



# APAC News

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## China Internship Panel



On Monday, February 27, APAC held its China Internship Panel, rescheduled from two weeks prior due to the snowstorm. Attendees had the opportunity to hear about the experiences of four SIPA and MARSEA graduate students who have undertaken work and advanced language study in mainland China.



The panelists drew particular attention to the importance of flexibility, persistence and networking in finding positions and appropriate programs of study abroad. Afterward, panelists responded to individual student queries with more detailed advice during a lively question and answer discussion. More panels geared toward your career and internship searches are coming this semester, so stay tuned in to APAC!

## Up and Coming Events...

### Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)

- **Japanese Language Table #3**  
Friday, March 24, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Rm. 918, IAB

### Zhongwen Luntan/China Forum

- **Chinese Language Table**  
Friday, March 24, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Room TBA

## Calling All Volunteers!

APAC is looking for a few interested students to contribute to event planning, host events and write articles for our publication, APAC News. This is a terrific opportunity to engage your regional interests, become better acquainted with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and play a greater role in the student community. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions regarding what we might plan in the future and what we can do better! APAC programming is designed with student interest in mind, so if you have an idea for an activity or event, please let us know.

Questions? Suggestions? Write your PAs!

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## **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. To learn more, visit:  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/events.html>

### **Tuesday, March 28**

#### **"Chinese Idealizations of Eurasian Racial Hybridity: What Can We Learn from a Cross Cultural Reading of the Past?"**

*Emma Teng*, Associate Professor of Chinese Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Legacies of the Past Brown Bag Lecture Series

### **Wednesday, March 29**

#### **"Japan Remodeled: How Government and Industry Are Transforming Japanese Capitalism"**

*Steven Vogel*, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

Co-sponsored by the Center for Japanese Economy (CJEB) and the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER)

### **Friday, March 31**

#### **"The Evolving Concept of Civil Society in China"**

*Jean-Philippe Beja*, Director for Research, Center For International Studies and Research (CERI)

Co-sponsored by the Alliance Program, Institute for the Study of Europe

### **Thursday, April 6**

#### **"The Contested Politics of the US Military in South Korea: Democratization and the Base Issue in Comparative Perspective"**

*Alexander A. Cooley*, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Barnard College

### **Wednesday, April 12**

#### **"Chinese Migration, Extraterritoriality and the Globalization of Borders, 1840-1940"**

*Adam McKeown*, Associate Professor of History, Columbia University  
Legacies of the Past Brown Bag Lecture Series

### **Thursday, April 13**

#### **"Slavery and Servitude of Women in Revolutionary China"**

*Kristin Stapleton*, Associate Professor of East Asian History, University of Kentucky and Visiting Professor (2005-2006), Princeton University

## **Other Events at WEAI**

### **Contemporary Korean Affairs Seminar: "Human Rights and North Korea: Politics, Principle, or Proselytizing"**

*John Feffer*, Freelance Journalist, Columnist for the Korean Daily *Munhwa Ilbo*, and Writing Fellow at Provisions Library, Washington, DC  
Thursday, March 9  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
1512 IAB

### **Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series "Floating Lives: Documentary Films from Contemporary China"**

Thursday, March 23 - Friday, March 24  
Schapiro Hall, Davis Auditorium (subject to change)

For more information, please visit our website:  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/floating\\_lives\\_doc\\_film\\_series.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/floating_lives_doc_film_series.html)

### **Weatherhead Policy Forum: Ambassador Sun Zhenyu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the WTO**

Wednesday, April 5  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (reception to follow)  
Faculty House, Presidents room  
RSVPs recommended and are given seating priority; contact [ga2158@columbia.edu](mailto:ga2158@columbia.edu)

## **Events around Town**

### **Coming into Focus: Recent Films from Vietnam**

*Date:* March 3rd – 12th

*Time:* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*Location:* Asia Society, 725 Park Ave.

*Cost:* \$5 students/faculty w/ID; \$7 members; \$10 nonmembers

*Contact:* 212-517-ASIA

<http://www.asiasociety.org/arts/vietnamfilms06.html>

A fascinating glimpse into Vietnamese culture, history and daily life. Films in Vietnamese with English subtitles. Cosponsored by the Embassy of Vietnam, the Vietnam Cinema Department and The Institute for Vietnamese Culture & Education. With thanks to Tom Vick, Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution ([www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org)).

Glorious Time in Me Thao Hamlet/Me Thao

Thoi Hoang Vang (Director Nguyen Viet Linh/2002/90 min./35mm)

Friday, March 3 • 7:00 p.m.

Sandy Lives/Doi Cat (Director Nguyen Thanh

Van/1999/90 min./35mm)

Sunday, March 5 • 2:00 p.m.

King of Rubbish Dumps/Vua Bai Rac (Director

Do Minh Tuan/2002/100 min./35mm)

Sunday, March 5 • 4:30 p.m.

Lost and Found/Cua Roi (Director Vuong

Duc/2003/97 min./35mm)

Friday, March 10 • 7:00 p.m.

