

## York Centre for Asian Research Mini Update

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### Upcoming Event: Celebrating the Year of the Ox | Chinese New Year at the Bata Shoe Museum

Tuesday, 20 January 2009 \* 6-8pm \* Bata Show Museum \* 327 Bloor St. West

Join us for an exciting lecture by Bata Shoe Museum Curator, Elizabeth Semmelhack as she explores symbolism in Chinese art and dress with a special focus on ox and animal motifs. Inspired by the collection of Mr. Glenn Roberts, major lender for the Museum's past and highly popular exhibition, Watched by Heaven, Tied to Earth, visitors will have the opportunity to view examples of these playful Chinese pieces which incorporate colourful and unusual ox designs in a special temporary exhibit on loan by Mr. Roberts.

Dim sum and tea will be served following the talk. The cost is \$10 per person; \$5 per student; Free for Bata Shoe Museum members.

For tickets please call 416.979.7799 x225 or email [tickets@batashoemuseum.ca](mailto:tickets@batashoemuseum.ca). The invitation is available at: [http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/Other/bata\\_chinese\\_new\\_year\\_09.pdf](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/Other/bata_chinese_new_year_09.pdf)

### Upcoming Event: 'Hello Xiaoping' – documentary film screening

Wednesday, 21 January 2009 \* 7:30pm \* OISE, Room 2-212 \* 252 Bloor St. W.

The Toronto Canada-China Friendship Association is hosting a screening of *Hello, Xiaoping (Xiao Ping Ni Hao)* on 21 January 2009.

Deng Xiaoping, one of the founding fathers of the New China, was the architect of China's Open Door Policy in 1978, sometimes called Socialism with Chinese Characteristics that began Chinese incredible economic growth in the last 30 years. As noted by the film's Directors:

*Deng passed through a forest of guns and hails of bullets during the war years and rode through the vicissitudes of life. In the face of difficulties, he was always sensible and optimistic and marched forward decisively and courageously.. The people address such an important leader with "Hello", a simple and plain greeting to express their sincerest and deepest gratitude.*

The film traces Deng's life and career, frequent setbacks and achievements, wit and tactics with exceptional candour. Included are rare archive film clips dating back to the 1930's. A must for anyone wishing to better understand the origins of China's surge as an emerging superpower..

The CCTV TV documentary will be screened in English. For more information, visit: [www.tccfa.org](http://www.tccfa.org).

## Upcoming Event: Welcoming Sheng Xue, Writer-in-Residence, to McMaster

Thursday, 22 January 2009 \* 7:30pm \* West Room in the University Club \* McMaster University

The Department of English and Cultural Studies at McMaster University is pleased to welcome poet, journalist, and editor as the International Writer-in-Residence for 2009, Sheng Xue.

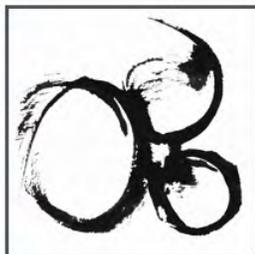
A member of PEN Canada's Writer in Exile Network and The Independent Chinese PEN Center, organizations that support freedom of expression and publication, Sheng Xue is an award-winning investigative journalist, whose book on China's most prominent smuggling case *Unveiling the Yuan Hua Case* became a best seller in overseas Chinese communities and created long-lasting shockwaves both inside and outside China. In Canada, her article in *Maclean's* won a National Magazine Award in 2000, and in 2005 she received the National Ethnic Press and Media Council for Journalism and Media Award for outstanding achievement. She is a poet, a movie actress, and a regular correspondent for *Trend Magazine* (Hong Kong), *Deutsche Welle Radio* (Bonn, Germany), and *Radio Free Asia* (Washington, D.C.)

Sheng Xue will be on campus Monday to Thursday afternoons (12:30-4:30 p.m.) from January to April 2009 in Chester New Hall 212. Please call the Writer in Residence office at 905-525-9140, ext. 23740 to contact her.

