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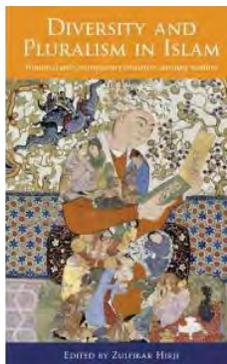
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Our Researchers | News and Awards

B. Michael Frolic, Senior Research Associate | Professor Frolic (Political Science) presented a paper at a workshop in Shanghai that represented the first time ever that PRC scholars had been given permission to examine government files concerning Canada-PRC relations. This meant scholars in attendance were able to compare Canadian and PRC records of the 1968-1970 negotiations. The Chinese papers were by Ambassadors Mei Ping and Chen Wenzhao.

The workshop, held on 11-12 November 2010, was in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and China. It was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC and the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia and hosted by the Shanghai Institute for the Study of International Issues (Shanghai Guoji Wenti Yanjiusuo). Twenty participants from academia and government gave papers and presentations on the history of the relationship, strategic implications, current issues, and future areas of bilateral cooperation.



Zulfikar Hirji, Faculty Associate | *Diversity and Pluralism in Islam: Historical and Contemporary Discourses amongst Muslims* (I. B. Tauris, October 2010) is the newest publication by Professor Hirji (Social Anthropology). This edited volume examines the ways in which matters of common concern to Muslims have been discussed by them and examined. The volume explores the processes by which Muslims construct notions of the self, the other and community, and addresses the socio-cultural tools that they employ in so doing. Offering contributions by world-class scholars, *Diversity and Pluralism in Islam* applies insights from a range of disciplines, including anthropology, history, literature, political theory, comparative literature and Islamic studies.

Jessica Tsui Yan Li, Faculty Associate | Professor Li's research on Chinese writer Eileen Chang was recently published in *Neohelicon*. "Self-translation/rewriting: the female body in Eileen Chang's 'Jinsuo ji', the Rouge of the North, Yuannü and 'the Golden Cangue'" appeared in the December issue (Volume 37, Issue 2).

Jinyan Li, Faculty Associate | Professor Li (Law) is one of six people to receive the 2010 Chinese Canadian Legend Award from the Asian Business Network Association. This award recognizes Chinese Canadians who have made significant contributions to the community through outstanding achievement in their field.

Judith Nagata, Senior Research Associate | Professor Emerita Nagata (Anthropology) has been awarded a position as Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the Asian Research Institute (ARI) in the National University of Singapore (NUS), beginning in January 2011. She will be joining a team of local researchers concerned with issues of "Religion in Globalisation", and plans to engage in more research, both independently, and in collaboration with other scholars at the Institute from various parts of Asia.

Yukari Takai, Faculty Associate | Earlier this year, Professor Takai (History) was awarded a Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada research grant to study Japanese transmigration, first to Canada then across the Canada-United States border to the United States, between 1882 and 1941. The complete *Yfile* story is available at: www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/index.asp?Article=15947.



YCAR News | Reading group brings together GTA China scholars in interdisciplinary forum

The Critical China Studies Reading Group, in existence since January 2009 and initiated by Professor Joan Judge (History), brings together each month between 15 to 20 professors and graduate students from York University, University of Toronto, McMaster University, and Wilfred Laurier University.

"These informal sessions serve as a lively, interdisciplinary forum in which members of the group—from senior scholars to first year graduate students—can present their work in progress", said Judge. Presentations since the Group's inception have been on a range of topics including traditional Sinology, history of science, gender studies, print culture, art and design, photography, postcolonial studies and law. Using ad hoc funds from York and U of T, the group has also brought in renowned outside speakers who both share a work in progress with members of the group and give a more formal public lecture. Among these speakers are Benjamin Elman, History of Chinese Science at Princeton University, and Lydia Liu, Chinese Literature, Columbia University.

Support from the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation at York for this academic year has enabled the group to host more meetings at York University and to invite one outside speaker. On 19 November 2010, all members of the group attended a (separately funded) symposium on "China in the Long Twentieth Century: Overcoming the 1949 Divide." Members of the group, including two York faculty members and one York graduate student, gave papers, and three other members of the reading group served as discussants. Participants in the symposium are currently discussing the possibility of posting passport-protected papers on the YCAR website.

