures, offers instruction in both modern and classical Tibetan language and provides courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels that cover Tibetan history from the 17th 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 19th- and 20th-century Tibetan history, modern Tibetan literature, film and television in Inner Asia, Sino-Tibetan relations, and oral history in Tibet.

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

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 15,000 books on Tibet in English, Tibetan, and Chinese, as well as a major library of classical Tibetan texts.

The program includes the Tibet Ecotourism Training Project, which organizes training workshops and visits for Tibetans in the tourism sector in Tibet. It is linked to other Tibet studies initiatives in the New York City area, including the Late Contemporary Tibetan Culture Library, the Rubin Museum of Art, the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, and the Newark Museum, as well as to other universities in the United States and Europe; and it has an exchange relationship with the Central Minzu (Nationalities) University in Beijing.

The Modern Tibetan Studies Program is part of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute’s initiative to include the borderlands of China and the frontiers of Inner and Central Asia in the American map of knowledge about East Asia. Together with the Harriman Institute at Columbia, the program is part of the Inner Asia Curricular Development Program, which develops materials and resources to enhance teaching about the broader Inner Asian and Central Asia regions.

https://tibet.columbia.edu/

**Toyota Research Program**

The Toyota Research Program of Columbia University’s Weatherhead East Asian Institute began in 1979 with the generous support of the Toyota Motor Company. An additional grant was received in 2012 to continue the activities of the program under the directorship of Gerald L. Curtis. The program provides support for advanced graduate student and faculty research on issues related to contemporary Japan and US-Japan relations. The program also sponsors a series of research lunches and dinners that provide scholars with the opportunity to exchange views with members of other institutions, government officials, business executives, and diplomats working on East Asian issues.

**Vietnamese Studies Initiative**

In 2019, Columbia University formalized a new Vietnamese Studies initiative, which offers courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and focuses on the society, history, politics, and culture of Vietnam from the premodern era to today, as well as language courses at all levels. In addition to offering 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. The Vietnamese Studies faculty include Lien-Hang Nguyen, who holds the Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia, and John Phan, who teaches Vietnamese Humanities and Cultures in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. They are joined by language instructor Hang Nguyen, who holds the Dorothy Borg Chair. The program also sponsors a series of research lunches and dinners that provide scholars with the opportunity to exchange views with members of other institutions, government officials, business executives, and diplomats working on East Asian issues.

https://tibet.columbia.edu/
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.

http://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/apec/

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

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

Center for Japanese Legal Studies
The Center for Japanese Legal Studies, with executive director Nobuhisa Ishizuka, was established in 1980 with financial support from the Fuyo Group (a group of leading Japanese companies) and the Japan-US Friendship Commission. The center administers a range of research-oriented, programmatic, and informal programs designed to enhance understanding of the Japanese legal system. It also maintains extensive 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 process of legal reform underway in Japan—reforms that touch upon virtually every aspect of Japanese society.

web.law.columbia.edu/japanese-legal-studies

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/korea-legal-studies

Center on Japanese Economy and Business
Established at Columbia Business School in 1986 under the direction of its chairman, 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, 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.

www8.gsb.columbia.edu/cjeb/

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 1.8 million items of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, Mongol, Manchu, and Western-language materials and more than 8,500 periodical titles. 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 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, and Edo-period ukiyo-e. 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 films, documentaries, television series, local operas, and martial arts, with more than 6,000 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 for Columbia’s internationally renowned scholar of Japanese literature. The primary goal of the center is to advance understanding of Japan and Japanese culture in the United States through university instruction, research, and public outreach.

www.keenecenter.org

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

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
WEAI EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Challenges and Opportunities in US-Taiwan Relations

At the beginning of the pandemic, Taiwan was internationally lauded for its quick and effective response and containment of the virus. On October 6, 2020, Taiwan’s new top representative to the United States, Bi-khim Hsiao, joined WEAI and the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program for a virtual conversation on obstacles and recent strides in the US-Taiwan relationship.

Indonesia’s Genocide: New Perspectives 55 Years On

More than half a century after the killing of hundreds of thousands of people in Indonesia, the authors of two important books discussed their findings in a discussion on October 7, 2020. John Roosa, author of Buried Histories, and Taomo Zhou, author of Migration in the Time of Revolution, joined NYSEAN’s Margaret Scott to discuss the mass violence in Indonesia of 1965-1966.

