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Event Wrap: Reading and Discussion with Fuminori Nakamura

PHOTOS

Prof. Satoko Shimazaki and PhD student Kate Page-Lippsmeyer served as host and moderator, welcoming award-winning author Fuminori Nakamura to USC. The famed writer read an excerpt from his new book *Last Winter We Parted* and engaged with the audience in active discussions about various aspects of his work and life as a prolific writer of varying styles of fiction.



Event Wrap: K- pop Mania

Sohn Jie-Ae, ex-President of Arirang TV and Radio, spent an hour providing anecdote-filled, firsthand insight into Korea's booming pop culture. In front of K-

pop enthusiasts and interested attendees, the former CNN Seoul bureau chief and Blue House overseas press secretary introduced a short history of the rise of Korean culture across the globe, and spoke about the cultural moment Korea is having and how this impacts Korea's role on the global stage.



Event Reminder: **Global East Asia as PwP Info Session**

Global East Asia is a summer "Problems without Passports" program to China, Japan and Korea for USC undergraduate students. This intensive program gives students the opportunity to study and travel in China, Japan or Korea while taking EASC-360: Global East Asia, an upper-division area studies course taught by USC faculty that allows students from a variety of majors and language backgrounds to come together and experience East Asia in a unique way.

TUE | NOV 18 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | VKC 100 [RSVP](#)

Event Reminder: **EASC Graduate Forum- Every Talk is a Jobtalk**

As part of both the East Asian Studies Center and the Korean Studies Institute's focus on mentoring, Director David Kang will present a seminar

on public speaking. Designed to help graduate students learn the basics of good presentations in a variety of settings, this seminar will provide a series of tips and advice on the use of PowerPoint, effective body language, and other aspects of public speaking. This talk is part of the EASC Grad Forum professionalization series and co-sponsored by the Korean Studies Institute.

WED | NOV 19 | 12:00 - 1:30 PM | Ahn House [RSVP](#)





Event Reminder: Globalizing Japanese Universities

As Japanese college students become seemingly less interested in studying abroad, many have observed that Japan's youth are growing increasingly insular from global

affairs. Professor Yujin Yaguchi, Professor of Area Studies, Director of PEAK International Admissions and the Center for International Exchange, provides unique insight into this problem, as well as attempted solutions to it, from his experience as a leader of international programming at the University of Tokyo. He will discuss what Japan's most prestigious university is doing to prepare its students for today's global realities.

FRI | NOVEMBER 21 | 12:30 - 2:00 PM | SOS 250 RSVP

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Social Scientists Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University

Scholars in a broad range of fields, including anthropology, economics, education, history, international relations, law, political science, public health, public policy, and sociology, are invited to apply. The focus of the Program is issues and problems relating to Japan; Japan's relation with the US or other countries or regions; and Japan in comparative perspective. The annual stipend is \$50,000, disbursed over 10 months. The application deadline is **January 15, 2015**, and recipients must hold a doctoral degree by August 1, 2015. For application forms and more details, please visit: <http://programs.wcfia.harvard.edu/us-japan/apply-become-postdoctoral-fellow>.

Headlines

Researching the Pacific Rim

November 13

USC Dornsife featured an article about EASC Director David Kang, who was recently awarded a 2015 MacArthur grant in the amount of \$350,000 over three years.

Former Arirang president: K-pop is fueling Korea

November 13

The Korea Times featured an article about the event "K-pop Mania: South Korea's Place Under the Sun."