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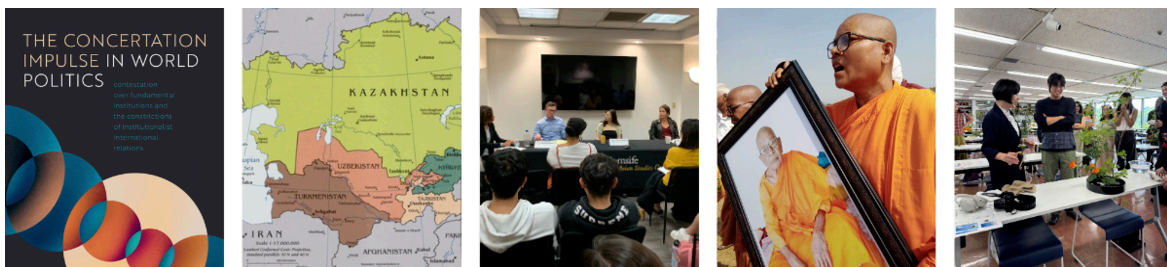
# USC Dornsife *East Asian Studies Center*

December 16, 2024



## Happy Holidays!

EASC wishes you a warm and cozy holiday season and Happy New Year! This is our last newsletter of the semester and we will be closed for winter recess from Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - Sunday, January 5, 2025. Regular business hours will resume from 9:00AM - 5:00PM on Monday, January 6, 2025. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



## Spring 2025 EASC Event Highlights

We are excited to announce a preview of our **Spring 2025 schedule of events!** We will kick off the semester with the **East Asia Career Panel** as part of **USC Career Fest** on **January 29**. The following day, we will co-host with the Center for International Studies and POIR a talk by **Andrew Cooper**, titled **Informal Institutions and Challenges for International Relations: Asian Perspectives**, as part of our **EASC Guest Speaker Series**. In February, we will host the **Global East Asia Orientation** to prepare our Maymester students for their trip to Japan and host another Guest Speaker series event with **Morris Rossabi** on **China's Relations with Central Asia**. March will feature our semesterly **Undergraduate** and **Grad Mixers**,

providing opportunities for students to connect with peers. We will also co-sponsor a special event with the Ito Center and Dramatic Arts titled, *Flower Bird Wind Moon (Kachō Fūgetsu)*. In April, we will continue the EASC Guest Speaker Series with two talks on Navayana Buddhism, one by **Santosh Raut** and another by **Harsha Gautam**. We will also celebrate the academic achievements of our faculty at the annual **EASC Faculty Luncheon** on **April 15** so please save-the-date! The semester will wrap up with a second workshop on **China's Waste and Climate Crises** and a commencement reception where we will celebrate our graduating students. Mark your calendars and join us for another exciting lineup of events in Spring 2025!

## M.A. in East Asian Area Studies

**Deadline: Friday, January 3, 2025**

The application for the **East Asian Area Studies MA Program** is open! Apply now to be a part of our Fall 2025 Cohort! The East Asian Area Studies (EAAS) Master of Arts is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide advanced academic training on East Asia. Candidates are able to design a program of study based on individual scholarly and professional goals concentrating on one country (China, Japan or Korea) or developing region-wide expertise.



EASC is able to offer funding through the Cressant Foundation for Premodern Japan Studies and the USC Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowships. For more information on the how to apply, degree requirements and funding opportunities for the East Asian Area Studies MA Program, [please visit our website](#). See our [graduate student webpage](#) for student features and below for previous thesis topics.



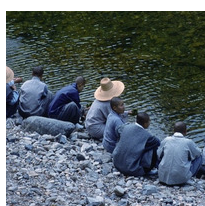
### Japanese Studies

Aesthetics of Hollywood Japanism  
Cultural Hierarchy in Contemporary Japanese-Taiwanese Film  
Women in Medieval Sōtō Zen  
Japanese Territorial and Defense Policies



### Chinese Studies

Imperial Women and Banquets in the Tang Dynasty  
Gender and Identity in Sinophone Rap  
Sonic Diaspora in Overseas Chinese Radio Stations  
Queerness and Fandom in Chinese Musicals  
Chinese Political Commentary in Social Media



### Korean Studies

Buddhist Literature and Gender in Korea  
South Korea's Ecofeminist Approach To Community Building  
History of the Foreign Community During the Kwangju Uprising  
Korean Everyday Objects in the Realm of Art in the United States

## Opportunities

### Betty Lee Sung Research Endowment Fund

**Deadline: Friday, December 20, 2024**

Betty Lee Sung, co-founder of the Asian American/Asian Research Institute (AAARI), Professor Emerita (City College of New York) established an endowment of \$100,000 at the City University of New York to create a research fund. The fund is intended to support research by providing funds for a research assistant, copywriter, research travel, acquisition or access to research material. AAARI's mission supports research and scholarship on policies and issues that are relevant to Asia, Asian America and other Asian diasporas. The award amount ranges between \$1000-\$3000. **For more information, please see here** ➤



### Student Journal of Asian Studies @ USC

**Deadline: Friday, December 20, 2024**

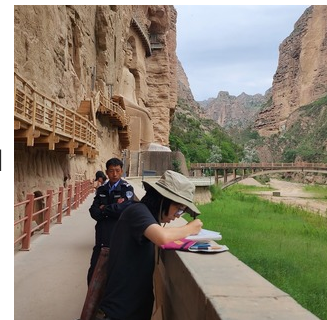
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There is still time to submit your paper and apply to be an editor! USC Student Journal for Asian Studies (SJAS@USC) is a student-run journal created to publish undergraduate and graduate work in various disciplines surrounding Asian Studies from around the world. SJAS welcomes work from Asian Studies courses, senior theses, fellowships, and personal research projects by undergraduate and graduate students. For more details on formatting guidelines and expectations, **please see the website** ➤

### EASC Graduate Fellowships

**Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2025**

**EASC Graduate Fellowships** provide summer stipends, typically between \$1,000-\$3,000, depending on the proposed course of study. The purpose of the award is to advance understanding of East Asia and/or US-Asia relations. Awards are given based on the quality of the proposed project and budgets submitted with the application. Visit the **Fellowship Webpage** on the EASC website to apply!



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