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1 LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



I write this introduction for a third time as director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute (WEAI), and once again I can't pretend that it was anything like a normal academic year.

As the dissension that racked the Columbia community in the previous year showed no signs of abating, the University was suddenly, and simultaneously, confronted with external challenges that created an environment of unprecedented uncertainty.

These pressures are not easy to manage, and (as I wrote in this space last year) no one knows how this story will end. Yet all of us at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute believe that persevering with our work is the most effective response to the threats now facing the University. Taking that approach this year helped us reach arguably our greatest level of engagement with Northeast, Southeast, and Inner Asia since pre-pandemic times.

The year 2024 marked WEAI's 75th anniversary—a milestone we viewed as an opportunity to take stock of not only where the Institute has been but also, and more importantly, where it's going. Nothing exemplified that mindset more than our Summer Alumni Tour in Asia: seven programs in Tokyo, Taipei, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore, Beijing, and Hong Kong. In each city we met with Columbia alumni and established ties with such like-minded institutions as Academia Sinica in Taipei and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, among many others. Alongside these encounters, our Asia in Action Artist in Residence Tony Bui led a parallel series of talks, "Conversations on Storytelling: Regional Voices, Global Impact," that provided a showcase for local filmmakers in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

The final commemoration of our anniversary year was an event on December 9, 2024, in which I had the great privilege of joining six of our former directors—Gerald L. Curtis, Myron L. Cohen, Eugenia Lean, Xiaobo Lü, Andrew J. Nathan, and Madeleine Zelin—for a panel discussion whose predominant theme was an abiding sense of community. That evening also marked the official release of *The Weatherhead East Asian Institute: 75 Years of Northeast, Southeast, and Inner Asia Studies*, a handsome, limited-edition, 64-page hardcover book that celebrates the people, milestones, and projects that have shaped our Institute since 1949.

The reelection of Donald Trump on November 5, 2024, abruptly upended longstanding assumptions about the US role as guarantor of trade and security agreements across East and Southeast Asia. WEAI was able to address the challenges of this critical junction in global politics head-on through a pair of daylong conferences that each had a specific regional focus. On November 18, less than two weeks after the election, our postdoctoral scholar Ayumi Teraoka and head of the Japan Research Program Gerald L. Curtis collaborated with Keio University to convene experts on East Asian politics for "Elections Aftermath: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges in US-Japan Relations," four sessions that offered proposals for how the US-Japan partnership can navigate an increasingly complex global landscape. On March 27, 2025, with the Columbia Journalism School, the China and the World Program, and the New York Southeast Asia Network, we cosponsored "The Second Trump Administration: Opportunities and Challenges for United States-Southeast Asian Relations," in which experts from the US and several ASEAN nations examined the implications of America's seeming retreat from the global order it has presided over since the end of World War II.

Our own longstanding commitment to Southeast Asia was never in doubt this year. In Bangkok in February, we rekindled some of the spirit of our summer tour by reconnecting with local alumni and making new friends at a one-day conference that we presented in partnership with Thailand's Chulalongkorn University and the National University of Singapore. In my keynote address, I discussed Thailand's place in Columbia's global footprint and underscored the importance of Southeast Asian studies and the Master in Regional Studies East Asia (MARSEA) program to our academic mission. In April, for the 2025 Borton-Mosely Distinguished Lecture, we were pleased to cohost veteran Singaporean diplomat Bilahari Kausikan, whom we first met in Singapore last summer; Bilahari's talk was a learned and witty look back at the early years of the Association of Southeast Asian States (ASEAN) that drew extensively on his career in Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Vietnam took center stage at two major events bookending the academic year. Speaking at Columbia's annual World Leaders Forum in September, General Secretary and President of Vietnam Tô Lâm highlighted the 2023 upgrade in relations between the U.S and the socialist republic; he also emphasized the need to bring Vietnam's economy fully into the 21st century. I had the honor of moderating at President Lâm's visit, the first ever by a Communist leader at Columbia.

From April 30 through May 2, we presented "50-30: From War to Peace in Vietnam and the United States"—a three-day symposium commemorating both the 50th anniversary of the end of the war and the 30th anniversary of US-Vietnam reconciliation. Two years in the planning and cosponsored with the Journalism School, Columbia Global, and the School of the Arts, 50-30 brought to the University leading historians, writers, filmmakers, and artists as well as veterans and historical actors from both sides of the conflict for one of the most high-profile, international commemorations of these two milestones outside of Vietnam.

The accomplishments of our faculty and affiliates this year were as noteworthy as our activities. In January, our Senior Advisor for Vietnam Thomas Valley was honored with the Presidential Citizens Medal, widely considered the second highest civilian award of the US government, in a White House ceremony; "His service remains a symbol of American leadership in the world," said the official White House press release. The Washington, DC-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) appointed Thomas J. Christensen the latest holder of its prestigious Pritzker Chair; Carol Gluck won the NIHU International Prize in Japanese Studies, an annual award recognizing a scholar from outside Japan who has made a significant contribution to international Japanese studies; and Qin Gao was awarded a grant by the Henry Luce Foundation to study the social, economic, and health impacts of COVID-19 in China. Ying Qian won not one but two distinguished honors for her 2024 book *Revolutionary Becomings: Documentary Media in Twentieth-Century China* (a title in the Weatherhead Studies series): the 50th Annual Lionel Trilling Book Award from the Academic Awards Committee of the Columbia College Student Council and the book award for the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

Several distinguished new arrivals graced our community in 2024–25. Ruth Barraclough of the Department of History became the director of WEAI's Center for Korean Research; Dominique Townsend of the Department of Religion joined the Modern Tibetan Studies Program. We are also pleased to welcome new associate members Leta Hong Fincher, adjunct associate professor in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Jane Gaines, professor of film in the School of the Arts; Laurel Kendall, adjunct professor in the Department of Anthropology; Kenneth Mori McElwain of the University of Tokyo's Institute of Social Science; and, from the School of International and Public Affairs, professors Kristy Kelly, Arvid J. Lukauskas, and Yumiko Shimabukuro. (Lukauskas and Shimabukuro

cowrote a book published by Cornell University Press in December 2024, *Misery Beneath the Miracle in East Asia*, that is also a volume in the Weatherhead Studies series.) Isaac C. K. Tan is our newest postdoctoral research scholar.

Newcomers to the Institute staff include administrative assistant Sam Guyer, student affairs coordinator Chris Li, and communications coordinator Jeff Tompkins. We were also joined by Hien Le, program manager of the Vietnam Executive Leadership Program (VELP); and Associate Director of Finance Suzann De La Pena, who immediately rolled up her sleeves and plunged into a complicated new financial environment. Suzann replaces our dear friend Nancy Hirshan, who retired from her position as director of finance and operations in early 2025, after more than seven years with the Institute. We wish Nancy all the best in her well-earned retirement.

Though it pales in comparison with the wider issues facing Columbia this year, not the least of our challenges in the past 12 months was our expansion into Kent Hall while also maintaining our base of operations in the International Affairs Building. I'm grateful to the staff for handling the inevitable challenges of our new configuration with patience and aplomb.

It's clear that, in the near term, unpredictability will be the most predictable aspect of life both inside and outside Columbia University. As many of us who study and teach history know, the only constant is change; but by staying true to our mission, we can hope to withstand whatever upheavals remain in store. Here's to 75 more years of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute.

Sincerely,



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

2 WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE

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

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

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, from 1960 until earlier this year, designated Columbia an East Asia National Resource Center and provided 3 percent of the Center's annual funding needs. (The federal grant was canceled in March 2025 due to a shift in DOE policy.)

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

Directors of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Sir George Sansom	1949-1953
Hugh Borton	1953-1958
C. Martin Wilbur	1958-1964
James W. Morley	1964-1967
John M. H. Lindbeck	1967-1970
James W. Morley	1970-1973
Gerald L. Curtis	1973-1975
Myron L. Cohen	1975-1976
Gerald L. Curtis	1976-1984
James W. Morley	1984-1987
Gerald L. Curtis	1987-1991
Andrew J. Nathan	1991-1992
Madeleine Zelin	1992-1993
Andrew J. Nathan	1993-1995
Madeleine Zelin	1995-2001
Xiaobo Lü	2001-2006
Myron L. Cohen	2006-2014
Eugenia Lean	2014-2017
Madeleine Zelin	Fall 2017
Xiaobo Lü	Spring 2018
Eugenia Lean	Fall 2018-Fall 2019
Lien-Hang T. Nguyen	Spring 2020
Eugenia Lean	Fall 2020-Fall 2022
Lien-Hang T. Nguyen	Spring 2023-



3 RESEARCH COMMUNITY

NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS JOINING IN 2024-2025



Ruth Barraclough

Korea Foundation Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Department of History

Labor; gender; literature

Ruth Barraclough is a historian of modern Korea with a focus on labor, gender, and literature.

Her first book, *Factory Girl Literature: Sexuality, Violence, and Representation in Industrializing Korea* (University of California Press, 2012), was about the working-class women and girls who generated Korea's industrialization while cherishing ambitions to be writers, novelists, and poets. In Korea the book spent 20 weeks on the history bestseller list, was nominated for the president's summer reading list by Korea's leading book and newspaper editors, and was named one of the top ten books of 2017.

In addition to academic work, Barraclough has served as vice-president of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (2023) and as a board member of the Australia Korea Foundation (2018-23) to advise the Australian government on new areas of cooperation between the two countries. In her work for the board, she was instrumental in establishing a Visiting Chair of Australian Studies at Seoul National University. At Columbia, Barraclough is the new faculty director of the Dual Master's Degree in International and World History with the London School of Economics and Political Science and, since January 2025, is the director of the Center for Korean Research at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute.

Before joining Columbia in 2024, Barraclough served on the faculty at the Australian National University.



Leta Hong Fincher

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

Gender issues; feminism in China

Leta Hong Fincher is a journalist and scholar who has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Dissent* magazine, *Ms. magazine*, the BBC, CNN, and other outlets. She won the Society of Professional Journalists Sigma Delta Chi award for her China reporting. Fluent in Mandarin, Fincher is the first American to receive a PhD from Tsinghua University's Department of Sociology in Beijing. She has a master's degree from Stanford University and a bachelor's degree with high honors from Harvard University. Fincher's second book, *Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China* (Verso), was named one of the best books of 2018 by *Vanity Fair*, *Newsweek*, *Bitch Media*, *Foreign Policy Interrupted*, and *Autostraddle*. Fincher's first book, *Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China* (Zed, 2014), was named one of the top five China books of 2014 by the Asia Society's *ChinaFile*, one of the best foreign policy books in 2014 by *Foreign Policy Interrupted*, and one of the best Asian books of 2014 by Asia House. *Leftover Women* was named on *New Left Review's* list of favorite books to read for International Women's Day in 2017 and 2016. In 2018, it was named on the *New York Times* list of recommended books on China and *Time Out Beijing's* list of best books on women in modern China. Bloomsbury published a new, 10th-anniversary edition of *Leftover Women* in November 2023. Named by *The Telegraph* as an "awesome woman to follow on Twitter," Fincher was a Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor at Columbia University and recently moved to New York.



Jane Gaines

Professor of Film in the Faculty of the Arts, School of the Arts

Film

Jane M. Gaines is professor emerita of literature and English at Duke University, currently professor of film at Columbia University, and the author of three books: *Contested Culture: The Image, the Voice, and the Law* (North Carolina, 1991); *Fire and Desire: Mixed-Race Movies in the Silent Era* (Chicago, 2001); and *Pink-Slipped: What Happened to Women in the Silent Film Industries?* (University of Illinois Press, 2018).

A founder of the Visible Evidence conference on documentary, she continues to publish on documentary activism, intellectual property in the internet age, and the history of piracy; and has critiqued the “historical turn” in film and media studies as “What Happened to the Philosophy of Film History?” and “Eisenstein’s Absolutely Wonderful, Totally Impossible Project,” in *Sergei M. Eisenstein: Notes for a General History of Cinema* (Amsterdam University Press, 2016).



Kristy Kelly

Adjunct Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs

Sociology; social work; globalization/development/post-socialist transformation in Vietnam and Southeast Asia; gender and feminism studies; sociology of education; politics of knowledge

Kristy Kelly, PhD, is a sociologist specializing in the politics of knowledge, organizational change, education policy, sociology of gender, and Southeast Asia. She holds a full-time appointment as associate clinical professor of global education at Drexel University and is an associate research scholar with WEAI. Kelly has written on higher education, women and leadership, feminist mentoring, gender equality training, organizational learning, gender and corruption, and inclusive virtual conferencing. She edits the book series *Education Research in Global Contexts* (Emerald) and recently published *Gender and Practice: Insights from the Field* (Advances in Gender Research, Vol. 27, Emerald), and *Gender and Practice: Knowledge, Policy, Organizations* (Advances in Gender Research, Vol. 28, Emerald), both coedited with Marcia Texler Segal and Vasilikie Demos. Her current book project is “Whatever Happened to Comrade? The Politics of Gender and Development in Vietnam,” a 25-year ethnography of gender mainstreaming policy in practice in Vietnam.

Kelly consults on gender and development issues with the United Nations and nongovernment organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. She served on the Expert Taskforce on Training for Gender Equality at UN Women and as an expert advisor on gender mainstreaming to UNDP Headquarters in New York City. She currently serves on the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Coalition Working Group on Gender and Corruption. She is also a founding member and past copresident of the Society of Gender Professionals, a network of feminist scholars, gender equality practitioners, and activists working to raise the profile of gender expertise around the world.



Laurel Kendall

Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology

Korean anthropology focusing on shamans; popular religion in Korea and Vietnam; material culture in religion and as heritage; museum practices

As an anthropologist of Korea, Laurel Kendall has been working with and writing about Korean shamans for more than 40 years, after an encounter in the early 1970s as a US Peace Corps volunteer in Korea. She first became interested in the relationship between this largely female tradition and the operation of gender in Korean popular religion. Subsequent work included a study of late-20th-century marriage practices followed by a study of shamanic responses to a rapidly transforming South Korean society, considering questions of space and landscape, performance, ritual consumption, national identity, and market anxieties.

Work with colleagues in Hanoi, Vietnam, on religious images explored the relationship between people and objects—relationships that have rules, obligations, potential benefits, and dangers. Kendall took these interests back to Korea with study of shaman paintings and then a broadly comparative project on the interactions of shamans and spirit mediums with statues, paintings, and masks in Korea, Vietnam, Myanmar, and Bali, Indonesia. Her current work concerns studio photography as handicraft in Vietnam, Korean objects that become Korean icons, and the social relations of Balinese masks.

Among Kendall's many publications are *Mediums and Magical Things: Statues, Paintings, and Masks in Asian Places* (University of California Press, 2021); *God Pictures in Korean Contexts: The Ownership and Meaning of Shaman Paintings* (with Jongsung Yang and Yul Soo Yoon, University of Hawai'i Press, 2015); and *Shamans, Nostalgias and the IMF: South Korean Popular Religion in Motion* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2009). She edited *Under Construction: The Gendering of Modernity, Class, and Consumption in the Republic of Korea* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2001) and six other books. She is coauthor of *The Museum at the End of the World: Travels in the Post-Soviet Russian Far East* (with Alexia Bloch, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005).



Arvid J. Lukauskas

Executive Director, MPA Program in Economic Policy Management; Adjunct Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs, School of International & Public Affairs

Economics

Arvid J. Lukauskas is the executive director of the Picker Center for Executive Education and the MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. He also directs the International Economic Policy and Global Policy Studies concentrations for the Executive MPA program.