Two events that will be supported by the funds mentioned above will be held during in the Winter 2011 term (the proximity of the dates, unfortunately could not be avoided given the participants' various schedules).

The first is a 4 March 2010 event, held at University of Toronto, with guest speaker Gail Hershatter from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Professor Hershatter is one of the leading scholars of Chinese women's history (recipient of the Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women's History, American Historical Association in 1997 for *Dangerous Pleasures: Prostitution and Modernity in 20th-Century Shanghai*). As several members of the reading group have an interest in gender issues and all have read Gail's work, her visit will be extremely fruitful for scholars and graduate students alike. Gail will circulate and discuss with the group a chapter from her current project on *The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past*.

On 11 March 2011, the Group will meet again for a workshop on Chinese photography. The event will include four papers by York and University of Toronto faculty, and commentaries by York faculty who have expertise in photography, but who are not in the China field.

As the theme of the workshop indicates, there is a convergence of interest in the group around the topic of Chinese photography. Participants in the workshop plan to establish a separate reading/research group on this theme next academic year and hold an international conference on this theme, possibly in 2012.

YCAR News | David Wurfel Award given for research on 1.5 and 2nd generation Filipinos in Canada

By bringing to light the experiences of the 1.5 and 2nd generation in Canada, Veronica Javier wants her research to contribute towards the creation and implementation of social programs and intervention methods that will better assist and take into consideration the post-settlement experiences of intergenerational Filipino-Canadians. Javier, a Master's Candidate in the School of Social Work at York University, is the 2011 recipient of the 2011 David Wurfel Award.



The award funds will assist Ms. Javier's fieldwork in the Greater Toronto Area, where she will focus on understanding how religion is transmitted between generations; how 1.5 and 2nd generation use/identify/define their religion that is informed by their parent's history and their subject position; and what it means for them to be a Roman Catholic, Filipino-Canadian.

Her practice research paper will explore and examine the role of religion in the construction of ethnic identity among 1.5 and 2nd generation Roman Catholic, Filipino-Canadians in light of a globalized and Eurocentric climate in Canada. She hopes that her research will facilitate the use of religion as one that not only strengthens Filipinos, but one that also connects their personal, spiritual journey to their experiences of structural oppression so that they can be inspired to transform their own lives and also their society.

Ms. Javier also holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Sociology and a minor in Religious Studies from York University.

The David Wurfel Award provides financial support to an honours undergraduate or masters graduate student who intends to conduct thesis research on the topic of Filipino history, culture, or society. The Award was established in 2006 by YCAR Senior Research Associate Dr. David Wurfel. He wanted to contribute to the emergence of a new generation of Filipino leadership that is grounded in the country's history, culture and public affairs. Dr. Wurfel is a Philippine specialist who received his PhD from Cornell University's Southeast Asia Program.

YCAR News | Adnan Amin reflects on Global Initiatives Symposium in Taiwan



Adnan Amin, Master's Candidate in Education, was selected from six applicants to represent York University at the Global Initiatives Symposium (GIS), hosted at the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan from 12-16 July 2010. The Symposium brought together emerging leaders from around the world to discuss critical global issues. This year's theme was "The Emergence of New Giants: Evolution of Revolution." The discussion addressed three subtopics: natural resources, adoption of green technology and new perspectives under Asian cultural expression. Mr. Amin shares his experiences at the Symposium and on his trip to Taiwan.

I was wondering what I would do this time around in Taiwan, compared to what I was able to do last year. Last year, I was able to teach a class of 20 grade 8 students in Taipei County. It gave me a great opportunity to expand my ESL teaching skills, but at the same time, I was able to see Taiwan. I had regretted not being able to see more of the island, so this time around I had promised myself that I would do my best to visit more places. As I arrived at the airport, I was filled with a kind of excitement

that was different than the last. I was anticipating meeting new people, possibly meeting up with some from before, but more so I was anticipating the next two weeks of my first “overseas academic conference”.

What awaited me in these two weeks was just amazing. I feel really grateful for the opportunity. When I arrived at the airport, two GIS (Global Initiatives Symposium) student “buddies” came to pick me up, along with another candidate. Although it was midnight, they had personally come in their own car to pick just two people, since we had different flights from others. I would have had to find my own way to the hotel or wait for 8 hours until the bus arrived if these two people had not come for me. This gesture was one of many that would make me fall in love with the people here.

