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UPCOMING EVENTS

May Fourth: An Incident. A Movement. A Revolution?

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 | 4:00PM-5:00PM | DML 241 | [FLYER](#) | [RSVP](#)

2019 marks the centennial anniversary of the **May Fourth Movement of 1919**, which was an epoch-making event in modern Chinese history. In this program Dr. **Brett Sheehan**, Professor of Chinese History and Director of the East Asian Studies Center, Dr. **Xu Tao**, Associate Professor at the Institute of History, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, and Dr. **Ken Klein**, Head of the East Asian Library will discuss American and Chinese scholarship and resources on the May Fourth Movement. What impacts and legacies has this revolutionary movement brought to the American and Chinese intellectuals? After a century passed, is the May Fourth Movement still relevant today? Please **RSVP** if you would like to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. This program is co-organized by the USC [East Asian Library](#) and [East Asian Studies Center](#).



Sex Work, Media Networks and Transpacific Histories of Affect
Talk by Lily Wong, Assistant Professor of Literature, American University

Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | SOS 250 | [FLYER](#) | [RSVP](#)

Based on her new book, *Transpacific Attachments*, **Lily Wong** will discuss the mobility and mobilization of the sex worker figure through transpacific media networks, stressing the intersectional politics of racial, sexual, and class structures. She focuses on the transpacific networks that reconfigure "Chineseness," complicating a diasporic framework of cultural authenticity. While imaginations of a global community have long been mobilized through romantic, erotic, and gendered representations, Wong emphasizes the significant role sex work plays in the constant restructuring of social relations. "Chineseness," the figure of the sex worker shows, is an affective product as much as an ethnic or cultural signifier. This event is sponsored and organized by the USC [Dept. of East Asian Languages & Cultures](#), [East Asian Studies Center](#) and [Center for Transpacific Studies](#)



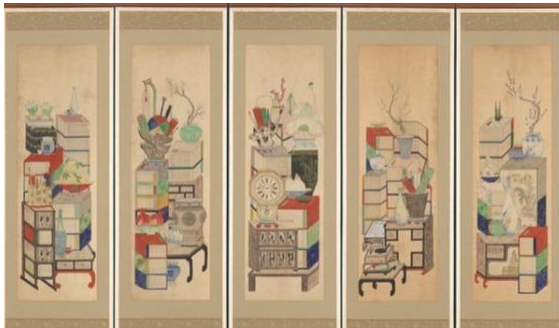
Liberalism and Democracy in Myanmar

Talk by **Ian Holliday**

Vice President (Teaching and Learning), University of Hong Kong

Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 12:00PM-1:00PM | SOS 250 | [FLYER](#) | [RSVP](#)

What are the prospects for liberal democracy in Myanmar? **Ian Holliday**, Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) at the University of Hong Kong, addresses this question by examining historical conditions, constitutionalism, democracy, major political actors, ethnic conflict, and transitional justice. He draws on a rich array of evidence focused on 88 in-depth interviews and three waves of surveys and survey experiments conducted in 2014-18. He presents the concept of limited liberalism, reflecting a blend of liberal and illiberal attitudes, and concludes by casting doubt on the prospects for liberal democracy in Myanmar. This event is co-sponsored by [USC Dornsife](#) and the [East Asian Studies Center](#). Lunch will be provided so please [RSVP](#) if you would like to attend. All are welcome.



EVENT REMINDERS

Academic Job Search

Mon, March 25 | 12:00-1:00PM | SOS B40

[FLYER](#) | [RSVP](#)

Please [RSVP](#) by **Wednesday** if you would like to attend the last workshop of the [2018-2019 Grad Prof. Series on Academic Job Search](#).

The workshop will be led by **Wayne**

Sandholtz, John A. McCone Chair in International Relations and Professor of IR and Law, **Joshua Goldstein**, Associate Professor of History and EALC, **Bryn Rosenfeld**,

Assistant Professor of Political Science and **Benjamin Uchiyama**, Assistant Professor of History. They will help students prepare for the academic job market and address any questions or concerns regarding the process.

EASC Undergraduate Mixer

Tues, April 2 | 4:30-5:30PM | CAS 100
| RSVP

Please **RSVP** if you would like to attend the **Spring 2019 EASC Undergraduate Mixer** on Tuesday, April 2. This gathering is designed to give all undergraduate students pursuing the EAAS major or minors the opportunity to engage with their East Asian Area Studies peers and meet with EASC Director Professor Brett Sheehan and the EASC team.



EASC Grad Mixer

Tues, April 9 | 5:00-6:30PM | CAS 100
| RSVP

The **East Asian Studies Center** invites graduate students who focus on East Asia to join us for 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 topics in a variety of different fields. As a reminder,

please **RSVP** if you would like to attend.

Events around USC & LA

The Clash of Capitalisms? Chinese Companies in the United States - Talk by Ji Li
Tuesday, March 19 | 12:00Pm-1:30PM | UCLA Law School

Once Upon a Time in Korean America: Introducing the Literary Archive of Nak Chung Thun
Tuesday, March 19 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | DML 240

THE ITO SISTERS, AN AMERICAN STORY Film Screening - Followed by Panel Discussion
Tuesday, March 19 | 6:00PM-9:00PM | GER 124

Japanese Aesthetics and National Identity - Discussion lead by Ichigo Mina Kaneko
Thursday, March 21 | 7:00PM | USC Pacific Asia Museum

Kollaboration EMPOWER Conference
Saturday, March 23-24 | 9:00AM-6:00PM | Japanese American National Museum

USC Marshall China Research Group: "Science and Technology in Modern China: A
Transnational Perspective" - Lecture by Zuoyue Wang
Monday, March 25 | 11:00AM-12:00PM | HOH 114

Feasting at the Tenno's Table - Workshop by Akemi Banse
Tuesday, March 26 | 3:00PM-5:00PM | DML 110C

Mapping Adundance for a Planetary Future - Lecture by Candance Fujikane
Tuesday, March 26 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | THH 309K

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