

USC Dornsife

# *East Asian Studies Center*

December 5, 2022



## EASC Event Wrap

We had a very full schedule of events this Fall, as well as many firsts! Kicking off the semester, we had our first in-person **MA student orientation** in 3 years! We also helped organize USC's first **K-Pop concert** on campus with **Kim Sejeong** and **Kingdom**! We introduced a new **EASC Meet and Greet** opportunity for undergraduate students to come and connect with each other as well as learn about our majors, minors, and study abroad opportunities. We also hosted the first **Student Journal of Asian Studies Symposium** which showcased amazing undergraduate research from USC students as well as students from all over the globe! Later in the semester, we hosted the **EASC Grad Mixer** reconnecting with graduate students new and old! We continued our **Grad Professionalization Series** with our partner units as well as reintroduced the **EASC Guest Speaker Series** (see below). We also co-sponsored an event that explored **Tibet in the artistic and religious exchanges across the Himalayas, Central Asia, and China**. We are proud to be a Center that is able to connect students and faculty with resources and offer a space for community and learning! Keep up with us next year for another semester full of exciting events.



## EASC Guest Speaker Series

This semester, EASC was able to help our affiliated faculty in enriching their course content by providing funds for guest lecturers to come speak in their classes. We were able to co-sponsor seven events with various faculty and invite guests from all over the world! Please stay tuned for more guest speaker events next semester and see the full list of events and guest speakers below.

- *Negotiating from a Weak Position: The Mohists' Efforts to Resist Aggressive Warfare* - **Hung-Yok Ip**
- *China's Belt and Road Initiative: A Southeast Asian Perspective* - **Hong Liu**
- *Confucianism and Cosmopolitanism* - **Shuchen Xiang**
- *Post-Screening Interview with the Producer of the Mekong 2030 Film Project* - **Alex Curran-Cardarelli**
- *Anti-Japan: The Politics of Sentiment in Postcolonial East Asia* - **Leo Ching**
- *Gaze Back: A Poetry Reading & Q&A with Singaporean Poet* - **Marylyn Tan**
- *Japanese Sex Workers, Rights, and the Gendered Economy* - **Gabriele Koch**

## EVENT REMINDERS

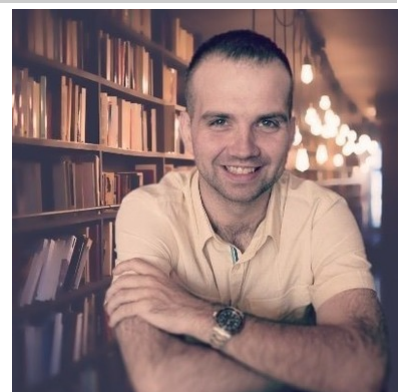
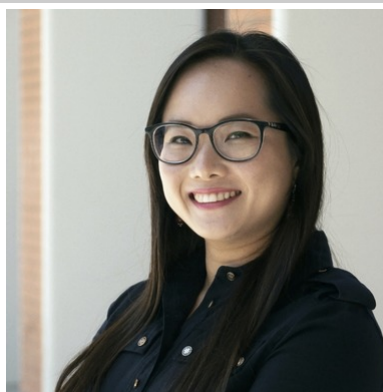


**Modern Japan History Association: Author Seiji Shirane and Discussant Andrew Gordon**

**Wednesday, December 14 | 4:00 - 5:30PM**

Prof. **Benjamin Uchiyama** invites the wider community to a Modern Japan History Association event with **Seiji Shirane** and **Andrew Gordon**. [Learn More >](#)

**RSVP**



## EASC Faculty Feature Wrap

Thank you for your continuous support this semester! This Fall, we had the opportunity to interview our EASC affiliated faculty and postdocs. Please join us next semester in celebrating our amazing community!

**Hye Jin Lee** is Clinical Assistant Professor of Communication. Her research focuses on popular culture, social media, media consumption, youth and media, and Korean entertainment, focusing on K-pop. This semester, Hye Jin brought USC it's first K-pop event which was an enormous feat and a huge success! [Read More](#) ►

**Victoria Chonn Ching** is a Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science and International Relations. Her research areas are in International Political Economy and Comparative Politics, with a cross-regional focus on China-Latin America relations. Victoria is currently teaching classes on the global economy as well as the political economy of autocracies! [Read More](#) ►

**Christopher Hepburn** is the Edward L. Doheny Jr. Postdoctoral Scholar. His research focus is on the musicopoetics of premodern Japan and how it helps us understand the changing constructions of male-male desire from antiquity to contemporary Japan. Christopher's teaching focus covers a wide range of interdisciplinary topics from antiquity to contemporary East Asian history, arts, and culture. [Read More](#) ►



## EASC Affiliate Spotlight!

EASC would like to celebrate our affiliates Prof. **Dorinne Kondo** on receiving the Raubenheimer Awards – Senior Faculty for outstanding scholarship, teaching and service within the university and **Christine Shaw**, EALC Program Administrator and Graduate Advisor, for receiving the Outstanding Staff Achievement Award for exceptional service to USC Dornsife.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Berggruen Fellowship Program

**Deadline: January 2, 2023**

The application cycle for the 2023-24 USC Berggruen Fellowship is now open. The USC Berggruen Fellowship Program is a partnership between the [USC Dornsife Center on Science, Technology and Public Life](#) and the [Berggruen Institute](#). The program hosts 10-12 fellows per year, from a range of disciplines, working on major shifts in the world's fundamental systems. The fellowship follows the academic year and includes a very generous funding package.

[Learn More](#) ►





## Good Luck on Finals!

The EASC team wishes you all the best on your upcoming finals! We know you have studied hard throughout the semester and we are here to support you through the final push!

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### Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

**Author Talks: Bora Chung, *Cursed Bunny***

Tues, Dec 6 | 2:00PM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

**Technology, Storytelling, History, Proximity | Masaki Fujihata & DJ Spooky in Conversation**

Tues, Dec 6 | 7:00PM-9:00PM | JAPAN HOUSE | [RSVP](#)

**Screening: *Everything Everywhere All at Once***

Tues, Dec 6 | 7:30PM | UCLA Hammer Museum | [RSVP](#)

**The Impact of the U.S. Midterms and the U.S.-Korea Alliance**

Thurs, Dec 8 | 8:00AM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

**The Relevance of Toyok Caves to Meditation Practice**

Thurs, Dec 8 | 6:00PM-7:00PM | UCLA Center for Buddhist Studies | [RSVP](#)

**Art Break with Keila Sachi Gaballo**

Thurs, Dec 8 | 6:00PM-7:00PM | Japanese American National Museum | [RSVP](#)

**2022 Korean Spirits**

Fri, Dec 9 | 7:00PM-9:00PM | Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

**The Story of Wakaji Matsumoto: An Artist in Two Worlds**

Sat, Dec 10 | 5:00PM-6:30PM | Japanese American National Museum | [RSVP](#)

**Inside Red China / Committee on Un-American Activities**

Sun, Dec 11 | 7:00PM | UCLA Library Film & Television Archive | [RSVP](#)

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