The Eleventh Annual NT Wang Lecture: The Future of China in the World Economy

On November 11, 2020, distinguished professors Wendy K. Dobson, Nicholas R. Lardy, and Thomas J. Christensen joined Shang-Jin Wei to discuss China’s role in the world economy in light of the US presidential election.

Climate Variability and Steppe Empires: New Findings and Future Directions

Contextualizing the early development of modern art in Tibet during the 1940s, Professor Tsewang Tashi spoke about two major figures at the time, Gendun Chophel (1903–1951) and Amdo Jampa (1911–2002), with Pema Bhum on November 19, 2020.

Political Change in the Post-Abe Era

Since Japan’s longest-serving prime minister Shinzo Abe resigned for health reasons in August 2020, spectators have been keen to see how his successor, Yoshihide Suga, will depart from Abe’s legacy. In a webinar held on December 8, 2020, Professor Gerald L. Curtis outlined Suga’s performance thus far and the challenges that lay ahead.

Prospects for US-China Relations During the Biden Administration

In a January 25, 2021, panel discussion hosted by the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program and WEAI, China experts Andrew Nathan, Bonnie Glaser, and Thomas J. Christensen discussed what is in store for the US-China relationship under the new administration of President Joe Biden.

Dying for an iPhone: Apple, Foxconn, and the Lives of China’s Workers

In this January 28, 2021, book talk, part of the WEAI-China Center for Social Policy annual lecture series on the theme of “Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives,” Jenny Chang and Mark Selden discussed the life and death struggles of a new generation of Chinese workers who produce our iPhones, Kindles, and Xboxes.

Pacific Crossings: Wango Weng and His Film Collection at Columbia

At an online event organized by WEAI and the C.V. Starr East Asian Library on March 12, 2021, historians, film scholars, family, and friends of Weng honored his legacy and explored the historical context that shaped his work.
Thailand Update: Protests Revisited

Since the emergence of mass student-led rallies in mid-July 2019, political protest has once again become a major focus of interest in Thailand. At the two-day annual conference, held on March 15 and 16, 2021, panelists discussed the recent demonstrations.

Vietnamese Representation, Queerness, Nostalgia in Leon Le’s Song Lang: A Chat with the Director

Writer/director Leon Le discussed LGBTQ representation and the film industry in Vietnam following a screening of his film Song Lang on April 1, 2021.

Columbia at Home | Prospects for US-China Relations in the Biden Era

At a panel discussion on April 7, 2021, titled “Prospects for US-China Relations in the Biden Era” and organized by the Columbia Alumni Association and WEAI, experts from disciplinary backgrounds in political science, social work, law, and history considered potential areas of collaboration and concern for US-Sino relations moving forward.

The Ideal of a Tree: Ju Kelzang on His Life as a Poet

On April 14, 2021, poet Ju Kelzang delivered a poetry reading and shared his personal narrative on his development, experiences, and influence as a poet and writer.

Trauma and Memory in Vietnamese America: Anti-Communism, Authoritarianism, and Anti-Asian Violence in a Divided Community

Pulitzer Prize winner Viet Thanh Nguyen, acclaimed human rights activist and lawyer Hoi Trinh, and law professor and author Lan Cao joined Lien-Hang Nguyen and John Phan on April 30, 2021, to discuss the contested memory of the Vietnam War, the politics of the RVN flag in US politics today, and the impact on US-SRV relations moving forward.

Unlearning Tibet: Decolonial Pedagogy and Praxis in Tibetan Studies

This roundtable, held on May 5, 2021, brought together instructors and participants from “Unlearning Tibet” with scholars engaged in decolonial studies in a conversation on decoloniality as a concept in the study of Tibet and on the challenges of teaching Tibet in and out of the classroom.
WEAI EVENTS

September

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Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives
9/30 Gender Discrimination in the Workplace: China from a Global Comparative Perspective. Rong Zhao, CUNY Hunter College. Moderated by Qin Gao, Columbia University. Cosponsored by School of Social Work; China Center for Social Policy at Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels
10/5 Challenges and Opportunities in US-Taiwan Relations. Bi-khim Hsiao, Representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the United States. Moderated by Thomas J. Christensen, Columbia University. Cosponsored by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

Lectures and Panels
10/6 Indonesia’s Genocide: New Perspectives 55 Years On. Taomo Zhou, Nanyang Technological University; John Roosa, University of British Columbia. Moderated by Margaret Scott, NYSEAN; NYU Wagner. Organized by NYSEAN. Cosponsored by WEAI; NYU Wagner.

Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives

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11/17 Immigration and Racism in Japan: Litmus Test for Liberal Democracy? Takako Hikotani, Department of Political Science, Columbia University; Erin Chung, John Hopkins University; Apichai Shipper, Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service; Atsuko Abe, Obrin University; Gracia Liu-Farrer, Waseda University. Moderated by Michael Sharpe, York College, City University of New York.

Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives
11/18 Social Safety Net and Family Income Packages in East Asia: Comparisons between China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan. Julia Shu-Huah Wang, University of Hong Kong. Moderated by Qin Gao, China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by School of Social Work; China Center for Social Policy at Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels

December
Lectures and Panels. Reporting Asia Series

Lectures and Panels
12/2 Vernacular Industrialism in China: Local Innovation and Translated Technologies in the Making of a Cosmetics Empire. Eugenia Lean, Columbia University; Deborah Coen, Yale University; Jing Tsu,
Bonnie S. Glaser and Andrew J. Nathan discuss “Prospects for US-China Relations During the Biden Administration”

Yale University; Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, Columbia University; Wei Shang, Columbia University. Organized by Society of Fellows and Heyman Center for the Humanities. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

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12/9 Roundtable on New Books by Japan Historians. Amy Stanley, Northwestern University; Tatiana Linkhoeva, NYU; Sarah Kohner, Columbia University; Kelly A. Hammond, University of Arkansas. Moderated by Louise Young, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Lectures and Panels
12/11 Global Expansion and Local Protection: American and Chinese Film Industries through Two World Wars. Ying Zhu, City University of New York and Hong Kong Baptist University. Moderated by Ying Qian, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels
12/18 Translingual Practice 25 Years: A Workshop in Celebration of the Work of Lydia H. Liu. Lydia Liu, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC), Columbia University. Organized by EALAC. Cosponsored by WEAI.

January
Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives

Lectures and Panels

Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives
1/28 Book Talk: Dying for an iPhone: Apple, Foxconn, and the Lives of China’s Workers. Jenny Chan, Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Mark Selden, Cornell University. Moderated by Qin Gao, China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia China Center for Social Policy; Columbia School of Social Work.

February
Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives
2/3 Book Talk: Governing the Urban in China and India. Xuefei Ren, Michigan State University. Moderated by Yao Lu, Department of Sociology, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia China Center for Social Policy; Columbia School of Social Work.

Lectures and Panels

Lectures and Panels
2/18 Supporting the Faith, Building the Empire: Imperial Japan’s Islamic Policies in World War II. Kelly A. Hammond, The University of Arkansas. Moderated by Paul Kreitman, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels

Workshops and Conferences
2/19-2/20 Queering the Straits: Unruly Subjects Across Modern Korean and Japanese Studies, Series One: Remembering the “Modern Boy”: Gender, Empire, and Nostalgia. Kyung Yoon (Becky) Bae, Columbia University; Tani Barlow, Rice University; Katherine Capuder, University of California, LA; Debbie Chan, University of Western Australia; Monica Cho, University of California, Irvine; Hyaeewol Choi, University of Iowa; Mark Driscoll, University of North Carolina at CH; Todd Henry, University of California, San Diego; Vera Mackie, University of Wollongong; Gregory Pflugfelder,
Columbia University; Barbara Sato, Seikei University; Elise Tipton, University of Sydney. Organized by EALAC. Cosponsored by Academy of Korean Studies, Seoul, Korea; Columbia Alumni Association, Korea; the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture (Columbia); the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (Columbia); the Hajime Mori Chair in Japanese Language and Literature at the University of California, San Diego; Transnational Korean Studies (UCSD); Weatherhead East Asian Institute (Columbia).

**Lectures and Panels**

2/24 COVID-19 in Asia: Diverse Effects, Responses & Prospects for Recovery. Qin Gao, Director of China Center on Social Policy, Columbia University; Jayati Ghosh, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Duncan McCargo, University of Copenhagen. Organized by the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Cosponsored by WEAI; China Center for Social Policy; Nordic Institute of Asian Studies; Southeast Asian Student Initiative.