Lukauskas teaches and conducts research on economic history and international and comparative political economy. His most recent book, with Yumiko Shimabukuro, is *Misery Beneath the Miracle in East Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2024), which reveals an unsettling reality that challenges prevailing views of the East Asian miracle. Combining big-picture analysis, abundant data, a dynamic interdisciplinary framework, and powerful human stories, it sheds light on the social ills—from elderly poverty, working poverty, and child maltreatment to affordable housing crises—that governments have failed to address adequately. It shows that social welfare paradoxically may deteriorate dramatically amid economic and democratic advancements, bringing East Asia into debates that are currently embroiling the United States and other advanced industrialized countries.

His other books are the *Handbook of Trade Policy for Development*, edited with R. Stern and G. Zanini (Oxford University Press, 2013); *The Political Economy of the East Asian Crisis and Its Aftermath*, edited with

F. Rivera-Batíz (Edward Elgar 2001); and *Regulating Finance: The Political Economy of Spanish Financial Policy from Franco to Democracy* (University of Michigan Press, 1997). His articles and reviews have appeared in various scholarly journals, including *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, and *Review of International Political Economy*.

Through the Picker Center, Lukauskas has helped develop or direct major executive training programs in more than 20 countries as well as for IADB, IFC, UNDP, and the World Bank. He has been the principal investigator for two four-year USAID grants, in conjunction with the East-West Management Institute, to develop the capacity of NGOs in the Republic of Georgia. He has served as a consultant to UNDP and the World Bank Institute.

Lukauskas received a BA from University of Wisconsin–Madison, an MPA from University of Oklahoma, and a PhD from University of Pennsylvania.



Kenneth Mori McElwain

Visiting Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

Japan; political science

Kenneth Mori McElwain is a professor of comparative politics at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo. During the 2024–25 academic year, he is a visiting professor of Japanese politics at Columbia University. His research focuses on comparative institutions and Japanese politics, with a particular emphasis on constitutional design and change. An Irish national raised in Tokyo, he holds a BA in public and international affairs from Princeton University and a PhD in political science from Stanford University. Before joining UTokyo in 2015, he was an assistant professor of political science at the University of Michigan.

McElwain's work has been widely published in journals, edited volumes, and monographs. His recent book, *The Universality and Originality of the Japanese Constitution in Quantitative Perspective* (Chikura Shobō, 2022), received the 44th Ishibashi Tanzan Award and the 34th Asia-Pacific Award Special Prize. In addition to his research, he serves as editor-in-chief of *Social Science Japan Journal*, published by Oxford University Press, and on the Board of Directors for the Japanese Political Science Association.



Yumiko Shimabukuro

Director, Urban and Social Policy EMPA Program, School of International and Public Affairs

Japan; inequality; social policy; East Asian Studies; leadership development

Yumiko Shimabukuro is an award-winning author and educator with expertise in social welfare policy, poverty, East Asian studies, and global leadership development at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). She is the founding director of the Urban and Social Policy Program for the Executive MPA and the cofounder of the Center on Japanese Economy and Business's Japanese Management Leadership Program at the Columbia Business School.

In the area of social welfare policy, Shimabukuro's research on economic and social welfare developments in East Asia over the last decade culminated in *Misery Beneath the Miracle in East Asia* with Arvid J. Lukauskas (Cornell University Press, 2024). The book reveals an unsettling reality that challenges prevailing views of the East Asian miracle, warning that the extreme imbalance between growth and social welfare not only has inflicted devastating human costs but also carries the potential to hurt economic performance in the long run.

Shimabukuro is currently completing a manuscript titled "Building an Inegalitarian Welfare State: The Impact of Dualistic Coordinated Capitalism & Elite-Made Democracy in Japan," which analyzes how the country's pursuit of modern capitalist democracy over the course of a century generated conditions inimical to the development of a safety net. Her article-length papers address the issues of industrial relations, the social policy preferences of business and organized labor, and the process of nonlinear institutional change.

At the Center on Japanese Economy and Business (CJEB), Shimabukuro and Ryoko Ogino (managing director of CJEB) founded the Japanese Management Leadership Program, which comprises leadership research seminars, global communication in leadership training, innovation and diversity workshops, and a women's career advancement initiative for the center's visiting scholars and its broader CJEB network members in New York and Tokyo.



Dominique Townsend

Jey Tsong Khapa Associate Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Department of Religion

Tibet

Dominique Townsend is a scholar of Tibetan Buddhism whose research combines historical and literary methods. Her interests include Tibetan Buddhist cultural production, poetry, aesthetics, dreams, gender, and translation. Her research is rooted primarily in Classical Tibetan texts, with an emphasis on the 17th through 20th centuries. Currently Townsend's research agenda is focused on a book about dreams and dreaming in Tibetan Buddhism, *All This Is Dreamlike*, forthcoming from Columbia University Press. Her previous books include *A Buddhist Sensibility* (Columbia University Press, 2021) and *Longing to Awaken* (University of Virginia Press, 2024). She has also published a book of poems and a children's book.

Townsend teaches courses on Tibetan Buddhism, humanities, poetics, new media, dreaming, and Buddhist approaches to death and dying. In Fall 2024 she taught a seminar on dreams and dreaming, and in spring 2025 she taught Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism. Before joining the faculty at Columbia in July 2024, she was associate professor of religion at Bard College, and prior to that she served as head of interpretation at the Rubin Museum of Art.

MEMBERS

Nicholas Bartlett

Assistant Professor, Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures, Barnard College

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

Thomas J. Christensen

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

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

Myron L. Cohen

Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

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

Qin Gao

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

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

Theodore Hughes

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

Modern and contemporary Korean literature and film

Takatoshi Ito

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

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

Merit E. Janow

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

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

Junyan Jiang

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

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

Jungwon Kim

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

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

Seong Uk Kim

Il Hwan and Soon Ja Cho Assistant Professor of Korean Culture and Religion, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

Korean Buddhism; religion and politics

Dorothy Ko

Professor of History, Barnard College

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

Paul Kreitman

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

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

Eugenia Lean

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

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

Benjamin L. Liebman

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

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

Lydia H. Liu

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

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

Xiaobo Lü

Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science, Barnard College

Political economy of postsocialist transition; political corruption; Chinese politics

Yao Lu

Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology

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

Andrew J. Nathan

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

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

Lien-Hang T. Nguyen

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

United States foreign relations; Southeast Asia; the Cold War

Gregory Pflugfelder

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

Early modern and modern Japanese history; gender and sexuality studies

John D. Phan

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

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

Ying Qian

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

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

Jonathan M. Reynolds

Professor of Art History, Barnard College

Japanese architecture and visual culture

Wei Shang

Wm. Theodore and Fanny Brett de Bary and Class of 1941 Collegiate Professor of Asian Humanities; Du Family Professor of Chinese Culture

Premodern Chinese literature and cultural history

Haruo Shirane

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

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

Nick R. Smith

Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Studies, Barnard College

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

Tomi Suzuki

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

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

Takuya Tsunoda

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

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

Duy Linh Tu

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

Journalism; video storytelling; photography; multimedia networking

Gray Tuttle

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

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

Shang-Jin Wei

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

Chinese economy; corruption; international finance and trade

David E. Weinstein

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

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

Weiping Wu

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

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

Madeleine Zelin

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

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Adrian Jacques H. Ambrose

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center

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

Kim Brandt

Research Scholar; Academic Director to the MARSEA Program

Modern Japanese history

Jim Cheng

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

Library and information science; film studies

Sheila Coronel

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

Investigative journalism; journalism in the Philippines

Gerald L. Curtis

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

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

Nicola Di Cosmo

Luce Foundation Professor in East Asian Studies, Institute for Advanced Study

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

Alex Eble

Associate Professor of Economics and Education, Teachers College

Development economics; applied microeconomics; economics of education; China

Carol Gluck

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

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

Lauran Hartley

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

Tibetan literature and cultural production; translation studies

Shigeo Hirano

Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

Comparative politics; American politics; political economy; Japanese politics

Nobuhisa Ishizuka

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

Japanese law; corporate law



Sarah Kovner

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

Roberta H. Martin

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

Education about East Asia in US schools; education in China

Meg McLagan

Visiting Professor of Professional Practice, Barnard College

Film, anthropology

Laura Neitzel

Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of History, Department of History

Modern Japanese history

Hugh T. Patrick

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

Pacific Basin economic relations; Japanese economy and business

Morris Rossabi

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

Mongolian history

Chengzhi Wang

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

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

RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND AFFILIATES

Paul Anderer

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

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

Thomas P. Bernstein

Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science

Comparative politics with a focus on China and communist political systems

Maria Adele Carrai

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

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

Michael C. Davis

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

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

Amy L. Freedman

Senior Research Scholar; Professor of Political Science, Pace University

Political Islam in Indonesia and Malaysia

Harry Harootunian

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

Early modern and modern Japanese history; historical theory

Ann Marie Murphy

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

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

Orville Schell

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

Chinese history

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

Thomas Vallely

Senior Advisor for Vietnam

Vietnam

Elizabeth Wishnick

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

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

Chuck Wooldridge

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

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

Chün-fang Yü

Sheng Yen Professor Emerita of Chinese Buddhism, Department of Religion and Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

Chinese Buddhism; East Asian religions; Buddhism and gender; Buddhism and modernization

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS 2024-2025

**Sau-Yi Fong****Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute***History, China, transimperial histories of military mobilization, maritime technology, oceanic knowledge*

Sau-yi Fong is a historian of late imperial and modern China. Her research interests include the transimperial histories of military mobilization, maritime technology, and oceanic knowledge. She is currently working on a book project that examines late Qing China's naval rebuilding project to explore the politics of military-industrial technological transfer from the West to China in the 19th century. Tracing the personal, material, and institutional networks connecting the Qing empire to the world's naval technology, the project uncovers a global regime of arms production that blurred the boundaries between the arms race and the arms trade, secrecy and openness, competition and collaboration.

In addition to her book project, Fong wrote an article investigating the career trajectory of Ding Gongchen (1800-1875), a Muslim maritime merchant and amateur military technologist in mid-19th-century China, which appeared in the journal *Late Imperial China* in 2022. In 2023 *Modern China* published her article examining the Guomindang's student military training program from 1928 to 1937.

Her research has been supported by grants and fellowships from the D. Kim Foundation, the Japan Foundation, the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute. She received her PhD in East Asian history from Columbia University in 2022.

**Isaac C. K. Tan****Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute***History of medicine, Japan, imperialism/colonialism*

Isaac C. K. Tan's current book project looks at the history of ABO blood group research in Japan—charting its historical development since the 1910s and highlighting its wider political, social, and cultural implications in contemporary Japan.

He has also written journal articles on topics ranging from geopolitics in medieval East Asia to the natural history of British colonial India and has received the 2021 AIHP Glenn Sonnedecker Prize for a manuscript on the prescribing-dispensing separation issue in modern Japan.

More information on his academic profile can be found at <https://tckisaac.wordpress.com>.



Ayumi Teraoka

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Alliance politics; coercive diplomacy; Japanese foreign policy and national security

Ayumi Teraoka is a postdoctoral research scholar with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University and a postdoctoral research fellow with the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program. She taught Japanese foreign policy as a lecturer in the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) in Fall 2023 and Fall 2024. Starting in Fall 2025, she will be an assistant professor of politics at Brandeis University.

Teraoka studies alliance politics and security issues in the Indo-Pacific. Her book project, under contract with Columbia University Press, examines the history and interactive effects of the United States' alliance management efforts and China's attempts to weaken US alliances in Asia. Her research has been supported by the Smith Richardson Foundation, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, and the America in the World Consortium, among others.

She holds a PhD and an MA in security studies from Princeton University, an MA in Asian studies from Georgetown University, and a BA in law from Keio University. She also previously held research positions at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, DC.

VISITING SCHOLARS 2024–2025

Zarina Kakenova

January–May 2025

Acting Associate Professor of the Department of Regional Studies, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University

China's expanding soft power in Kazakhstan: new strategies and new frontiers

Dwoook Kim

January 2025–January 2026

Researcher, Dongguk University Institute for World Buddhist Studies

Buddhist healing for addiction

Parviz Mullojonov

January–May 2025

Senior advisor on Central Asia, International Alert

China's role in post-Soviet republics of Central Asia

Xiaofang (Stella) Sheng

September 2024–February 2025

Research Faculty, Department of Economics and Trade, Hunan University of Technology and Business

Exploratory research on company law reform in modern China

Jing Xu

September 2024–February 2025

Shuimu Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science, Tsinghua University

Legacies of colonialism: resettlement strategies, political violence, and antagonistic attitudes in postcolonial East Asia

Junlei Yang

April 2024–April 2025

Professor, Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Fudan University

Film studies in the perspective of digital humanities

Zhen Yang

February 2025–January 2026

Associate Professor, Master's Supervisor, Institute of Tibetan Studies, Minzu University of China

The social and cultural history of Tibet since the Qing Dynasty

Mingming Zhu

September 2024–August 2025

Project Researcher, National School of Development, Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development, Peking University

Artificial intelligence in human resource development and its application in China's labor market

Hong Zuo

September 2024–August 2025

Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Labor Economics, School of Economics, Zhejiang University

The influence of intergenerational mobility of relative poverty on perceptions of distributive justice in China from the state perspective

ROBERT M. IMMERMANN PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS 2024–2025

Chunyu Bai

October 1, 2023–March 30, 2025

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

Hong Chang Chou

October 30, 2024–December 30, 2024

Vice Chairman, Health Affairs Committee, Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT)

Shangguan Hong

February 1, 2025–January 30, 2026

Executive Director, Legend Capital

Shinji Kasuya

July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

Senior Vice President, Development Bank of Japan, Inc.

Almira Sagimbayeva

March 1, 2025–August 30, 2025

Counselor of the Department of Foreign Policy Analysis and Strategic Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Toshiharu Uchida

July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

Deputy General Manager, Development Bank of Japan, Inc.

