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Upcoming APAC Events



With the snow from this past weekend's big storm on its way out, it's time to start making room for spring and the next round of exciting APAC events! Next week APAC will host Professor George

Kallander as the latest guest at our popular Meet the Faculty Lunch series. Our China Internship Panel has been tentatively rescheduled for Monday, February 27; watch for more information. Don't forget to join us and hear about graduate students' summer experiences pursuing internships and study in China! Finally, our second Movie Night of the semester is just around the corner in early March; this installment will feature a well-known Korean film, to be announced. Stay tuned for details!

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. Please contact Kevin at kjb2111@columbia.edu for details on how you can contribute. 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.

Up and Coming Events...

Asia-Pacific Affairs Council (APAC)

- **Faculty Lunch: Prof. George Kallander**
Meet and have lunch with our faculty guest, **Prof. Kallander** (profile on pg. 3)
Wednesday, February 22nd, 12-1 pm,
Faculty House, 4th Floor
RSVP to Lisa at ltk2103@columbia.edu
- **China Internship Panel (tentative date)**
Monday, February 27, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Rm. 918, IAB

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)

- **Japanese Language Table #2**
Friday, February 24, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Rm. 918, IAB

Southeast Asian Student Initiative (SEASI)

- **Brownbag Lecture: "Post-Tsunami Reconstruction In Indonesia: Private Sector Perspective"**
Featuring Wayne Forest, Executive Director, American-Indonesia Chamber of Commerce
Friday, February 17, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Rm. 918, IAB

Korea Focus

- **Movie Night: "Welcome to Dongmak-gol"**
Korea's official nomination for the foreign language film category of the Oscar Awards
Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 pm
Rm. 918, IAB

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>

Wednesday, February 22

"Honoring the Dynasty's Dead: Commemorative Practice in 19th Century China"

Tobie Meyer-Fong, Department of History, John Hopkins University
Part of the Legacies of the Past Lecture Series

Thursday, February 23

"Should China Revalue the Yuan? Lessons From The Japanese Experience"

Claude Meyer, Associate Professor, Sorbonne University & Sciences- Po, Paris

Co-sponsored by CJEB (Center for Japanese Economy and Business), and The Alliance Program, The Institute for the Study of Europe

Tuesday, February 28

"An Introduction to the Chinese Army Today"

Dennis J. Blasko, Consultant, CNA Corporation and Author "The Chinese Army Today"

Wednesday, March 1

"Coopting Globalization : Local Politics and the Transformation of Corporate Governance in South Korea and Japan"

Christina Ahmadjian, Professor of Management, Hitotsubashi Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy
Co-sponsored by APEC Study Center

Monday, March 6

"The Fundamental Characteristics of Japanese Colonial Rule in Korea"

Miyata Setsuko, Lecturer, Waseda University

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Other Events at WEAI

Weatherhead Arts & Programming: Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series *Floating Lives: Documentary Films from Contemporary China*

Thursday, March 23 - Friday, March 24, 2006
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

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2006
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (reception to follow)
Faculty House, Presidents room
RSVPs recommended and are given seating priority; contact ga2158@columbia.edu

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)

Meet the Faculty: **Prof. George Kallander**

Join us in welcoming the latest addition to the Weatherhead East Asian Institute faculty staff, Professor George Kallander!

Prof. Kallander recently completed his PhD at Columbia University in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. His dissertation, entitled "Finding the Heavenly Way: Ch'oe Che-u, Tonghak and Religion in Late Choson Korea," examines 19th century Korean history and 20th century historiography. George has lived and studied a number of years in Korea and Mongolia. Currently, he is a postdoctoral fellow in the Expanding East Asian studies program at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, teaching "Korea in East Asia and the World."

Meet the Faculty Lunch:

Have lunch with
Prof. Kallander (on us!)
Wednesday, February 22nd at
Faculty House, 4th floor

RSVP to: ltk2103@columbia.edu

Spaces are limited!!

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Events around Town

Lecture: Adriana Proser & Cynthia Bronson Altman Behind-the-Scenes and in the Home: Asian Art and the Rockefeller Family

Date: February 24th

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm program

Location: Asia Society, 725 Park Ave.