**Lecture Series: Chinese Social Policy from Comparative Perspectives**

2/26 Educational Policies and Healthy Aging in China. Xi Chen, Yale University. Moderated by Qin Gao, China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia China Center for Social Policy; Columbia School of Social Work.

**March**

**Lectures and Panels**

3/8 Borderland Asia in Historical Perspective: Hong Kong. Jeffrey Wasserstrom, University of California, Irvine; Angelina Chin, Pomona College; Denise Ho, Yale University; Peter Hamilton, Trinity College Dublin. Moderated by Paul Kreitman, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University.

**Lectures and Panels**

3/10 Climate Variability and Steppe Empires: New Findings and Future Directions. Nicola Di Cosmo, Institute for Advanced Study. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by Modern Tibetan Studies; EALAC; History Department; ICLS; Earth Institute.

**Lectures and Panels**

3/12 Pacific Crossings: Wango Weng and His Film Collection at Columbia. Charlotte Brooks, CUNY Baruch College; Jane Gaines, Columbia University; Carolyn Hsu-Balcer, film director; Suu Weng, physician, daughter of Wango Weng; Yanqiu Zheng, Misericordia University; Jim Cheng; the C.V. Starr Library; Eugenia Lean, Columbia EALAC. Moderated by Ying Qian, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by C.V Starr East Asian Library.

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3/16 Thailand Update 2021: Protests Revisited. Aim Sinpeng, University of Sydney; Saowanee Alexander, Ubon Ratchathani University; Kanokrat Lerchoosakul, Chulalongkorn University; Duncan McCargo, University of Copenhagen. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by New York Southeast Asia Network (NYSEAN); Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS).

**Lectures and Panels**


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3/23 Medical Humanities and Pandemic Urbanisms – Keynote: The Future Repeats Itself: Historical Roots of Anti-Chinese Animus in the Time of COVID. Ari Larissa Heinrich, Australian National University; Lydia Liu, ICLS, Columbia University; Eugenia Lean, EALAC, Columbia University. Organized by Institute for Comparative Literature and Society. Cosponsored by WEAI; EALAC.

Lectures and Panels

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3/25 Rethinking the Chinese People’s Liberation Army: Military Reform under Xi Jinping. David Finkelstein, China and Indo-Pacific Studies Division, CNA. Moderated by Elizabeth Wishnick, Montclair State University.

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4/1 Representation, Queerness, Nostalgia in Leon Le’s Song Lang: A Chat with the Director. Leon Le, Film Director; Ronald Gregg, Columbia School of the Arts; Takuya Tsunoda, Columbia University; Ying Qian, Columbia University. Moderated by John Phan, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by EALAC; Columbia School of the Arts.

Lectures and Panels
4/5 Entrepreneurs of Disorder: Gangsters, Revolutionaries, and Collaborators during the Decolonization of Vietnam: A Look at New Research in Vietnam Studies. Kevin Li, Columbia University; Edward Miller, Dartmouth College; Nu-Anh Tran, University of Connecticut; Hayden Cherry, Northwestern University; Shawn McHale, George Washington University.

Lectures and Panels

Lectures and Panels
4/9 Vietnam Unlocked 2021: Work, Live, and Learn. Peter Mach, Tanzanite International; Ms. Lien Haong, Nikkei Asia; Designer Vũ Thảo, Kilomet109; Thomas Ngo, DJ. Organized by EALAC. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

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4/9 Viral Visions: Gender and the Geopolitics of Pandemics in Hollywood, Hong Kong, and the PRC. Gina Marchetti, Hong Kong University. Moderated by Ying Qian, Columbia University.
Lectures and Panels

Lectures and Panels
4/14 The Ideal of a Tree: Ju Kelzang on His Life as a Poet. Ju Kelzang, Poet. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by Modern Tibetan Studies Program; The Latse Project.

Lectures and Panels

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4/16 Thematic Discussion Series: Combating Anti-Asian Hate and Violence. Qin Gao, Columbia University School of Social Work; Tiffany J. Huang, Columbia University; Van Tran, Immigration Scholar and Urban Sociologist. Moderated by Weiping Wu, Columbia GSAPP. Organized by Columbia Global Centers Beijing. Cosponsored by WEAI; Columbia School of Social Work; China Center for Social Policy; Columbia International Students & Scholars Office; Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies; Office of University Life; Columbia GSAPP Urban Planning.