Leah Wang

October 1, 2024–February 1, 2025

Vice Chairman, CHINAEU

Gwoon Yi

September 1, 2024–August 31, 2025

Staff Reporter, The Korea Economic Daily

DOCTORATES AWARDED 2024-2025

Nolan Bensen

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "The Tripod of Ming Dynasty Foreign Policy"

Stephen (Hyoseak) Choi

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

Tenzin Yewong Dongchung

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Wood Carvers and Deep Forests: Expansion of Tibetan-Language Woodblock Printing Houses"

Tendor Dorjee

Political Science: "Religious Routes to Conflict Mitigation: Buddhism, Nationalism, and Radicalization in the Sino-Tibetan Conflict"

Matthew Easton

Economics: "Essays in Urban and Spatial Economics"

Palden Gyal

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Shifting Terrains of Authority: Religio-Political Governance in the Sino-Tibetan Borderlands, 1650-1911"

Ekaterina Komova

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

Sang Hoon Kong

Economics: "Essays in Regional and International Economics"

Adrienne Le

History: "The Untold Revolution: Buddhist Nation Building in Vietnam's Decolonial Century"

Meng-heng Lee

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Koreanizing Chinese Laws: Illegal Border-Crossing and Suppressing Catholicism in Late Chosŏn Korea (1791-1846)"

Deanna Nardy

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

Sehyun Oh

Art History and Archaeology: "Adaptive Beings: Japanese American Art and Environment, 1923-1943"

Jeong Hyun (Jennifer) So

Social Work: "Time Poverty in the United States and South Korea"

Isaac C. K. Tan

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "The Emergence of Hemotypology (Blood-Group Studies) in Early Twentieth-Century Japan"

Stacie Tao

Social Work: "Three Essays on Economic Insecurity and Its Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in the United States"

Hao Tenggeer

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "The Mind-Medium: A Yin-Yang Philosophy of Media"

Yingchuan Yang

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

Yifan Zhang

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

Xinyi Zhao

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "A National Cinema in Search of a Nation: Media Culture, Spectatorship, and Colonial (After)Lives of Manchuria, 1900s-1940s"

DOCTORAL STUDENTS PREPARING DISSERTATIONS UNDER GUIDANCE OF INSTITUTE FACULTY

David Borgonjon

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

Xuexin Cai

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Making the Chinese Tropical Borderland: Environment, Society, and State in Southern Yunnan and Beyond, 1945-2000"

Vincent Chartray

Economics: International trade and financial economics

Peter Chen

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Cutting the Net Asunder: Anarchist Philology in Late Qing China"

Yu Cheng

Political Science: Comparative politics

Suhyun Choi

Art History and Archaeology: "Transnational Socialism, Decolonial Worldmaking, and the Development of Modern Art in North Korea"

Roya Chu

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

Anna Demina

Architecture, Planning and Preservation: "A Socio-Technical Analysis of Smart Community Microgrids as a Niche Technology"



Yi Deng

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
Recycling and fiction in 19th-century Japan

Albert E. Errickson

East Asian Languages and Cultures: History
of writing and development of vernacular
writing in early modern Vietnam

Patrick Farrell

Economics: Spatial economics and
development

Yuri Handa

Art History and Archaeology: "National"
Photography and Visual Culture in
Meiji Japan: Ogawa Kazumasa and His
Transpacific Journey"

Samuel Hellmann

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

Tianyuan Huang

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
Interaction between gender and sexuality,
international relations, and nation building
in the context of Japan's tradition toward
"modernity"

Maired Hynes

History: "Activist Histories of Women's
War Mobilization in 20th-Century Japan
and the United States"

Shizuka Inoue

Economics: Structural transformation and
technology adoption

Andrew Kahn

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
Japanese media culture

Haejo Kang

Political Science: "The Cultural Logic of
Accountability: How Leadership Ideals
Shape Punishment and Responsiveness"

Iris Kim

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

Stella Kim

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
"Bodies of Virtue: Reproduction and
Motherhood in Early Modern Korea"

Gilbert Lai

Political Science: International relations

Meng Hsian Lee

Art History and Archaeology: "Shophouse,
Verandah Arcade, Decorated Facade: An
Excavation of Commercial Architecture in
Modern Taiwan"

Joanna Lee-Brown

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
"Visions of Emancipation: Islam, Socialism,
and Third World Internationalism in the
People's Republic of China from the Cold
War to the Present"

Hana Lethen

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

Melissa Li

East Asian Languages and Cultures: Kabuki
in 19th-century Japan

Caixia Mao

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

Maho Miyazaki

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
"Female Impersonation, Gender, and Old
Age in Noh Theater"

Dan Nguyen

East Asian Languages and Cultures: History
of the Cochinchinese Intellectual Class
(17th–19th centuries)

Daniel Penner-Hashimoto

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

Tasfia Rahman

Sociomedical Sciences: Medical anthropology

Alexis Rangell-Onwuegbuzia

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
Japanese media culture

Seungyup Shin

Political Science: Essays in autocratic politics

Zhanjie Si

Social Work: "Forbidden Love and Sex:
Structural Stigma Against Leprosy as
Represented by the Marriage Law of China"

Kanako Tajima

Art History and Archaeology: "Between
Tokyo, California, and New York: Feminist
Transnational Art Practice by Women
Artists from Japan in the 1970s–1980s"

Danping Wang

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

Siwei Wang

East Asian Languages and Cultures: "Staging
the Cuban Revolution in Socialist China"

Hanying Wei

Political Science: "Visual Reality: Political
Image and Public Opinion"

Angelo Wong

East Asian Languages and Cultures: Rakugo
and Gothic storytelling

Dongcheng Yang

Economics: Financial frictions,
misallocation, and urban dynamics

Hekang Yang

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

Heewon Yoon

Political Science

Hongyi Yu

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

Yujin Zhang

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

Francesca Zhao

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

Xun Zheng

East Asian Languages and Cultures:
Japanese media culture

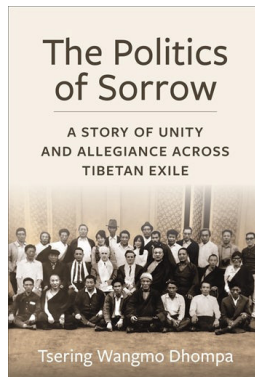
Yinghui Zhou

Political Science: Comparative politics

4 PUBLICATIONS

STUDIES OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE

The Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute is a series sponsored by the Institute and directed by Professors Carol Gluck, Luran Hartley, Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, and Lao Yu. The aim of this series is to bring to light new scholarship on modern and contemporary East and Southeast Asia. The series, established in 1962, now comprises more than 200 titles by scholars from all over the world, including many from Columbia University. The studies are published individually by a variety of university and trade presses. Seven titles were published during the 2024-25 academic year:



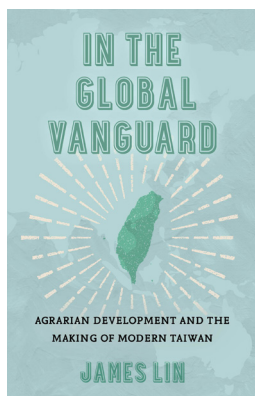
Dhomba, Tsering Wangmo

The Politics of Sorrow: Unity and Allegiance Across Tibetan Exile. Columbia University Press, 2025.



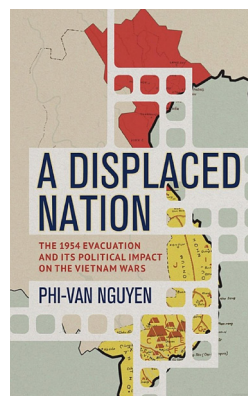
Lukauskas, Arvid J., and Shimabukuro, Yumiko

Misery Beneath the Miracle in East Asia. Cornell University Press, 2024.



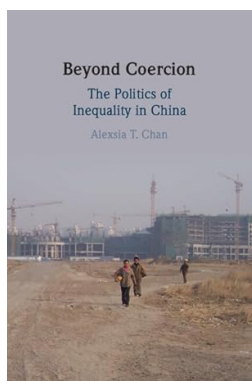
Lin, James

In the Global Vanguard: Taiwan, Agrarian Development, and the World. University of California Press, 2025.



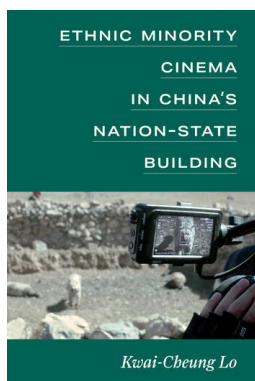
Nguyen, Phi-Van

A Displaced Nation: The 1954 Evacuation and Its Political Impact on the Vietnam Wars. Cornell University Press, 2024.



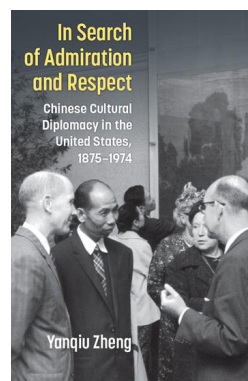
Chan, Alessia

Beyond Coercion: The Political Logic of Inequality in China. Cambridge University Press, 2025.



Lo, Kwai-Cheung

Ethnic Minority Cinema in China's Nation-State Building. New York: University of Michigan Press, 2025.



Zheng, Yanqiu

In Search of Admiration and Respect: Chinese Cultural Diplomacy in the United States, 1875-1974. University of Michigan Press, 2024.

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

This endowment was created to enable young scholars to publish their first work. The donor, Mervyn Seldon, was a SIPA alumna who worked for the Institute's publications program more than 30 years ago. It was her hope, through this endowment, that the Institute's publications programs will continue to benefit young scholars of East Asia for many years to come. In 2024-25, the awardee was Dáša Pejchar Mortensen of Davidson College, for her book *Coercing Shangri-la: Communist Party Rule in Eastern Tibet*, which is expected from Cornell University Press in late 2026.

PUBLISHED WORKS BY INSTITUTE FACULTY

Maria Adele Carrai

With Jiayong Liang, Ammar A. Malik, Xi Gao, Xuyan Gao, Lihan Feng, and Kangning Huang. "Measuring rising heat and flood risk along the belt-and-road initiative." *Discover Environment* 2, article 119 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s44274-024-00148-9>.

"Infrastructure Diplomacy in Africa: Comparing the EU's Global Gateway and China's Belt and Road Initiative." In *The Palgrave Handbook on China-Europe-Africa Relations*, edited by Francisco Leandro, Jorge Tavares da Silva, Tichao Li, and Carlos Rodrigues. Palgrave Macmillan, 2025.

Review of *One and All: The Logic of Chinese Sovereignty* by Pang Laikwan (Stanford University Press, 2024). *The China Quarterly* 259 (2024): 824-25. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305741024000791>.

Review of *The National Security Law of Hong Kong, Restoration and Transformation*, edited by Hualing Fu and Michael Hor (Hong Kong

University Press, 2022). *Chinese Studies International* 28, no. 1 (2024): 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1353/csi.2024.a932235>.

Thomas J. Christensen

"Competition, Cold War, or Conflict? Navigating U.S.-China Relations." In *Great Decisions: 2025 Edition*, edited by G. John Ikenberry. Foreign Policy Association, 2025.

With the Task Force on U.S.-China Policy. *Memo on U.S. Policy to China*, report of the Asia Society Center on U.S.-China Relations and the 21st Century China Center, March 2025.

"Will U.S.-PRC Military Competition Go Global?: Why Russia's Invasion of Ukraine Matters." In *Not Just Another Cold War: The Global Implications of the U.S.-China Rivalry*, edited by Bård Nikolas Vik Steen. Oxford University Press, 2025.

"Mutually Assured Disruption: Globalization, Security, and the Dangers of Decoupling." *World Politics* 77, no. 1, Supplement, January 2025 (75th Anniversary Special Issue).

Qin Gao

With Candace Yandam Riviere. "Gains from Contractualization: Evidence from Labor Regulations on Chinese Workers." *China Law and Society Review* 9, no. 2 (2024): 109-139. <https://doi.org/10.1163/25427466-20240004>.

With Xiaoman Zhao, Sui Yang, and Shi Li. "More urban-rural integrated Chinese social welfare: How do education benefits improve the picture?" *Journal of Asian Economics* 98 (June 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2025.101940>.

With Huawei Han and Yalu Zhang. "Do Public Transfers Crowd Out Private Transfers from Adult Children to Their Empty-Nest Older Parents in Rural China? The Role of Grandchild Care." *Journal of Aging & Social Policy* (June 2025), 1-26. doi: 10.1080/08959420.2025.2523120.

Nobuhisa Ishizuka

"Existential Threats and Deterrence: Japan's Legal Pathway to Enhanced Collective Security in Asia." *American University International Law Review* 40, no. 2 (2025). <https://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/auilr/vol40/iss2/1>.

"Judicial Action Nudging Japan Towards Marriage Equality." *East Asia Forum*, December 11, 2024. <https://eastasiaforum.org/2024/12/11/judicial-action-nudging-japan-towards-marriage-equality/>.

Jungwon Kim

Virtue That Matters: Chastity Culture and Social Power in Chosŏn Korea (1392-1910). Harvard University Press, 2025.

Benjamin L. Liebman

With Molly Bodurtha, Li Chenqian, and Wu Xiaohan. "Contesting and Controlling Abortion in China's Courts." *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law* 45, no. 1 (2024):1-80. <https://doi.org/10.52214/cjgl.v45i1.13184>.

With Rachel E. Stern and Jieun Kim. "Performing Legality: When and Why Chinese Government Leaders Show Up in Court." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11366-024-09901-6>.

Yao Lu

"Political Demography: The Political Consequences of Structural Population Change." *Annual Review of Sociology* 50:603-625 (August 2024). <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-030222-024414>.

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Xiaobo Lü

With Junzhi He and Yu Zeng. (2025). "Constituency Service and Valence Voting in Semi-Competitive Elections: Theory and Evidence From China." *Political Studies*, December 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323217241307177>.

Arvid J. Lukauskas

With Yumiko Shimabukuro. *Misery Beneath the Miracle in East Asia*. Cornell University Press, 2024.

Kenneth Mori McElwain

With Shusei Eshima, Ai Takahashi, and Christian G Winkler. "Constitutional design preferences: An experimental approach." *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 22, no. 3 (July 2024): 680-709. <https://doi.org/10.1093/icon/moae052>.

Ann Marie Murphy

With Amy Freedman. "Indonesia: Protecting Migrant Workers at Home and Abroad." In *States and Their Nationals Abroad: Support, Coopt, Repress*, edited by Klaus Brummer and Sumit Ganguly. Cambridge University Press, 2024.

"Prospects for U.S.-Indonesian Relations Under President Prabowo Subianto."

Asia Policy 19, no. 4 (October 2024): 91-152. <https://www.nbr.org/publication/indonesias-future-political-economic-and-foreign-policy-challenges-under-prabowo/>.

Southeast Asia Views the United States: Perceptions, Policies, and Prospects. Rowman & Littlefield, 2025.

Andrew J. Nathan

With the Task Force on U.S.-China Policy. *Memo on U.S. Policy to China*, report of the Asia Society Center on U.S.-China Relations and the 21st Century China Center, March 2025.

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5 RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF THE WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AFFILIATES

WEAI RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Center for Korean Research

The Center for Korean Research (CKR) was established in 1988. Theodore Hughes was director from 2013 to 2021, Kim Brandt served as interim director from 2021 to 2023, and Seong Uk Kim served as interim director from 2023 through 2024. In January 2025, Ruth Barraclough, the new Korea Foundation Associate Professor of Korean Studies in the Social Sciences, was appointed the new director of CKR; and a new assistant director, Peter Yoon, was hired. 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 academic community. In 2016, the Academy of Korean Studies awarded CKR a five-year Core University Grant in support of graduate fellowships, postdoctoral positions, adjunct teaching, Korean library collection cataloging, and the development of Korean studies research networks.

In the academic year 2024–25, CKR sponsored or cosponsored talks and events covering a wide range of topics. Subjects included an analysis of North Korean society and politics through the medium of music, Korean Christianity and new religious movements, criminalizing adultery in South Korea, US–North Korea relations, and the urban environment in South Korea. In addition, CKR cohosted a range of events with the Korea Society in New York on security and politics on the Korean peninsula. We also hosted debut novelist Rosa Kwon Easton to talk about her work of historical fiction, *White Mulberry*, which is set in northern Korea during the Japanese colonial period, and welcomed back Columbia graduate Sixiang Wang, now a professor at UCLA, to give a talk on his award-winning book *Boundless Winds of Empire: Rhetoric and Ritual in Early*

Chosŏn Diplomacy with Ming China. CKR members met with the Korea Foundation; participated in the Association of Asian Studies conference in Columbus, Ohio; and had meaningful meetings with Columbia alumni. We look forward to an exciting slate of events in the new academic year.

Modern Tibetan Studies Program

The Modern Tibetan Studies Program (MTSP) at Columbia University celebrated its 25th year in 2024–25. The program is integral to the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, which has hosted MTSP since its inception and provides funding for a significant share of its public programming.

