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Global East Asia as a Maymester in 2018!

After three successful years as a Problems without Passports program, EASC Global East Asia will transition into a Maymester starting Spring 2018. The China course will continue to be taught by Professor Brett Sheehan, while the 2018 Japan course will be taught by Professor Saori Katada.

EASC will be promoting the **Global East Asia** program throughout the semester, beginning with the Study Abroad Fair which will take place this **Thursday, September 7** on Trousdale Parkway from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. Please stop by the **EASC** booth to learn more about Global East Asia and other opportunities offered by our center!

We will also host our **EASC Global East Asia Info Session** on **October 25, 2017**. Please **RSVP** to attend and learn more about the program components, application process and funding opportunities. Pizza will be provided!

New EASC Faculty

This fall, EASC welcomes two Modern Japan scholars. USC alum **Benjamin Uchiyama** returns



to the Trojan Family as Assistant Professor of History. His research focuses on Modern Japanese cultural and social history, and wartime politics. Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures **Kerim Yasar** works on Modern Japanese literature and film, media history, and translation studies.

We also welcome a new scholar of Chinese Literature, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of East Asian Languages and Cultures **Mengjun Li**,

who works on traditional Chinese fiction and drama, print culture, literati culture, gender, genre and adaptation studies. **Tang Li** is the new Chinese Studies Librarian at the East Asian Library. She comes to USC from Yale University and her research focuses on Chinese history. In addition, five new visiting fellows and postdocs join the EASC community from China, Japan, Korea and the U.S.

Benjamin Uchiyama | Assistant Professor of History

Kerim Yasar | Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures

Mengjun Li | Assistant Professor (Teaching) of East Asian Languages and Cultures

Tang Li | Chinese Studies Librarian, East Asian Library

Huyng-kyu Chey | Visiting Scholar, East Asian Studies Center

Hee Sook Kim | Visiting, Scholar, East Asian Studies Center

Guang Yu | Visiting Fellow, East Asian Studies Center

I Jonathan Kief | Postdoctoral Scholar, Korean Studies Institute

Jae Kyun Kim | Postdoctoral Scholar, Korean Studies Institute

We invite our affiliated faculty to join us at the **EASC Fall 2018 Faculty Luncheon** to welcome their colleagues and learn about the latest activities and other news regarding EASC and its community. Please **RSVP** at least one week before the event.



UPCOMING EVENT

Architects of Buddhist Leisure

Wed, Sept 20 | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | ACB 238 | FLYER

Professor Justin McDaniel's talk will focus on his new book *Architects of Buddhist Leisure*. The book looks closely at the growth of Buddhist leisure culture through a study of modern Buddhist architects who helped design Buddhist tourist sites, memorial gardens and monuments, museums and cultural centers, and even amusement parks in Nepal, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. It is designed to start a discussion about the very idea of Buddhist leisure space in modern Asia, question the role of the visionary architect, and look at the rise of Buddhist ecumenicalism.



EVENT REMINDER

Navigating Graduate (PhD) Life

Mon, Sept 25 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Flyer

RSVP

The first **Graduate Student Professionalization** workshop of Fall 2017 - **Navigating Graduate (PhD) Life** - will be led by professors **Brett Sheehan** and **David Kang**. This session will focus on important topics to help organize and

manage one's graduate career, such as academic portfolio management, time-management and work/life balance.

EVENT REMINDER

EASC Grad Mixer

Wed, Sept 13 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | CAS 100

RSVP

EASC invites graduate students focusing on East Asia to join us this fall to enjoy food,



drink and conversation with fellow students across USC. Graduate students from any field are welcome to join. This is a great opportunity to meet students with similar East Asia-related research interests from a variety of academic fields across USC.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SPACE AND PLACE

Deadline | September 15, 2017

The theme for the **2018 Interdisciplinary Symposium on East Asian Business** is "Space and Place." Topics could include the role of business in everything from real estate development to city planning, or its role in defining spaces for consumption, social

activity, or even politics. You can download a PDF of the Call for Proposals [here](#). If you have new research you would like to present, or if you would like to nominate a guest, please submit a brief **proposal** to easc@usc.edu by **September 15, 2017**.

Events around USC & LA

East Asian Garden Lecture Series - Cartographic Traditions in East Asian Maps

Tuesday | September 5 | 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm | The Huntington Library

Music in the Huntington Library Chinese Garden

Wednesday | September 6 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | The Huntington Library

Paul Groner: Stranger in a Strange Land

Wednesday | September 6 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Doheny Library (Room 110C)

The World of Washi: Introductory Class

Saturday | September 9 | 11:00am - 4:30pm | JANM

Discussion: Japanese American Community Services-Asian Involvement (JACS-AI)

Saturday | September 9 | 11:00am - 2:30pm | JANM

A Taste of the Chinese Strings

Sunday | September 10 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | The Huntington Library

Japanese Teahouse Tours

Monday | September 11 | 11:30 am - 3:30 pm | The Huntington Library

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Comments? Questions? Promotion requests?

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