While attending the conference days, it was handled in such a way that out of the 120 students from around the world here, each one of us would have a chance to speak our minds. We had time to ask presenters questions and had individual workshops where we addressed subtopics under the umbrella of global economies. There were many speakers in attendance, such as a professor from Thailand who addressed the needless auditing of minute chemicals in shrimp that induced huge losses for Thailand’s fishing industry by Western standards of chemical measurement. What stood out from her talk was that small fish farmers were unable to purchase the expensive equipment Western North American fish farms had. As such, the theme of big disparities in international economies was a theme that resonated within the conference.

In order to close such disparities within our economies, we had to look beyond our border lines and come up with solutions to better regulate our global economic communities. The disparities that lie in technology advancement and with that the recurrent moral responsibility became the other major theme of the conference. Over polluting river systems and disregard for human life were pointed to across the conference presentations. The value of human life and of our natural resources became a prominent fixture in our display posters and presentations.

What surprised me the most while attending GIS 2010 was when the President of Taiwan, Ma Ying-jeou, came to the conference for a Q/A session. We were quite shocked to realize, at least I was, of how important this conference became. We were not expecting someone this big to attend, but he did. While he talked and we asked questions, it seemed that most of the questions and answers were about the same things as many of our papers showed: i.e. global economies, moral responsibility, renewable resources, etc.

His presence drove home the point that academic discussion is a crucial factor in gaining insight and creating solutions to our human made global problems. In addressing our global needs, I was able to present my ideas on integrating differentiated learning strategies, which would in turn be able to aid in the discovery of answers and lead to greater insight. I stressed collaborative teaching strategies from group work to student initiated research inquiries. While one part of my academic learning was showcased in a poster presentation on my essay, “When East Meets West: A personal essay on intersections of North American and East Asian education”; the other was presenting on “Inquiring Minds: Establishment of cross-curricular education” in front of the entire conference.

The poster session was something I had not experienced before. In one hour I was to tell as many people who would have walked passed my display, what the poster was saying. I had made a poster, only to be told that it went missing just minutes before the presentation started. I was calm, because I knew it would show up somewhere. As expected it did show up. Although I had only 20 minutes to tell 10 people, I had to gather up some skill sets at the moment and be brief but to the point. I found that I

had the propensity within myself to speak about my work, in a comfortable way, when I remained assured that everything would work out in the end.

Sharing academic ideas amongst my peers was a great achievement of the conference. However, equally important or even greater, were the friends that I made on the trip. In just two short weeks, I was able to create these bonds between people that I could not fathom doing in such a limited span. I became more open and willing to talk about myself while I was in Taiwan. I became adventurous and even ate a delicacy, snake. I wanted to challenge myself to try new things.

What I loved doing most was rekindling my love of art, by taking photographs of all the interesting people, places, objects, all the nouns, I could find. Not only were we able to see the metropolis of Taipei, but we had opportunities to see cultural shows, visit old temples, walk through bamboo forests, and take long tour bus rides across Taiwan. I am truly grateful. While visiting all these wonderful places, I was spending time with fellow Canadian and American students from the East to the West. We were able to connect at a deeper level because we had this one extra week to basically “see” Taiwan. The two weeks spent in Taiwan will be etched in my memory. I can honestly say that I will never forget this experience.



YCAR Events | Twentieth century focus of China scholars' workshop

Twelve scholars from across Canada and the United States met at York University in late November to offer their perspectives on twentieth-century China, and more specifically to examine various sub-fields linking the Republican period with the post-Mao era - a longer perspective that no longer sees the creation of the People’s Republic of China in 1949 as the Mount Everest of that country’s modern history.

'China in the Long Twentieth Century: Overcoming the 1949 Divide' was organized by Faculty Associate Joshua A. Fogel, Canadian Research Chair in Modern China and Professor of History at York.

Six papers were presented and six discussants led off a fruitful discussion at the 19 November 2010 workshop on topics including leadership, intellectual service, Shanghai’s Japanese community, gender, and secularism, among others.

York presenters included Professor Fogel, Professor Joan Judge (History) and doctoral candidate Doris H.L. Sung (Humanities). David Strand (Dickinson College), Timothy Cheek (University of British Columbia) and David Ownby (Université de Montréal) also presented, and William Kirby (Harvard University) attended as a special discussant.

