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APAC Student Groups Happenings

China Forum/Zhongwen Luntan

Zhongwen Luntan held its first meeting of the year on Friday, September 19. At this meeting, it was decided that our future language tables will have a "language exchange" component, to give Chinese students a chance to practice their English as well as giving others a chance to practice their Chinese. The next language table will be held on the first week of October. On Saturday, October 11, Zhongwen Luntan members will celebrate "Cheap Dumpling Day," a Chinatown excursion allowing us to investigate the inexpensive gustatory delights to be found on every corner. For more information on Zhongwen Luntan, please contact Ann at ag2070.

Korea Focus

Korea Focus kicked off the new academic year with a Welcoming Party on September 18. The event was a great chance for returning students to catch up and for new students to find out more about the group. If you missed out but would like to learn more about the group, please contact Jae-won Choi at jc2244 or Mu-Sun Kim at mk 2128.

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum

On Friday, September 19, NBK organized a lecture on "Japan's Refugee Law Reform -Beyond "Seclusionist" Japan." The featured speaker for the event was Attorney Kanae Doi Executive Member, Sub-Committee on Refugees, Human Rights Committee of the

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APAC Up and Coming.....

Welcoming Reception for East Asian and Southeast Asian Fellows

Monday, September 29, 3:00-5:00 pm

Room 918

Come and meet scholars, students, development, and human rights professionals from East and Southeast Asia at SIPA this semester, including participants in the WEAI Professional Fellows, Southeast Asia Fellows Program, and the Ford Fellows Program.

Weatherhead Policy Forum

Monday, September 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

103 Greene Hall, Law School

Weatherhead Policy Forum: Jeong Se-Hyun, Minister of Unification Republic of Korea. "The Future of Inter-Korea Relations: Road Map for Peace and Prosperity" Co-sponsored with the Center for Korean Legal Studies.

APAC Social Hour

Friday, October 3, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Max Café (Amsterdam@West 122nd, west side of street).

Come de-stress after a long week by grabbing a coffee or drink at this fun neighborhood café/bar.

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Japan Federation of Bar Association (Nichibenren). NBK's next event is on Friday, September 26 at 5 pm at Bar 1020 (110th & Amsterdam). It will be a chance for new students to hear about second year students' internship experiences as well as for everyone to take a study break! For more information, contact kn2031.

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

SEASI held the first event of the semester with an introductory meeting on September 18 which gave students the opportunity to hear more about the group. There are informative and interesting brown bags lined up in the next couple of weeks. Charmain Mohamed from Human Rights Watch will give a talk on Human Rights in Aceh on Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 in Room 918. On October 6th, from 12 to 1:30, there will be a Brown Bag talk with the Southeast Asia Fellows in room 918. For more information, please contact kw2054 or ams2027.

The Asia Pacific Wars Film Series

Throughout the semester, a series of films will be shown that center on the Asia Pacific Wars during the period from 1941 to 1975. All of the films will be shown from 7:00 pm – 10:00 p.m. in Altschul Auditorium (Room 417) in the International Affairs Building. The screenings are open to all!

“Harp of Burma” - September 29

A Japanese army private volunteers to persuade a group of mountain fighters to surrender at the end of WWII and undergoes a religious experience, becoming obsessed with a desire to bury war casualties.

“Spring in My Hometown” - October 13

Released in Korea in 1998, this film takes on the weighty subject of the Korean War through the eyes of two young boys. The film's critical distance expresses the pains of a war-torn era and the tracks of hidden personal stories left behind by modern history.

“Pork Chop Hill” - October 27

In the last days of the Korean War, an American Lieutenant is given the perplexing order of using his men to take an inconsequential little hill from the Chinese. It soon becomes a needless slaughter of American lives, and their poor leader tires valiantly to keep going, even as his men are being picked off one after another.

“The Quiet American” - November 5

Set at the height of the Vietnamese fight for independence from French colonial rule, an American aid worker, soon finds himself involved in a love triangle with his mentor, a veteran British journalist, and his young Vietnamese which leads to a series of startling revelations and finally to murder.

“Apocalypse Now Redux” - November 17

Francis Ford Coppola's expansive revision of his visually stunning, Academy Award-winning *Apocalypse Now*, includes more than an hour of extra footage. In this film inspired by Joseph Conrad's novel *Heart of Darkness*, a special agent is sent to Vietnam to locate and terminate a rogue U.S. officer who is leading guerilla forces in the jungle.

