



# USC Dornsife *East Asian Studies Center*

October 9, 2023



## Fossil-Fueled Developmentalism: Carbon Technocracy in Modern East Asia

Friday, October 27 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | SOS 250 | **RSVP**

Prof. **Benjamin Uchiyama** invites the wider community to an event with **Victor Seow**, Associate Professor of the History of Science at Harvard University. Prof. Seow is a historian of technology, science, and industry, specializing in modern China and Japan within global contexts and in histories of energy and work. His book, *Carbon Technocracy: Energy Regimes in Modern East Asia* (University of Chicago Press, 2022), studies the deep links between energy extraction and technocratic politics through the history of what was once East Asia's largest coal mine. In delving into the origins of fossil-fueled development in China and Japan, this book unearths both the dominant role of the state in energy transitions toward coal and oil and the enduring reliance on human labor power in the carbon age.

*Co-sponsored by the USC Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture*

## EASC Manuscript Review for Mengxiao Wang

Friday, Dec 1 | 2:00PM-5:00PM | SOS 250 | **RSVP**

Leading scholars in the fields of Buddhism, Premodern Media, and narrative studies will discuss a new book manuscript by **Mengxiao Wang**, Assistant Professor of East



Asian Languages and Cultures, entitled *Performing Enlightenment: How Buddhists Reinvented Theater in Early Modern China*. Discussants include **Chun-Fang Yu**, Sheng Yen Professor Emerita of Chinese Buddhism, Departments of Religion and East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University, and **Ling Hon Lam**, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of California, Berkeley.

Faculty and graduate students from USC and the community are welcome to attend. Attendees must read the entire manuscript and actively participate in the professional development review seminar.

*Please RSVP by November 6 to allow for adequate time to read through the manuscript. A copy of the manuscript will be provided after we receive your **RSVP**.*

## New EASC Program Officer Justine Phan

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member, Justine Phan! Justine earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Social Behavior from the University of California, Irvine. While there, she was a staff member of the Korean American Student Association and also studied basic Korean. She went on to earn her teaching credential at California State University, Northridge.

One of her favorite teaching experiences was through the online platform, VIPKid, where she taught English to elementary school students in China. Justine was also a high school Health teacher for a few years before deciding to make the transition to higher education. Outside of work, she loves food, traveling, and art. She especially loves to take photos and scrapbook her favorite memories. She is looking forward to joining the EASC community.



## EASC Undergraduate Programs Wrap

Last week we had the opportunity to meet with our EAAS undergraduate community and also reach out to new students interested in East Asian Studies! Thank you to

all our students who showed up to support the East Asian Area Studies booth at the Dornsife Majors and Minors Fair. We also hosted an EASC undergraduate mixer and had such a wonderful time meeting continuing students as well as new students. We are honored to be able to support such a vibrant and energetic undergraduate community!

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## OPPORTUNITIES



### Tenure Track Position: Japanese Studies

**Deadline: November 10, 2023**

The **Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures (LiLaC)** at Michigan State University seeks a tenure system assistant professor of Japanese minority and/or gender studies. The successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to teaching and research that foregrounds the diversity of Japanese cultural experiences, particularly those of marginalized and/or underexamined groups in Japan. Potential research foci include but are not restricted to the literary, cultural and/or linguistic practices of resident (Zainichi) Korean, resident Chinese, Okinawan, burakumin and/or the Japanese diaspora. Other possible topics include those related to gender, disability, or LGBTQI experiences within Japanese contexts. [Learn More >](#)

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### Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

**Artist Talk 2 | POKÉMON X KOGEI Artistic Journey**

Wed, Oct 11 | 5:00PM-6:15PM | Japan House | [RSVP](#)

**Artist Talk | Three Clay Artists**

Thur, Oct 12 | 2:00PM-3:00PM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

**Wei Hai Min and Her Personae: Jingju in Our Time**

Thur, Oct 12 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

**How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia**

Fri, Oct 13 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

**Open Edo: Diverse, Ecological, and Global Perspectives on Japanese Art, 1603–1868, Conference 1: Global Edo: Edo in the World and the World in Edo**

Fri, Oct 13 | 10:00AM-5:00PM | UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies | [RSVP](#)

**Artnight@PAM: Hungry Ghosts**

Fri, Oct 13 | 6:00PM-10:00PM | Pacific Asia Museum

## Importance of Life: Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

Sun, Oct 15 | 3:30PM-5:45PM | Japan House | [RSVP](#)

## Captured Korean Potters and Alternate Attendance in Satsuma: Sovereignty, Power, and Foreign Spectacle

Mon, Oct 16 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | Yanai Initiative

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