The University of Southern California East Asian Studies Center is pleased to announce the fourth Joint Consortium National Dissertation Workshop on “Contemporary East Asia” at the University of Southern California on May 18, 2018. The workshop aims to expand intellectual frameworks and research plans during the dissertation or thesis development and writing process, and to provide an intellectual platform for a multidisciplinary perspective for East Asian Studies. It is designed to enable students to present and engage in intensive discussions of their work in broader East Asian and multidisciplinary contexts.

The workshop will be led by three faculty mentors who focus on modern China, Japan and Korea: Stanley Rosen, Professor of Political Science, University of Southern California, William Marotti, Associate Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles and Susan Hwang, Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University.

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a doctoral or master’s program and must have begun to draft a dissertation or thesis, although they need not have advanced to candidacy. All doctoral and master’s students whose area of research falls within contemporary East Asia are encouraged to apply. Participants are required to fund their own travel to USC, as well as some meals. Remaining costs of the workshop, including materials, some meals, and two nights’ lodging will be covered by the Joint Consortium.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2018

Application supporting materials consist of three items:
1. A current CV
2. A 4-6-page double-spaced dissertation proposal (including a description of the specific issues being addressed, the intellectual approach, and the materials being studied)
3. A letter of support from a faculty member

All supporting materials can be uploaded with the application: http://dornsife.usc.edu/eascenter/dw2018/