



APAC News

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Welcome to APAC!

The Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC) would like to extend our warmest welcome to all new and returning students to the new academic year! APAC is a student-run group that acts as a central forum for students at SIPA and the greater Columbia University who are interested in East Asian affairs.

Throughout the year, APAC carries out a variety of activities and events which aim at enhancing the community's economic, political, and cultural awareness of East Asia. These activities range from brown bag lectures to social happy hours, from career and internship panels to cultural nights! More information will be posted on events and activities so keep an eye out for our emails and flyers around campus.

In addition, APAC also produces *APAC News* on a biweekly basis. The newsletter serves to keep students interested in East Asia 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 already registered with us and would like to receive *APAC News*, please email Lisa at ltk2103@columbia.edu and we will be sure to put you on our distribution list!

APAC is a student organization and our success depends heavily on your involvement. Your feedback and comments are important to us so please feel free to get in touch with us with your suggestions. We look forward to meeting you at all our events throughout the academic year.

Amy Ahn (asa6)
Kevin Burgwinkle (kjb2111)
Lisa Karz (ltk2103)

Up and Coming Events...

Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC)

- **Japan Film Series (The Cinema of Hayao Miyazaki) Part 1: "Spirited Away"**
In Japanese with subtitles. Refreshments will be served.
Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, 918 IAB

Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum

- **Welcome Party and Introductory Meeting**
See old friends and make new ones as we kick off a semester of fun China-related events! Happy hour to follow at Radio Perfecto.
Friday, September 16, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, 918 IAB

Korea Focus

- **Welcome Happy Hour**
Friday, September 16, 5:00 pm, The West End (on Broadway between 113th & 114th streets)

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)

- **NBK/JEF Welcome Party**
Join us for our opening meeting as we discuss the year's coming events and enjoy Asian refreshments.
Friday, September 23, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, 918 IAB
- **Japanese Language Table** - all levels are welcome! Native speakers also encouraged to attend.
Friday, September 30, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, 918 IAB

APAC Introductory Meeting and Happy Hour

APAC started off the fall semester with its annual welcome meeting, held the evening of Wednesday September 14 at the Weatherhead Institute. Over 60 students from SIPA, MARSEA, and other programs at Columbia attended to mingle with fellow classmates, meet new friends and hear about upcoming Asia-related events for the semester. The meeting was also an opportunity for representatives of numerous Asian student groups to introduce themselves to new students and generate interest in their activities. After the meeting, students headed to Radio Perfecto for the first Happy Hour of the year. If you were unable to join us, stay tuned for our future activities!



Asia-related Student Groups

One of the unique features of APAC is the many student groups that operate independently under the APAC umbrella. Within this framework, student groups focus on specific issues as well as regional concerns sometimes in cooperation with APAC. The following is a short description of these various student groups along with their respective contact information. If you are interested in one of these groups or have an idea for forming a new one, please let us know!

China Forum/Zhongwen Luntan

Kelly McAskill (kam2125), Vanessa Pu (vp2120), Martin Oredsson (mlo2104), Ken Lee (jl2035), Lisa Karz (ltk2103)

Zhongwen Luntan is a student organization for promoting greater understanding of Chinese culture, history and politics among members of the Columbia University community. The most famous of *Zhongwen Luntan* activities is its Chinese Language Table, which generally takes place every second Friday. We also invite you to join us on our outings to Chinatown, movie nights, and lecture series.

Greater China Initiative (GCI)

Yi Su (ys2179), Qinghong Zou (qz2108)

GCI aims to serve as a resource center for Columbia students who are interested in working, living, traveling or learning more about the Greater China region (China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong). It taps mainly into the resources and network available from SIPA's student body which hails from all parts of Greater China. The Club aims to promote interaction and discussion between students interested in the region's economy, politics, business, and social issues.

Korea Focus

Christina Hwang (jh2383), Mike Park (mp2115)

Korea Focus is an organization created and run by graduate students at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Korea Focus serves the SIPA student body 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.

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum

Lucia Vancura (lv2128), Ryoko Nakamura (rm2102), Kevin Burgwinkle (kjb2111), Kazubiko Shimizu (ks2292), Shoko Nakagawa (sn2156), Haruko Kamei (hk2228), Nozomi Hashimoto (nh2126), Daisuke Kishi (dk339), Martin Oredsson (mlo2104)

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/Japan Exchange Forum) is open to everyone interested in Japanese politics, economy, culture, and language. Our goals are to: (i) establish a mutually-beneficial friendship between Japanese students and those from other countries by hosting seminars and social events; (ii) supply students who seek job opportunities in Japan with information for recruiting and internships; (iii) helping students in their study of Japanese language and; (iv) increase the level of interest and awareness of Japan. The events are held in Japanese and English and are open to the Columbia University Community. NBK also hosts language tables. Visit us at www.geocities.com/nihonbenkyokai/.

