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Welcome Back EASC Community!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited for the start of the new academic year! This summer, EASC sent another group of undergraduates to [China](#) and [Japan](#) on our [EASC Global East Asia](#) Maymester study abroad program. You can read all about their amazing adventures and research on the [China](#) and [Japan](#) blogs. In Summer 2019, the Global East Asia program will be offered as a Maymester again - more information will be available this Fall.

Upcoming EASC Events for Academic Year 2018-19

Save the dates for our [EASC Upcoming Events](#)! A downloadable [PDF](#) of the Fall 2018 EASC Events Flyer is available on the [main page](#) of our website. You can visit our [Upcoming Events](#) page for details and follow event links to RSVP. We have several exciting events upcoming these next few weeks!

Make sure to [subscribe](#) to our weekly [eNewsletter](#) for more information on events, funding, news and resources available to the EASC community. For more [EASC](#) news, follow us on [Twitter](#), [Tumblr](#) and [Instagram](#) and like us on [Facebook](#)!



PARADOX - Screening and Q&A

Friday, August 24 | 7:00PM | SCA 108 | [Flyer](#) | [RSVP](#)

Please join the [USC East Asian Studies Center](#), [USC Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures](#), [USC School of Cinematic Arts](#), and [Sun Entertainment Culture Ltd](#) for a free screening of the 2017 Hong Kong-Chinese action film *Paradox*. Directed by Wilson Yip, the film tells the story of a Hong Kong police negotiator who travels to Bangkok to search for his missing teenage daughter. The film won Best Action Film at the 2018 Asian Film Awards and Film of Merit at the 2017 Hong Kong Film Critics Society Awards. There will be a Q&A with the CEO of Sun Entertainment Culture Ltd., [Alex Dong](#), after the screening.

New EASC Staff Member Program Officer - Jasmine Yu

EASC is happy to introduce our new Program Officer, [Jasmine Yu](#), who is a recent graduate from University of California, Irvine Paul Merage School of Business with a dual emphasis on Marketing and Organization and Management. Jasmine has extensive administrative experience, having worked at the UCI Center for Digital Transformation for four years, and has traveled throughout China and is conversant in Mandarin Chinese.



We look forward to introducing Jasmine to the EASC community in the coming months as we get her set-up and trained. You can contact her at yujasmin@usc.edu and her office phone is 213-740-2991.

New East Asian Area Studies MA Students



This fall semester, EASC welcomes ten new EAAS MA Students! Our new scholars represents a wide range of academic interests. On Tuesday, August 14, we held the EASC MA orientation and then the new EAAS MA cohort met with professors Brett Sheehan, Jenny Chio, Saori Katada and Sonya Lee at the EAAS MA Welcome Luncheon. Photos of our ten new MA students and their research areas can be viewed [here](#). Please welcome them to the EASC Community!

Nicole Xinyuan Chen | U.S.-East Asia Media Policy; Feminism and Visual Culture in East Asia

Donald Collins | Queer Identity in East Asia, Body Modification and Aesthetics, Korean Media and Culture

Ted Hongqiao Li | Contemporary Chinese Culture and History; U.S.-China/East Asia Relations

Steve Literati | Economic and Political Development of North and South Korea; East Asia-U.S. Security and Geopolitics

Xizhu Liu | Pre-modern Chinese History

Becky Yuxuan Shao | Chinese Theater and History, East Asian Art History, Contemporary Chinese Theater

Jiajia Kejia Song | Sino-U.S. Relations; China's Economic Development; International Trade and International Communication

Linda Jingze Tang | East Asian Contemporary Film Theory, Chinese Cinema, Film and Culture

Fuyun Wei | Poverty, Feminism and Equal Rights in Modern China; U.S.-China Relations

Howard Yanchen Zhang | Modern and Contemporary Chinese History; Modernization and Globalization



SUMMER EVENTS WRAP Conference on Buddhist Ethics

Rongdao Lai, Assistant Professor at **USC School of Religion**, organized the Conference on Buddhist Ethics from June 8-10, 2018. The conference was an intimate gathering of scholars from around the world who have an interest in the application of Buddhist principles to important

social issues such as race, class, and resistance. The conference organizers invited an array of scholars with a mix of different specialties and each session began with a presentation from the speaker who summarized the principle resources in Buddhist texts, providing historical context and raising questions for discussion.

The event was sponsored by Tong Fa Temple and Malton Group, and co-sponsored by the **School of Religion**, **Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religion and Culture**, **East Asian Studies Center**, and **Center for International Studies** at USC.

Events Around USC & LA

Kishi Bashi - String Quartet Live! - Concert

Thursday, August 23 | 8:00 PM | Skirball Cultural Center

A Time of Uncertainty in U.S.-Taiwan-China Relations - Symposium

Friday, August 24 | 12:30-4:30 PM | ASC 204

Chinese Calligraphy Class

Saturday, August 25 | 9:00 AM | USC Pacific Asia Museum

Chinese Brushpainting Class

Saturday, August 25 | 10:30 AM | USC Pacific Asia Museum

Author Discussion - *Nisei Naysayer: The Memoir of Militant Japanese American Journalist Jimmie Omura* by James Matsumoto Omura; edited by Arthur A. Hansen

Saturday, August 25 | 2:00 PM | Japanese American National Museum

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