“Karma” - December 1

Quang Minh's *Karma* was one of the first war-related films by a Vietnamese artist to be shown in the U.S. following the war's end. The film explores the effects of the conflict on Vietnamese families by focusing on a South Vietnamese officer, once presumed dead, and his wife, who is forced to become a prostitute.

Career News

Just starting at SIPA and completely confused as to how to go about getting a summer internship in East Asia? Or graduating this year and wondering "now what?" Here are a few of the coming events that will help set you on the right track in your internship/job search. There will be other career panels throughout the year so if you have suggestions for a future panel, please email one of the WEAI PAs.

Development in East Asia

Wednesday, October 8

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Room 918

This career panel will offer students the chance to hear SIPA Alums currently working in the area of development talk about their experiences. A wine and cheese reception will follow the panel.

Internship Panel

Monday, October 13

1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Room 918

Come hear second year students talk about their summer experiences and get tips on your internship search and funding.

Non-Profits Focused on East Asia

Wednesday, October 29

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Room 918

SIPA Alums currently working at various non-profit organizations that focus on East Asia will share their experience and offer career tips. A reception will follow the panel.



Weatherhead Policy Forum

The Weatherhead Policy Forum Series brings major public policy figures to Columbia University to speak on contemporary issues in East and Southeast Asia. These events are

open to Columbia faculty, students, staff, and the general public.

The first speaker in this series is Jeong Se-Hyun, Minister of Unification for the Republic of Korea speaking on "The Future of Inter-Korea Relations: The Current Crisis and Road Map for Peace and Prosperity." The talk, which is co-sponsored by the Center for Korean Legal Studies at the Law School, will take place on Monday, September 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm at the Law School Greene Hall Room 103.

The talk will provide an interesting opportunity to hear first hand what is happening on the Korean Peninsula in the aftermath of the 6 party talks.

Jeong-Ho Roh, Director at the Center for Korean Legal Studies, and editor/contributor to "Constitutional Handbook for Korean Reunification" will moderate the event, with comments by Charles Armstrong (Professor of Modern Korean History, Acting Director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, author of "The North Korean Revolution, 1945-1950") and Leon Sigal (Director of the Northeast Asia Cooperative Security Project at the Social Science Research Council and author of "Disarming Strangers: Nuclear Diplomacy with North Korea").

And make sure to mark the next event of the series in your calendar. George Mitchell, former United States Senator, will discuss "Conflict Resolution: Lessons and Applications for the Korean Peninsula" with Charles Armstrong, Professor of Modern Korean History and the Acting Director at

EAI Brownbags

The Brownbag Lectures at the 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. Please make sure to check the EAI website for updates to the brownbag schedule.

Thursday, October 2

“Why Burma has no King: Contemporary Burma in Historical Perspective”

Thant Myint-U

Political Officer, United Nations Department of Political Affairs

Tuesday, October 7 – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

(please note the time change)

“Transcending Borders: Contemporary Southeast Asian Writing and the Challenge of Globalization”

Daren Shiau

Novelist

Professor Kirpal Singh

Director of Cross Cultural Studies, Singapore Management University

Wednesday, October 8

“North Korean Nuclear Program and KEDO”

Kim Young Mok

Deputy Executive, Director of Korean Energy Development Organization (KEDO)

Thursday, October 9

”Beyond Mahathir: New Leadership, New Vision in Malaysia?”

Bridget Welsh

Assistant Professor, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

WEAI. This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Conflict Resolution. The talk is on Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. in International Affairs Building Room 1501.

Thursday, October 16

“Mike Mansfield and the American Engagement with East Asia”

Don Oberdorfer

Distinguished Journalist, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University and Former Diplomatic Correspondent, Washington Post

Thursday, October 23

Title to be Announced

Motoshige Itoh

Professor of Economics, University of Tokyo

Co-sponsored by the Center on Japanese Economy and Business

Monday, November 10

“Negotiating Culture with Vietnam”

Laurel Kendall

Cultural anthropologist and co-curator of “Vietnam: Journeys of Body, Mind & Spirit,” American Museum of Natural History

Tuesday, November 18

“Reassessing the ‘Chinese Threat’ – Insights from Non-traditional security”

Elizabeth Wishnick

Research Associate WEAI

Thursday, November 20

“The Japanese Economy”

Shijuro Ogata

Former Deputy Governor of International Relations, Bank of Japan

Monday, November 24

”Institutional Change in Colonial Hong Kong, 1900-1970”

David William Clayton

Lecturer in History, University of York (England)

Language Corner

Too busy to take on the credits for an East Asian Language? Want to bone up for a proficiency exam? Or just want extra practice outside the classroom? Many of the East Asian Student Groups offer language tables which give students the opportunity to practice in an informal, casual setting.