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

Michael Roston (mr2302), Kathleen Keiser (kek2112)

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI) encourages the study of Southeast Asia at Columbia University and promotes the understanding and appreciation of Southeast Asia within the Columbia University community by organizing social and educational activities and advocating for the expansion of Southeast Asia-related course offerings. Each year, SEASI sponsors a Southeast Asia Culture Night, Brown Bag lectures, film nights, and dinner outings as well as other events. The group also organizes an informal Bahasa Indonesia/Malaysian Language Table. If you are interested in a language table in another Southeast Asian Language, please let us know.

If you are interested in joining any of these Asia-related student groups listed above, please contact them directly.

WEAI Brownbag Lunch Lectures

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

Friday, September 16

“Economic Reform and the Liberalization Drive in Korea”

Speaker: Minister Hyun Chong Kim

Minister of Trade, Republic of Korea

12:00 – 1:30 PM

1512 IAB

Monday, September 19

“Thin Reconciliation: Sino-Japanese Relations 1945-1972”

Speaker: Daqing Yang

Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, George Washington University

Other WEAI Highlights

Tuesday, September 20

“Koizumi’s Gamble and its Consequences”

Speaker: Prof. Gerald L. Curtis

Burgess Professor of Political Science, Columbia University

Prof. Curtis will discuss the September 11th Japanese elections and their policy implications.

4:30 – 6:00 PM

Feldberg Lecture Hall, Warren Hall

Wednesday, September 28

“U.S. Military Presence in Northeast Asia: Providing Security for Economic Prosperity”

Speaker: General Leon J. LaPorte

Commander UN Forces, Korea

4:30 – 6:00 PM

1512 IAB

Fellowship Announcement

Fellowships and Grants for East Asian Studies

Do not miss this important information session which will explain the various fellowships and grants offered for graduate study of East Asia by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute for summer 2006 and academic year 2006-2007.

Friday, September 16

2:00 – 4:00 PM

918 IAB

Other Events around NYC

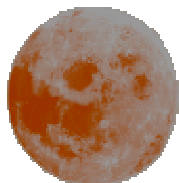
Sunday, September 18

Chinatown's Autumn Moon Festival

Time: 11:30am – 5:00pm

Location: Mott St. (between Bayard & Canal)

Admission: free



“Also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival, the Autumn Moon Festival is a major holiday in most Asian communities all over the world. Traditionally, the Autumn Moon Festival takes place on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, the time of year when the moon is at its fullest and brightest, marking the ideal time to celebrate the abundance of the summer's harvest. Round mooncakes made of flaked pastry are baked and enjoyed, ornate lanterns are displayed and people come out of their homes and bask in the glow of the full moon.

This year's event will take place on the actual day of the mid-Autumn full moon. Chinatown will celebrate the Autumn Moon tradition with traditional and contemporary cultural performances, lion dances, games and children's activities. Enjoy free "moon cake" tastings and take part in the festival's annual 'riddle contest.'”

Visit <http://www.explorechinatown.com> for more info.

Monday, September 19

Fireflies (Kami wo kakiageru)

by Toshiro Suzue (1995)

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

Admission: \$15/\$12 Japan Society members

RSVP: www.japansociety.org

“The recipient of the prestigious Kunio Kishida Drama Award, this poignant drama written by the young Kyoto-based Toshiro Suzue follows several characters on a lonely search for connection and compassion in contemporary Japanese society.”

Thursday, September 22

“Beijing: The Future of U.S.-China Relations”

A Luncheon program with His Excellency Zhou Wenzhong, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States

Time: 12:00 – 2:00pm

Location: Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: \$50 member; \$75 nonmember

RSVP: 212-517-ASIA

Wednesday, September 28

China's Financial Markets IV

Sponsored by O'Melveny & Myers LLP, HSBC and RR Donnelly

Time: 8:00am – 4:30pm

Location: Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: \$125 members; \$150 nonmembers; \$50 NGOs/students/faculty w/ID

RSVP: 212-517-ASIA

“The 4th in the series, this annual conference examines key developments across China's markets over the past year. Chinese government representatives and senior private sector representatives discuss the progress of reforms to the banking system, the development of China's domestic capital markets, the prevalence of Chinese issuers in international capital markets and the growth of private equity and venture capital investing in China.”