A general discussion reflected on the theme of the workshop as well as on the development of higher education in China and other topics covering the entire long twentieth century. The revised papers will be posted on the YCAR website in 2011.

The workshop was supported through funding made available through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and internal York University sponsors, including YCAR.

YCAR Events | Workshop provided unique opportunity for feedback from gender, development expert

Graduate students conducting research on gender and development took advantage of a unique opportunity to receive feedback from Dr. Padmini Swaminathan, a Shastri Indo-Canadian Visiting Lecturer, at a November workshop held at York University.



The 3 November 2010 workshop, 'Interrogating Development and Development Indicators', drew graduate students from York, the University of Toronto and from five other GTA universities. Topics included capital mobility, identity construction and empowerment. The intimate nature of the workshop allowed for thorough feedback from Professor Swaminathan as well as a chance to comment on, offer and receive suggestions from colleagues in attendance.

Dr. Swaminathan has been examining industry, labour and development from a gender perspective for the past 28 years. She is currently Reserve Bank of India Chair in Regional Economics at the Madras Institute of Development Studies in Chennai, India.

This event was organized by YCAR, where Professor Swaminathan was based during her visitorship to York in November 2010.

Professor Padmini Swaminathan was featured in the October 2010 YCAR Update: www.yorku.ca/ycar/Publications/YCAR_Update_October_2010.pdf.

YCAR Event | Pioneer of Jewish studies in China welcomed to York University



Xu Xin, a pioneer of Jewish studies in China, recounted the history of China-Israel political and diplomatic relations to a diverse York University audience on 21 November 2010. His talk, 'Israel through Chinese Eyes', situated the evolution of relations between the two governments in the context of changing Chinese understandings of Jewish history and culture and the evolution of global politics.

Professor Xu is founder and director of the Glazer Institute for Jewish Studies at Nanjing University. He is the recipient of an honorary doctorate from

Bar-Ilan University in Israel and the only professor of Jewish studies in China.

His talk was sponsored by the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, the York Centre for Asian Research, and the Department of Humanities.

(From Left: Esther Sarick, Sam Sarick, Xu Xin, Martin Lockshin (Associate Director, Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies), and Susan Henders. Photographer Gary Beechey)



Opportunity | 2011 YCAR Graduate Student Workshop series

The York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) invites proposals for its **Graduate Student Workshop series** taking place throughout January to April 2011. This series represents an opportunity for graduate students conducting research on Asia and the Asian Diaspora to present their research in progress to graduate students and a York faculty member. This series is intended to be an opportunity for York students in graduate programmes in the social sciences, humanities, fine arts, natural sciences, and professional schools to get presentation experience and valuable feedback on their research in a friendly and supportive environment.

Guidelines for Submissions

- Deadline for abstract submissions for the 2011 Graduate Student Workshop series is **20 December 2010**, and should be sent to Miriam Katz at windgeek@yorku.ca.
- Presentation proposals should include a title and a short abstract of 250 words.
- Proposals should be related to research concerning Asia or Asian Diaspora.
- Students should also provide a short list of two or three potential York faculty members that they would like to comment on their research at the seminar. Please also indicate whether you have already approached the faculty members about this possibility. Note that each workshop presentation will have one faculty member discussant.

Submissions should also include a selection of dates between January and April 2011 when the student is UNAVAILABLE to present, to assist us with scheduling the event.

Questions regarding submission or this series can be directed to Miriam Katz at windgeek@yorku.ca.

Opportunity | GDAS core course will run in Winter 2011 term

The Making of Asian Studies: Critical Perspectives is once again being offered in the Winter 2011 term. The core course for the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS), it is open to any graduate student interested in an interdisciplinary examination of Asia and Asian Diaspora.

The course will run on Thursdays afternoons. It is crosslisted across five programmes: anthropology (5500), geography (5700), humanities (6135), sociology (6745), and communication and culture (6136, 6536).

The course examines how Asian spaces and identities have been produced historically drawing on perspectives from across the social sciences and humanities. It also examines the current relevance of area studies in an era in which international scholarship is oriented toward globalisms and localisms.