Chinese Language Table

Zhongwen Luntan organizes regular Chinese Language Tables. The next one will be in the first week of October. For more information, please contact Ann Gavaghan at ag2070.

Japanese Language Table

These tables are held every other Friday in Room 918. For more information, please contact Tamie Nakayama at tn2029.

Bahasa Indonesian/Malay

Plans are underway to continue with our successful language table from last semester. If you would like to take part, please email ams2027.

Southeast Asian Languages

If there is another Southeast Asian Language you are interested in pursuing, please email Alex at ams2027 as soon as possible.

Events @ Columbia

Eight Million Ways to See: Japanese Artists' Books, 770-2000

Thursday, October 2 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

First of a three-part lecture series on *Ehon: The Japanese Artist's Book*

Professor Roger Keyes (Department of East Asian Studies, Brown University)
403 Kent Hall, Columbia University

Tuesday, December 2

"Update on U.S.-Japan Relations"

Evans Revere

*Director, Office of Japanese Affairs,
Department of State*

Free Trade Agreements and Japan's Trade Policy

Thursday, October 16 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Center on Japanese Economy and Business and the Toyota Research Fund, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, present "Free Trade Agreements and Japan's Trade Policy," a symposium featuring Noboru Hatakeyama, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation, Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI), Japan, Former Chairman and CEO, JETRO. The symposium will take place on Thursday, October 16 from 5:00-7:00 pm in 142 Uris Hall. Discussants for this symposium are Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Professor of Economics and Political Science, and Professor Merit Janow, Professor in the Practice of International Trade. The panel moderator is Professor David Weinstein, Carl S. Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy and; Associate Director for Research, Center on Japanese Economy and Business with introductions by Professor Gerald Curtis, Burgess Professor of Political Science and Director of the Toyota Research Program at the East Asian Institute. A reception from 7:00-8:00 pm in Calder Lounge will follow the symposium. Registration is required. For more information, please email ym151@columbia.edu.

Other Events Around Town

Meet the Author: Jonathan Woetzel – Capitalist China: Strategies for a Revolutionized Economy

Thursday, October 2 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

AsiaStore: Designer Showcase
Friday, October 3rd 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Admission Free
Asia Society
725 Park Avenue at 70th Street
Tel: 212-288-6400

**Exhibit: Passion for the Mountains:
17th Century Landscape Paintings from the
Nanjing Museum**
September 18 – December 20
China Institute in America
125 East 65th Street (between Park and
Lexington)
Tel: 212-744-8181

**New York Film Festival
October 3 - 19, 2003
Lincoln Centre**

There are a number of films in this year's festival with Asian ties. For detailed times and ticket details for all of these films, please visit their website at www.filmlinc.com/nyff/nyff.htm.

S21: The Khmer Rouge Killing Machine
Sun. Oct. 5, 1:30 pm
France, 2003

Goodbye Dragon Inn
Wed. Oct. 15, 6:00 pm
Taiwan, 2003

PTU
Thurs., Oct 16, 9:15 pm
Sat. Oct. 18, 3:30 pm
Hong Kong, 2003

Yasujiro Ozu: A Centennial Celebration
To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Japanese film director Yasujiro Ozu, the New York Film Festival will present a complete retrospective of Ozu's extant works. Over thirty of his films will be shown as part of this event. For detailed times check out the festival's website. Columbia Students can get a discount on tickets by showing their ID at the box office.

\$35 Non-Members, \$15 Members
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As part of the retrospective and in conjunction with Columbia, there will be a two-day symposium on Ozu's work. Admission is free. Complimentary tickets for both days may be picked up at the Walter Reade Theater.