Internships/Employment Opportunities

The Mainichi Newspaper

Position: Intern (unpaid)

Description: The Mainichi Newspapers, a Japanese national daily newspaper headquartered in Tokyo, seeks a part-time intern in its New York office. The intern's responsibilities include: researching, transcribing interviews, making appointments, and other editorial and clerical works. The intern is expected to work for 2 to 3 days in a week for at least three months from the end of September or the beginning of October.

The intern has to be a native English speaker with great knowledge of American culture and excellent communication skills. Familiarity with international affairs and American politics are desired. Work Experience in Japanese companies or living experience in Japan is a plus. This is an unpaid internship opportunity.

The Mainichi Newspapers, the oldest and one of the leading Japanese national daily newspapers, has a daily circulation of 4 million copies and has more than 130 years of experience in the field of journalism. Its New York office mainly covers the United Nations, American politics and culture, Major League Baseball, and other major events happening mainly in the eastern United States and Canada.

If you are interested in this position, please send your resume and a single-spaced, one-page essay that explains why you are interested in this position to mainichiny@aol.com or to 212-765-1243 (fax). The application package is due on September 18, 2005. Selected candidates are notified of interview dates.

Asian Art Dealer in NYC needs a part-time assistant approximately 10 hours a week. Knowledge of Korean or Japanese art or art history preferred. Contact Lea Sneider at (212) 724-6171.

Useful Websites in New York

In addition to the great resources for East Asia Affairs offered at the Institute, there are many organizations that hold great activities and events that you won't want to miss. These are just some of the many organizations you may want to check out!

Columbia Websites

APEC Study Centre

www.columbia.edu/cu/business/apec

Centre on Japanese Economy and Business

www.gsb.columbia.edu/japan/

Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/dkc/calendar

East Asian Languages and Culture Department (EALAC)

www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac



Organizations in New York

Asia Society

www.asiasociety.org

Asia Source (a resource of the Asia Society)

www.asiasource.org

China Institute in America

www.chinainstitute.org

Japan Society

www.japansociety.org

Korea Society

www.koreasociety.org

Program Assistants

The Weatherhead East Asian Institute Program Assistants (PA's) are in charge of coordinating activities for APAC. We encourage students to get involved in various events for APAC including social events as well as internship/career panels. And contact us if you have any suggestions for future events!

Lisa Karz (MIA '06)

Lisa Karz graduated from Brandeis University with a B.A. in History and Russian Language and Literature. Upon graduation, she moved to China where she taught English for one year and subsequently became the China Field Director for WorldTeach, a non-profit teaching organization. During Lisa's third year in China she studied Mandarin full time in Beijing. Lisa is now a second year SIPA student concentrating in East Asia and International Security Policy.

Amy Ahn (MIA '06)

Amy Ahn graduate from Columbia College with a B.A. in Political Science. Her first job was at the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Korean government. Subsequent to her experiences at J. Walter Thomspson and Johnson & Johnson in Korea, Amy is pursuing a double concentration in Economic and Political Development & International Media and Communications with a regional focus on East Asia. For her summer internship, she worked as a producer (broadcast section) at UNICEF headquarters in NYC.

Kevin Burgwinkle (MIA '06)

Kevin Burgwinkle is pursuing a Masters in International Affairs in international security policy and East Asian studies. An alumnus of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, he has spent time working in the foreign policy community in Washington, D.C. and this past summer completed an internship with the U.S. State Department. Kevin received a B.S. in Languages from Georgetown University in 2001 and spent a year studying Japanese at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan.

Meet the WEAI Staff

Do you know who's who at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute? Here is a list of our staff to give you an idea.

Prof. Xiaobo Lu	Director
Waichi Ho	Assistant Director
Greg Alcock	Events Officer
Elizabeth Demissie	Business Manager
Janice Duffin	Administrative Assistant
Robert Finkenthal	Student Affairs Officer
Victoria Greenberg	Administrative Assistant
Madge Huntington	Publications Director
Heidi Johnson	Program Officer
Nissim Schaul	Administrative Assistant
Dana Sommers	Administrative Assistant
Kazue Tomiyama	Financial Assistant

All of the staff members are very accessible and friendly so feel free to stop by and say hello. There are two staff members that you want to get to know very well:

Robert Finkenthal is the student affairs officer. He works on the Institute's M.A. in Regional Studies East Asia program, administers student fellowships and grants for the study of East Asia, and edits the Institute's newsletter, *The Reed*. If you have any questions about the East Asian Regional Concentration, any East Asia courses, or funding opportunities, contact him at rdf12@columbia.edu or drop by his office in 935 IAB.

Greg Alcock is the events officer. He is spearheading many of the events that will take place throughout the year at the Institute. If you are interested in helping out with any of the various program events throughout the year, you can contact him at ga2158@columbia.edu. He would love to hear from you!

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