The purpose of this course is not intended to provide a substantive introduction to historical or contemporary processes of change in Asia. Rather, the intention is to think carefully about how Asian spaces have been defined and deployed, and how Asian identities have been constructed and connoted. As we read through the interdisciplinary material, we will pay particular attention to (1) questions of

methodology with an eye to our own scholarly projects and methods and (2) epistemology, i.e. how we think about Asia and the implications for our own contributions to the “making” of Asian Studies.

While background in contemporary social and cultural theory is recommended, students who do not have this background may still take the course. The course does not require international experience or a background in Asian studies. It is expected that students are planning to or are already doing research on themes related to Asian studies and/or other area studies, and that they are prepared to reflect on their research in relation to the themes of this course.

To register for this course, please contact Yvonne Yim, Graduate Programme Assistant in Geography at yvonney@yorku.ca or at 416.736.2100 ext 55106. For more information on the Graduate Diploma in Asian Research (GDAS), visit www.yorku.ca/ycar/Graduate_Diploma.html or contact Shubhra Gururani, GDAS Coordinator, at ycar@yorku.ca.

Opportunity | Harvard-Yenching Library Travel Grant Program

The Harvard-Yenching Library is pleased to announce its Travel Grant Program for the 2010-2011 academic year. The purpose of the grant is to assist scholars from outside the metropolitan Boston area in their use of the Harvard-Yenching Library’s collections for research. There will be 21 grants of US\$400 each (seven in Chinese studies, nine in Japanese studies, and five in Korean studies) to be awarded on a merit basis to faculty members and to graduate students engaged in dissertation research. Priority consideration will be given to those at institutions where there are no or few library resources in the East Asian languages, and no major East Asian library collections are available nearby. Each grantee will also be provided with the privilege of free photocopying of up to 100 sheets. Please note that the awards must be used before 1 August 2011.

Applications for the travel grant, including a letter, a brief description of the research topic, and an estimated budget, should be addressed to: James K. M. Cheng, Librarian, Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University, 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, Fax: (617) 496-6008 or by email to: jkcheng@fas.harvard.edu.

The deadline is **15 December 2010**. For more information, visit: http://hcl.harvard.edu/libraries/harvard-yenching/travel_grant_program.cfm

Opportunity | Chinese Government Scholarship

The Chinese Government Scholarship scheme was established by the Ministry of Education of China (MOEC) in accordance with educational exchange agreements or understandings reached between Chinese government and governments of other countries, educational organizations, institutions and relevant international organizations to provide both full scholarships and partial scholarships to international students and scholars. The scheme supports students who come to study in China as undergraduates, postgraduates, Chinese language students, general scholars and senior scholars. Applicants may apply for the scholarship through the competent authorities, appointed institutions or the Chinese diplomatic missions in their home countries.

The application deadline is **30 December 2010**. For more information, please visit <http://en.csc.edu.cn/>.

Opportunity | Opportunity to conduct research across disciplines in Japan

All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences are included under this program, which provides postdoctoral researchers and university professors or senior scientists with the opportunity to conduct research in the natural sciences or engineering in a university, national laboratory or institute in Japan. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is inviting applications for the NSERC-JSPS (The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Postdoctoral and Invitations Fellowships.

Postdoctoral Fellowships Program

Purpose: To provide opportunities for young researchers postdoctoral researchers from other universities to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program allows such researchers to advance their own research while contributing to research progress in Japan and the counterpart countries.

The terms of award include: a round-trip air ticket, a monthly maintenance allowance of 362,000 yen, a settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen, and overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage. The duration is 12-24 months. Fellows must start their Fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April 2011 – 30 November 2011.

Invitation Fellowship Program

JSPS offers short-term and long-term programs under the Invitation Fellowship to promote international cooperation in scientific research and to contribute to advancement of research in the subject field. There are two programs:

Short-Term Program allows for a senior scientist to participate in discussions, attend seminars, give lectures or perform similar functions at Japanese research institutions and laboratories. The duration is 14 -16 days and includes: a round-trip air ticket, a daily maintenance allowance of 18,000 yen, domestic travel research allowance of 150,000 yen, and overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage.

Long-Term Program allows for scientists to Japan to conduct cooperative research with scientists at Japanese research institutions and laboratories. The duration is from two months (61 days) to 10 months. JSPS Invitation Fellowship Program – must be taken up in Japan during the period of April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012. The terms of award include: a round-trip air ticket, a monthly maintenance allowance of 369,000 yen, domestic travel research allowance of 100,000 yen, research expenses of 40,000 yen, and overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage. The duration is 12-24 months. Fellows must start their Fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April 2011 – 30 November 2011.

