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## USC-PCC Partnership

As part of EASC's Department of Education Title VI NRC grant, we have begun an exciting long-term partnership with Pasadena City College, engaging with its Chinese Language Program and Global Studies Club in particular. This pioneering collaboration aims to:

- Recruit historically underrepresented groups into Chinese language program
- Create and sustain mentorship and tutoring opportunities for students from both USC and PCC
- Facilitate participation of USC and PCC students in intercultural activities at both campuses and development of a wider inter-campus community network
- Create a curriculum for online/hybrid Chinese language courses in specialized fields to be offered at both USC and PCC
- Encourage PCC's heritage students in advanced Chinese language courses to enter teacher credentialing programs to become language instructors



## Event Wrap: Global East Asia as PwP Info Session

PHOTOS | VIDEO

EASC's Global East Asia (GEA) summer study-abroad program is now a "Problems without Passports" program! With over 50 students in attendance, past program participants as well as staff from EASC presented on the exciting opportunities this new version of GEA in Summer 2015 offers. GEA alumni from last year's program highlighted the wonderful experiences all the participants shared and the diverse backgrounds from which each group came, and EASC staff reviewed various aspects of the program, including the cost, scholarships, application requirements, and course and travel details. **For a complete recording of the info session, please [click here](#).**



## Event Wrap: EASC Graduate Forum- Every Talk is a Jobtalk

PHOTOS

Professor David Kang, Director of EASC and KSI, presented the first installment of the EASC Grad Forum



professionalization series on the topic of public speaking. Designed to help graduate students learn the basics of good presentations in a variety of settings, Prof. Kang provided a series of tips and advice on the use of PowerPoint, body language, and other aspects of public speaking

to engage audience while communicating effectively and professionally. In the following semester, Professors Saori Katada and Meiling Cheng will present the second part of the professionalization series, a seminar on **Public Speaking for Non-Native Speakers**.

## Event Wrap: Globalizing Japanese Universities

PHOTOS | VIDEO

Professor Yujin Yaguchi,  
Director of PEAK

International Admissions and  
the Center for International  
Exchange at Tokyo

University, discussed in front  
of 30 USC students and  
faculty PEAK's international  
programming efforts. In  
addition, Prof. Yaguchi  
engaged in exchanges with  
the audience regarding  
ideas to further encourage  
internationalization of Todai  
as well as issues related to  
institutional resistance

against internationalization. Please [click here](#) for a video recording of the event.



## Call for Papers

### **The 2015 Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) 4th Annual Graduate Student Conference on Asian Studies**

The 4th SAIS Asia Conference, titled, "Power in Asia," aims to examine the changing nature of power in Asia. Held at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in April 2015, the Conference welcomes abstracts from graduate students (Master level and PhD) of all disciplines. Please submit an abstract clearly stating a title, central research question, thesis, and methodology, as well as a short bio indicating your school affiliation and field of study. Application materials should be emailed to [saisasiacommunity@gmail.com](mailto:saisasiacommunity@gmail.com). While not required, special consideration will be given to abstracts submitted with a faculty letter of reference.

**Deadline: December 4, 2015**

## AAS/SSRC Dissertation Workshop

### **"Religion and the State in Asia," March 23-26, 2015 in Chicago**

The workshop is jointly organized by the AAS and the Social Science Research Council with funding support provided by the Luce Foundation, and is scheduled immediately prior to the AAS annual conference in Chicago. It is intended to bring together doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences who are planning, conducting, or are in the early phases of writing up dissertation research on the dynamics of religion, community, and the state in Asia and who sense

the substantive and theoretical value of locating their project in a comparative geographical or historical context. Full details regarding the workshop and application process are available on the SSRC website <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/aasworkshop/>.

**Deadline: January 5, 2015**