Saturday, October 11
Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65th Street, Plaza Level Lincoln Center:

2 pm - 4 pm:
The Place of Ozu in Japanese Film History
Moderator: Daisuke Miyao, Columbia University
Panelists: Richard Combs; Keiko McDonald;
Mitsuhiro Yoshimoto; Tadao Sato

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Ozu Outside: The International Response to Ozu's Work
Moderator: Zhang Zhen, New York University
Panelists: Claudio España; Tom Gunning; Chuck Stephens

Sunday, October 12
Italian Academy, 1161 Amsterdam Avenue at West 117th St. Columbia University

2 pm - 4 pm
Ozu and Modernity
Moderator: Dudley Andrew, Yale University
Panelists: Shigehiko Hasumi; Charles Tesson;
Robin Wood; Yoshishige Yoshida

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Ozu Today and Tomorrow
Moderator: James Schamus, Columbia University
Panelists: Phillip Lopate; Paul Schrader

Internship Opportunities

From time to time, *APAC News* will compile internship and employment opportunities for its readers. If you would like to advertise an East-Asia related position, please email ams2027@columbia

there is a successful match, future employment may be offered. Marketing and Human Resources Strategy positions are available for the internship term starting in Summer 2004. Examples of successful internship projects in the past: HR business development feasibility study in Asian Market, marketing research, regulation clarification, and business plan development, marketing and actual implementation of digital products, and analyzing the brand image of SANYO. The deadline to apply is October 17, 2003. For more information, visit SIPA Trak or www.sanyo.com.

Asia Society Internships (Academic Year)

The Asia Society in New York is currently hiring interns in the area of special events, online news, and education programs. For more information on each of these internships, please visit their website at www.asiasoc.org.

Special Events Intern – New York

The Special Events team manages the details of (1) major fundraising events, (2) cultivation events, and (3) major exhibition openings. There are a myriad of details behind the scenes, both before and after, a successful event. The Special Events intern will provide support to the team in the following areas: event logistics, data entry, gift acknowledgments, and event mailings.

Online News Intern - New York

Asia Society Online is seeking a volunteer web intern to help maintain our resource site, AsiaSource. Responsibilities include daily updates (Mon-Fri) of the news digest with news from South, Southeast and Central Asia, help to research and compile special reports on current events in Asia, and regular updates, general data entry and support for maintenance of AsiaSource and other sites.

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Sanyo Summer Internship(2004)

SANYO Global Internship is a program to have interns and SANYO assess each other. If ...7

Education Programs Intern – New York

Asia Society's Education Programs is seeking one volunteer intern for its National Campaign on International Studies in the schools. The campaign is building needed connections among schools, higher education institutions, policy and business leaders, the media, and many others to ensure American students have the knowledge and skills they need for the interconnected world. The campaign intern's will become a vital part of a team working on a media campaign and events planning. Responsibilities include assisting with events: mail invitations, track RSVPs, help compile briefing books for high-level meetings, and general on-site support as needed, preparing information packets, update and maintain contacts database, providing general administrative support for campaign such as filing, answering inquiries, etc. In addition, intern will work with a staff member to design a research project that suits the intern's personal interests as well as campaign needs.

Full-time Employment Opportunities

Women's Rights Action Watch

Deputy Executive Director

The International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP Asia Pacific) is an international NGO based in Kuala Lumpur. They work through collaborative projects, primarily with women's organizations in the Asia Pacific region, to promote the domestic application of international human rights standards in relation to women's rights. They have programs in at least 12 Asia Pacific countries which mobilize activism nationally,

and expert group meetings, as well as running a website and producing publications

They are looking for a woman from the Asia Pacific region to fill this post. Applicants need to possess a honors/postgraduate degree in the relevant social sciences, as well as have a keen interest and involvement in NGO work and women's rights. The successful candidate will plan, conceptually and strategically, advocacy on the human rights of women and oversee professional level staff.

For more information on this position, please visit their website at www.iwraw-ap.org.

Asia Foundation
Program Officer

The Asia Foundation is a private, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization working to advance the mutual interests of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region. Headquartered in San Francisco, through its network of 17 field office throughout Asia, the Foundation addresses these issues both on a country and regional level through leadership and institutional development, exchanges and dialogue, technical assistance, research and policy engagement.

Under the direction of the Assistant Directors and Director (WA), the Program Officer of the Washington Office is accountable for: program design and implementation, including event planning for the Asian Perspectives Series and Emerging Issues programs; producing Washington based publications (in coordination with External Relations unit in San Francisco); coordinating with the Director for International Relations in program implementation and report writing; developing, implementing and administering exchange programs with San Francisco Asian-American Exchange staff and field staff; identifying resources working in collaboration with Asian-American Exchange staff and field staff, and

regionally and internationally for the elimination of discrimination against women, whether this be in law, policy or practice. Activities include conducting training, research ...8 representing the Foundation at hearings and meetings in the Washington policy community.

For more information, please visit their website at www.asiafound.org. The deadline to apply is October 15.

Don't Forget!

APAC HAPPY HOUR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
MAX CAFÉ
(Amsterdam @ West 122)



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