Cost: free to members; limited seating

Contact: 212-517-ASIA

Gain intriguing insights into the genesis of the Asia Society's 50th anniversary exhibition *A Passion for Asia: The Rockefeller Family Collects* from co-curator of the exhibition, Adriana Proser, John H. Foster Curator for Traditional Asian Art, Asia Society. Representing one of the institutions lending to the exhibition, curator Cynthia Bronson Altman, the Rockefeller's Kykuit estate, offers an insider's view of the Rockefeller family's relationship with Asian art (www.asiasociety.org).

Economic Challenges Facing South Korea in 2006

Date: February 28th

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: The Korea Society, 950 Third Ave., 8th Floor

Contact: 212-759-7525 ext. 311

South Korea is facing a number of conflicting economic signals in the year ahead. Although its macroeconomic outlook is widely regarded as stable, uncertainty remains on expansion, job growth and the strength of the won. GDP growth projections vary, with foreign banks forecasting both faster and slower rates than the finance ministry. Longstanding problems are still awaiting policymakers' action: underdeveloped financial markets; constricting labor regulations; chaebol restructuring. And new issues - skyrocketing trade volumes with China and the expansion of North-South economic cooperation - are looming on the horizon.

Four leading experts - the head of the Korea Development Institute, the vice chairman of global banking at Citigroup, the managing director at Standard and Poor's, and the former international finance editor of BusinessWeek - will evaluate what it will take for the Korean economy to log a successful 2006, and what this year will mean for the Roh administration's goal of greater economic integration with East Asia (www.koreasociety.org).

Meet the Author: *Operation Yao Ming: The Chinese Sports Empire, American Big Business, and the Making of an NBA Superstar*

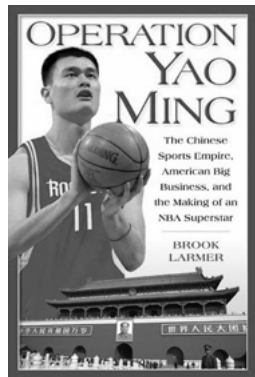
Date: February 28th

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; book signing follows

Location: Asia Society, 725 Park Ave.

Cost: \$5 students w/ID; \$7 members; \$12 nonmembers

Contact: 212-517-ASIA



Award-winning journalist Brook Larmer uses the prism of sports to trace the rise of an emerging superpower and its encounter with the outside world. Drawing on years of behind-the-scenes reporting, Newsweek's former Shanghai bureau chief

weaves a narrative that follows the cultivation of two basketball prodigies in China's nationalistic sports system and the East-West struggle over their fates—7'6" Yao Ming and his forgotten rival, 7'1" army soldier Wang Zhizhi.

“Operation Yao Ming is a fascinating book, at once a moving tale... and a subtle analysis of the political pressures weighing on the Chinese communist party as it seeks to exchange the fading certainties of the Maoist world for the unknown challenges of global capitalism.”—Jonathan Spence (www.asiasociety.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.

Internships and Post-Graduate Fellowship, Americans for Informed Democracy in New Haven, CT

Internships

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID), a non-profit organization that raises global awareness in the U.S., is now accepting applications for its Spring and Summer 2006 internship program. AID is seeking globally conscious graduate and college students who have a background in international affairs and are interested in a dynamic and fast-paced internship that will give them a hands-on introduction to the fields of global education, non-profit management and youth organizing. The internship program offers students an unparalleled introduction to the diverse professional opportunities within international NGOs. Interns help lead media outreach, grant-writing, partnership development, fundraising, civic education, and long-term strategy development. For more on internships with Americans for Informed Democracy, visit www.aidemocracy.org.

Post-Graduate Fellowship

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) is pleased to announce a new *Change the World* fellowship available to a recent graduate or young professional interested in joining AID's staff in New Haven, CT. This fellow would help AID coordinate global speaker tours, setup global videoconferences, develop a more involved central board, establish university partnerships, and help create a long-term strategy for revenue growth. The fellow would also help lead workshops at AID retreats, support AID organizers, help develop and maintain AID's website and assist with general office work and administration. The fellowship is intended for young professionals who are

interested in a dynamic and fast-paced, full-time job that will give them a hands-on introduction to the fields of global education, non-profit management and youth organizing. The fellowship lasts 6 months and pays a salary of \$12,500. For more on the *Change the World* fellowship, visit www.aidemocracy.org

Part-Time Assistant Position in US-Japan Marketing

Description of the internship position: We are looking for an assistant primarily to help with marketing efforts as well as with market research related to our existing projects. Part of the work will include preparing reports to Japanese project sponsors to outline our research findings. The position will also include some general office work.

