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UPCOMING EVENT

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

Monday, March 24 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | SOS B40 | RSVP

Join us for an engaging discussion on development, waste and environmental governance in China moderated by Prof. **Joshua Goldstein**, EASC Director and Professor of History and EALC. 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. Discover how these strategies have evolved over decades of rapid change.

Amy Zhang

Waste’s Technopolitics in Urban China

Amy Zhang is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at NYU, specializing in environment, technology, labor, and urban life. Her book *Circular Ecologies: Environmentalism and Waste Politics in Urban China* (Stanford University Press, 2024) examines waste management in urban China, exploring the technologies, infrastructures, and grassroots ecological politics shaping the system.

Brian Spivey

Comprehensive Utilization: Eliminating Waste and the Socialist Solution to

Pollution

Brian Spivey is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre on China in the World at The Australian National University and a historian of modern China specializing in the environmental and social changes of China's industrialization. His book project, *Pollution Revolution: Maoism, Environmentalism, and the Consequences of Industrialization in Modern China*, explores the origins of environmental concerns in the PRC.



MYAKU-MYAKU Meet and Greet Event Wrap!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our **MYAKU-MYAKU Meet and Greet** last Tuesday! We had an absolute blast learning about **Expo 2025 Osaka, Japan** and taking photos with the one and only **MYAKU-MYAKU**, the official Expo 2025 mascot!

You can also check out [this article](#) from ElevASIAN, the Asian news desk at Annenberg Media for a sneak peek at what's in store.



EASC Guest Speaker Series

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

Monday, March 24 | 4:00PM | DML 240 | **RSVP**

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*. Applying her framework of a "pedagogy of unwellness," Dr. Khúc explores the contours of student and faculty unwellness and locates it within the racialized ableism of meritocracy that undergirds university life (and beyond). Academic hyperproductivity across

university strata is a kind of unrelenting dehumanization that relies on something she names "compulsory wellness"—the pressure to always pretend you are ok and achieve at the highest levels.

Event Reminders

Spring 2025 EASC Undergrad Mixer

Friday, March 7 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | CAS 100

Please join us for the **Spring 2025 EASC Undergraduate Mixer**! Come meet other students interested in Asia while enjoying food and drinks. We would love



for you to bring fellow students who are also interested in Asia, research and study abroad opportunities!

This event is open to USC undergraduates only.

RSVP



Spring 2025 EASC Grad Mixer

Tuesday, March 11 | 4:00PM - 5:30PM | CAS 100

Please join us for the **Spring 2025 EASC Grad Mixer!**

Enjoy food, drink and conversation with fellow students across USC. Graduate students from any field are welcome to join, so it is a great opportunity to meet fellow students with Asian studies related research and interests!

This event is open to USC grad students only.

RSVP

Opportunities

Call For Proposals: Education About Asia

Deadline: Thursday, May 1

Education About Asia (EAA), the peer-reviewed teaching journal of the AAS, is relaunching as a biannual, open-access online publication and is now accepting proposals. Widely read by educators, EAA covers diverse Asia-related topics across history, language, literature, geography, religion, and popular culture, with nearly 900,000 pageviews in the past year. The relaunch also invites innovative multimedia contributions, such as video overviews and podcasts, with a focus on practical classroom applications.



Prospective authors should submit a 250-word (maximum) abstract and 100-word (maximum) author bio to EAEditor@asianstudies.org.

Events Around USC & LA

Why Dilettantes Wrote Diet Books: The Cultural Politics of Food and Health in Nineteenth Century Japan

Wed, Mar 5 | 1:00PM | UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies

Scaling SaaS: The Art of Storytelling & Investor Strategy

Wed, Mar 5 | 3:00PM | The Korea Society | **RSVP**

The Space of Religion: Temple, State, and Buddhist Communities in Modern China

Thurs, Mar 6 | 3:00PM-4:30PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

Women in Food Business

Thurs, Mar 6 | 3:30PM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

Taiwan, China, and the Global South: Between Ideological Axes and Convergences in Africa

Thurs, Mar 6 | 5:00PM-6:00PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies | [RSVP](#)

Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival Kickoff

Thurs, Mar 6 | 6:00PM-8:00PM | APASA | Founder's Park

Towers in the Void: Li Yu and Early Modern Chinese Media

Fri, Mar 7 | 3:00PM-5:00PM | Yanai Initiative | [RSVP](#)

Women in Space | Visionaries Redefining Boundaries

Sat, Mar 8 | 11:00AM-1:30PM | Japan House Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

The U.S.-Japan Alliance Series: The U.S.-Japan Alliance Under New Management

Mon, Mar 10 | 10:00AM-4:00PM | Japan House | [RSVP](#) | [Livestream](#)

On a Chinese Interpretation of World Drama Classics: A Case Study of a Chinese Opera Rendition of August Strindberg's Miss Julie

Mon, Mar 10 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

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