



USC Dornsife

East Asian Studies Center

January 21, 2025



EASC Guest Speaker Series

Informal Institutions and Challenges for International Relations: Asian Perspectives

Thursday, January 30 | 12:00PM–1:00PM | SOS B40 | RSVP

Prof. **Saori Katada** invites the wider community to an event with Prof. **Andrew Cooper** (University of Waterloo) to discuss his forthcoming book, *The Concertation Impulse in World Politics: Contestation over Fundamental Institutions and the Constrictions of Institutionalist International Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2024). He explores the central role of contestation over international institutions, particularly informal concertation as a competitor to formal multilateralism. Drawing on Hedley Bull's work, Cooper identifies two models of concertation: one based on pluralism (e.g., G20) and another on solidarity (e.g., G7, BRICS). The talk highlights how these dynamics, especially China's dual strategy within the G20 and BRICS, affect institutional choices and global governance, with significant implications for East Asia and beyond.

The event is co-sponsored by the [Center for International Studies](#) and [Department of Political Science and International Relations](#).

Event Reminders

East Asia Career Panel

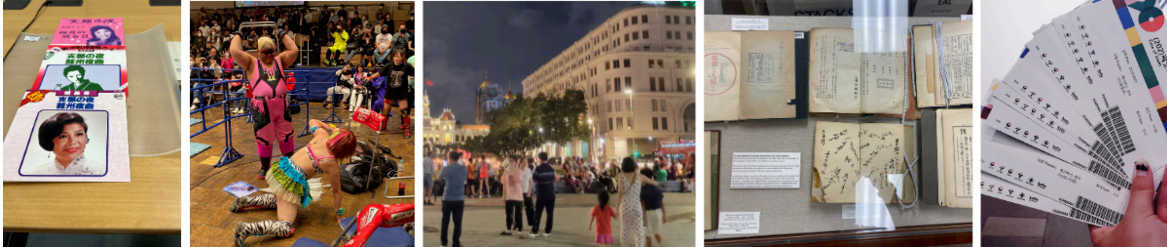
Wed, Jan 29 | 5:00PM-6:30PM | SOS B40

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 and learning about the different career options available. Our impressive alumni panelists come from professions in fields such as law, art, entertainment, journalism, and federal government.

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EASC Graduate Fellowships

Deadline: 5:00PM on 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. The award may be used for field research, language training, area studies, and can also be used for research including Asia in a comparative context or as a case study.

To learn more about the fellowship and application requirements, please see the [fellowship page](#). The deadline to apply is by **5:00PM Friday, February 7!**

Preference is given to applicants who are active in the EASC community.

EASC Graduate Fellowship Feature - Ann Ngoc Tran

EASC wants to highlight Ann Ngoc Tran, a PhD student in the Department of American Studies and Ethnicity in Dornsife and a Summer 2024 EASC Graduate Fellowship recipient! EASC had the opportunity to ask Ann about her fellowship project and experience as an awardee. Ann's project focuses on the global history of the Vietnamese refugee exodus after the conclusion of the American War in Vietnam. With the fellowship, Ann was able to visit Hong Kong and engage in archival research on Vietnamese refugee migration and Hong Kong border politics. Her found materials included newspaper clippings, police reports, microfilms, and other various documents otherwise not catalogued. Ann also recounts having time to explore the region of Hong Kong and even having the opportunity to meet with another EASC student. Read Ann's [full feature here](#) ➤



Opportunities



Visiting Assistant Professor - Japanese History Deadline: Friday, February 21

The Department of History at Williams College invites applications for a two-year Visiting Assistant Professorship in Japanese history, to start July 1, 2025. They welcome applications from scholars of any topic in Japanese history, during any time period. The department would particularly welcome candidates able to offer courses in Korean history. The candidate should be a dedicated scholar with a Ph.D. in hand or expected

by September 2025. The teaching load in the department will be two courses per semester. [Learn more here](#) ►

Academy of Korean Studies Summer Program Deadline: Thursday, February 20

The **Academy of Korean Studies** (AKS) is pleased to announce the AKS Summer Program for International Students. The academy organizes an intensive summer program for international undergraduate students in Korean studies. The program consists of various components, including special lectures on Korea, intensive Korean language courses, field trips, excursions, and traditional cultural activities.



Summer Program Eligibility and Details:

- University students majoring (or minoring) in Korean Studies
- Sophmores, Juniors and Seniors

- Korean language proficiency required
- Costs: Participants are responsible for airfare. Other expenses such as accommodation and meals will be covered by the program in Korea.

For more information, please see the [website here](#) ►

Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

New Books on Japan: "Good Wife, Wise Mother" and "Geographies of Gender"

Tues, Jan 21 | 3:00PM-4:30PM | Modern Japan History Association | [RSVP](#)

Reading the Siming Zhili Miaocongchao 觀無量壽佛經疏妙宗鈔

Thurs, Jan 23 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | Shinso Ito Center | [RSVP](#)

The Power to Make Live and Let Convert: Media Ecologies of KAL 858

Thurs, Jan 23 | 5:00PM | UC Berkeley Institute of East Asian Studies | [RSVP](#)

What to Expect: The Trump Administration's Economic Security Policy on Asia

Fri, Jan 24 | 9:00AM (PST) | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

In the Tune of Art: Kokyu

Mon, Jan 27 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | Japan Foundation Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

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