Upon its establishment in fall 1999, MTSP became the first academic program in the world dedicated to bringing a contemporary focus to Tibetan studies. Since October 2021, it has been directed by Luran Hartley, following two decades of growth under Robert Barnett (1999–2018) and Eveline Washul (2019–2021). Gray Tuttle, Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, and Kristina Dy-Liacco, Tibetan Studies Librarian, actively assist on the MTSP Core Team; and Dominique Townsend, Jey Tsongkhapa Associate Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhism, joined the team last fall.

In cooperation with Columbia's Departments of Religion and of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC), the program supports instruction in both modern and classical Tibetan language and courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, covering Tibetan history from the 17th to the 20th century, material culture, religion, contemporary Tibetan art, biography, film, climate change, and other subjects. Recent courses have included early modern and 20th-century Tibetan history, Sino-Tibetan relations, Tibetan sacred geography, Tibetan literature, Tibetan cultural production and social change, infrastructure and urbanization in Tibet, and Tibetan life-writing.

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

The program is supported by an outstanding library collection of books and manuscripts about Tibet. The collection, one of the largest in the world, is based at Columbia's C.V. Starr East Asian Library and includes more than 20,000 books on Tibet in English, Tibetan, and Chinese and a major digital library of classical Tibetan texts, as well as audiovisual materials and archives. With WEAI funding, several hundred archival items have also been digitized and are available in Columbia's Digital Library Collections. Kristina Dy-Liacco has served since 2022 as Tibetan Studies Librarian at the Starr Library and jointly through a cooperative program at the University of Toronto.

MTSP collaborates with other Tibetan studies initiatives in the New York City area, including the Rubin Museum of Art, the Latse Project, the Treasury of Lives, the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, and the Newark Museum, as well as other universities in North America and Europe, and has an exchange relationship with the Central Nationalities University in Beijing. From 2014 through 2025, MTSP also led business training workshops and exchanges for Tibetan entrepreneurs focused on ecotourism, agriculture, pastoralism, sustainable architecture, and other economic sectors.

In July 2024, with support from the Henry Luce Foundation, MTSP launched "Expanding Tibetan Studies: Indigenous Knowledge & Climate Change Research," a five-year project to engage Tibetan and Himalayan-based scholars and practitioners working on related topics. The collaboration leverages MTSP's work with

the Climate School/Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and with researchers at other universities around the world, including two course initiatives at Columbia: “The Third Pole: A Climate History of the Tibetan Plateau,” taught by Professor Gray Tuttle with Dr. Hung Nguyen, a hydrologist and dendrologist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of the Climate School; and “Climate Change: The Tibetan Plateau as a Case Study,” taught by Konchok Gelek, postdoctoral scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute in 2023–2024.

The Henry Luce Foundation’s generous award in effect renews critical support that laid the cornerstone for MTSP in 2004, when the Foundation provided a \$3 million gift to establish the world’s first chair in modern Tibetan studies. Gray Tuttle has held the position since its founding and has served as chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures since July 2023.

MTSP launched its 2024–25 public programming in September with a weekend finale to the yearlong film series “Legacies: Pema Tsenden & New Tibetan Cinema.” With WEAI funding, the two-day event brought three “next generation” Tibetan filmmakers from Lhasa, Beijing, and Paris, respectively, for screenings of their work at the Lenfest Center for the Arts, followed by conversations with film scholars from Columbia’s School of the Arts, Barnard College, and the Museum of Modern Art. Additionally, nine other public events during the year featured Tibetan entrepreneurs and writers, and scholars working in the areas of sociolinguistics, modern history, and ecologies of care. The year closed with a public talk by Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche, founder of the Tergar Institute, and a book discussion with Edward Wong of *The New York Times*. For event recordings, visit: <https://bit.ly/MTSP-on-YouTube>.

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.

<https://mtsp.weai.columbia.edu>

Japan Research Program

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

Global Vietnam Studies Program

The Global Vietnam Studies Program (GVSP) offers courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels focused on the society, history, politics, and culture of Vietnam from the premodern era to the present day, as well as language courses at all levels. Faculty include Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, who holds the Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia (History), and John D. Phan, who teaches Vietnamese Humanities and Cultures in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC). They are joined by Chung Nguyen, the director of (and an instructor in) the language program; award-winning filmmaker Tony Bui, artist-in-residence at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute; EALAC Adjunct Lecturer in Vietnamese Vinh Q. Nguyen; and Kristy Kelly, adjunct associate professor of international and public affairs at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).

The 2024–25 academic year saw GVSP forging ahead on multiple projects. The Vietnam Policy Dialogue Initiative (VPDI) carried out a series of high-level engagements with Vietnam’s central and local governments—efforts meant to support Vietnam’s domestic policy reforms while advancing US strategic interests through leadership development, economic modernization, and institutional capacity building. Highlights include the successful implementation of the Ho Chi Minh City Executive Leadership Program (HELP) from October 30 to November 2, in which rising officials from Vietnam’s most populous city and largest financial center met with US experts on finance and technology for workshops and talks on moving Vietnam toward an innovative, digital-first, 21st-century economy. Those meetings led into preparations for the Vietnam Executive Leadership Program (VELP) held on April 7–8, 2025; the launch of a new research collaboration with the Central Commission on Policy and Strategy; and discussions with senior Vietnamese leaders, including General Secretary Tô Lâm and Prime Minister Phạm Minh Chính. In addition, the initiative organized a one-day policy dialogue on May 1, 2025, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of US-Vietnam diplomatic relations.

Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, Digitizing Vietnam: The Virtual Future of Global Vietnam and Vietnamese Studies is a collaboration with Fulbright University Vietnam that aims to make available a large archive of digitized premodern manuscript collections and to provide a comprehensive catalog of archival and library collections from the modern era that are located in Vietnam. Digitizing Vietnam will also develop digital humanities tools to ensure these archives and collections are accessible for scholarly and public use.

GVSP’s more public-facing activities began in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City last July, when Professors Nguyen and Phan led a pair of “Columbia Conversations,” panel discussions that introduced the



program to potential new partners while affirming its ties with local Columbia alumni. Highlighting GVSP's commitment to Vietnamese arts and culture, Tony Bui moderated parallel programs in both cities with Vietnamese filmmakers who discussed the importance of regional storytelling as a medium of cross-cultural understanding. In September, Professor Nguyen introduced and moderated General Secretary and President of Vietnam Tô Lâm's appearance at the annual Columbia World Leaders Forum; President Lâm was then the special guest at a GVSP private event, "Unity Through Art," hosted by Asia Society New York and moderated by Tony Bui.

In the spring, the Global Vietnam Studies Program mounted its most momentous public undertaking to date: "50-30: From War to Peace in Vietnam and the United States," a three-day series of events marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and the 30th anniversary of US-Vietnam reconciliation. Writers, artists, historians and other scholars, and three current and former Vietnamese ambassadors were just some of the guests who joined GVSP for what *Columbia News* called a "profound and moving" commemoration of these two milestone anniversaries. (More coverage of 50-30 appears in "Public Programming," the next section of this report.)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AFFILIATES

APEC Study Center

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

<https://business.columbia.edu/apec>

Center on Japanese Economy and Business

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

<https://business.columbia.edu/cjeb>

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-U.S. Friendship Commission. The center administers a range of research-oriented, programmatic, and informal programs designed to enhance understanding of the Japanese legal system. It also maintains strong ties with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and the Center on Japanese Economy and Business. Currently, the center is expanding its activities to reflect the dynamic legal shift underway in Japan in response to the geopolitical environment in Asia—changes that affect Japan's security posture under the postwar constitution.

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

Center for Korean Legal Studies

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

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

China Center for Social Policy

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

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

Columbia Global Centers | Beijing

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

Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program

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

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

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

C.V. Starr East Asian Library

The C.V. Starr East Asian Library holds the third largest collection for the study of East Asia in North America, with more than 1.3 million print items of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, Mongol, Manchu, and Western-language materials and more than 8,500 periodical titles as well as 2.7 million volumes of ebooks in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, and English. The collection is particularly strong in Chinese history, literature, and social sciences; Japanese literature, history, and religion, particularly Buddhism; and Korean history. The Kress Special Collections Reading Room provides access to the rare

book and special collections, which are especially strong in Chinese local histories and genealogies; Japanese Edo-period woodblock printed books; the Makino Collection in East Asian film studies and Wan-go Weng Film Collection; and the Korean Yi Song-yi Collection of rare books, as well as collections of ancient Chinese oracle bones, Chinese paper gods from the early 20th century, signed first editions of modern Japanese authors, Edo-period *ukiyo-e*, and Chinese archival collections, such as Ta-Chun Hsu Papers. The library's microfilm collection is also extensive; and its East Asian Film Collection focuses on early Korean and Japanese feature films and documentaries and on contemporary Chinese feature and independent films, documentaries, television series, local operas, and martial arts, with more than 10,000 DVD titles. Online records have been created for almost all of the collection.

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

Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

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

www.keenecenter.org

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 L. Liebman.

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

New York Southeast Asia Network

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

<http://www.nysean.org>

6 PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Vietnamese President Tô Lâm Addresses Columbia World Leaders Forum

On September 23, Tô Lâm, the president of Vietnam and general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, spoke about his country's future and its relations with the United States and China at Columbia's annual World Leaders Forum. WEAI Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen moderated the follow-up discussion. Lâm's speech celebrated the comprehensive strategic partnership signed between Vietnam and the US in 2023—a significant upgrade in diplomatic relations between the two nations—and touted his government's plan to reconfigure the Vietnamese economy for the digital age, emphasizing the need to boost capacity in science and technology and elevate the education level and skill sets of its workers.

Stephen Roach: The 15th Annual N.T. Wang Distinguished Lecture

In the 2024 N.T. Wang Distinguished Lecture, "A New Approach to US-China Engagement—Before It's Too Late," former chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia and current senior fellow at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center Stephen Roach laid out his views on a new approach to conflict resolution grounded both in diplomacy and institutional collaboration. Xiaobo Lü, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science at Barnard College, moderated the follow-up discussion.

Anthropology Professor Myron L. Cohen Retires After Almost 60 Years

Former WEAI Director Myron L. Cohen, a professor of anthropology specializing in Chinese society, retired with emeritus status in July 2024 and celebrated his retirement—surrounded by colleagues, students, friends, and family—at a party held at Columbia on October 18. Professor Cohen was the seventh director of the East Asian Institute (as it was known before its 2003 renaming) and served for two terms, from 1975 to 1976 and from 2006 to 2014. As director, he led the Institute through several major milestones, including events commemorating its 60th anniversary in Beijing, Tokyo, and Seoul.

MTSP: Rural Green Business Training and Exchange Program

In October 2024, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program (MTSP) welcomed 11 Tibetan entrepreneurs—specialists in wool product development, organic farming, and sustainable architecture—from remote areas of Nepal and northern India. MTSP Director Luran Hartley coordinated the one-month visit, which comprised the second half of an international exchange launched in May 2024, when seven US professionals traveled to Ladakh for a study tour focusing on rural green business development. The Tibetan visitors spent two weeks visiting farms, weaving guilds, nonprofits and cooperatives, and an architectural preservation firm in New York and New Jersey. Workshops and site visits in Washington, DC, then focused on cultural preservation and community development. The trip concluded with a week in the Appalachian area of North Carolina. A hallmark initiative of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program for more than 14 years, the exchange program was terminated in the spring of 2025 due to cuts in federal funding.

On following page: Columbia University Rural Green Business Training and Exchange Project participants with filmmaker Stanzin Dorjai Gya (second from left) and his sister Tsering (center) in the Leh District of Ladakh. Coordinated by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program (MTSP), the trip was the first half of a two-way exchange that concluded in November 2024 with the visit of 11 Tibetan entrepreneurs to the US. (Photo: Jason Pardilla / www.jasonpardillaphotography.com)





Elections Aftermath: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges in US-Japan Relations

On November 18, less than two weeks after Donald Trump's reelection, Columbia University and Keio University convened experts on East Asian and global politics for a full-day conference exploring the challenges and opportunities arising from leadership transitions in both Tokyo and Washington. Four individual sessions focused on how the two allies could shape the security and political dynamics of the Korean Peninsula, Southeast Asia, the Taiwan Strait, and the international order. Taken cumulatively, the four sessions offered solutions for how the US-Japan partnership might adapt to a global landscape marked by growing political volatility and escalating US-China rivalry.

Ronnie C. Chan on "The Past, Present, and Future of US-China Relations"

On December 2, in a special Low Library forum, Ronnie C. Chan, honorary chair of the Hong Kong-based real estate concern Hang Lung Properties and chair emeritus of the Asia Society, spoke with WEAI Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen about the implications of Donald Trump's reelection for the US-China relationship and worldwide stability. Chan drew on his long experience in business and philanthropy to offer frank commentary leavened with occasional doses of humor. Introductory remarks by both then Columbia Interim President Katrina Armstrong and Professor Jeffrey Sachs alluded to the University's longstanding involvement, in President Armstrong's words, with "the people and institutions of China"—an involvement that stretches back to the late 19th century.

Columbia to Thailand and Southeast Asia: Bridging Communities and Building Legacies

In Bangkok on February 20, WEAI reconnected with local alumni and simultaneously made some new friends at "Columbia to Thailand and Southeast Asia: Bridging Communities and Building Legacies," a one-day conference at the Piano Museum (140 Wireless) that highlighted the Institute's longstanding commitment to Southeast Asian Studies through a series of talks and panel discussions. The conference was presented in partnership with Thailand's Chulalongkorn University and the National University of Singapore. In the keynote, WEAI Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen discussed Thailand's place in Columbia's global footprint and underscored the importance of Southeast Asian studies and the Master in Regional Studies East Asia (MARSEA) program to Weatherhead's academic mission.

The Second Trump Administration: Opportunities and Challenges for United States-Southeast Asian Relations Under Trump II

How will Southeast Asian states respond to Washington's apparent abandonment of the global order it has supported since World War II? On March 27, WEAI partnered with the New York Southeast Asian Network (ASEAN), the Columbia Journalism School, and the China and the World Program for a daylong conference exploring these and related questions. An international lineup of scholars, diplomats, and other government officials from several ASEAN member states analyzed potential scenarios for the trajectory of US-Southeast Asian relations under the second Trump administration.

Legacies of War: Vietnam Across the Divides on the Criterion Channel

For the Criterion Channel, the prestigious cinephile streaming platform, WEAI Artist in Residence Tony Bui curated *Legacies of War: Vietnam Across the Divides*, a diverse collection of 13 films about the Vietnam War by Vietnamese and American (including Vietnamese American) filmmakers. Timed to the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, the series depicts, from both sides, the experiences of soldiers and civilians, veterans, refugees, and most consistently, the scores of people who lost loved ones. To ensure that the Vietnamese films in the series were available in quality transfers, Bui enlisted the help of Vietnam's Permanent Mission at the United Nations and the Hanoi-based Vietnam Film Institute, which was established in 1979 as an archive for the Republic's cinematic and audiovisual heritage.

The 2025 Borton-Mosely Distinguished Lecture: Bilahari Kausikan on "The Cold War, Russia-China Relations, and the Making (and Unmaking?) of Southeast Asia"

Speaking at the Journalism School on April 8, veteran Singaporean diplomat Bilahari Kausikan recounted how the Cold War and the rivalry between China and the USSR gave rise to ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the federation of states that was founded in 1967 to promote regional stability. Kausikan argued that the formation of ASEAN, in turn, helped shape Southeast Asian identity. The lecture built on the ties Kausikan established with WEAI in Singapore in July 2024, when he gave a talk to Columbia alumni and visiting faculty as part of the Institute's summer tour of Asia. Andrew J. Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science at Columbia University, and Alexander Cooley, Vice Provost for Research, Libraries, and Academic Centers and Claire Tow Professor of Political Science at Barnard College, moderated.