Deserted Valley/Thung Lung Hoang Vang

(Director Pham Nhue Giang/2002/90 min./35mm)

Sunday, March 12 • 3:00 p.m.

### **Seinendan Theater Company: The Yalta Conference & Ronin Office Ladies**

*Date:* March 23rd – 25th

*Time:* 7:30 pm

*Location:* Japan Society, 333 East 47th St.

*Cost:* \$35/\$30 Japan Society members

*Contact:* 212.832.1155

A Double Bill of One-acts from the Company's Conference Series. Written & directed by Oriza Hirata. A shocking acerbic black comedy, *The Yalta Conference* is based on the infamous meeting of the "Big Three" (Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt) during World War II, often cited as the beginning of the Cold War as the three allies discussed Europe's postwar reorganization. Insightful, imaginative, and shockingly tongue-in-cheek, this play takes a spin on the world's postwar history of the past 60 years with non-stop banter and a unique perspective. In *Ronin Office Ladies (OL Chushingura)* a cast of disgruntled "office ladies" heatedly discuss the shifting personnel structure within their workplace in a modern-day corporate lunchroom. This comic play is a spoof on the classic story *Chushingura*, about 47 samurai plotting vengeance in the name of loyalty, originally scripted for Japanese traditional puppet theater in the 18th century.

One of the most renowned contemporary theater companies in Japan, Seinendan Theater Company was founded by writer/director Oriza Hirata in 1983. Hailed by The New York Times as "transfixing," the works of Seinen-dan have come to be known as distinctively Japanese ([www.japansociety.org](http://www.japansociety.org)).

## **East Asia Opportunities**

From time to time, *APAC News* will compile internship and employment opportunities for its readers. If you are interested in advertising an East Asia-related position, please email [kjb2111@columbia.edu](mailto:kjb2111@columbia.edu).

### **Membership Development Associate Position at the China Institute**

Seeking an organized, detail oriented person to help manage the membership program for 4 different membership groups and serve as a team member with a small development staff. Responsible for processing all membership related data and serving as a resource for China Institute member inquires. Responsible for marketing and assisting in the

development and implementation of all membership programs. 2+ years development experience required. BA minimum. Raiser's Edge experience and excellent writing skills required.

Send resume and cover letter to:  
Development Office  
125 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10021  
development@chinainstitute.org  
www.chinainstitute.org

### **Director, Yale-China Association Hong Kong Office**

The Yale-China Association invites applications for the position of Director of its Hong Kong office. This office is located on the campus of New Asia College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong SAR.

Primary responsibilities of the position are: program development in mainland China and Hong Kong; fundraising activities including working closely with current and potential donors; maintaining strong relationships with partner institutions in Hong Kong and mainland China; overseeing administration of a scholarship program; and limited support as needed for other teaching, training, and exchange programs. These responsibilities necessitate regular travel to program sites and partner institutions in China and close coordination with Yale-China's home office in New Haven, Connecticut.

Candidates should possess:

- an excellent command of Mandarin Chinese and English. Some knowledge of Cantonese (or aptitude for acquiring it) is also desirable;
- familiarity with the Chinese educational system and knowledge of contemporary trends in Chinese society;
- excellent interpersonal skills;
- administrative and fundraising experience;
- willingness to travel frequently to mainland China;
- relevant recent work experience in mainland China;

- an advanced degree or professional training in relevant academic fields.

The ideal candidate will have demonstrated the ability to conceive, develop, and implement creative programs in international educational exchange, as well as the values and attributes needed to navigate sensitively and effectively in cross-cultural settings. In addition to salary, remuneration includes housing and a generous benefits package. Application letters, including a résumé and the names and contact information of three references, should be sent by email as one document to: Judith M. Collins, Business Manager, Email: [judith.collins@yale.edu](mailto:judith.collins@yale.edu) Telephone interviews will begin this winter and in-person interviews will be conducted beginning March 15. The ideal starting date for this position is early summer 2006.

Additional information can be found on our website at [www.yalechina.org](http://www.yalechina.org).

### **Associate Director, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (EAPS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) seeks an Associate Director to: assist the Director in program creation and implementation (e.g., conferences, workshops, brown bags); to develop and implement outreach activities (e.g., for K-12 teachers, business, media, and the community); to assist in the development of the Center's financial base through grant writing; to assist in the coordination of academic programs (e.g., the development of a graduate certificate program in East Asia); and to assist in the oversight of the daily functioning of the Center.