Lectures and Panels

Workshops and Conferences
4/28 The Role of History in Early Qing Claims to Rule the Mongols. Matthew Mosca, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. Moderated by Gray Tuttle, Columbia University. Organized by EALAC. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

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May

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5/3 Flying Blind: Vietnam’s Decision to Join ASEAN with Author Ambassador Nguyễn Vũ Tùng. Ambassador Tùng Vũ Nguyên, Vietnam Ambassador to South Korea; Ambassador Quy Đình Quy, Vietnam Ambassador to the United Nations; Andrew Nathan, Columbia University; Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Moderated by Lien-Hang Nguyen, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by NYSEAN.

Lectures and Panels

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5/5 Unlearning Tibet: Decolonial Pedagogy and Praxis in Tibetan Studies. Dechen Pemba, High Peaks Pure Earth, London; Riga Shakra, Columbia University; Sangyelingma Lujed, University of Michigan; KC Kyiromg, Filmmaker, Vancouver; Tszlrim Tenzin, Tibet.

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Lectures and Panels
5/6 Cambodia-US Relations in the New Era. Dr. Chheang Vannarith, Asian Vision Institute; Dr. Thearith Leng, Mekong Centre of Strategic Studies of the Asian Vision Institute; Kosal Path, Brooklyn College, City University of New York. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Organized by NYSEAN. Cosponsored by WEAI; Seton Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

Workshops and Conferences
5/12 Workshop of Buddhism in Inner Asia and the Early Modern World. Lan Wu, Mount Holyoke College; Sangseraima Ujeed, University of Michigan. Moderated by Matthew King, University of California, Riverside. Organized by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels
5/14 The Philippines Hedging Between Alliance or Appeasement: Can the Biden Administration Tip the Balance? Renato Cruz De Castro, De La Salle University; Gregory B. Poling, Center for Strategic and International Studies. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Organized by NYSEAN. Cosponsored by WEAI; Seton Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

Lectures and Panels
5/17 Alliance Internalized: The Securitization of US-Thai Relations. Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Chulalongkorn University. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Organized by NYSEAN. Cosponsored by WEAI; Seton Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

Workshops and Conferences

Lectures and Panels

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5/26 Burma/Myanmar Policy Toward the United States: A Delicate Balance. Dr. Moe Thuzar, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS); Murray Hiebert, Center for Strategic and International Studies. Moderated by Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University. Organized by NYSEAN. Cosponsored by WEAI; Seton Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations; Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program.

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6/24 Understanding Climate Change on the Tibetan Plateau: Climate Data and Community Knowledge. Emily Yeh, University of Colorado Boulder; Huatse Gyal, University of Michigan; Kelly Hopping, Boise State University; Hung Nguyen, Columbia University; Boniface Fosu, Columbia University; Brendan Buckley, Columbia University. Moderated by Eveline Washul, Columbia University. Organized by WEAI. Cosponsored by Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Lectures and Panels
The Institute supports advanced study of East Asia through programs in the School of International and Public Affairs (Master of International Affairs); the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) (MA in Regional Studies—East Asia); and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures). Institute faculty members also sponsor PhD candidates from various schools and departments at Columbia University.

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

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

2020–2021 MARSEA Graduates and their areas of focus:

February 2021
Bojun Wu, China

May 2021
Myles Gibbons Jr., China
Eunice Lee, Japan
Tony Lee, Korea
Shaun Seah, China
Mingwei Song, China
Katie Elizabeth Weller, Japan
Roy Yang, Korea

THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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

2020–2021 SIPA Graduates with a regional specialization in East Asian studies:

May 2021
Lydia Grek
Esther Kang
Anyi Li
Chengqian Liu
Jiwon Ma
Matthew Miller
Stefan Munk
James Paisley
Nathan Ren
John Severini
Askar Shalkarbayev
Christopher Shimamoto
Preethi Srikanthan
Tenzin Thargay
Lance Truong
Gabriel Stephane Umbert
Tiffany Venmahavong
Zhenrong Wu

February 2021
Jing Peng

May 2021
Tenzin Thargay

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

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

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

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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 president for 2020–2021 was Lydia Grek (SIPA), and the editor of the APAC Journal was Mahak Agrawal (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.

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.

Southeast Asian Student Initiative

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

AFFILIATED GRADUATE STUDENT GROUPS BASED IN EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

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.

