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East Asian Studies Center

March 13, 2023



Upcoming Event

Cheesy Cosmologies in Sikkim/Darjeeling Himalayas: Fresh and Fermented Nourishment across the Dimensions

March 30, 2023 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | REGISTER

Join us online for a webinar that interrogates cheesy cosmovisions from the perspectives of Buddhist, Christian, and Muslim Himalayan communities! This workshop will examine how cheese production and consumption provide us with visions of multidimensional nourishment that are situated within the complex postcolonial landscapes of the Sikkimese, Darjeeling, and Kalimpong Himalayas. **Kalzang Dorjee Bhutia** (*EASC Visiting Scholar*) will delve into forms of Buddhist and Indigenous ritual relatedness between humans and cows that lead to the making of tasty cheese in rural western Sikkim. **Charisma K. Lepcha** (*Assistant Professor, Sikkim University*) will discuss colonial histories of cheese production, their connection to Christian missions, and their legacies. **Anisa Bhutia** (*PhD Student, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai*) will consider both village and urban cheese production through the lenses of class, gender, and modernity. This panel will provide some tasty food for thought for audiences interested in the Himalayas and their global connections!



USC at the AAS 2023 Annual Conference in Boston!

We are excited to see such a strong USC presence at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference this year! Please see below for the list of USC folks who will be presenting at AAS.

Thursday, March 16, 2023

- **7:00PM - 8:30PM Negotiating Mongol Rulership(s) in East Asia**
Lina Nie, *Before the Wind Came: Diplomatic Negotiations Among China, Korea, and Japan before the 1274 Bun'ei Battle*

Friday, March 17, 2023

- **11:00AM - 12:30PM Book and Belief: Textual Culture and Religious Landscape in Early Modern East Asia**
Mengxiao Wang, *Practicing Buddhism in Dramatic Paratexts: An Early Qing Edition of the Play Xixiangji*
- **11:00AM - 12:30PM Spatialization of Racial and Ethnic Differences in Modern China**
Jenny Chio, *Racializing Bodies in "Natural" Space: Dhunkar Kyab's Tourists*
- **2:00PM - 3:30PM Marriage Stories: Laws, Customs, and Critiques of Marriage in Qing and Republican China**
Mengdie Zhao, *Laughing at the Law: Parodies of Law Code in Late Imperial and Early Republican China*
- **2:00PM - 3:30PM Chinese and Sinophone Media Studies**
Wenxian Zhang, *Spectacle of Lanweilou, Affective Tourism, and Mediated Mobility: The Case of Dushan in Post-Pandemic China*
- **4:00PM - 5:30PM Reimagine Global Relations: Transcending Migration and Displacement in Asian Cultural Production**
Lillian Ngan (Organizer, Chair), *Halfway to the Global South: Vietnamese Migrant Workers through the Lens of a Vietnamese Taiwanese Female Director*

Saturday, March 18, 2023

- **8:30AM - 10:00AM Halo-Halo Ecologies: The Precarious Environments behind Filipino Food**
Adrian De Leon (Discussant)
- **2:00PM - 3:30PM Theorizing Global Asia: Media, Mobility, and Boundary Breaking/Making**
Kaiyang Xu and **Tiara Wilson**, *"They Are Black Africans, Not Black Americans": Chinese Nationalism and the Africanization of K-Pop in Chinese Online Videos*
- **2:00PM - 3:30PM A New World Order? Attitudes Toward China in the Global South and North**
Victoria Chonn Ching, *What Is China? Perspectives from Latin America*
- **4:00PM - 5:30PM Pacific Exchanges: Pre-1949 Chinese and East Asian Book Collecting and Trade in Southern California**

Kenneth Klein (Organizer), *Los Angeles' Pivot Toward Asia*; **Tang Li**, "Oriental Culture Nucleus": *P.M. Suski Collection of Chinese Rare Books at USC*; **Gary Seaman** (Chair)

• **4:00PM - 5:30PM Migration and Transnationalism**

Shaibal Dev Roy, *The Dirty Work of Empire: Imperialist Time-Traveler in Poe's "A Tale of the Ragged Mountains"*

• **5:45PM - 7:15PM Media, Cinema, and Alternative Politics of Embodiment**

Wakae Nakane, *The Feminist Politics of Amateurism: Rethinking the Radical Potential of Women's Cinematic Explorations in Japan's 1980s and 1990s*; Maximilian Z Berwald, "The Life of the Heroes Is in Every Flower's Bloom": *Heroic Sons and Daughters (1964) and the Spiritual Work of Martyrdom in PRC Cinema of the Korean War*

Sunday, March 19, 2023

• **10:45AM - 12:15PM Labor, Industry, and the State**

Junyi Lv, *Disentangle the Interdependence: An Ethnography of a Chinese Coal Town*

EVENT REMINDERS



2023 East Asia Career Panel

Wednesday, March 22 | 5:00PM-6:30PM | SOS B40

Join us for the 9th annual **East Asia Career Panel!** The **East Asia Career Panel** is open to all undergraduate and graduate students interested in using East Asian language and area studies skills in their future professions.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad

Deadline: March 27

The **International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE)** office at the U.S. Department of Education is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the fiscal year (FY) **2023 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA)** program. The GPA program provides grants to institutions and private, nonprofit education entities that organize programs for K-12 teachers, college students, and faculty to engage in short or long-term overseas projects focused on training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies. GPA short-term projects include seminars, curriculum development, and group research or study. GPA long-term projects support advanced intensive overseas programs that focus on languages, the humanities, or social sciences.

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Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

History Felt on the Body

Mon, Mar 13 | 12:30PM-2:00PM | Yanai Initiative | 243 Royce Hall UCLA

Assignment China: An Oral History Of American Journalists In The People's Republic

Mon, Mar 13 | 4:45PM-7:00PM | Asia Society

The Way Out of Town: Recluses, Hermits & Zen in China

Tues, Mar 14 | 11:00AM-12:15PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

The Magellan Exchange: How America and China Have Made Each Other

Wed, Mar 15 | 7:30PM-8:30PM | The Huntington | **RSVP**

K-pop Dreaming: A Special Live Event with GYOPO

Thurs, Mar 16 | 7:00PM-8:00PM | GYOPO | **RSVP**

Exhibition Walkthrough @Fisher: Mulyana: Modular Utopia

Fri, Mar 17 | 1:00PM-2:00PM | Fisher Museum | **RSVP**

JANM Book Club: Secret Harvests with David Mas Masumoto and Patricia Wakida

Sat, Mar 18 | 2:00PM-4:30PM | Japanese American National Museum | **RSVP**

Things China: Diaspora and Activism

Mon, Mar 20 | 6:30PM | U.S.-China Institute | ASC 207

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