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October 21, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

EASC Guest Speaker Series: Spectres of Progress Across China's Northeastern Borders

Friday, November 8, 2024 | 3:30PM-5:00PM | SOS 250 | RSVP

Please join us for a talk with **Dr. Ed Pulford** (University of Manchester) and Faculty Moderator **Prof. Joshua Goldstein**. Inhabitants of (post)socialist states are inheritors of a particularly intense constructions of both linear state borders and linear senses of time. This talk explores the three-way convergence of China, North Korea and Russia, populations with similarly stark but also very different experiences of socialism. Everyday cross-border encounters bring the temporal ideas spawned by Maoist, Soviet and Kimist socialisms, and the Soviet collapse and 'rise' of China into direct contact. As a decade of fieldwork shows, borderlanders here remain haunted by divergent visions of progress and struggle to see their neighbours as 'coevals' in an era of postsocialist commerce and utilitarian friendships.

This event is co-sponsored by the [Department of Anthropology](#).

Image is of the town, Yanji, which is at the center of China's Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture in Jilin province. The image shows an old 1960s-80s neighbourhood, soon to be torn down with the much newer prefectural government HQ in the background.

EVENT REMINDERS



Mimicry, Cultural Ban, and Transplantation: Localization of Korean Screen Culture in Postsocialist China

Thurs, Oct 31 | 2:00PM-3:20PM | On Zoom

Prof. Raymond Tsang invites the wider community to an event with **Dr. Tian Li** (Yale University). Dr. Li's research focuses on how Korean screen culture is adapted in China, using a concept she calls "screen capitalism."

[RSVP](#)



Fall 2024 EASC Grad Mixer

Thurs, Oct 31 | 4:00PM - 5:30PM | CAS 100

Please join us for the Fall 2024 EASC Grad Mixer! Enjoy food, drink and conversation with fellow students across USC. Graduate students from any field are welcome to join, so this is a great opportunity to meet fellow students with East Asia-related research topics and interests!

Halloween Costume Optional!

[RSVP](#)

Event Wrap! Undergraduate Mixer

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Fall 2024 EASC Undergrad Mixer** on Friday! It was great to catch up with everyone and enjoy some onigiri and spam musubi together. We hope you all have a great rest of the semester!



OPPORTUNITIES



EASC LSSI Research Assistantship

Deadline: Friday, November 8

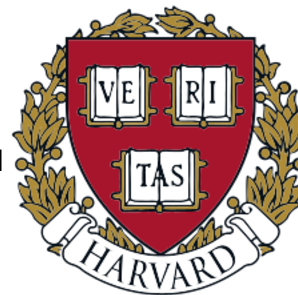
The **USC East Asian Studies Center** welcomes applications for a Research Assistant (RA) to support its **Landscape and Sustainability Studies Initiative**. The RA will serve as a resource for the initiative as well as a liaison between EASC and its partners at the **Center for East Asian Garden Studies (CEAGS)** at The Huntington. The RA will also serve as the primary point person for developing and coordinating events related to this initiative, as well as assisting in editorial work for a special issue of the *Review of*

Japanese Culture and Society journal. The successful applicant is expected to begin in **Spring 2025** and will work 5-10 hours per week throughout the semester. The hourly rate will be **\$25-30/hr depending on experience**. The position can be renewed each semester. **See application here** ➤

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Japanese Studies

Deadline: Sunday, December 13

The [Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Program on US-Japan Relations](#) at Harvard University will offer postdoctoral fellowships for outstanding scholars in the social sciences, including anthropology, economics, (modern) history, law, political science, public health, and sociology. Applicants must have received their Ph.D. in 2020 or later, in a discipline bearing on the Program's research areas. Research projects that focus on Japan or Japan's international role from a comparative, historical, or global perspective are welcome. Those who are selected to receive fellowships must have a Registrar-certified Ph.D. degree by July 31, 2025. **For more information, see here** ➤



Events around USC & LA

Korea-Brazil Cultural Night

Wed, Oct 23 | 7:00PM-9:00PM | Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

A Zooarchaeological Perspective on the Ongoing Asian Turtle Crisis

Thurs, Oct 24 | 12:30PM-1:45PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

Kimono Mom Shares Her Love for Japanese Food – Onigiri Action's 10 Years Anniversary!

Thurs, Oct 24 | 7:00PM-8:00PM | Japan Foundation Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

East Asian Media & Creative Industries

Thurs, Oct 24 | 9:30PM-11:40PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies | [RSVP](#)

Symposium on Integrating Pragmatics into Asian Language Instruction

Fri-Sat, Oct 25-26 | All Day | UCLA Asia Pacific Center | [RSVP](#) | [Zoom](#)

North Korean Resources

Fri, Oct 25 | 1:00PM-3:00PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies | [RSVP](#)

Yōkai Identity Flux: Genericization and the Influences of the Popular on the Local

Fri, Oct 25 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | The Yanai Initiative

Book Launch—Giant Robot: Thirty Years of Defining Asian-American Pop Culture

Fri, Oct 25 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | Japanese American National Museum | [RSVP](#)

Experimentations 6: The Uncanny in 1980s Chinese Films

Sun, Oct 27 | 7:30PM | Los Angeles Film Forum | [RSVP](#)

The Church That Confers Money, Honour, and Power: Catalysts for Hereditary Succession of Head Minister in South Korean Churches

Mon, Oct 28 | 2:00PM-3:15PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies

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