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# USC Dornsife *East Asian Studies Center*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Materiality of Long-Distance Travel: What did Buddhist Monks Carry between South Asia and China?

Talk by **Tansen Sen**

Monday, February 28, 2022 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM | **REGISTER**

The travels of Buddhist monks and nuns between South Asia and China facilitated the circulation of ideas, knowledge, and objects. The writings of Chinese Buddhist monks Faxian, Xuanzang, and Yijing have detailed the perilous nature of such travels and pointed to the diverse itineraries these monks took. **Tansen Sen**, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Global Asia at NYU Shanghai, examines in detail what monks carried during their arduous journeys. This presentation will focus on the daily necessities, gifts, texts, and other items Buddhist travelers carried with them as they traveled through overland and maritime routes. The aim is to explore and formulate a conceptual framework for the materiality of long-distance travel as well as the agency of objects in the Buddhist connections between South Asia and China.



EASC New Book Series: Modern Japan

Nozomi Naoi and Alice Tseng

Friday, March 4 | 5:00PM-6:30PM | **REGISTER**

Join us for the next **EASC New Book Series on Modern Japan** on Friday, March 4! Register to attend this book discussion on *Yumeji Modern: Designing the Everyday in the*

*Twentieth Century Japan* (University of Washington Press, 2021) with author **Nozomi Naoi** (Assistant Professor of Art History, Yale-NUS College) and discussant **Alice Tseng** (Professor of Japanese Art and Architecture, Boston University).

This monthly series is organized by **Benjamin Uchiyama**, USC Assistant Professor of History, and introduces recent publications by first-time authors in modern Japanese studies to the USC community and the wider public. We hope to see you on Zoom!

## EVENT TOMORROW

### Grad Professionalization Series

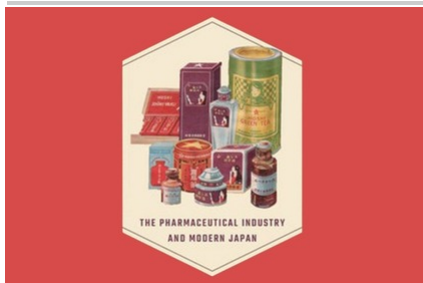
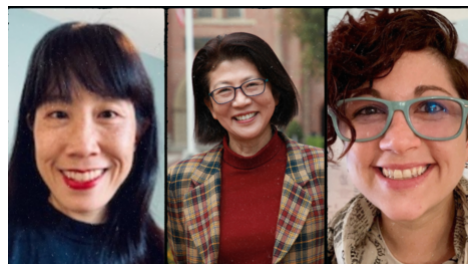
#### Every Talk is a Job Talk

**Tuesday, February 15 | 12:00-1:00PM | REGISTER**

The **East Asian Studies Center**, in partnership with the **Center for International Studies** and **Korean Studies**

**Institute**, is hosting a workshop for graduate students designed to address the challenges of presentations with special attention to the importance of treating all talks like job talks. This workshop will provide tips on public speaking and give advice on the basics of good presentations, no matter the setting.

This workshop is led by **Jenny Chio**, the Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Culture & Anthropology, and **Sherry Zaks**, the Assistant Professor of Political Science. The event will be moderated by **Saori Katada**, CIS Director and Professor of International Relations.



## EVENT FRIDAY

### EASC New Book Series: Modern Japan

#### Timothy Yang and Susan Burns

**Friday, February 18 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | REGISTER**

Join us for the next **EASC New Book Series on Modern**

**Japan** rescheduled to Friday, February 18! Register to attend this book discussion on **A Medicated Empire: The Pharmaceutical Industry and Modern Japan** (Cornell University Press, 2021) with author **Timothy M. Yang** (Assistant Professor of History, University of Georgia) and discussant **Susan L. Burns** (Professor of History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago).

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## EVENT REMINDERS

### Sustainability in the Post-COVID Era: A Regulatory Perspective

#### Eunjoo Huisung Pacifici & Terry David Church

**Tuesday, February 22 | 12:00PM-1:00PM | REGISTER**

The **East Asian Studies Center** is excited to



host **Sustainability in the Post-COVID Era: A Regulatory Perspective** with **Eunjoo Huisung Pacifici**, Chair of the Department of Regulatory and Quality Sciences and Associate Professor of Regulatory and Quality Sciences and **Terry David Church**, Associate Director of Pharmacy Undergraduate Programs and Assistant Professor of Regulatory and Quality Sciences. In this new era of rapid transitions, we have an unprecedented opportunity to reimagine the way we approach how new therapeutics are developed for a global population. Topics like regulatory convergence and harmonization, decentralized clinical trials, artificial intelligence, mobile health, and remote data capture are explored to reduce duplication of efforts, reuse data from one jurisdiction for another, and include historically underrepresented populations in the clinical trial process. The seminar will provide an overview of this dynamic topic with a special regional focus on East Asia.



## From Chongno to It'aewŏn (via Ŭljiro): Homo-Spatiality and Gender Non- Conforming Wo/men in Authoritarian-Era Seoul

**In-Person Talk by Todd Henry**

**Wed, Feb 23, 2022 | 3:30-5:00PM | THH 309 | FLYER | RSVP**

Based on extensive interviews with gay men and transgender women, this lecture traces the changing spatiality of Seoul's queer underground in "hetero-authoritarian" South Korea. **Todd Henry**, an associate professor at the University of California, San Diego, examines the vital role of second-run movie houses in providing anonymity for sexual encounters and how "salons" such as the Pagoda Theater, the city's most famous salon, facilitated the emergence of other queer subcultures, including gender non-conforming "fairies" and white-oriented "potato queens."

This event is co-sponsored by the **East Asian Studies Center**, the **Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies** and the **Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures**.

## Events around USC, CA & Beyond

**Empire and Righteous Nation: 600 Years of China-Korea Relations**

Tuesday, Feb. 15 | 1:00PM | The Korea Society | **RSVP**

**East L.A. Taiko: Live! - Performance by Maceo Hernandez and Fredo Ortiz**

Tuesday, Feb. 15 | 4:00PM | Visions and Voices: The Arts and Humanities Initiative

**Medical Developmentalism in South Korea: the Minnesota Project (1954-1962) and its Iterations, (1954-present) - Colloquium by John P. DiMoia**

Thursday, Feb. 17 | 3:00PM - 4:30PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies | **RSVP**

**On the Cutting Edge: Artificial Intelligence Trends in China, India and Japan**

Thursday, Feb. 17 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM | Asia Society | **RSVP**

**Ordering the Myriad Things: From Traditional Knowledge to Scientific Botany in China - Lecture by Nicholas K. Menzies**

Thursday, Feb. 17 | 7:30PM - 9:00PM | The Huntington Museum | [RSVP](#)

Reconstruction of the Kam ethnic identity and culture in contemporary China: A discourse-oriented ethnographic study - Webinar by Wei Wang

Friday, Feb. 18 | 3:00PM - 5:00PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies | [RSVP](#)

Uptown and Downtown in Early Modern Japanese Urban Literature: The Making of a Three-Volume Anthology - Colloquium by Sumie Jones

Friday, Feb. 18 | 5:00PM | UC Berkeley Center for Japanese Studies | [RSVP](#)

120,000 STORIES with Nobuko Miyamoto and Guests

Saturday, Feb. 19-Sunday, Feb. 20 | 7:00PM - 4:00PM | Japanese American National Museum | [RSVP](#)

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