MTSP Turns 25

On April 4, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program (MTSP) hosted a luncheon at Columbia University's Faculty House to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Guests included several longtime supporters and the heads of several organizations with whom MTSP partners. Program Director Luran Hartley opened the lunch with an overview of the program and its current priorities. Two recent graduates, Dr. Tenzin Yewong Dongchung and Dr. Riga Tsegyal Shakya, spoke on how MTSP supported their studies and its importance for engaged scholarship. Other presenters included Professors Gray Tuttle (Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures), Dominique Townsend (Department of Religion), and Kristina Dy-Liacco (Tibetan Studies Librarian, C.V. Starr East Asian Library).

Befriending the Mind: Buddhist Approaches to Working with Stress and Anxiety

In this MTSP program, on April 29, renowned Tibetan Buddhist master and meditation teacher Mingyur Rinpoche drew on his own experiences of anxiety from childhood to explore Buddhist understandings of mind in comprehensible terms—through stories, science, and humor—to a packed audience at Earl Hall Auditorium. Dominique Townsend, Jey Tsong Khapa Associate Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhism in the Department of Religion, served as moderator.

50-30: From War to Peace in Vietnam and the United States

On the semicentennial anniversary of the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, the Weatherhead East Asian Institute mounted a profound and moving three-day symposium commemorating not one milestone but two—the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and the 30th anniversary of US-Vietnam reconciliation.

Presented in partnership with the Journalism School, Columbia Global, and the School of the Arts, “50-30: From War to Peace in Vietnam and the United States” (April 30–May 2) was one of the most high-profile, international commemorations of these milestones outside of Vietnam. By convening an extraordinary group of historians, writers, artists, activists, and filmmakers, as well as diplomats and military veterans from both countries, the symposium addressed the legacies of the war in Vietnam, particularly from perspectives south of the 17th parallel; the long road to reconciliation and the future of the U.S.-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership; and the power of arts and culture to heal the wounds of war and promote peace in America and Vietnam today. Billed as an integral part of Weatherhead Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen’s Global Core lecture course, *The Vietnam War: A Special 50th Anniversary Edition*, the conference attracted not only hundreds of students from the course but also WEAI community members and many whose lives were touched by the Vietnam War.



Mingyur Rinpoche at Earl Hall on April 29, 2025.

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April 30 (cosponsored by the Columbia Journalism School)

New Histories of the Republic of Vietnam and the South Vietnamese Diaspora.

Opening Remarks: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; *John Phan*, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures; *Duy Linh Tu*, Professor of Professional Practice in the Faculty of Journalism, Columbia Journalism School. Chair: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*. Speakers: *Mai Elliott*, Pomona College (emeritus); *Sean Fear*, Leeds University; *Adrienne Le*, Columbia University. Moderator: *Edward Miller*, Dartmouth College.

Beyond Legacy, Beyond Memory: South Vietnamese Literature from the Fall into the Future.

Chair and Moderator: *John Phan*, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Speakers: *Thúy Đình*, editor, literary translator, critic; coeditor, *Da Màu*, Editor-at-Large, *Asymptote*; freelance critic, NPR Books; *Olga Dror*, Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University; *Trinh Luu*, U.S.-Vietnam Research Center, University of Oregon; *Nu-Anh Tran*, Associate Professor, Department of History & Asian and Asian American Studies Institute, University of Connecticut. Speakers via video: *Phan Nhật Nam*, writer, critic, former officer in the Republic of Vietnam's Airborne Division; *Nhã Ca*, poet and novelist.

Sartorial Retrospective on the Republic of Vietnam: First Ladies' Ao Dai.

Chair: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Speakers: *Ann Marie Leshkovich*, College of the Holy Cross; *Martina Nguyen*, Baruch College; *Tuong Vu*, University of Oregon; Founding Director, U.S.-Vietnam Research Center. Moderator: *Laurel Kendall*, Columbia University; Curator, Asian Ethnology, Curator-in-Charge of African and Pacific Ethnology, American Museum of Natural History.

From the Fall of Saigon to Political Participation in the US Chair and Moderator: *Duy Linh Tu*, Professor of Professional Practice in the Faculty of Journalism, Columbia Journalism School. Speakers: *Lan Cao*, Chapman University School of Law; *Hoi Trinh*, Lawyer and Executive Director, Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment.

Keynote and Ao Dai Exhibition Featuring Kieu Chinh. *Kieu Chinh*, Vietnamese American actress. Moderator: *Tony Bui*, Artist in Residence, Weatherhead East Asian Institute.

May 1 (cosponsored by Columbia Global)

From US-Vietnam Reconciliation to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: State-to-State Relations. Opening Remarks: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; Co-Founder of Global Vietnam Studies. Chair: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*. Speakers: *Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Dzung*, Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States; *David Shear*, former US Ambassador to Vietnam; *Thomas Vallely*, Senior Advisor for Vietnam, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Moderator: *Chinh Chu*, CC Capital.

From US-Vietnam Reconciliation to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: The Future. Chair: *Chinh Chu*, CC Capital. Moderator: *Thomas Vallely*, Senior Advisor for Vietnam, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Speakers: *Ambassador Dang Hoang Giang*, Permanent Representative of Vietnam to the United Nations; *Daniel Krittenbrink*, former US Ambassador to Vietnam; *Annabel Lee*, Director, Strategic Policy Engagements and Campaigns (APJ) and ASEAN, Amazon Web Services.

Lessons from US-Vietnam Reconciliation: Roadmap for the World. Chair: *Wafaa El-Sadr*, Executive Vice President of Columbia Global. Speakers: *Paige Arthur*, Director of Global Programming, Columbia Global; *Ambassador Dang Dinh Quy*, former Permanent Representative of Vietnam to the United Nations; *Adam Tooze*, Chair of the Committee on Global Thought; Director of the European Institute; *Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis* Professor of History. Moderator: *Jean-Marie Guehenno*, Director of the Kent Global Leadership Program on Conflict Resolution, School of International and Public Affairs.

The Making of The Vietnam War.

Speakers: *Ken Burns* and *Lynn Novick*, co-directors and producers of *The Vietnam War* (2017); *Sarah Botstein*, co-producer of *The Vietnam War*; *Ho Dang Hoa*, co-producer of *The Vietnam War* and Emmy Award winner for Outstanding Research; *Nancy Biberman*; *Mai Elliott*; *Roger Harris*; *Lo Khac Tam*; *Thomas Vallely*, Senior Advisor for Vietnam, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Moderator: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute.

May 2 (cosponsored by the School of the Arts)

Conversations Left Unsettled: Healing the Wounds of War in Vietnam Through the Arts. Speakers: *Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai*, poet and author; *Peter Steinhauer*, photographer. Moderator: *Tony Bui*, Artist in Residence, Weatherhead East Asian Institute.

Cinema, War, and Conscience. Opening Remarks: *Sarah Cole*, Dean of Columbia University School of the Arts. Speakers: *Phillip Noyce*, director of *The Quiet American* (2002); *Tony Bui*, Artist in Residence, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, and Adjunct Professor, School of the Arts. Moderator: *Ted Osius*, former US Ambassador to Vietnam.

75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Summer 2024 Alumni Series in Asia

In celebration of its 75th anniversary year, WEAI undertook the Summer 2024 Alumni Series in Asia: a first-of-its-kind tour of key cities across Northeast and Southeast Asia meant to reestablish ties with alumni communities and local partners.

Tokyo (May 28)

For the series launch in Tokyo, former WEAI Director Gerald L. Curtis offered a talk on the prospects for political change in Japan and the challenges facing the US-Japan alliance in an increasingly multipolar international environment.

Taipei (July 11-13)

Commemorating Columbia anthropology professor Myron L. Cohen's retirement after a nearly 60-year career, a panel at Academia Sinica's Institute of Ethnology convened several anthropologists whose interests represent the range of current anthropological research in Taiwan. The next day, WEAI faculty members Cohen, Andrew J. Nathan, and Lien-Hang T. Nguyen gave talks at National Chengchi University's College of Social Sciences on ethnicity and identity in Taiwan; political participation since Taiwan's turn to democracy; and evolving relationships among Taiwan, the US, and Southeast Asian nations.

Hanoi (July 14-17)

The first leg of WEAI's 75th anniversary Vietnam trip saw Columbia faculty reconnecting with local partners for a policy talk on infrastructure investment, the role of the private sector in development, and the evolving US-Vietnam relationship. Tony Bui moderated a talk with filmmakers Dang Nhat Minh, Nguyen Hoang Diep, and Pham Ngoc Lan.



WEAI Artist in Residence Tony Bui with director Dang Nhat Minh in Hanoi on July 15, 2024. (Jamie-Maxtone Graham)

Ho Chi Minh City (July 17-22)

WEAI Senior Advisor for Vietnam Thomas Vallely joined several Columbia faculty members for a talk on Vietnam's past, present, and possible future. Tony Bui's "Conversations on Storytelling: Regional Voices, Global Impact" series showcased Vietnamese film professionals Leon Le (director and actor), Tran Thi Bich Ngoc (producer), Phan Gia Nhat Linh (director and producer), Trinh Dinh Le Minh (director), and Nguyen Phan Linh Dan (cinematographer).

Singapore (July 28-August 1)

A book launch for *As Equals: The Oei Women of Java* by Daryl Yeap, a historian of the Straits Chinese, led into a panel discussion, moderated by WEAI Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, on Southeast Asia's role on the global stage. Participants included Singaporean diplomat Bilahari Kausikan; Chien Wen Kung, assistant professor of history at the National University of Singapore; and WEAI faculty member John D. Phan, assistant professor

in Columbia's Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Tony Bui's series "Conversations on Storytelling" continued with Singaporean directors Anthony Chen and Nicole Midori Woodford and producer Jeremy Chua.

Hong Kong (August 1-4)

At the Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute, four WEAI faculty members delivered talks on, among other topics, China-US relations and Vietnam's long history with China. Tony Bui screened the digital restoration of his feature film *Three Seasons* and led a panel discussion with local filmmaker Derek Tsang and Dr. Wilfred Wong, chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council.

Beijing (August 4-7)

The Summer Alumni Series in Asia concluded with "The Global Impact of American Politics," a panel discussion featuring WEAI faculty members Xiaobo Lü, Qin Gao, and Junyan Jiang in conversation with Columbia graduates affiliated with NYU Shanghai, Peking University, and Tsinghua University.

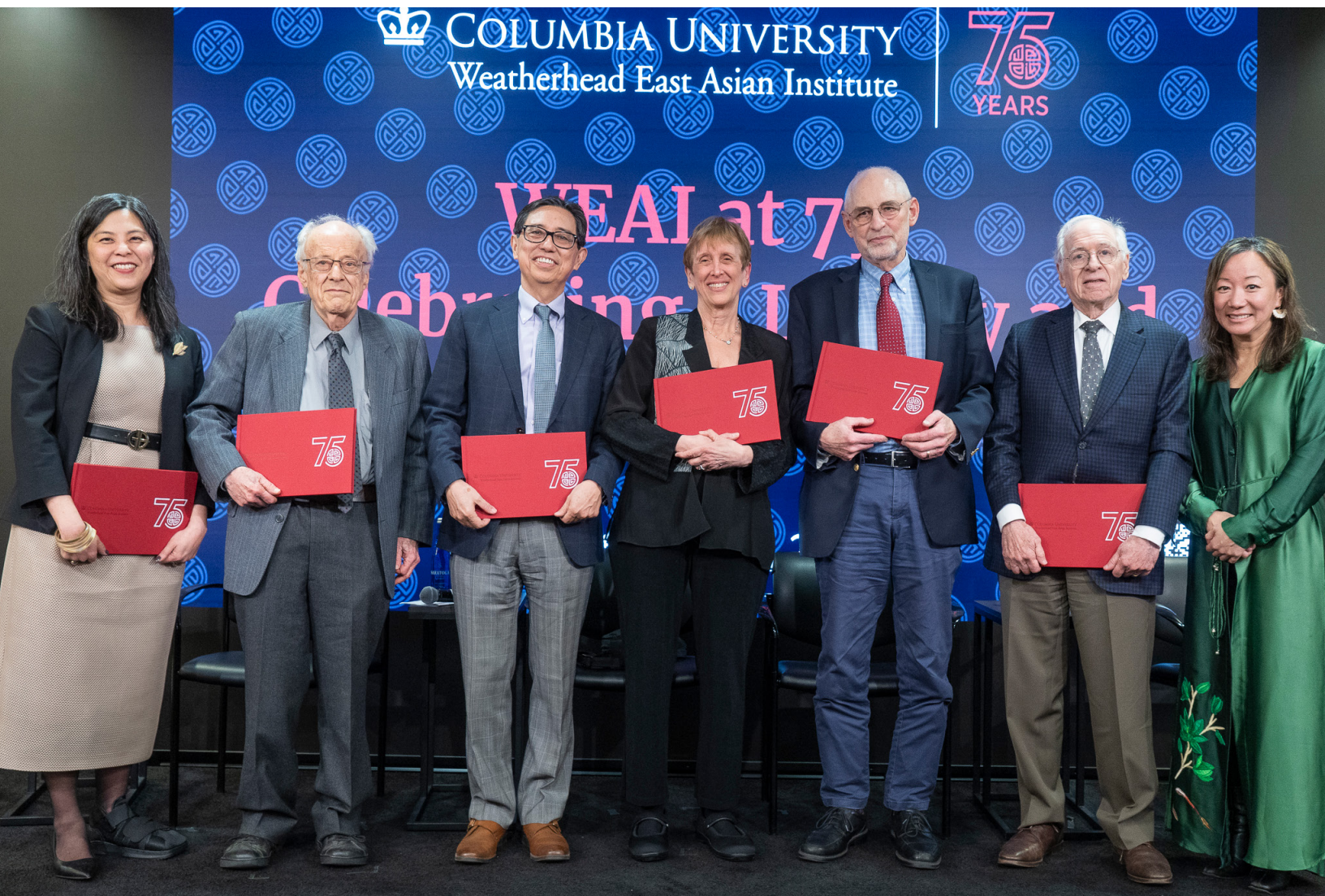
WEAI at 75: Celebrating a Legacy and Looking Ahead

For this December 9 event that closed out Weatherhead's 75th anniversary activities, WEAI Director Lien-Hang T. Nguyen joined six former directors—Gerald L. Curtis, Myron L. Cohen, Eugenia Lean, Xiaobo Lü, Andrew J. Nathan, and Madeleine H. Zelin—for a panel discussion that was an opportunity to look back on the Institute's storied history and ahead to its future. A persistent theme of community unified directors' testimonies stretching back over 50 years.

75th Anniversary Commemorations Limited-Edition Book Launch

In tandem with its December 9 panel discussion, WEAI released *The Weatherhead East Asian Institute: 75 Years of Northeast, Southeast, and Inner Asia Studies*, a limited-edition, 64-page hardcover book that celebrates the people, milestones, and projects that have shaped the Institute since 1949. Copies of the book are available to supporters, and it is also available to the public as a downloadable PDF.

Left to right: Former WEAI Directors Eugenia Lean, Myron L. Cohen, Xiaobo Lü, Madeleine Zelin, Andrew J. Nathan, and Gerald L. Curtis and current director, Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, at the 75th anniversary event on December 9, 2024.



WEAI EVENTS

September

Lectures and Panels

9/4 **Network and Mobility: The Legal Profession in China.** *Yu Xiaohong*, Associate Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies.

