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# USC Dornsife

## *East Asian Studies Center*

October 6, 2025



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Fall 2025 EASC Undergrad Connect

Friday, October 24 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM | CAS 100 | **RSVP**

Please join us for the **Fall 2025 EASC Undergrad Connect!** 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. We would love for you to also invite any other students interested in Asian studies, research and study abroad opportunities!

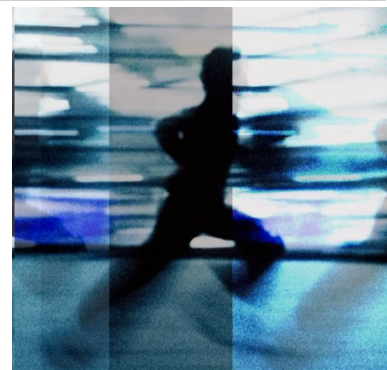
**Please note that this event is open to USC undergraduates only.**

Please **RSVP** by Monday, October 20, so we can order enough snacks and drinks for everyone!

#### First Forum 2025: SPEED

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

This contemporary moment is often thought of synonymously with the idea of speed. The 20th and 21st centuries were marked by rapidly ascending rates of movement: the movement of capital, of goods, of ideas, and of information. 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.



**SPEED** features a lineup of dynamic keynote and panel speakers (full list in the program below) who will present on topics ranging from computational tempo and

burnout, to embodied speed and bureaucratic time, to the aesthetics of sluggishness and boredom.

**Full program** ➤

This event is co-sponsored by USC Campus Humanities, [Levan Institute for the Humanities](#), [School of Cinematic Arts](#), [Media As SocioTechnical Systems](#), and [ZdC](#).

## Event Reminders



### EASC Guest Speaker Series Bilingual Authorship and Self-Translation: Publishing in Chinese & English

**Tues, Oct 7 | 11:00AM-12:30PM | Zoom**

Prof. **Brian Bernards** invites **Jianan Qian** (Towson University) to share her experiences writing and publishing in both Chinese and English, reflecting on the challenges and creative possibilities of bilingual authorship.

*A Zoom meeting link will be emailed to those who **RSVP**.*

[RSVP](#)



### 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](#)



## Faculty Feature - Graeme Reynolds

EASC is excited to welcome **Graeme Reynolds** to the Asian studies community at USC! Prof. Reynolds joined the department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at USC this fall and is scholar of the history of the book in Korea and East Asia, specializing in knowledge production, printing technologies, historiography, and archives. He is working on a book project examining the history of the production and reception of the History of Koryŏ and the Essentials of Koryŏ History and will also be hosting a [Conference on Traditions of East Asian Typography](#) in Spring 2026!

**Fun fact from Graeme:**

*I like rain. Many people don't, I know, and when I say I enjoy rainfall I sometimes get odd looks. But the smell of rain in the air is eminently refreshing and the sound of rain on a car roof (or better yet, my hat) immensely soothing. I find watching rain, and the dance of leaves under precipitation, as hypnotic as watching a fire (something that I, perhaps not uncoincidentally, also like).*

Read [Graeme's full feature here](#) ►

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## Opportunities



### Global East Asia Maymester 2026

**Deadline: Monday, October 20**

There is still time 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!

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

Please contact [easc@usc.edu](mailto:easc@usc.edu) for more details!

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## Events Around USC & LA

**Broadway's *Maybe Happy Ending*: Korean Robots and Asian American Memories**

Tues, Oct 7 | 1:00 PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies

***Wylde Pak* Nickelodeon's New Hit Animated Series Screening and Q&A**

Tues, Oct 7 | 5:00PM-6:30PM | Korean Studies Institute | **RSVP**

**Korea's Compressed Modernity and Its Risks**

Wed, Oct 8 | 5:00AM | The Korea Society | **RSVP**

**Hangul Day Celebration**

Wed, Oct 8 | 10:30AM-1:30PM | Korean Studies Institute

**Tencent Games Recruitment Talk @ USC**

Wed, Oct 8 | 5:00PM - 8:00PM | USC Games | SCI 106 | **RSVP**

**After-Hours Tour: Satoko Shimazaki on Rising Sun, Falling Rain: Japanese Woodblock Prints**

Wed, Oct 8 | 6:00PM | Hammer Museum

**Stories of Korean Liberation in Films: *MALMOE: The Secret Mission* Screening**

Wed, Oct 8 | 6:30PM-9:00PM | Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

**Meet the Author: Mark Baker *Pivot of China: Spatial Politics and Inequality in Modern Zhengzhou***

Thurs, Oct 9 | 10:30AM-11:30AM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

**The Alien Enemies Act of 1798: Understanding 1941 and 2025**

Thurs, Oct 9 | 3:00PM-4:30PM | Shinso Ito Center | [RSVP](#)

**Ichinosuke Umekawa: A Revolution in Movement**

Thurs, Oct 9 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | The Japan Foundation | [RSVP](#)

**Meghen Jones - National Treasure Tea Ceramics in Japan**

Mon, Oct 13 | 4:30PM-6:30PM | Shinso Ito Center | [RSVP](#)



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