Description of the organization: AJ Advisers LLC (“AJ”) was created with the objective of assisting US marketers to grow their businesses in Japan and Japanese marketers to grow their business in the U.S. Whether the company is first exploring the market or is looking to improve one particular aspect of its business, AJ provides flexible solutions to each company’s needs.

Qualifications and other requirements: The person should have experience in writing marketing materials and good writing skills. The person should also feel comfortable researching, using the web and be able to look at a web site and summarize the information in an easy to understand style. Native written Japanese is essential, but native English writing is not. Comfort with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint is important as these will be the main tools for producing reports. The position will be for 3-4 days a week for to start and if things work out, the position could become full time. If preferred it will be possible to work part time from home only coming into the office when necessary. The position is available immediately.

Compensation: Roughly \$25 an hour, but could be greater depending upon the applicant’s qualifications.

Application details: Please submit cover letter and resume by email to Andy Meyers at the contact information listed below.

Contact Information:

Company Name: AJ Advisers LLC

Principal: Andy Meyers

U.S. Office: 51 E. 42nd St., Suite 1506, New York, N.Y., 10017, USA

Phone: 212-661-2697

Email: ajmeyers@ajadvisers.com

Web: www.ajadvisers.com

China Program Intern Position at Grantmakers Without Borders

Grantmakers Without Borders (Gw/oB) is a funders’ network striving to fight global poverty and foster justice by increasing international social change philanthropy. Our members include trustees and staff of private and public foundations, individual donors, donor-activists, and other allies in philanthropy. Grantmakers Without Borders taps into this wealth of resources to encourage and promote globally minded grantmaking. For those new to the field, we provide peer-to-peer guidance on international grantmaking. For current international funders, we offer a space for continued education and community. In all our efforts, Grantmakers Without Borders is committed to the ideals of justice, equity, peace, democracy, and respect for the environment. We value and respect the wisdom and experience of local communities in all their diversity, and we are dedicated to amplifying the voice of the global South in international philanthropy. For more, visit www.gwob.net.

About this Internship

Grantmakers Without Borders seeks an intern to coordinate a program aimed at advancing US philanthropic engagement with China. Among the activities of the internship are the following:

- Production of a China funders e-newsletter
- Development of China content on Gw/oB’s website
- Assisting with the planning and implementation of China giving circles

·Assisting with the planning and implementation of a donor delegation to China

Time Commitment

·Eight hours per week for a minimum of 20 weeks

Compensation: \$20/hour

Qualifications

- * Advanced studies related to China
- * Fluency in Chinese
- * Ability to work from home or office, with computer and e-mail access
- * Reliability and attention to detail

Applicants should send the following to Grantmakers Without Borders, via email to gwob@gwob.net, by February 28th 2006:

- * Curriculum vitae
- * A personal statement of no more than 500 words, describing the applicant's expectations for the internship and how it will add value to her/his professional aspirations
- * A written recommendation from a faculty member

Seoul National University - POSCO Asia Fellowship for Japanese Nationals

This fellowship for Japanese students offers a full two-year scholarship and a monthly stipend of up to 1 million Korean won for study at Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies. GSIS provide several programs including Japanese, Korean, and Chinese studies. It also has programs in international commerce and international cooperation. Most courses are taught in English. Students can apply for any program at the school. Application deadline is February 28, 2006.

Conditions of the scholarship

1. Nationality: Japanese
2. Application deadline: the end of February
3. Final decision will be made by the end of March
4. Fellowship: Full scholarship for two years and monthly stipend for KRW 1 million

5. Recipients: Two incoming students at fall semester

Applicants must submit the following documents.

1. Application form (contact GSIS)
2. Transcripts (university/college)
3. Study plan
4. TOEFL score (for English proficiency)
5. Recommendation letter (more than one)

More about the fellowship:

http://gsis.snu.ac.kr/bbsboard/OfficialNotice/1192072_2367.html

More about Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies

www.gsis.snu.ac.kr