Lectures and Panels

9/9 **The EU-US Perception of the Rise of China and Taiwan's Resilience.** *Hungdah Su*, Professor and Jean Monnet Chair of Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University and Director General of the European Union Centre in Taiwan. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP (China and the World Program).

Lectures and Panels

9/9 **Authoritarian Cue Effect of Social Control.** *Jiangnan Zhu*, Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong. Moderator: *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

9/10 **Many Faces of Privacy: The Role of Perceived Privacy in Digital Autocracy.** *Genia Kostka*, Professor of Chinese Politics, Freie Universität Berlin. Moderator: *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Lectures and Panels

9/12 **Interactive Talk with Governor Denny Tamaki of Okinawa, Japan.** *Denny Tamaki*, Governor of Okinawa Prefecture. Moderator: *Kenneth Mori McElwain*, Visiting Professor of Political Science. Sponsored

by WEAI with the Okinawa Prefectural Government Washington D.C. Office. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Lectures and Panels

9/17 **From "Friend" to Partner: US-Japan Coordination Lessons from Operation TOMODACHI Applied to New Bilateral Missions in Asia.** *Koichi ISOBE*, Lieutenant General (Ret.), Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF). Discussant: *James L. Schoff*, Senior Director, U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. Moderator: *Ayumi Teraoka*, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; Postdoctoral Research Fellow, China and the World Program. Sponsored by WEAI with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Book Talk

9/18 **Steppe Immunity: Re-imagining Political Futures from Mongolia.** *Christian Sorace*, Lecturer of Global China, University of Cambridge. Moderator: *Nicholas Bartlett*, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society, AMEC/Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Barnard College. Sponsored by WEAI.

Film Screening and Discussion

9/21-9/22 **LEGACIES: The Next Generation.** *A Road of Prayer*, dir. Tenzin Sedon (2016). *Tenzin Sedon*, filmmaker. Discussant: *Meg McLagan*, Visiting Professor of Professional Practice, Film Studies Program, Barnard College, Columbia University; WEAI Faculty Associate. *One and Four*, dir. Jigme Trinley (2021). *Jigme Trinley*, filmmaker. Discussant: *La Frances Hui*, Curator, Department of Film, Museum of Modern Art. *Royal Café*, dir. Tenzin Dazel (2016). Discussant: *Debashree Mukherjee*, Assistant Professor in the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, and the Center for Comparative Media, Columbia University. **Roundtable Discussion.** Discussants: *Jigme Trinley*; *Tenzin Sedon*; *Tenzin Dazel*; *Riga Shakya*, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Heyman

Center for the Humanities; Lecturer, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; *Ron Gregg*, Senior Lecturer, Film and Media Studies, School of the Arts; *Ying Qian*, Associate Professor in Chinese Film and Media, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Moderator: *Lauran Hartley*, Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program. Cosponsored by WEAI, the Modern Tibetan Studies Program, the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, and the Department of Film and Media Studies.

Lectures and Panels

9/23 **The Voice Extended: Cognitive and Comparative Approaches to Chinese Literature and Music.** *Casey Schoenberger*, Lecturer, Department of Transnational Asian Studies, Rice University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Critical Chinese Humanities Colloquium.

Lectures and Panels

9/30 **Upstart: How China Became a Great Power.** *Oriana Skylar Mastro*, author, *Upstart: How China Became a Great Power*; Center Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and Courtesy Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stanford University. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Columbia University. Hosted by the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies. Cosponsored by WEAI and the C&WP.

October

Film Screening and Discussion

10/1 **Breaking the Cycle—GETSEA Simulcast Film Screening.** *Aekaphong Saransate*, filmmaker; *Thanakrit Duanmaneepon*, filmmaker. Sponsored by GETSEA. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Book Talk

10/1 **China's Upcoming Decline.** *Pierre-Antoine Donnet*, professional reporter, former Global News Editor for Agence France-Presse. Moderator: Andrew J. Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Film Screening and Discussion

10/3 **Sister River Project: The Karnali (Nepal) and the Hudson (NY).** *Megh Ale*, founder, Nepal River Conservation Trust; *Tracy Brown*, President and Hudson Riverkeeper at Riverkeeper. Moderator: *Paul Galloway*, Project Director, Resilient Coastal Communities Project at the Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Columbia Climate School. Sponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program. Cosponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

10/9 **US-China-Southeast Asia Relations: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Cooperation.** *David M. Lampton*, Senior Research Fellow at SAIS Foreign Policy Institute and Professor Emeritus at the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies. *Kuik Cheng-Chwee*, Professor of International Relations, National University of Malaysia. *Da Wei*, Director, Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University. Introduction: *John Brandon*, Senior Director of International Relations Programs for the Asia Foundation. Moderator: *Ann Marie Murphy*, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar; Professor and Director, Center for Foreign Policy Studies, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the New York Southeast Asian Network, the C&WP, and the APEC Study Center.

Lectures and Panels

10/9 **North Korea Since the 1990s and US-North Korea Relations: Problems and Prospects.** *Haksoon Paik*, President of the Academy of Kim Dae-jung Studies.

Moderator: *Arvid J. Lukauskas*, Executive Director, Picker Center for Executive Education and MPA in Economic Policy Management, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

10/9 **Finding Heritage: A Life and Career Back in Vietnam.** *Henry Nguyen*, Chairman of Phoenix Holdings; Executive Chairman of Timo; Master Franchisee, McDonald's Vietnam; Executive Chairman of Beacon Asia Media Bloomberg Businessweek Vietnam. Moderator: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by Columbia Journalism School.

Lectures and Panels

10/10 **Chinese "Colonialism," Capital Accumulation, and the Belt and Road Initiative.** *Yan Hairong*, Professor at Tsinghua Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences and Department of Sociology. *Barry Sautman*, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. *Mamadou Diouf*, Leitner Professor of African Studies, MESAAS, Columbia University. Discussant: *Gary Wilder*, Professor of Anthropology and History at the Graduate Center at City University of New York. Cosponsored by WEAI, the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, the Society of Fellows, Heyman Center for the Humanities, APEC Study Center, and Institute of African Studies, Columbia University.

Public Forum

10/11 **War Legacies and Peace Youth Forum: "Shared Roots, Shared Future."** Cosponsored by WEAI, Legacies of War, US-ASEAN Young Professionals Association, U.S. Institute of Peace, and Vietnam Society.

Lectures and Panels

10/11 **Exile, Writing, and Home.** *Bhuchung D. Sonam*, poet, writer, translator, and publisher. Moderator: *Lauran Hartley*, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Book Talk

10/15 **Media and Ethnography of the Heart: Inequality in China and Its Intimate Consequences.** *Wanning Sun*, Professor of Media and Cultural Studies, University of Technology, Sydney. Moderator: *Ying Qian*, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, East Asian Languages & Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

10/15 **Everyday Practices in the Science of Governing Japan's Population.** *Aya Homei*, Reader in Japanese Studies, University of Manchester. Moderator: *Paul Kreitman*, Associate Professor of 20th Century Japanese History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

10/17 **Mediating Feuds and Making Minorities on a Tibetan Frontier of 20th-Century China.** *Benno Weiner*, Associate Professor, Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University. Moderator: *Gray Tuttle*, Chair and Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Lectures and Panels

10/23 **Corky Lee's Asian America: Fifty Years of Photographic Justice.** *Ava Chin*, Professor of Creative Nonfiction, Head of CUNY Graduate Center's American Studies Program; Visiting Scholar, NYU's Institute for Public Knowledge; *Joanna Kwong*, President, Pearl River Mart;

Board member, Columbia College Alumni Association; *Mae Ngai*, coeditor of the book; Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies; Professor of History; *Marie Myung-Ok Lee*, Lecturer, Fiction in the School of the Arts; Writer in Residence, Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race (CSER); Founder, Asian American Writers' Workshop. Cosponsored by WEAI, Columbia University Libraries, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, and the Department of English and Comparative Literature.

Lectures and Panels

10/25 **Journalism in Exile.** *Pema Tso*, Chief Editor of the *Tibet Times*. Moderator: *Lauran Hartley*, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

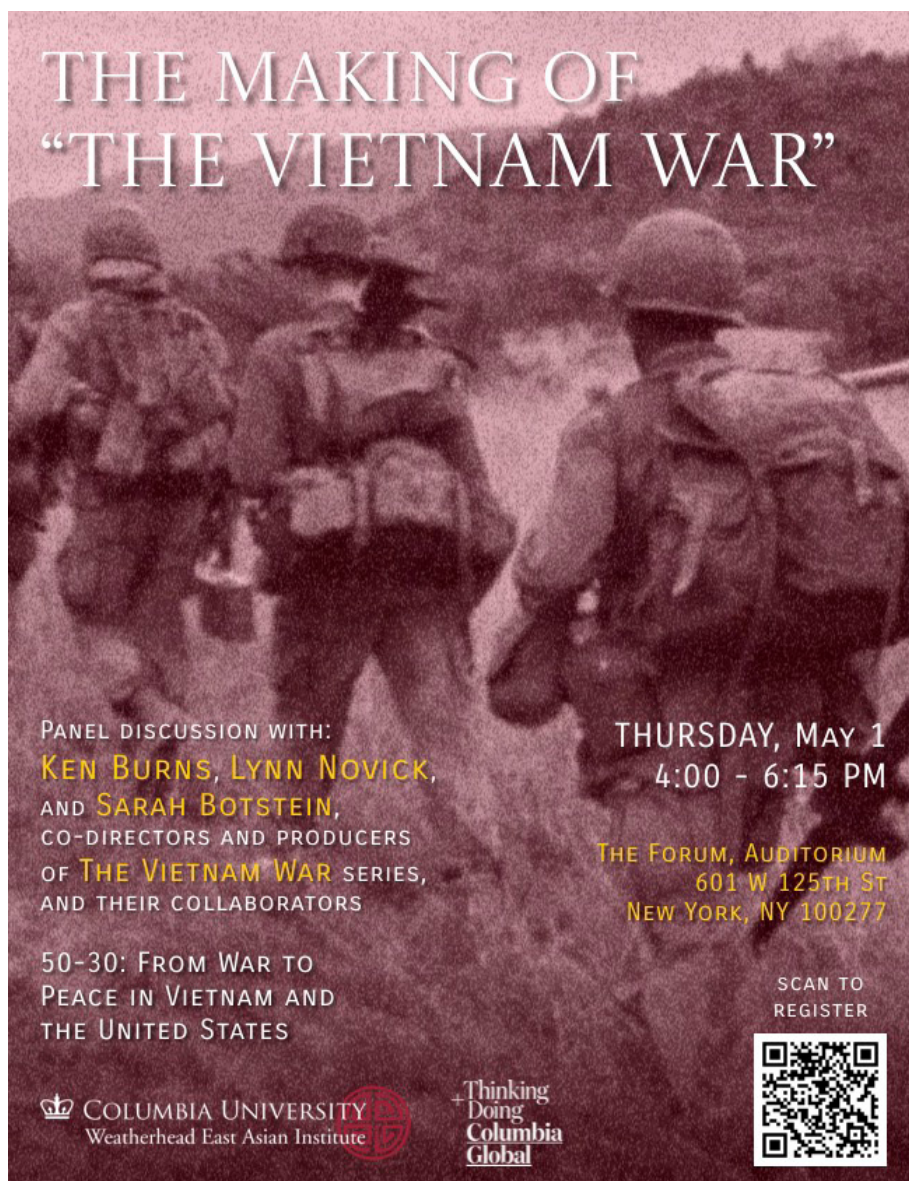
Lectures and Panels

10/28 **The Long Road to Today's Vietnam.** *Fred Burke*, Founder and Managing Partner, currently Senior Advisor, Baker & McKenzie Vietnam; Management Board Member,

Vietnam Business Forum; Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Business Association in Vietnam; Former Chair, Baker McKenzie's Global WTO and Trade Practice Group; Co-Founder and Former Chair of the American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam. Moderator: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Columbia Society of International Law.

Lectures and Panels

10/31 **Should Sweating Statues Be Shattered? Confucian Discourses on Buddhist Miracles at the Chosŏn Court.** *Youn-mi Kim*, Professor, Ewha Women's University. Moderator: *Seong Uk Kim*, Associate Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.



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Book Talk

11/7 **Southeast Asia's Multipolar Future: Averting a New Cold War.** *Thomas Parks*, Vice President, The Asia Foundation. Moderator: *Ann Marie Murphy*, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar; Professor and Director, Center for Foreign Policy Studies, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the New York Southeast Asian Network.

Lectures and Panels

11/8 **Breaking Bad: South Korea's Nuclear Option.** *Victor Cha*, President of the Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Department and Korea Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Cosponsored by WEAI, the Korea Society, and the Columbia SIPA Korea Focus Student Group.

Roundtable Discussion

11/8 **Tibetan Entrepreneurism in the Diaspora.** *Ms. Yanki Tshering*, Founder and Executive Director, Accompany Capital (formerly Business Center for New Americans). Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Lectures and Panels

11/8 **Ecologies of Care: Sherpa Offering for Collective Survival on a Warming Planet.** *Pasang Yangjee Sherpa*, Assistant Professor of Lifeways in Indigenous Asia, Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, and Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia. Moderator: *Lauran Hartley*, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Book Talk

11/11 **On Xi Jinping: How Xi's Marxist Nationalism Is Shaping China and the World.** *Kevin Rudd*, former Prime Minister of Australia; current Ambassador to the US; former head of Asia Society. Introduction: *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Moderator: *Lulu C. Wang*, CEO and Chair of Tupelo Capital Management. Cosponsored by WEAI, the C&WP, and Columbia Business School.

Film Screening and Discussion

11/13 **Invisible Nation.** *Vanessa Hope*, film producer and director. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP, Asia Society Center on U.S.-China Relations, and Taiwan Focus.

Lectures and Panels

11/14 **Rethinking the Circuits of Cold War Culture: International Dance Exchanges in Mao-Era China.** *Emily Wilcox*, Margaret Hamilton Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures in Chinese Studies, William

& Mary. Moderators: *Leta Hong Fincher* and *Lu Kou*. Cosponsored by WEAI with the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, the Society of Fellows, and the Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University.

Film Screening and Discussion

11/15 **Cinema in the Midst of Life: Screenings and Discussion with Director Wu Tiange and Young Filmmakers from China.** *Wu Tiange, Yan Yuxin, Keyan (Koko) Miao, Li Zhiying, Chen Yi, Ying Entai, Kenneth Deng, Ningyue (Charlie) Hao*. Moderators: *Ying Qian, Jim Cheng, and Ron Gregg*. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

Lectures and Panels

11/19 **Rethinking Urban Environmental Management in Early Modern Korea.** *Wenjiao Cai*, Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgetown University. Moderator: *Jungwon Kim*, King Sejong Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Book Talk

11/20 **The Conscience of the Party: Hu Yaobang, China's Communist Reformer.** *Robert L. Suettinger*, historian, retired intelligence officer. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Lectures and Panels

11/20 **From Birth Control to Reproductive Health: The Long Journey of Ending China's One Child Policy.** *Judith Bruce, Joan Kaufman, Baochang Gu, Yong Cai, Wang Feng*. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Columbia Population Research Center and the China Center for Social Policy.