The deadlines are as follows:

Submission to ORS for Invitation Fellowship – **4 January 2011**

Submission to ORS for Postdoctoral Fellowship – 11 January 2011

Submission to agency for Invitation Fellowship: 15 January 2011

Submission to agency for Postdoctoral Fellowship: 25 January 2011

For further details, nomination and application forms, please consult the following web sites:

www.jsps.go.jp/english/index.html; www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/JSPS-SJPS_eng.asp or www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/JSPS-SJPS_eng.asp

Opportunity | York-Massey Fellowship

The Office of Research Services (ORS) wishes to announce a fellowship open to full-time faculty planning to go on sabbatical or other leave during 2011-2012. The York-Massey Fellowship will provide one faculty member with an office for the academic year at Massey College, as well as dining and collegial rights. Massey College is an independent college situated in the University of Toronto campus, almost directly opposite to the Robarts Library. It consists of a junior fellowship, made up of graduate students, and a senior fellowship, consisting primarily of faculty, of whom an increasing number come from York University.

There are no application forms, but we would ask interested individuals to submit a letter outlining sabbatical or other leave plans, with their reasons for wishing to be at Massey College, with their curriculum vitae to ORS by **15 January 2010**. Please submit the original plus one hardcopy of both the letter and curriculum vitae to: Mala Thakoor, Office of Research Services, Fifth Floor, York Research Tower, (mthakoor@yorku.ca). Applicants may be invited for an interview at Massey College. Results are expected to be announced sometime in March.

Opportunity | Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada post-graduate research fellowships

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF) is accepting applications for its 2011-2012 Post-Graduate Research Fellowships. Recent Master's and Doctoral graduates whose research focuses on Asia Pacific policy-related issues are encouraged to apply.

All Post-Graduate Research Fellows are based in downtown Vancouver and divide their time between a self-directed research project on Canada-Asia relations (or other Asia-related topic with clear Canadian policy implications) and the APF's other activities. PhD graduates receive \$38,000 and M.A. graduates receive \$35,000 for a one-year non-renewable term.

Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and must have completed a Master's or Doctoral program no more than 18 months prior to the application deadline.

The application deadline is **14 February 2011**. For more information, visit: www.asiapacific.ca/grants/types-of-grants.

Opportunity | Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute

The Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) is an eight-week intensive language training program for undergraduates, graduate students and professionals. It has been held since 1983 and was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994-1995 and then since 2000. Instruction is offered for academic credit in nine languages at the first, second and third-year levels. Each language course is equivalent to two semesters of study, with full academic year credit. Instruction is given in small individualized groups taught by a team consisting of a coordinator (usually a linguist specializing in Southeast Asian language pedagogy) and teachers who are native speakers of that language. Instruction is intensive. Classes are held from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays. Most students find that they spend an additional three to four hours per day on homework.

Application Deadlines: **15 February 2011** for applications for FLAS and Heritage Language Awards and **15 April 2011** for tuition scholarship application and general applications. For more information, please visit: <http://seassi.wisc.edu/>.

Opportunity | CERIS Research Grant Call for Proposals

The Joint Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (CERIS) has announced a 2011-2012 Research Grant Call for Proposals (CFP).

The CFP requirements and application form are available on the CERIS website:
<http://ceris.metropolis.net/generalinfo/CallForProposals/CallForProposalsCERIS.htm>

Research Proposals will focus on policy relevant research questions associated with the six CERIS Research Domains:

- i. Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration
- ii. Economic and Labour Market Integration
- iii. Family, Children and Youth
- iv. Justice, Policing, and Security
- v. Welcoming Communities: Building Capacity in Regions, Cities, and Neighbourhoods
- vi. Health and Well-being

CERIS is interested in funding three types of research projects: **1)** synthesis of research findings from the literature; **2)** studies based on new empirical data (qualitative and/or quantitative); and **3)** secondary data analysis.

The value of this award is up to \$20,000 for a duration of up to 18 months. Only eligible investigators may apply. Eligible investigators include all researchers from an Ontario university who are either currently affiliated with the Centre or those that apply for affiliation by 15 February 2011.

