



APAC News

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Welcome Back

The Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC) would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students to the new semester! For those of you unfamiliar with APAC, we are a student-run group that works as a central forum for students, both at SIPA and Columbia University in general, who are interested in East Asian Affairs.

Throughout the year, APAC carries out a variety of activities that are aimed at enhancing the community's awareness of East Asia economically, politically, and culturally. These activities range from brown bag lectures to social happy hours, from career and internship panels to cultural nights. Keep your eyes posted for further information on these events and other activities!



APAC kicked off the semester with an Introductory Meeting and Happy Hour Last week. The event was a great opportunity for new students to hear more about APAC and its activities and for returning students to catch up and find out how everyone spent their break! The event was well attended and looks like we will have an active and exciting semester! If you missed it, never fear we will have many more socials in the coming months.

In addition to the above activities, APAC also produces *APAC News* on a biweekly basis. The newsletter acts as a forum for those with an East Asian interest to keep involved and

APAC Up and Coming.....

Lunar New Year Party

Wednesday, February 5

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Room 918

Come join us as we celebrate the Lunar New Year. It will be a great opportunity to chat with fellow students and enjoy some delicious food!

Japanese Language Table

Friday, Feb. 6th

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Room 918 IAB

Let's talk in Japanese! Learn "real-life" Japanese, keep or improve your Japanese and make friends! All levels are welcome. Japanese native speakers are certainly welcome. Snack and soft drink will be served.

United Nations and East Asia Career Panel

Thursday, February 19 6:00 pm

Room 918 International Affairs Building

Learn about careers at the United Nations and UN-related organizations from people working in the field.

Comments, Questions, Submissions?

E-mail one of the WEAI PAs:

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informed about events not only at SIPA, but also at Columbia and in New York City. Students registered with APAC will receive the newsletter in their folder every two weeks. If you are not registered with us and would like to receive *APAC News*, please email Alex at ams2027@columbia.edu and we will be sure to include you on our distribution list!

As a student organization, APAC is shaped by the people who are in it. Feedback and suggestions are always appreciated! We are looking forward to a wonderful year and wish you all a successful semester. Look forward to meeting you at our next event!

New APAC Student Group Leaders

Congratulations to the new leaders of the East Asian Student Groups at SIPA! One of the unique features of APAC is the many committees that operate independently under the APAC umbrella. This structure enables these groups to focus on specific issues as well as regional concerns in cooperation with their colleagues in other APAC groups. Following is a list of these groups with a short description and the group leaders' contact details.

Korea Focus

Donald Kwon (dhk2103), Mina Kim (mk2350)
Korea Focus is a student group founded to increase the level of Korea-related programming at SIPA. In the past, the group has organized film nights, a lecture series, an internship panel, and social events.

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum

Aikojean Lane (al2220), Yumi Shindo (ys2073), Daniel Lee (del2103), Emi Nakane (en2114), Haruhisa Ohtsuka (ho2109)

This group is open to everyone interested in Japan's politics, economy, culture and language. In addition to lectures and cultural events, NBK/JEF also hosts a Japanese language table. The group welcomes both Japanese and non-Japanese participants.

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

Jenna Capeci (jac2113), Tu Dang (td2119)

In addition to advocating the expansion of Southeast Asia-related course offerings, SEASI sponsors the annual Southeast Asia Culture Night, brown bag lectures, film nights, and dinner outings as well as other social and educational events.

Zhongwen Luntan (China Forum)

Daniel Lee (del2103), Jenna Wimberley (jmw2110)

Zhongwen Luntan (China Forum) has two goals: to provide Chinese-speaking students an opportunity to practice their language skills and to share the culture and politics of greater China with the entire SIPA Community. Our activities include Mandarin language tables, field trips to New York's many Chinatowns, movie nights, and speaker presentations.

Taiwan Focus is looking for someone to assume leadership of its group. Taiwan Focus seeks to bring attention to Taiwan, often forgotten in the shadows of its bigger neighbor. Events last year included lectures, a film series, and our major event, an Asia festival / karaoke night co-sponsored by other APAC groups. If interested, please email Alex at ams2027@columbia.edu.

WEAI Fellowships and Grants for East Asian Studies Application Deadline:

Friday, February 27

Submit Applications in Room 935

International Affairs Building

More information and application materials available at :

<http://sipa.columbia.edu/REGIONAL/EAI/studentresources/index.html>

WEAI Brownbags

The Brownbag Lectures at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute feature scholars, policy makers, journalists and activists who are engaged in research about East and Southeast Asia. These events take place virtually everyday — Monday through Thursday — from 12:00-1:30 in IAB 918 unless otherwise noted.

Monday, February 2

Comparing Gender Policies in the U.S. and Japan: Leveraging International Feminism

Joyce Gelb, Professor of Political Science, City College and Graduate Center, CUNY

Tuesday, February 3

Japan's Foreign Aid Policy: How and Why is it Changing?