## Upcoming Event: ENSO, Contemporary Japanese calligraphy exhibition with artist Noriko Maeda

Thursday, 22 January 2009 \* 6-7pm \* The Japan Foundation, Toronto \* 131 Bloor Street \* Toronto

Enso is a symbolic shape in Japanese Calligraphy. It is simply a circle, however, every circle reflects the uniqueness of the creator. In Zen Buddhism, it is said that Enso exposes the absolute truth and symbolizes enlightenment and the universe. The painting of an Enso is an expression of the moment and reveals the spirit of the artist. The strength of the line, its splashes, rugged bumps and seamless flow are all filled with subtle, yet complex, nuances. As no two creators are alike, the same lines resonate differently to its viewers.



Ms. Maeda will demonstrate Japanese Calligraphy techniques and provide basic introductions to those who are new to calligraphy. Participants will also have the opportunity to look at a variety of brushes, and may get a chance to draw their own ENSO with Ms. Maeda's guidance.

The demonstration will be followed by a brief Q & A session. A second session will be held on Saturday, 7 February from 2 to 3pm. RSVP are required and can be sent to [rsvp@jftor.org](mailto:rsvp@jftor.org) or 416.966.1600 x 600 or through [www.jftor.org/whatson/rsvp](http://www.jftor.org/whatson/rsvp).

The exhibition presents the work of Calligraphy artist, Noriko Maeda, and highlights the versatility, universality and depth of the circle through both contemporary and traditional approaches to Japanese Calligraphy. A range of work including large-scale scrolls, lampshade designs and installations will be exhibited. The exhibition runs until 26 February 2009.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday from 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Thursday 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM; Saturday Opening: February 7, Noon - 5:00 PM; Closed: Other Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information about this exhibition, please visit our website: [www.jftor.org](http://www.jftor.org).

## **Upcoming Event: KM Expo 2009: It's About Partnerships**

*Friday, 6 February 2009 \* 8am to 6pm \* Le Parc Conference and Banquet Centre, 8432 Leslie St (Highway 7 and Leslie) \* Richmond Hill*

You are warmly invited to participate in the 2009 KM Expo: It's About Partnerships. This event has been organized by the Knowledge Mobilization (KM) Unit at York University, which operates in partnership with the Human Services Planning Coalition of York Region and the York Region District School Board.

York's annual Expo celebrates the successes of KM partnerships between York University and York Region while engaging KM stakeholders in planning future collaborations and discussing current issues. The KM Expo creates a space where community and academic stakeholders can meet and interact. There will be presentations by keynote speakers, concurrent workshops, a chance to meet the 2008 KM Summer Interns and opportunities for discussion and networking. The theme of the KM Expo 2009 is "It's About Partnerships" where we will focus on new models for community and university engagement in research.

Space is limited. Please complete the registration form below and return to [kmunit@yorku.ca](mailto:kmunit@yorku.ca) before Friday, 30 January 2009 or register online by [clicking here](#).

What is KM?

We believe that knowledge has greater value when it is shared and implemented. Knowledge Mobilization is the active, two-way exchange of information and expertise between knowledge creators and knowledge users. The KM Unit at York University connects university researchers with community and government organizations to support the use of research in decision-making about social programming, public policy, and professional practice.

For more information about Knowledge Mobilization at YorkU, please visit [www.researchimpact.ca](http://www.researchimpact.ca) or contact [kmunit@yorku.ca](mailto:kmunit@yorku.ca).

## **Call for Papers: ON EAST: (De)Constructing Asia**

We would like to cordially invite students with an interest in East Asia to submit papers for The University of Toronto's East Asian Studies Student Union's (EASSU) first academic conference, ON EAST: (De)Constructing Asia.

This will give an opportunity for students writing on the East Asia or Asia Pacific region to present their work in an academic conference at the University of Toronto's East Asian Studies Undergraduate Conference, St George Conference in the second semester, of the 2008-9 academic year. This is likely to be held in March. This conference will include work from keen undergraduates and will be graced with the presence of well established professors.

We know that it is often difficult to pursue a desired research project out of the context of a class because regardless of the student's interest and motivation, the idea often fails to reach realization due to a lack of time, recognition and incentive. This year, undergraduates will get the chance to be recognized as young scholars. Any undergraduate students, from any department, from any university will be eligible, as long as the work is related to the region of East Asia or the Asia Pacific.

Students can submit research papers, articles and reports. For academic papers, please submit them double spaced, Times New Roman, maximum of 12 pages, MLA footnotes style. The work is not required to be for a course.