Baeumtŏ Korean Studies Group

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

Nihon Benkyokai Japan Studies Group

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

**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.

**The First Books Endowment of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute**

This endowment was created to enable young scholars to publish their first work. The donor is a SIPA alumna who worked for the Institute's publications program more than thirty years ago. It is her hope, through this endowment, that the Institute's publications programs will continue to benefit young scholars of East Asia for a long time to come. In 2020–2021, the award was given to Lan Wu for *Common Ground: Tibetan Buddhist Expansion and Imperial Governance of Qing China*.

**Fellowships Administered by the Institute**

The abbreviations used in the following lists are as below:

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

**Dorothy Borg Academic Year Fellowship**

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

**Gavin Healy** (GSAS: EALAC)

**C. Martin Wilbur Fellowship**

This fellowship honors the memory of C. Martin Wilbur, a professor of Chinese history at Columbia and a founding director of the Institute, and was generously endowed by his friends and supporters.

**Andrew Wortham** (TC: Anthropology of Education)

**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.

**Academic Year 2020–2021 FLAS:**

Linda Cheng (GSAS: MARSEA)  
Scout Inghilterra (GSAS: EALAC)  
Crismos Lewis (GSAS: EALAC)  
James Paisley (SIPA: MIA)  
Jaimee Prass (GS: Political Science)  
Larry Sprouse (CC: EALAC)  
Tenzin Thargay (SIPA: MIA)

**Summer 2021 FLAS:**

Lucas Gunkel (Hunter College: Chinese Language and Literature)  
Samuel Hellman (GSAS: EALAC)  
Irene Hsu (GSAS: English and Comparative Literature)  
Mairead Hynes (GSAS: History)  
Aisha Mann (BC: Computer Science)  
Joseph Nguyen (GSAS: EALAC)  
Benjamin Sinvany (GSAS: EALAC)  
Hongyi Yu (GSAS: EALAC)

**Julie How Fellowship**

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

Chloe Estep (GSAS: EALAC)  
Dongming Wu (GSAS: EALAC)

**WEAI Remote Dissertation Research Grant**

This grant was available for the academic year 2020–2021 to graduate students conducting remote dissertation research in the field of modern East, Southeast, and Inner Asian studies and who, because of travel restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or current geopolitical tensions, were unable to conduct dissertation research in person, as they normally would.

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

Toru Momii (GSAS: Music)

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

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

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

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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.

Justin Canfil (GSAS: Political Science)
Sau-Yi Fong (GSAS: EALAC)

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

Weatherhead Academic Year Fellows
Stephanie Bell (GSAS: Religion)
Xuexin Cai (GSAS: EALAC)
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Samuel Hellman (GSAS: EALAC)
Cheyenne Tretter (GSAS: Political Science)
Wenquan (Jenny) Xiao (GSAS: Political Science)

Weatherhead PhD Training Grants
Laurence Bashford (GSAS: Theatre and Performance)
Nicolle Bertozzi (GSAS: EALAC)

Si Leung Cheung (SSW: Social Work)
Suhyun Choi (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)
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Hekang Yang (GSAS: EALAC)
Linan Lily Yao (GSAS: Political Science)

Weatherhead MA Training Grants
Haejo Kang (SIPA: Economic and Political Development)
Hanbyeol Koo (GSAS: History)
Rachel Kwok (GSAS: EALAC)
Seungmin Lee (SIPA: MIA)

Weatherhead Undergraduate Training Grants
Elijah Fullerton (CC: Computer Science)
Benjamin Guggenheim (CC: EALAC)
Maximillian Patel (CC: Music)
Zhigeng (Allen) Song (GS: Information Sciences and MESASAS)
Jené Stefaniak (GS: Economics and Political Science)
William Yee (CC: Political Science)

Theodore de Bary Fellowship
In 2018, the University Committee on Asia and the Middle East (UCAME) inaugurated this fellowship in honor of William Theodore de Bary, an American sinologist and East Asian literary scholar who was a professor and administrator at Columbia for nearly 70 years. The fellowship supports international students at Columbia and Barnard Colleges and the Schools of Engineering and General Studies.
The Asia for Educators (AFE) program, directed since its inception by Roberta Martin at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, is now in its 44th year. AFE sponsors two types of activities: the preparation and dissemination of teaching resources, available for teachers and students on its website; and online professional development for teachers wishing to expand their background knowledge of East Asia.

Resources for Educators Online
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu

The Asia for Educators website is one of the most widely used and highly respected sources for materials on Asia for faculty at both the precollege and undergraduate levels.

