



USC Dornsife

East Asian Studies Center

October 13, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

EASC Guest Speaker Series

The Next Wave of Chinese Science Fiction: Toward a Neo-Baroque Literary Universe

Thursday, November 6 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | THH 309K | **RSVP**

Prof. **Brian Bernards** and Prof. **Sunyoung Park** invite the wider community to a talk by Prof. **Mingwei Song** (Wellesley College) on Chinese science fiction with moderation by Prof. Bernards and PhD candidate **Seoyeon Lee**. In recent years, the Chinese SF world has seen the emergence of a new generation of writers, mostly women, who have developed their distinct literary voices amid the collapse of the new liberal world order, the backlash against a free-market-oriented "universal" version of globalization, and the rises of a series of worldwide social and cultural movements, such as the #Me Too Movement, and the Gen Z environmentalist activism. Also important for them is a new rally call for establishing a planetary consciousness, which implies a new vision of multiplicity and diversity, in which we cohabit with other species. All these themes, together with less darker visions of technology and a new hope for creating a technologized future of the coexistence between the human and the posthuman, have characterized the politics of "She-SF."

*This event is co-sponsored by the **Korean Studies Institute** and the **Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures**.*



Global East Asia Maymester 2026

Deadline: Monday, October 20

This is the last week to apply for the **Global East Asia 2026** Maymester! Global East Asia (EASC 360) is a four-week USC Maymester Study Abroad Program, with one week in LA and three in Tokyo, Japan. This intensive program is a research course for USC undergraduate students made possible by **EASC** and **USC Dornsife**, with additional support from the **Bruce & Francis Kaji Family**

Fund and the **Wu & Ponrartana Fund**. Students from all majors, schools and language backgrounds are encouraged to apply for our Global East Asia Tokyo program!

Please see here to start your application & view the updated cost sheet ►

Accepted students will have the opportunity to apply for supplemental funding to cover program costs!

Please contact easc@usc.edu for more details!

Event Reminders

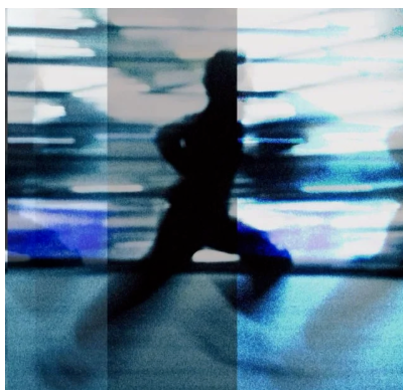


Happening TODAY!
EASC Guest Speaker Series
**China's Domestic Politics Beyond Water's Edge:
 BRI and China's Fragmented Foreign Policy**

Mon, Oct 13 | 2:00PM-4:50PM | ASC 207

Prof. **Stanley Rosen** invites the wider community to an event with Prof. **Andrew Mertha** (Johns Hopkins University) to discuss the complexities of China's Belt and Road Initiative and what it reveals about the country's global ambitions.

RSVP



First Forum 2025: SPEED

Fri-Sat, Oct 17-18 | All Day | SCA 316

This graduate student conference explores how the notion of speed reveals itself as a concept that defines and creates the contours of temporality, spatiality, and ways of being and feeling in the world.

Full program ►

Fall 2025 EASC Undergrad Connect

Fri, Oct 24 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM | CAS 100

Come meet other East Asian Area Studies students & Global East Asia alumni and learn about EASC's academic programs and opportunities while enjoying some light food and drinks.



Please note that this event is open to USC undergraduates only.

RSVP

Opportunities Simon and June Li Fellowship

Deadline: November 15

The Huntington invites applications for the **June and Simon K.C. Li Fellowship in East Asian Garden and Landscape Studies**, supporting research by scholars at any career stage (ABD and beyond). Fellows will reside at The Huntington for three to twelve months between **July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027**, conducting research and participating in public programs. The fellowship offers a **stipend of up to \$50,000**, depending on the duration of the award.



Applicants should submit a project description (approx. 1,000 words), a list of Huntington materials to be consulted (max. 350 words), and a work plan (max. 350 words) via the **application portal**. Two letters of recommendation are also required.

Events Around USC & LA

Video Games and the Legacies of Empire in East Asia

Tues, Oct 14 | 12:30PM-2:00PM | Yanhai Initiative | **RSVP**

Ceramic Poetics and "Living National Treasures" in Japan Today

Tues, Oct 14 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | The Japan Foundation | **RSVP**

Opera Voyage by Korea National Opera

Tues, Oct 14 | 7:00PM | Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles | **RSVP**

A talk with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and educator Viet Thanh Nguyen

Wed, Oct 15 | 1:30PM-4:00PM | California State University, Northridge

Film Screening: Poliboy (Jungdori)

Wed, Oct 15 | 3:00PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies

In Pursuit of an Egalitarian Society: Kishimoto Sayako's Challenge to Capitalist Japan

Wed, Oct 15 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | The Japan Foundation | **RSVP**

Meet Advocacy Fellows from Liberty in North Korea

Thurs, Oct 16 | 9:00AM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

[KF-USC Korean Studies Forum](#)

Thurs, Oct 16 | 9:30AM-5:00PM | Korean Studies Institute | [RSVP](#)

[A Buddha Descends](#)

Thurs, Oct 16 | 2:00PM-3:15PM | UCLA Center for Buddhist Studies

[Y. T. Hwang Family Foundation Series on Ethics & Common Values: Nicholas Harkness](#)

Fri, Oct 17 | 3:00PM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

[Angel Island's Hidden History: WWII Detention of "Enemy Aliens"](#)

Sat, Oct 18 | 1:00PM-2:30PM | Japanese American National Museum | [RSVP](#)



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