To submit work, send a copy to [eassujournal@gmail.com](mailto:eassujournal@gmail.com) as a .doc file. When submitting, please have your full name, University, student number, year and program clearly on the piece of work or in the email you are sending. Please title your document "lastname firstname year university.doc" and include your phone number in the email just in case we need to contact you. Please also include a brief paragraph (no more than 400 words) on what the piece of work is. For academic papers, this needs to be an abstract.

Submissions will be accepted for the conference until 15 February 2009.

For more information, please visit <http://eassu.sa.utoronto.ca/> - which will be updated shortly, or email [eassujournal@gmail.com](mailto:eassujournal@gmail.com).

### **Call for Papers: “Can-Asian, eh? Diaspora, indigeneity and the trans-Pacific”**

In 2009, the East Asian and South Asia Area Councils of Canadian Asian Studies Association will meet in Vancouver – just as that city is gearing up to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. Vancouver is not only the gateway between Canada and Asia, but also the site of various types of connections between Canada and Asia. As Canada looks across the Pacific to Asia, Asia has also become a part of Canada.

The conference will be held from 8-10 October 2009 and the CFP deadline is 1 August 2009.

2009 marks the anniversary of several important historical events. It is the 95th anniversary of the Komagata Maru Incident, when a shipload of would-be immigrants arrived in Vancouver from India and was denied entry. It is also the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Incident, the 30th anniversary of the Kaohsiung Incident and the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising - three events that brought new diaspora groups to Canada. Connections between Asians and indigenous peoples of Canada - as well as between indigenous peoples across the Pacific - have long been the reality for these peoples, and promise new insights on Trans-Pacific ties.

Meeting in Vancouver gives us an exciting chance to reflect upon the many connections across the Pacific and the shared challenges we face. These include topics as varied as cultural circulation, climate change, economic challenges, indigenous issues, human rights, and global security. We invite Canadian and international scholars in the social sciences, arts, humanities and sciences to take part in the next CASA conference to share their recent research on Asia. We encourage the participation of community activists, cultural workers, and graduate students.

Conference themes include, but are not limited to: Cultural production and popular culture in Asia and Canada; Trans-Pacific indigeneity; Development and poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific; Global provincialisms; Tourism and destination cultures; The Olympics from Beijing to Vancouver; Climate change, the environment, and global health; Global economic and security challenges; Human rights and democracy; and Discourses of Asianity in film and media

On Saturday afternoon, a Presidential Roundtable will be held with indigenous representatives from Canada, Japan, Taiwan, and India to discuss indigenous rights and climate change across the Pacific.

### **Opportunity: ResearchImpact funding opportunities**

York University and the University of Victoria, as founding members of ResearchImpact, Canada's emerging knowledge mobilization network, are pleased to announce the following opportunities for research funding. Please visit <http://www.researchimpact.ca> for more details on these opportunities. These investments are intended to maximize the impact of research toward efficient and effective human services, more responsive public policies and greater cultural understanding.

#### ***Joint Funding Opportunities***

1. Housing and Homelessness Research – One grant of up to \$30,000 to be awarded
2. Child and Youth Mental Health Research – One grant of up to \$30,000 to be awarded

These awards require a joint application between York and U Victoria researchers and relevant non-academic partners and must adhere to all guidelines identified in the application, found at:

<http://www.researchimpact.ca/fundingopps/jointopps/index.html>.

#### ***Graduate Student Internships***

1. University of Victoria – 10 Internships available for the summer of 2009. Application details are available here: <http://www.researchimpact.ca/localRI/UVic/cgrpp/index.html>.

2. York University – Internship opportunities in conjunction with ACCELERATE Ontario (<http://www.researchimpact.ca/fundingopps/yorkinterns/index.html>).

***Supporting Social Innovation in York Region***

Consultations with leading partners in York Region have identified two priority areas as themes for targeted KM activity.

1. Child and Youth Mental Health – One grant of up to \$30,000 to be awarded
  - Up to 6 internships worth \$15,000 to be awarded
2. Immigration and Human Services – One grant of up to \$30,000 to be awarded
  - Up to 6 internships worth \$15,000 to be awarded