The deadline to submit internally to ORS is **21 January 2011**. Proposals must be received at CERIS' main office no later than 28 January 2011 at 4pm. For more information, visit:
www.ceris.metropolis.net/frameset_e.html.

Previously Listed Opportunities:

Graduate School of Korean Studies (30 April 2011)

For more information: <http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english/viewforum.php?f=26>.



Upcoming Event | Free Japanese Film Screenings at the Bloor Cinema

9-12 December 2010 | [Bloor Cinema](#) | 506 Bloor St. W. | Toronto

The Japan Foundation's annual free film festival at the Bloor Cinema gives Canadians the opportunity to see critically-acclaimed, contemporary Japanese films that have not received a wide release in North America.

Ranging from 'The Battery', a youth baseball drama from Academy Award-winner Yojiro Takita (winner, Best Foreign Language Film in 2009 for Departures) to courtroom drama 'I Just Didn't Do It', the heartwarming smash hit 'Always-Sunset on 3rd Street', and the surreal, darkly comic 'Memories of Matsuko', this festival offers a diverse sampling of Japanese popular cinema.

All films are screened in Japanese with English subtitles.

Thursday, 9 December, 6:30pm | **I Just Didn't Do It (Soredemo boku wa yattenai)**

Dir. Masayuki Suo (Shall We Dance) 2006, 143 min, 14A

Starring: [Ryo Kase](#), [Asaka Seto](#), [Kôji Yakusho](#)

11 Japanese Academy Award nominations, 3 wins; Entry for Foreign Film Oscar

A young man, Teppei Kaneko, has been accused of groping a woman on a crowded train in Tokyo. He is arrested and forced to sign a false confession. If he chooses to fight the charges, he will be held for three weeks just for the investigation. If he is prosecuted, the case will take up to a year in court. An indictment of Japan's troublingly labyrinthine legal system, in which defendants are often coerced into signing confessions and criminal cases go on for years, this film was Japan's official 2007 submission for Best Foreign Language Film for the Academy Awards.

Friday, 10 December, 6:30pm | **Memories of Matsuko (Kiraware Matsuko no issho)**

Dir. Tetsuya Nakashima (Kamikaze Girls) 2006, 130 min, 14A

Starring: [Miki Nakatani](#), [Eita](#), [Yûsuke Iseya](#), [Mikako Ichikawa](#)

Nine Japanese Academy Award nominations, 3 wins (Best Actress, Editing, Score)

While cleaning up the apartment of his deceased aunt Matsuko, Sho Kawajiri encounters many people and things that make him think about her strange, sad and, according to his father, meaningless life. Director Nakashima has created a visually stunning and colorful world filled with music and dance. However, this is not the utopia that musicals usually promise. Instead, Nakashima pursues the themes that he has often explored in his earlier films: the need, in a tragic and disappointing world, to dream, and the problems that such dreams can create.

Saturday, 11 December, 6:30pm | **Always- Sunset on Third St. (Always san-chome no yuhi)**

Dir. Takashi Yamazaki, 2005, 133 min, PG

Starring: [Hidetaka Yoshioka](#), Shinichi Tsutsumi, Koyuki

14 JAA nominations, 12 wins

The year is 1958. The government had declared in 1955 that the "postwar" period is over and Japan is starting a period of tremendous growth. Tokyo Tower is being built as a symbol of a recovered Japan, and not far from it, in the working-class area called shitamachi, people are trying their best to improve their lives. Based on a comic by Saigan Ryohei that began publication in 1974, 'Always' rode the wave of a nostalgia boom for 1950s Japan and became a box-office hit.

Sunday, 12 December, 4pm | **The Battery (Batteri)**

Dir. Yojiro Takita (Departures) 2007, 118 min, PG

Starring: [Kento Hayashi](#), Misako Renbutsu, [Kenta Yamada](#), [Akihiro Yarita](#)

Takumi is a star pitcher of a junior baseball team, but his younger brother Seiha's illness forces the family to go live with their grandfather. His grandfather, a legendary coach, refuses to teach Takumi how to pitch a curve ball, so Takumi trains by himself at a local shrine, where he is befriended by other baseball players. However, Takumi's arrogance threatens his relationships with friends and family, as well as his promising baseball career. Director Yojiro Takita was the first Japanese director to win the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, for 2008's 'Departures'.