The Asia for Educators website includes focused modules on topics such as the Song dynasty, the Qing dynasty, the Mongols, and East Asian geography. In addition to focused modules, AFE Online provides access to teachers' guides, student lessons, and primary source readings on China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam for teachers of world history, world cultures, world geography, economics and current events, literature, and art. The AFE website continues to grow in popularity, with over 976,000 users in 2020–2021 visiting the site for over 1.3 million sessions.

In 2020–2021, AFE continued its work to update the entire site, making all educational modules accessible on tablets and other handheld devices. This year, AFE completed the update and revision of two more modules: “East Asia in Geographic Perspective” and “Online Museum Educational Resources in Asian Art” (OMuERA).

Video Presentations on AFE

The AFE site now also offers video presentations with PowerPoint images, ranging from 30 seconds to 30 minutes in length. In 2020–2021, there were 31,000 views, by 9,000 unique visitors. The most viewed videos included the “Silver Trade” and “Comparing China and Europe,” as well as videos from the “Asian Topics” series on Chinese and Japanese history and literature.

Online Book Groups—AFE for NCTA

Asia for Educators offered six online book groups in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 as part of its NCTA programming. This year’s theme for the book groups was “Graphic Histories and First Person Accounts,” all of which were moderated by Karen Kane. A total of 171 teachers completed the book groups, with the most popular being the discussion of the memoir Tiananmen 1989: Our Shattered Hopes—with 44 teachers actively participating in the course.

National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA)

http://www.nctasia.org

Columbia’s AFE continues its national outreach as one of the founding sites of NCTA, formed in 1998 with funding from the Freeman Foundation. As a national coordinating site, Columbia works directly with partner universities in 11 states to offer professional development for teachers. The Foundation’s support for this program has been unwavering over the 20 years of the program.

In 2020–2021, the Columbia coordinating site of NCTA worked in collaboration with 11 partner site institutions to offer approximately 50 different annual programs of varying lengths and formats, including the book groups discussed below; however, many programs scheduled to take place in 2020–2021 were postponed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The partner sites collaborating directly with the Columbia coordinating site are Princeton University for New Jersey; the Universities of North Carolina at Wilmington, South Carolina, Florida International, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee at Chattanooga, Oklahoma, and Kansas, for their respective states; and Texas Christian University for Texas. All NCTA sites are working in concert to develop programs for teachers in their states, where in many cases there have historically been few opportunities for professional development in East Asia education for teachers. Columbia and WEAI graduates, teaching at universities around the country, 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.

Freeman Book Awards for Children’s and Young Adult Books on East and Southeast Asia—2020 Awards

At the encouragement of AFE, the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the Committee on Teaching about Asia (CTA) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), and Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University established the annual Freeman Book Awards for new young adult and children’s literature in 2016. The awards recognize quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia. Awards are given in two categories: Children’s and Young Adult Literature on the countries of East and Southeast Asia. AFE, with support from the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and the US Department of Education, administers the selection procedures, with two committees of teachers and librarians drawn from NCTA and CTA sites around the country.

Submissions in 2020 increased dramatically, with many titles focusing on young people enduring trying political situations in East and Southeast Asia. AFE celebrated one winner and three honorable mentions in the Children’s Literature category; one winner, one honorable mention, and one “Of Note” mention in Middle School Literature; and
one winner, one honorable mention, and two “Of Note” mentions in the High School category. A new category this past year was the High School Graphic category with one winner, one honorable mention, and one “of Note” mention.

Karen Kane, the executive director of the awards, discussed the winning books in a panel, “Engage with Award-Winning Global Children’s and Youth Literature,” at the virtual NCSS conference, where the Freeman Awards collaborated with the other world area book awards, sponsored by other US Department of Education programs for South Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and Africa to offer the panel.

The nomination process for 2021 titles is now open. Publishers will announce the winners in January 2022 at the midwinter meetings of the American Library Association and its affiliates, the Association for

Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Additional information on the awards and is available at http://nctasia.org/book-awards/.

Conference Presentations—AFE and NCTA

On behalf of NCTA, AFE also takes the initiative to identify and sponsor “Featured Speakers” at the annual professional conferences of the National Council for Social Studies, the National Geographic Association, and the National Association of Art Educators. This initiative is postponed until the conferences can take place.
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