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Upcoming EASC Guest Speaker Series Events

The Perils and Possibilities of "Speaking Freely" in the People's Republic - Talk by Nicholas Bartlett

Monday, April 7 | 1:00PM-2:00PM | SOS 250 | [FLYER](#) | [RSVP](#)

Joshua Goldstein invites the wider community to an event with Prof. **Nicholas Bartlett** (Barnard College) to explore the politics of speaking in contemporary China through the Tavistock tradition Group Relations Conferences (GRCs). In ritualized events where paying participants must navigate frequently stressful encounters, everything from geopolitical tensions to intimate dreams are spoken and made available for the group to connect, critique, and reflect upon. Prof. Bartlett refers to the distinctive genre of speech produced in these spaces as "speaking freely." By attending to specific instances of speaking in Tavistock tradition groups hosted in a country frequently attacked for its failure to promote liberal ideas of free speech, this talk explores the possibilities and perils associated with encounters across difference in the People's Republic and beyond.

This event is co-sponsored by the [Max Kade Institute](#) and the USC Departments of [East Asian Languages and Cultures](#) and [Anthropology](#).



China's Relations with Central Asia: Why Should Americans Care? - Talk by Morris Rossabi

Friday, April 11 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | THH 202 | [RSVP](#)

Prof. **Bettine Birge** invites the wider community to a talk with Prof. **Morris Rossabi** (Columbia University). Based on research and travels in Central Asia over the past three decades, the speaker first describes traditional Chinese relations with Central Asia, including the so-called Silk Roads, but he then focuses on China's increasing interest and involvement in the region since the 1990s collapse of the Soviet Union. As China plays a greater economic role in Central Asia, he also discusses the impact on Xinjiang and on China's relations with Russia. He concludes with an explanation of the importance of these developments for the U.S.

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Event Reminders



TODAY!

Running in Circles?: Visions of Circular Economies from Mao to Xi

Mon, Mar 24 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | SOS B40

Join us for a discussion on development, waste and environmental governance in China moderated by Prof. **Joshua Goldstein**. Our speakers will examine how the idea of a "circular economy" has shaped China's approach to waste management, from Mao-era policies to today's waste-to-energy incinerators.

[RSVP](#)



Colonial Koreans Across Linguistic and National Boundaries: *March First Symposium on History and Democracy*

Tues, Mar 25 | 11:00AM-6:00PM | DML 240

This conference will explore the history of colonial Korea alongside the experiences of overseas Koreans. Scholars will discuss how global imperialism shaped personal and political struggles across the Pacific.

RSVP



Postponed!

EASC Guest Speaker Series

Touring the Abyss with *dear elia*: Unwellness and Care in the University

New Date: Mon, Mar 31 | 4:00PM | Room TBA

Prof. **Attia Satar** invites the wider community to an event with Dr. **Mimi Khúc** as she shares her work on unwellness and the university from her new book, *dear elia: Letters from the Asian American Abyss*.

RSVP



EASC Guest Speaker Series

Dr. Ambedkar and Navayana Buddhism: Opening New Forms and Approaches to Liberation

Tuesday, April 1 | 5:00PM-6:20PM | RSVP

In this talk, Dr. **Santosh Raut** (Harvard Divinity School) examines Dr. Ambedkar's vision of Navayana Buddhism and its potential to create new pathways for liberation. Dr. Raut will explore how Ambedkar reinterpreted Buddhist teachings to challenge caste hierarchies.

RSVP



EASC Guest Speaker Series

By the Women, For the Revolution: Gendered Struggle of Navayana Buddhism

Wednesday, April 2 | 12:00PM-1:20PM | RSVP

Dr. **Harsha Gautam** (University of Texas, Austin) sheds light on the role of women in the Navayana Buddhist movement, centering their voices and struggles, and exploring how they have expanded the liberatory potential of Navayana Buddhism.

RSVP



Opportunities and Challenges for US-Asia Relations: West Coast US-Asia Scholars Network Distinguished Speaker Event

Fri, Apr 4 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | DML 240

Join us for a dialogue with former UN Ambassador **Cho Hyun** and Councilmember **Jon Kaji**, moderated by Professor **Jane Junn** (POIR and Gender & Sexuality Studies).

RSVP

Events Around USC & LA

Jessamyn Abel - Practical Democracy: Cultivating a New Postwar Japan

Wed, Mar 26 | 12:30PM-2:00PM | Shinso Ito Center | RSVP

Globalization, Trade and Labor, and the Distribution of Wealth and Resources in Japan and the United States

Thur, Mar 27 | 4:00PM | Center for International Studies | Register for Zoom

Jonathan E. Abel - AI and The New Real

Thur, Mar 27 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | Shinso Ito Center | RSVP

Beyond the Page: Dark Soil

Thur, Mar 27 | 6:30PM-8:00PM | Chinese American Museum | RSVP

Poetry at the Gate of Memory

Thur, Mar 27 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | Japanese American National Museum | RSVP

Koume's World: The Life and Work of a Samurai Woman Before and After the Meiji Restoration

Fri, Mar 28 | 4:00PM - 5:30PM | Modern Japan History Association | RSVP

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