Columbia Answers Demand for East Asian Studies with Innovative Web Site

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Columbia, which has one of the largest East Asian studies programs in the country, has also seen an almost 20 percent increase in enrollment in courses on East Asia over the past five years.

Reflecting these trends, national demand is increasing for undergraduate and graduate education in East Asia, and the University has created an innovative program, Expanding East Asian Studies (ExEAS), to enable students to choose courses and teaching materials for use in undergraduate institutions throughout the United States. These materials are available to all on the new ExEAS Web site (www.exeas.org).

"Now that knowledge of Asia and the wider world is no longer an option but an imperative," says Carol Gluck, director of ExEAS and George Sasons Professor of History, "students need a more accessible, more flexible, and more meaningful way to incorporate the topic into introductory courses in political science, sociology, gender studies and the like." According to Gluck, "I Am Innocent: Law and Society in Late Imperial China," uses a translation of a 19th-century family homi- frie Stiglitz

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The ExEAS program officer Heidi Johnson explained: "Although we focus on East Asia, we've also committed to viewing Asia in a broad comparative and global context and developing materials accessible to diverse undergraduate audiences." One of the units on the Web site, "Women, Sex, and Politics in Japan," for example, provides all the material necessary for instructors who know little about Asia to incorporate the topic into introductory courses in political science, sociology, gender studies and the like. Another ExEAS offering, "I Am Innocent: Law and Society in Late Imperial China," uses a translation of a 19th-century family homi-