Kazuo Sunaga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan and Institute Professional Fellow

Wednesday, February 4

Title TBA

Gao Wenqian, author of Zhou En-lai's Later Years In Chinese, with English interpretation by Professor Andrew Nathan

Thursday, February 5

Reinventing ASEAN

Donald Weatherbee, Fellow and Professor Emeritus, Walker Institute of International Studies, University of South Carolina

Monday, February 9

Attracting Investment to China

Kenneth Davies, Directorate of Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

Tuesday, February 10

Lily Briscoe's Chinese Eyes: Virginia Woolf and Ling Shuhua

Patricia Laurence, Professor of English, City University of New York

Please note : Location TBA

Thursday, February 12

The North Korean Spy War

Konstantin Preobrazhensky, freelance journalist and retired KGB officer

Monday, February 16

Selling the American Way: The Singer Sewing Machine Company in Japan

Andrew Gordon, Professor of History, Harvard University

Tuesday, February 17

Round-table discussion on Cross Strait Tensions and the Taiwanese Presidential Election

Professor Andrew Nathan, Senior Research and Associate James Seymour

Events @ Columbia

Discussion: Japan in Hollywood: An Evening of Conversation

Tuesday, February 3 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
403 Kent Hall

Paul Anderer (Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures), David Lurie (Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures), Daisuke Miyao (Postdoctoral Fellow, WEAI), Richard Peña (Director, Film Society of Lincoln Center and Associate Professor Film Division), Gregory Pflugfelder (Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures), and Henry D. Smith (Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures) From *Lost in Translation* to *Kill Bill* to *The Last Samurai*, Japan's profile in American popular film has become very conspicuous of late. The Keene Center is pleased to sponsor an evening of informal conversation on the significance of these contemporary trends in Hollywood moviemaking and about the historical, cultural, and aesthetic issues that they raise.

Booktalk: Yoshimasa and the Silver Pavilion: The Creation of the Soul of Japan

Tuesday, February 10 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
403 Kent Hall

Professor Donald Keene (Professor Emeritus, Columbia University)

Yoshimasa may have been the worst shogun ever to rule Japan. He was a failure as a soldier, incompetent at dealing with state business, and dominated by his wife. But his influence on the cultural life of Japan was unparalleled. In this talk, Professor Keene will speak about his book and how Yoshimasa was the only shogun to leave a lasting heritage for the entire Japanese people.

Other Events Around Town

For all of the listed events, please contact the appropriate organization for reservations.

Japan's Economy & Political Landscape in the Year Ahead

Tuesday, February 3 6:30 - 8 pm

Member rate of \$10. Non-member admission: \$15. As Prime Minister Koizumi embarks on a second term, Japan's economy appears to be on the mend while politically--and perhaps militarily--it prepares to play a larger role in international affairs. Join this panel of Japan-watchers for a lively discussion of Japan's challenges in the year ahead, including the prospects for its financial markets, the outlook for Prime Minister Koizumi's economic reforms, as well as Japan's evolving role on the international stage, in Asia, Iraq and elsewhere.

Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street
Tel: 212-832-1155

The Changing U.S.-ROK Alliance How the U.S. and the ROK are responding to new circumstances

Wednesday, February 4 3:00–5:00 PM

Victor D. Cha, Associate Professor of Government D.S. Song–Korea Foundation Chair in Asian studies Georgetown University & David C. Kang Associate Professor of Government, Research Director Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College

The Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue, Eighth Flr.
Tel: 212-759-7525

Issues in Korean Economy & Policy Direction in 2004

Thursday, February 5 3–5 PM

With Kwon Tae-Shin Deputy Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Economy Republic of Korea
Minister Kwon Tae-Shin will discuss Korea's macroeconomic policy directions in 2004. His presentation will also include other topics such as credit card companies and household debt problems, Korea as a Northeast Asian financial hub and the North Korean nuclear issue.

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The Global Perspective on the War on Terrorism

Tuesday, February 10th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
\$10 member/NGO; \$15 nonmember; \$7 students with ID

Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue
Tel: 212-517-ASIA

The White House: Economic Priorities for 2004

Wednesday, February 11 11:30 AM

Member rate of \$10. Nonmember admission: \$15
Kristin J. Forbes, a member of the Council of Economic Advisers specializing in international issues, discusses international economic policy, including the role of foreign investment, a rising China and the impact of lagging economic reforms in Japan.

Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street
Tel: 212-832-1155

China Briefcase: An Introduction to Chinese Business Culture

February 10th and February 11th, 2004
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Free for China Institute Corporate Members
Individual Members \$10; Non-Members \$20
Continental Breakfast Included; Reservations Required.

The China Briefcase workshop is offered periodically to introduce China to business people new to the market and culture. The workshop is designed to equip business people with a basic understanding of Chinese culture and underlying philosophical principles to facilitate their relationships working with Chinese.

China Institute, 125 East 65th Street
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APAC also distributes event notices via email on a regular basis. If you would like to be added to our list, please email Kengo at kn2031@columbia.edu.

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