January

Lectures and Panels

1/23 **Global Perspectives on Democracy: Insights from Three Regional Barometer Surveys.** *Boniface Dulani*, Associate Professor, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Malawi; *Min-hua Huang*, Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University; *Marta Lagos*, Founding Director, Latinobarómetro Corporation. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

1/31 **Public Expectations of Government Responses to Security Contingencies Around Japan in a Changing International Environment.** *Satoshi Machidori*, Professor of Political Science, Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University, Japan; *Harukata Takenaka*, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan. Moderator: *Kenneth Mori McElwain*, Visiting Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Discussant: *Amy Catalinac*, Associate Professor of Politics, NYU. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C&WP and APEC Study Center.

Film Screening and Discussion

1/31 **The Problem of Film—A Screening of *Mr. No Problem* (2016) and a Conversation with Director Feng Mei.** *Feng Mei*, director, screenwriter, and Beijing Film Academy Professor, Department of Screenwriting and Film Studies. *Yihong Shi*, Peking opera performer and actress in the film. *Jane Gaines*, Professor of Film in the Faculty of the Arts, Columbia University. *Junlei Yang*, Professor of Cinematic Aesthetics, Fudan University; Visiting Scholar, WEAI, Columbia University. Introduction: *Jim Cheng*, Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University. Moderator: *Ying Qian*, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and

Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library and Film and Media Studies of the School of the Arts, Columbia University.

February

Book Talk

2/3 **White Mulberry—A Book Talk by Rosa Kwon Easton.** *Rosa Kwon Easton*, author and lawyer. Moderator: *Ruth Barraclough*, Korea Foundation Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Department of History, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research and the Institute of Global Politics, School of International and Public Affairs.

Lectures and Panels

2/6 **China as a Contested Object of Thought: A View from the European Humanities.** *Dominic Sachsenmaier*, Chair Professor, Department of Sinology & Department of History (coopted), University of Göttingen. Discussant: *Lydia Liu*, Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the Society of Fellows and Heyman Center for the Humanities, the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, the European Institute, and the Harriman Institute.

Book Talk

2/10 **Unbounded by East or West—My Art and Design Journey.** *Dazhou Wang*, Honorary President and Professor, School of Design, East China Normal University. Moderator: *Qin Gao*, Professor and Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Discussant: *Dake Zhu*, Professor Emeritus, College of Humanities, Tongji University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the China Center for Social Policy.

Book Talk

2/19 **Amdo Lullaby: An Ethnography of Childhood and Language Shift on the Tibetan Plateau.** *Shannon Ward*, Assistant Professor (Linguistic Anthropology), University of British Columbia. Moderator: *Lauran Hartley*, Associate Research Scholar and Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Lectures and Panels

2/25 **From the Countryside to the City, Life Today in Chengdu.** *Ning Yuan*, writer, founder of a clothing brand, Visiting Scholar at Columbia University (2024–2025). Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL.

Book Talk

2/26 **Polarizing Dreams of Gangnam and Their Desolate Beauty in Ferroconcrete.** *Pil Ho Kim*, Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University. Moderator: *Jae Won Chung*, Assistant Professor of Korean Literature, Rutgers University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Lectures and Panels

2/27 **Left to Live and Die: Resource Security and the Biopolitics of Land Stockpiling in China.** *Ross Doll*, Lecturer, Blum Center for Developing Economies, University of California, Berkeley. Discussant: *Nick R. Smith*, Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Studies Program, Architecture Department, Urban Studies, Barnard College. Moderator: *Qin Gao*, Professor and Director of China Center for Social Policy, Columbia University School of Social Work. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by China Center for Social Policy.

March

Book Talk

3/3 **From Click to Boom: The Political Economy of E-Commerce in China.** *Lizhi Liu*, Assistant Professor, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. Moderator: *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the C&WP.

Lectures and Panels

3/4 **Remembering Gao Yaojie.** *David Rong*, Publisher of Bouden House; *Chung To*, Chairperson, Chi Heng Foundation; *Shiyu Lin*, journalist and author of an oral history of Dr. Gao and director of a documentary on Gao; *Wenchi Yu*, Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL.

Lectures and Panels

3/6 **Nuclear Colonialism in Kazakhstan: Domestic and Regional Implications.** *Shyngys Zipatolla*, Senior Lecturer, Department of World History and International Relations, Karaganda Buketov University; *Tuleuova Bakhytgul*, Professor, Department of General History and International Relations, Karaganda Buketov University; *Zarina Kakenova*, Senior Lecturer, L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University; Fellow of the U.S.-CARNET Program; Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Moderator: *Elizabeth Wishnick*, Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Harriman Institute.

Roundtable Discussion

3/6 **Roundtable on Trailblazing Columbia University Women in Japanese Studies.** *Alisa Freedman*, Professor, Japanese Literature, Cultural Studies, and Gender, University of Oregon; *Carol Gluck*, George Sansom Professor Emerita of History, Columbia University; *Amy V. Heinrich*,

Former Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University; additional authors of *Women in Japanese Studies* via Zoom. Moderator: *Sarah Kovner*, Senior Research Scholar, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs. Sponsored by WEAI.

Book Talk

3/11 **Art, Activism, and Reportage: YOU MUST TAKE PART IN REVOLUTION.** *Melissa Chan*, journalist, producer, and author; *Badiucao*, artist and activist. Moderator: *Andrew J. Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

3/13 **The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal and the Ongoing Struggle for State Accountability.** Cosponsored by WEAI, Korean American Civic Empowerment, Korean American Lawyers of Greater New York, and Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights.

Book Talk

3/24 **Boundless Winds of Empire: Rhetoric and Ritual in Early Chosŏn Diplomacy with Ming China.** *Sixiang Wang*, Associate Professor, Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA. Moderator: *Jungwon Kim*, King Sejong Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Lectures and Panels

3/25 **Precarious Geographies: Migrant Labor in China's Network Production.** *Na Fu*, Postdoctoral Associate, the China Initiative and the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University. Discussant: *Mark W. Frazier*, Professor of Politics, Co-Director of the India China Institute, the New School for Social Research. Moderator: *Nick R. Smith*, Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Studies Program, Architecture

Department, Urban Studies, Barnard College. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

3/27 **The Maoist Legacy Collection: Research and Prospects.** *Daniel Leese*, Professor of Chinese History and Politics, University of Freiburg. Moderator: *Eugenia Lean*, Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

Lectures and Panels

3/27 **Every Work Has Several Faces: A Conversation with Yōko Tawada about Writing and Translation.** *Yōko Tawada*, author. Moderators: *Susan Bernofsky*, Professor of Writing in the Faculty of the Arts; Director, Literary Translation at Columbia; *Rivka Galchen*, Associate Professor of Writing in the Faculty of the Arts; Provost's Senior Faculty Teaching Scholar. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture and the Heyman Center for the Humanities.

Book Talk

3/28 **The Adoption Plan: China and the Remaking of Global Humanitarianism.** *Jack Neubauer*, historian and author. Moderator: *Eugenia Lean*, Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAI.

Film Screening and Discussion

3/31 **Barang Panas (Hot Stuff)—GETSEA Simulcast Film Screening.** *Dandhy Laksono*, director; *Cypri Dale*, producer. Sponsored by GETSEA. Cosponsored by WEAI.

April

Lectures and Panels

4/3 **Border of Water and Ice: The Yalu River and Japan's Empire in Korea and Manchuria.** *Joseph Seeley*, Assistant Professor, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia. *Paul Kreitman*, Associate

Professor of 20th Century Japanese History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Sponsored by WEAI.

Lectures and Panels

4/8 **Shamanic Gut Rituals on Jeju Island, Korea: The Ritual Process of Yeongdeung-gut.** *Yohan Yoo*, Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Seoul National University, Korea. Moderator: *Seong Uk Kim*, Associate Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Lectures and Panels

4/9 **Where East and West Meet: China Institute in America Records Ready for Public.** *Michael Feng*, private-equity investor, philanthropist, art collector, and son of Ivan Feng (Chairman of the Board of the Trustees at China Institute from 1997 to 2001); *Carolyn Hsu-Balcer*, designer, philanthropist, art collector, and great grand-niece of Kuo Ping-Wen (co-founded China Institute in 1926); *Weili Ye*, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Massachusetts Boston; *Yanqiu Zheng*, Associate Director of Asia and Pacific Programs, St. Lawrence University; author of *In Search of Admiration and Respect: Chinese Cultural Diplomacy in the United States, 1875-1974* (2024). Introductory Remarks: *Christopher J. Cronin*, Associate University Librarian for Collections; *Eugenia Lean*, Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Columbia University; *Lien-Hang T. Nguyen*, Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; *Yong Ho*, Renwen Society Co-Chair, China Institute in America. Presenter: *Evian Yiyun Pan*, Processing Archivist of the China Institute in America Records, C.V. Starr East Asian Library. Sponsored by WEAI. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

Lectures and Panels

4/15 **Faith in Motion: Visualizing Korean Christianity and New Religious Movements.** *Song-Chong Lee*, Professor, Seoul National University, Korea. Moderator: *Seong Uk Kim*, Associate Professor of Korean Religions and Culture, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Lectures and Panels

4/15 **My Experience and Methods of Archival Research on Modern Chinese Political History.** *Kuisong Yang*, Professor, Department of History, East China Normal University. Introduction: *Jim Cheng*, Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University. Discussant: *Junyan Jiang*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University. Moderator: *Chengzhi Wang*, Chinese Studies Librarian, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

Lectures and Panels

4/16 **North Korea and the Cultural Politics of Survival.** *Peter Moody*, Professorial Lecturer, the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Moderator: *Jungwon Kim*, King Sejong Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Roundtable Discussion

4/22 **Roundtable on China's Soft Power in Central Asia.** *Parviz Mullojonov*, International Alert, Tajikistan and Visiting Scholar, WEAL; *Nargiza Muratalieva*, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan and Visiting Scholar, University of Kansas; *Almira Sagimbayeva*, Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan and Professional Fellow, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; *Erkinbek Kamalov*, Research

Center for Security and Geopolitics Studies, Kyrgyzstan, and Visiting Scholar, University of Kansas; *Zarina Kakenova*, Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan, and Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; *Assel Bitabarova*, Teaching Professor, Maqsut Narikbayev University, and Visiting Scholar, The Ohio State University. Moderators: *Elizabeth Wishnick*, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; Senior Research Scientist, CAN; *Morris Rossabi*, Adjunct Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures; *Maria Adele Carrai*, Adjunct Associate Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; Assistant Professor of Global China Studies, NYU Shanghai; Marie Curie Fellow, KU Leuven School of Law; *Calla Shuhan Li*, Department of Political Science, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels

4/30 **Exhibitionist Japan: The Spectacle of Modern Development.** *Angus Lockyer*, independent scholar. Moderator: *Paul Kreitman*, Associate Professor of 20th Century Japanese History, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Sponsored by WEAL.

May

Book Talk

5/2 **At the Edge of Empire: A Family's Reckoning with China.** *Edward Wong*, *New York Times* Diplomatic Correspondent and author. Moderator: *Gray Tuttle*, Chair and Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Modern Tibetan Studies Program.

Film Screening and Discussion

5/5 **Hengdian Dreaming: A Film Screening and Discussion on Migrant Labor, Filmmaking, and "Drifting" in Contemporary China.** *Shayan Momin*, New York University, PhD (Sociocultural Anthropology); Postdoctoral Fellow at New York University-Shanghai. Moderator: *Nicholas Bartlett*, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society, AMEC/Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Barnard College. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Film & Media Studies of the School of the Arts, Columbia University.

Lectures and Panels

5/5 **Korean Wave and Global Korea.** *Areum Jeong*, Assistant Professor of Korean Studies, Arizona State University. Moderator: *Jungwon Kim*, King Sejong Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Lectures and Panels

5/6 **Criminalizing Adultery: Law, Marriage, and Monogamous Heterosexuality in South Korea.** *Jisoo M. Kim*, Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures, George Washington University. Moderator: *Jungwon Kim*, King Sejong Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. Sponsored by WEAL. Cosponsored by the Center for Korean Research.

Book Talk

5/16 **Seeds of Mobilization: The Authoritarian Roots of South Korea's Democracy.** *Joan E. Cho*, Associate Professor of East Asian Studies at Wesleyan University. Moderator: *Jonathan Corrado*, Policy Director, Korea Society. Cosponsored by WEAL, the Korea Society, and the Center for Korean Research.



Unbounded by East or West—My Art and Design Journey

A Book Talk by Dazhou Wang

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
4:00-5:30 PM ET

420 W 118th St
 International Affairs Building, Room 918
 and via Zoom

In his new book, Chinese-American artist Dazhou Wang (Honorary President and Professor, School of Design, East China Normal University) recounts his decades-long journey, tracing his experiences from youth in China to his education, life, and artistic creations after moving to the United States in the 1980s. As both a personal biography and a motivational guide for studying abroad, the book records how the artist, born in Shanghai, realized his dreams in a foreign land through hard work and perseverance. Wang's book not only holds significant reference value for scholars in the field of art but also provides valuable insights for researchers of cross-cultural art exchange and study abroad education. (Note: This talk will be in Mandarin.)



Discussant
Dake Zhu
 Professor Emeritus,
 College of Humanities,
 Tongji University

Moderator
Qin Gao
 Professor and Director,
 China Center for Social Policy
 Columbia University



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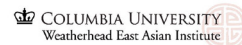
Speaker
Sixiang Wang
 Associate Professor, Asian
 Languages and Cultures,
 UCLA

Moderator
Jungwon Kim
 King Sejong Associate
 Professor of Korean Studies,
 EALAC, Columbia University

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025
4:00 - 5:30 PM

International Affairs Building
 420 W 118th St
 Room 918

A 45-50-minute talk followed by Q and A. Dr. Wang will discuss his book on the history of Chosŏn Korea's diplomacy with Ming China through the lens of rhetoric and ritual.



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FINDING HERITAGE A LIFE AND CAREER BACK IN VIETNAM



Speaker
DR. HENRY B. NGUYEN

Chairman of Phoenix Holdings
 Executive Chairman of Timo
 Master Franchisee, McDonald's Vietnam
 Executive Chairman of Beacon Asia Media
 Bloomberg Businessweek Vietnam

Moderator
LIEN-HANG T. NGUYEN

Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute
 Dorothy Borg Associate Professor of the
 History of American-East Asian Relations

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2024
5:00 - 6:30 PM ET

COLUMBIA
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Are you interested in learning about life and work in a rapidly developing Vietnam? Come join an open conversation with Dr. Henry B. Nguyen as he shares stories from over two decades' experience in a modernizing Vietnam. From being the first venture capitalist to bringing other parts of his American experience back to his native country, Dr. Nguyen will share unique stories from launching McDonald's to starting a pro basketball team.

Dinner will be provided.



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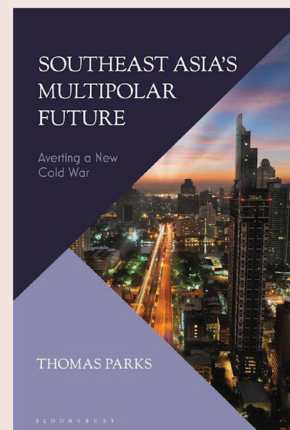
Southeast Asia's Multipolar Future: Averting a New Cold War

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2024
12:00 - 1:30 PM ET
 420 W 118th St
 International Affairs
 Building
 Room 918 and via Zoom



Speaker
Thomas Parks
 Vice President, The Asia
 Foundation

Moderator
Ann Marie Murphy
 Adjunct Senior Research Scholar,
 Professor, Seton Hall University



In this event, Tom Parks will discuss his excellent new book, Southeast Asia's Multipolar Future: Averting a New Cold War. The book argues that Southeast Asia is emerging as an open, autonomous region, where small and middle powers can maintain their sovereignty and shape the regional order. Despite new superpower pressures, the region is moving towards a multi-polar order, with greater agency for Southeast Asian countries. The key to Southeast Asia's future may be other external powers – particularly Japan, Australia, India, and Europe – who can provide ASEAN governments with more diverse partnerships, enabling them to avoid the bipolar blocs of superpower rivalries. The book argues that external partners are helping to shape the geopolitical order by supporting ASEAN leadership and diluting the influence of great powers. Southeast Asian countries also have remarkable capacity to manage asymmetrical relations and balance external powers. By examining the dynamics between Southeast Asia and external powers, the book predicts that the region's future will look entirely different from its Cold War past.