Free admission. No reservations required. For more information, visit: info@jftor.org or call 416.966.1600 x230.



Publications of Interest | Rationalizing Migration Decisions: Labour Migrants in East and South-East Asia

While decisions for working overseas are often based on expectations and promises of better jobs, opportunities, economic gains and, eventually, a better future, such assumptions may not always be realized. Focusing on the question of why migrants, despite not realizing their earlier aspirations, continue to remain as migrants rather than return home, this book provides a unified understanding of the rationalization of the migration decision making. It does so by empirically situating the study in the experiences of Bangladeshi migrant workers in Hong Kong and Malaysia.

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For more information, visit: www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409405139.



Call for Contributions | Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS)

The Executive Committee of the CCSEAS is preparing the Winter 2011 edition of the CCSEAS newsletter, to be released in early February 2011. They kindly request your help and input for the production of this publication. The deadline for submitting your contributions is **20 December 2010**. They are, as always, soliciting submissions in the following areas:

- Reports from the Field: Short pieces intended to help inform researchers about fieldwork mechanics and issues. (750 words limit)
- Southeast Asian Affairs: Short essays on the state of Southeast Asian studies, analyses of major events in Southeast Asia; or reviews of books or scholarly papers. (1000 words limit)
- News from Members: Formal or informal accounts of member's research, recent activities, and works in progress. (750 words limit)
- Upcoming Events and Opportunities: Announcements of upcoming conferences or workshops concerning Southeast Asia, especially those that will take place in North America and Southeast Asia; language programs; certificate/diploma courses; funding or fellowship opportunities.
- Updates from SEA Studies Centers: Overviews of changes, activities, and projects of Southeast Asian Studies centers and institutes.
- New publications: Recently completed theses and dissertations, newly released academic publications, working papers, project reports, etc.

The newsletter will be published both in French and English in February 2011. Written submissions can be in French or English (or both), and should be emailed by the 20 December 2010 to bulletin editors at ccseas.executive@gmail.com. Previous editions of the CCSEAS Newsletter can be retrieved at: www.casa-acea.ca/?page_id=6.

Call for Abstracts | 11th Annual East Asian Studies Graduate Conference

The University of Toronto's 11th annual East Asian Studies Graduate Conference, 'Spectacle', will take place on Saturday, 5 March 2011. We welcome submissions that critically address the history, production and mediation of public gatherings and display in the context of East Asia. Possible topics for

papers include but are not limited to spectatorship and memory; urban development and the temporalization of communities; stagings of power and protest; the diaspora and migrations of identity; cultural heritage sites and the rhetorics of identity; the visuality and aesthetics of exaggeration; and the impact of technology on social interactions. We encourage entries from graduate students working in the fields of East Asian Studies, History, Comparative Literature, Media Studies, Economics, Religious Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Anthropology, Architecture and Art History among others.

Those interested in presenting papers should submit an abstract of 300 words or less and a brief biography by Friday, **24 December 2010**. We welcome submissions from both individuals and panels. Submissions are also eligible for publication in the East Asia Forum, a journal reviewed by faculty and edited by graduate students in the University of Toronto's Department of East Asian Studies.

Selected participants will be requested to submit their completed papers by Friday, 11 February 2011. Presentation papers should be 1,500-2,500 words long. Those who wish their papers to be considered for publication should submit a publication-ready copy of 4,000 words. During the conference, participants will each be allotted 20 minutes to present their work.

Submissions and queries may be sent to easgrad.conference@utoronto.ca.

Call for Proposals | Technologies of Migration: Asia, Media, Mobility, and Virtuality 2011

'Technologies of Asian Migration: Media, Mobility and Virtuality' will be held on 21-22 April 2011 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The conference will feature experts on the traffic in digital labour, domestic labour, media practices and texts between Asia and America. The technologies that enable this form of traffic and cultural exchange and diaspora distributes Asian bodies and representations of Asia all around the world. Many of these technologies such as the Internet, digital games, old and new media, and cellphones are relatively new and understudied. This conference will examine the role that Information and Communication Technologies (ICT's) play in all forms of migration and re-migration between Asia and America.

Proposals due by **1 January 2011**. Please visit the website for registration and details: www.technologiesofasianmigration2011.illinois.edu.

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