Applicants must have an advanced degree (MA required, Ph.D. preferred) in a social science or humanities discipline with a concentration on East Asia, Southeast Asia or the Pacific. Applicants must have excellent English writing capability; skills in Chinese, Japanese, Korean or a Southeast Asian language will be considered an asset. Candidates should have

excellent communication, managerial, and organization skills, allowing them to work effectively with diverse actors both in and beyond the university (i.e., faculty, staff, students, and dignitaries); and to coordinate many diverse efforts (from on-campus programming to off-campus outreach). Candidates must have initiative and be able to work well autonomously; and to act in the Director's stead in her/his absence. Candidates should be creative and innovative with an interest in contributing to day-to-day programming as well as to charting the future course of EAPS. Candidates must have computer skills including comfort with (or willingness to learn) databases and on-line reporting. More information at <http://www.eaps.uiuc.edu/Job%20Openings/Employment%20Opportunities.htm>

### **Program Coordinator, Asian Educational Media Service, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

The Asian Educational Media Service (AEMS), an educational outreach program made possible by a generous grant from the Freeman Foundation, seeks a Coordinator who will lead the service in its mission to promote Asian studies through the use of audiovisual media. The position offers a full-time, 12-month, non-tenure track appointment as an academic professional in the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (EAPS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). The initial appointment is for two years with continuation dependent upon funding renewal. The position will be available as soon as possible after the closing date.

The candidate should have a solid background in Asian studies. A Bachelor's degree is required and an advanced degree preferred. Excellent written English and editing skills are essential. The candidate must also have advanced computer and Internet competence skills. The candidate must have the ability and enthusiasm to work with educators at all levels and be able to work in a large university setting while cultivating a nationwide network of Asia

experts who voluntarily review and evaluate media materials. The candidate must have at least two years of related work experience. Salary is competitive, depending on qualifications and experience. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by April 5, 2006.

Applications, including a cover letter of application, a C.V., and the contact information (including phone and email) of three references (who can speak to the candidate's qualifications for this academic professional position), should be sent to: Sandy Burklund, University of Illinois, East Asian and Pacific Studies, 910 S. Fifth Street, 229 International Studies Building, Champaign, IL 61820; (217) 333-4850. The University of Illinois, UIUC is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. <http://www.eaps.uiuc.edu/Job%20Openings/Employment%20Opportunities.htm>

### **Taiwan and Mandarin Enrichment Scholarships**

#### *Taiwan Scholarships*

(1) Undergraduate Scholarships: These scholarships are for qualified foreign students who want to pursue undergraduate studies at universities/colleges in Taiwan. A stipend of NT\$25,000 per month per student will be provided.

(2) Master's Scholarships: Scholarships in the amount of NT\$30,000 per month will be provided for qualified foreign students who want to pursue their master's degrees at universities/colleges in Taiwan.

(3) Ph.D. Scholarships: Scholarships in the amount of NT\$30,000 per month will be provided for qualified foreign students who want to pursue their Ph.D. degrees at universities/colleges in Taiwan.

Deadline: March 31, 2006. Complete information on Taiwan Scholarship available at <http://www.edutwny.org/services/services.htm>

#### *Mandarin Enrichment Scholarships*

I. The scholarship, funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of China (Taiwan),

is aimed to assist promising foreign students to study in university-affiliated Chinese language centers in Taiwan. For the academic year 2006-2007, three one-year scholarships are available for qualified applicants from the four states under the jurisdiction of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New York, namely, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

## II. Benefits:

1. The scholarship will be under the supervision of the universities/colleges and stipends will be awarded monthly based on the students' attendance records and academic performance.
2. A stipend of NT\$25,000 per month per recipient will be provided. Tuition, accommodation, insurance and miscellaneous fees are all included in the scholarship. Recipients are responsible for their own roundtrip air-tickets.
3. Language centers may deduct tuition, insurance fees and other required fees from stipends, one time or in installments, before granting the remainder of the stipends to students.

Complete information on Mandarin Enrichment Scholarships is available at <http://www.edutwny.org/services/services.htm>

## **Call for Papers: Intergenerational Graduate Student Conference on Diversity in East Asia, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Our Graduate Student Conference aims uniquely at bringing together three generations of aspiring young scholars - senior honors students, M.A. students, and Ph.D. students. By establishing a communication network between those "three generations," we hope to promote new ways of mentoring and bonding. We welcome applications from honor students and graduate students engaged in interdisciplinary research on areas of East Asia (China, Japan, Korea).

The organizers encourage both graduate students and senior honors students to participate in this event by presenting and/or

attending. There are three ways to take part in the conference: Presenters deliver 15 minute research papers. Discussants introduce the panelists and foster the exchange of ideas in the 20-minute discussions following each panel. Audience participants raise questions during discussion periods. Deadline: March 15, 2006. <http://www.umass.edu/asianlan/IGSC/description.htm>

## **Asia-related Student Groups**

Below is a list of SIPA's East Asia student groups. If you are interested in getting involved with one, please contact them directly.

### ***Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum***

*Stephanie Saulsbury (ss2803), Shu Tamaura (st2274), Kiyoto Tsuji (kt2193), Tomoyuki Oshino (to2138)*

### ***China Forum/Zhongwen Luntan***

*Linda Li (wl2164), Manfred Elfstrom (ime2106), Yuan Wu (yw2184), Todd Osmundson (two2102), Alice Xie (afx1)*

### ***Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)***

*Michael Roston (mr2302), Kathleen Keiser (kek2112)*

### ***Greater China Initiative (GCI)***

*Yi Su (ys2179), Qinghong Zou (qz2108)*

### ***Korea Focus***

*Christina Hwang (jh2383), Mike Park (mlp2115)*

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