Registration required

7 GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

The Institute supports advanced study of Northeast, Southeast, and Inner 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; midcareer 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.

2024–2025 MARSEA GRADUATES AND THEIR AREAS OF FOCUS:

Cleo Cowie, Japan
Jeffrey Edmonds, China
Xuwei He, China
Rena Iwanaga, Japan
Shimin Kuang, China
Yifan Lei, China
Yuhan Liu, China
Yuki Nagata, Japan
Anton Ponomarenko, China
Hidehiko Shigemasa, Japan

Vincent Wang, China
Wenyun (CiCi) Wang, China
Amelia Whiteley, China
Daniel Wu, China
Xin Yang, China

The Certificate Program

The Institute Certificate curriculum allows students matriculated in one of Columbia's graduate programs to pursue an intensive program of study designed for a career related to East Asian affairs in academia, government, or the private sector.

The certificate attests to a specialized knowledge of a language and an area of the Asia Pacific region. A student may choose from among three program options: a focus on modern China, modern Japan, or modern Korea.

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

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

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

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

2024–2025 SIPA GRADUATES WITH A REGIONAL SPECIALIZATION IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES:

Daniel Alvarez
Saahil Saaish Jayawant
Michelle Lee
Andrew Lim
Angela Qian
Maizura Om bint Sharom
Yujie Si
Kevin Simeon
Rob Threlkeld
Shenrui (Melody) Zhang

8 STUDENTS

WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE UNDERGRADUATE INITIATIVE

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

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

Asia Pacific Affairs Council

The Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC) is a forum for Columbia graduate students interested in East and Southeast Asian affairs. Founded and run by students, APAC serves the entire University community by organizing events, distributing information, and coordinating East Asia-related activities while building a community for students interested in East Asia. APAC works with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute to fulfill its mission. The 2024-2025 APAC Board included Mi Yeon Kim as president, Flora Ren as finance chair, and Subin Moon as marketing chair. Angela To, Charlotte Ho, and Ying Yi Tan served as assistant editors.

Greater China Initiative

The Greater China Initiative (GCI) aims to promote interaction and connection between students who are interested in the economy, politics, business, and media of the Greater China region. It also aims to serve as a resource center for students who are planning to work, live, or travel in—or learn

more about—the region. It taps mainly into the resources and network available with the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and Columbia University.

Japan Study Student Association

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

Korea Focus

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

Southeast Asian Student Association

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

Taiwan Focus

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

AFFILIATED GRADUATE STUDENT GROUPS BASED IN EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Benkyōkai Japan Studies Group

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

Paeumt'ō Korean Studies Group

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

Rikpé Khorlo Tibetan Studies Group

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

Xingzhihui China Studies Group

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

STUDENT SUPPORT

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

Fellowships Administered by the Institute

The abbreviations used in the following lists are as below:

- AMEC:** Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures
- BC:** Barnard College
- CC:** Columbia College
- EALAC:** East Asian Languages and Cultures
- ENCL:** English and Comparative Literature
- GSAPP:** Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
- GSAS:** Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- MARSEA:** Master of Arts in Regional Studies-East Asia

MIA: Master of International Affairs

MSPH: Mailman School of Public Health

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

Julie How Fellowship

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

Yi Yihang Sun (SSW)

Junior Fellowship in Japan Studies

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

None in Academic Year 2024-2025

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Fellowship

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

SYLFF Academic Year Fellowships

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

Doctoral Grants:

Kampanart Chaiyarat (TC)
Zhe Zhang (TC)

SYLFF Summer Grants

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

Doctoral Grants:

Kampanart Chaiyarat (TC)
Yu Cheng (GSAS: Political Science)
Xin Gao (GSAPP: Historic Preservation)
Hayoung Lee (TC)
Jonggeun Park (TC)
Jimin Sung (SSW)
Hanying Wei (GSAS: Political Science)
Hao Wen (SSW)
Shichang Yang (SSW)
Yanze Yu (GSAS: Sociology)
Zhe Zhang (TC)
Ziqian Zheng (GSAS: History)
Yinghui Zhou (GSAS: Political Science)

Master’s Grants:

June Chang (SSW)
Skye Ju (GSAS: EALAC)

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.

Dan Nguyen (GSAS: EALAC)

C. Martin Wilbur Fellowship

This fellowship, named for Columbia University alumnus and China scholar C. Martin Wilbur, is awarded to doctoral students at the write-up stage of their dissertations focusing on China.

Yujin Zhang (GSAS: Political Science)

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 fellowship recipients are Columbia students representing a variety of academic disciplines who are given fellowships in recognition of their dedication to the study of East Asia.

Weatherhead Academic Year Fellowships

Doctoral Grants:

Iris Kim (GSAS: EALAC)

Hana Lethen (GSAS: EALAC)

Weatherhead Training Grants (Summer)

Doctoral Grants:

Suhyun Choi (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

Tsewang Chuskit (TC)

Philippe Depairon (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

On Tsun Fung (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

Erin Hagood (GSAS: History)

Yuri Handa (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

Walsh Millette (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

Catherine Miki Otachime (GSAS: Religion)

Misaki Sanui (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

Yi Yihang Sun (SSW)

Kanako Tajima (GSAS: Art History and Archaeology)

Julia Walton (GSAS: ENCL)

Yujun Zhou (GSAS: History)

Master's Grants:

Kristen Cantor (GSAS: EALAC)

Seo Eun Choi (GSAS: EALAC)

Elliot Gong (GSAS: EALAC)

Haoze Guan (SOA)

Quynh Luong (GSAS: EALAC)

Grace Shin (GSAS: MARSEA)

Tian Xu (GSAS: History)

Undergraduate Grants:

Ethan Chan Kuperman (CC: EALAC)

Sofia Oltramari (CC: Sustainable Development)

William Park (CC: Anthropology)

Ariana Campo Prego (CC: Slavic Languages)

Jayin Sihm (CC: History)

Thomas Wang (CC)

Andrew Weaver (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 students at Columbia and Barnard Colleges and the Schools of Engineering and General Studies in language study.

Undergraduate Grants:

Peiyuan Chen (BC: AMEC)

Qirui Jiang (CC)

Sofia Oltramari (CC: Sustainable Development)

Jacob Sanning (CC: Slavic Languages)

Jayin Sihm (CC: History)

Thomas Wang (CC)



9 ASIA FOR EDUCATORS PROGRAM

The Asia for Educators (AFE) program, started in 1977 and directed since its inception by founder Roberta (Robin) Martin at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, transitioned this year due to Martin's phased retirement. Former Associate Director of AFE and WEAI for Public Outreach Sarah Jessup starts as director of AFE in July, while Martin continues her engagement as director emerita.

The AFE program serves educators at both the precollegiate and undergraduate levels in three key ways:

- preparation and dissemination of **online teaching resources**
- **professional development** opportunities for educators
- Freeman **Book Awards**

Resources for Educators Online

The award-winning AFE website (afe.easia.columbia.edu) is one of the most widely used and highly respected sources for materials on Asia by teachers, faculty, and their students. The site provides online materials for teachers featuring a variety of teaching tools and resources including history timelines, primary sources, key points, and themes for teaching or studying that are organized by country or region: China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and Southeast Asia. Many explanatory essays were written by WEAI faculty. The site also includes learning modules and listings of selected outside resources and topic-specific articles and lesson plans, as well as an annotated list of online museum educational resources on Asian art history; in-depth modules on the Song dynasty and the Qing dynasty, each using iconic scrolls as teaching resources; and teachers' guides and student lessons for lower, middle, and high school teachers of world history, world cultures, world geography, economics, current events, literature, and art. In 2024-25, the AFE site registered 2.9 million page views.

Professional Development Options

Video Presentations for Teachers & Students

Central Themes

Primary Sources — DBQs

Key Points

Timelines



Elementary Resources



Lesson Plans

ASIA in WORLD HISTORY Resources

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1750	1900	1950	21stC			

TOPIC MODULE
GEOGRAPHY
East Asia in Geographic Perspective

TOPIC MODULE
LITERATURE
Freeman Award Winners & Recommended Titles

TOPIC MODULE
ART / OMuERAA
Online Museum Resources on Asian Art

TOPIC MODULE
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Living in the Chinese Cosmos

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SONG
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Video Presentations on AFE

Recorded videos on Asian history and culture by faculty specialists are hosted on the AFE website and received 25,400 views in 2024–25. Ranging from 30 seconds to 30 minutes in length, these videos include PowerPoint images and are brief (and not so brief) primers on a variety of topics in Asian studies. Topics such as Global May 4th, China and the World in 1919, Confucian Thought, the Silver Trade, China and Europe in the 1800s, and Shinto and Buddhism in Japan are central to standardized school curriculums and therefore to AFE resources. AFE's video library has over 67 videos and playlists, with the capacity to filter by subject and region. There were 13 new recordings made last year on topics including the Vietnamese classic *Tale of Kieu* and a comparison of the Ming Dynasty and the Ottoman Empire by WEAL members John Phan and Morris Rossabi, respectively. Creating these videos is an ongoing process. Editing and presentation of the videos on the AFE site are under the direction of Kim Madalinski, associate director of AFE and a media specialist.

The newest AFE program for teachers is a pedagogy discussion series, tentatively titled Asian Topics Discussions, which focused on East Asia in World History during the 2024–25 year. These hour-long sessions are half content review followed by an interactive discussion period about how to teach the subject and how to navigate the AFE site for relevant sources. There were 15 discussions from October to May, ranging from "Asia and the 1919 Paris Peace Conference Ending WWI" to "The Great Leap Forward in 1950s China," and from "Teaching the Mongols in World History" to three events on Classical, Medieval, and Tokugawa Japan; these take place online, in the evening, and average 40 attendees. Two fall series are planned.

National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA): Professional Development with State Partners

As one of the founding, national coordinating sites of NCTA, formed in 1998 with funding from the Freeman Foundation, AFE works directly, on behalf of the Foundation, with East Asian studies colleagues at partner universities to develop programs for teachers in states where, in many cases, there have historically been few opportunities for teachers to gain background on East Asia. Columbia's partner sites are Princeton University (New Jersey); University of North Carolina (for North and South Carolina); Georgia State University (Georgia); Central Arkansas University (Arkansas and Oklahoma); Rhodes College (Tennessee and Mississippi); and Texas Christian University (Texas). AFE is developing a relationship with the University of Florida to continue work in that state. Columbia and WEAL graduates, teaching at universities around the country, often serve as directors of NCTA partner sites. AFE works with the state site directors to develop programming for local K-12 teachers hosted by specialists on East Asian history, politics, culture, and literature.

Nationally, AFE supported a China specialist for six monthly sessions of the "AP-Comparative Government" national pedagogy Zoom session for teachers and students. An average of 90 participants take part each month, hearing a China specialist give a PowerPoint presentation on current issues in Chinese government and foreign policy, followed by time to ask questions and interact directly with a leading specialist on China from Columbia University. Andrew J. Nathan, Xiaobo Lü, Junyan Jiang, and Thomas J. Christensen all participated, sharing their insights and expertise with students.

Freeman Book Awards for Children's and Young Adult Books on East and Southeast Asia—2024 Awards

AFE also administers the Freeman Book Awards (FBA), now in its eighth year. Created by AFE with the NCTA and the Committee on Teaching about Asia (CTA) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), these annual awards recognize quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia, bringing first-person experiences of East and Southeast Asian youth into the homes and libraries of students throughout the US. This initiative is funded with support from the Freeman Foundation and—until March 7, 2025, when the grant was terminated—the US Department of Education. AFE administers the selection procedures with Nancy Hope, the executive director of the Freeman Awards, who also works to increase coverage of the award winners in newsletters and on websites of interested groups including national libraries. Submissions continued to increase dramatically in 2024, with 100 titles sent by publishers, signaling growing interest in the awards by both community and school librarians. The nomination process for 2025 titles is now open. Additional information on the awards is available at <http://nctasia.org/> book-awards. Many of the national sites offer programs featuring the Freeman Award books and have collaborated with Nancy Hope for book talks with the authors. The Freeman Awards parallel similar awards administered by area studies consortia in Middle Eastern, South Asian, African, and Latin American studies.

This year, FBA recognized outstanding literature set in Japan, China, Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Mongolia, and Laos in four categories: winner, honorable mention, "of note," and graphic novel. The



2024 NCTA Freeman Book Awards East and Southeast Asian Titles for Young Readers

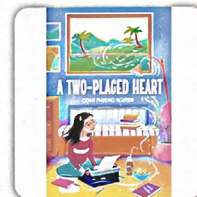
WINNING TITLES

Children's Literature



The House Before Falling into the Sea
written by Ann Suk Wang, illustrated Hanna Cha
(Dial Books for Young Readers – Penguin Random House)
Fiction | Set in Korea

Young Adult Middle School Literature



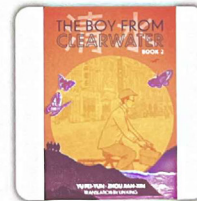
A Two-Placed Heart
written by Doan Phuong Nguyen
(Tu Books – Lee & Low Books)
Fiction | Set in Vietnam and America

Young Adult High School Literature



Bridge Across the Sky
written by Freeman Ng
(Atheneum – Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing)
Fiction | Set in China and America

Young Adult Graphic Novels

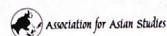


The Boy from Clearwater: Book 2
written by Pei-Yun Yu, illustrated by Jian-Xin Zhou,
translated by Lin King (Levine Querido)
Non-Fiction | Set in Taiwan

Find Honorable Mentions & Of Note Titles Online

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

www.nctasia.org/freeman-book-awards/



winners from 2024 were *Bridge Across the Sky* by Freeman Ng, set in China and the US (Young Adult/High School); *The Boy From Clearwater, Book 2* by Pei-Yun Yu, illustrated by Jian-Xin Zhou and translated by Lin King, the former Student Affairs Coordinator for WEAI, set in Taiwan (YA Graphic Novels); *A Two-Placed Heart* by Doan Phuong Nguyen, set in Vietnam and the US (YA Middle School); and *The House Before Falling into the Sea* by Ann Suk Wang, illustrated by Hanna Cha, set in Korea (Children's).

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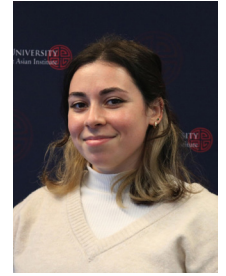
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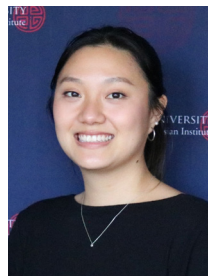
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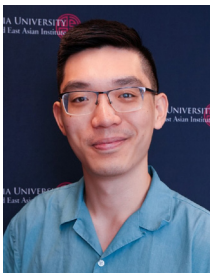
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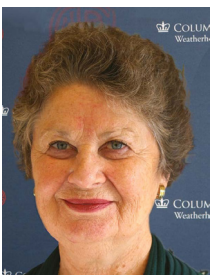


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