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Event Wrap: The Struggle for Democracy in 1980's East Asia

Over 100 students and faculty filled the Leavey Library auditorium last Tuesday to hear Dr. Wang Chaohua's talk on the Tiananmen Square protest and its broader implications in East Asia's democratization. Specifically, Dr. Wang discussed the history and people behind the historic protest as well as her personal experience as one of only two female leaders during the protest. Professor Kyung Moon Hwang's response raised the question of why democratization failed in China in the late 1980's as opposed to other countries in Asia such as the Phillippines and South Korea. [PHOTOS](#)



Event Wrap: Spring 2016 EASC Faculty Book Launch Party

It was a full house at the Ahn House last Wednesday as faculty, students, and the wider community gathered to celebrate published books by Professors Brian Bernards, Youngmin Choe, and Satoko Shimazaki. Professor Akira Lippit discussed the works of Professors Bernards and Shimazaki, and Professor Kyung Hyun Kim of UC Irvine talked about the work of Professor Choe. All three books were praised for their unique contributions to, and the broadening of, their respective fields. PHOTOS



Thursday: Spring 2016 EASC Grad Mixer

It is that time of the semester again for the EASC Graduate Student Mixer! Each semester, EASC invites graduate students focusing on East Asia to join us in enjoying food, drink and company with fellow students across USC. Graduate students from any field are welcome to join so it is a great opportunity to meet students with similar East Asia-related research topics in a variety of different fields.

THURSDAY | APRIL 28 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | CAS 100 | RSVP

Call for Papers

EAST ASIA AS METHOD: CULTURE, KNOWLEDGE, SPACE

By questioning what constitutes East Asia today in a world of shifting boundaries, this conference for junior scholars seeks new approaches to understand the region and new methods to conduct area studies. Attending to flows, connections, travels and interactions that dismantle the understanding of East Asian studies as a bounded entity, the conference invites papers that critically discuss East Asia from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

All papers relating to "East Asia," broadly conceived, are welcome. The conference accepts proposals for individual papers, to be organized into panels of three to four presenters. All presentations will be no more than 15-20 minutes. Applications:

1. Title and abstract of paper (maximum 250 words + title)
2. A one-page CV

Applications should be sent as an attachment to eastasiamethod@gmail.com. The extended deadline for all applications is **April 30, 2016 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time**. Notifications will be sent by May 15, 2016.

Call for Volunteers

[ASIA SOCIETY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S ANNUAL GALA DINNER](#)
Asia Society Southern California's Annual Gala Dinner will be taking place Sunday, May 22 at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles and is seeking volunteers.

The organization will be honoring three exceptional individuals – Walter and Shirley Wang, entrepreneurs and philanthropists, Michael Govan, director of LACMA, and Richard Drobnick, educational pioneer at USC's Marshall School of Business – for the contributions they have made to US-Asia relations and culture. They are in need of volunteers available on **Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 5:00-10:00pm**. Volunteers are needed to help with guest check-in at the registration table, welcoming and directing guests, and general event logistics. Volunteers are asked to please wear business/cocktail attire.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Susan Yang at info_la@asiasociety.org by **May 1, 2016 (or ASAP)**. For more information on the event please visit: <http://asiasociety.org/southern-california/events/2016-annual-gala>.

Summer Institute

[THE JAPAN FOUNDATION SUMMER INSTITUTE IN JAPAN](#)
Initiated last year, the Japan Foundation Summer Institute in Japan is designed to bring together scholars, whose research is related to Japan, from institutions of higher education and research institutions in Japan, the USA, and Southeast Asia, in order to provide an opportunity to create networks across national and regional boundaries. The four-day program will consist of lectures, discussions, and presentations on collaborative project ideas. There will be an opportunity for participants to present detailed collaborative project ideas at the end of the retreat. In addition to this, an optional tour to Fukushima Prefecture will be organized. Program costs for successful

applicants will be covered by the Japan Foundation.

The Japan Foundation Summer Institute in Japan 2016 is currently accepting applications through **April 28, 2016**.

Events Around USC & LA

[A Commoner Garden in Edo Japan: The Mukojima Hyakkaen](#)

TUESDAY | APRIL 26 | 7:30 PM | The Huntington

[Workshop on Sources of Yuan History](#)

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 27 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | THH 219

[Marx After Marx: The Deprovincializing Imperative](#)

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 27 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | UCLA

[The Tenor Lirico Spinto](#)

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 27 | 7:00 PM | Japan Foundation

[Water Festival as Spectacle: Sino-Burmese Identities, Ethnic Politics and Public Performances in Macau](#)

THURSDAY | APRIL 28 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | UCLA

[Zen and Bones](#)

FRIDAY | APRIL 29 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | LVL 17

[Loose Canons II: Value and Valuation in Japanese Engagements with Chinese Writing](#)

SATURDAY | APRIL 30 | 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM | DML 110C

[The Science of Acupuncture](#)

SATURDAY | APRIL 30 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | USC Pacific Asia Museum

Comments? Questions? Promotion requests?

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