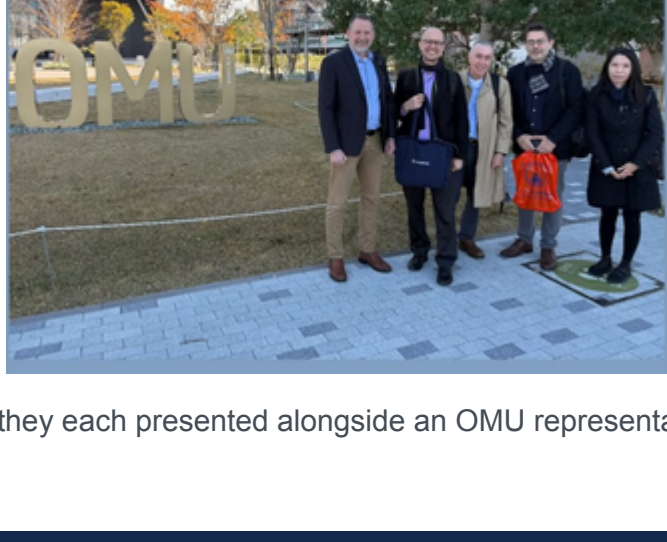


CEAPS E-News December 1st - December 5th, 2025

CEAPS Event Recap



CEAPS & UIUC visit Osaka Metropolitan University

Pictured from left to right: Prof. Rod Wilson, CEAPS Director Matt Winters, Prof. Bob Tierney, Prof. Gian Piero Persiani, & Advisory Board Member Prof. Naoko Gunji

From November 28 - December 2, our CEAPS x UIUC group have been visiting Osaka Metropolitan University as a part of the OMU Morinomiya Campus Opening Event and Symposium in Japan! On November 30th,

they each presented alongside an OMU representative on the topic of Internationality of Japanese Culture.

Events this Week



AsiaLENS | Hug Me Tight: A Robot Story

Thursday, Dec 4th
5pm
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium, 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana

AsiaLENS presents a free screening of *Hug Me Tight: A Robot Story*, featured at the 2025 AAS Film Expo. After the film, join us for a virtual Q&A with filmmakers

Heesun Shin and Chihyung Jeon.

About the Film:

In South Korea, thousands of older adults live with *Hyodol*—a doll-shaped robot equipped with sensors and communication modules. Following Hyodol from its production to its daily use, *Hug Me Tight: A Robot Story* explores how the meaning of care is transforming in the

age of robots. Featuring members of the robot company, care workers, and older adults who interact with Hyodol, the film raises poignant questions: Can robots care for people? Can people care for robots? How should we care for one another?

(Directed by Heesun Shin and Chihyung Jeon. 2024. South Korea. 61 minutes.)

More Information Here



ACDIS Speaker | Kayla Orta - Deterrence at a Crossroads: U.S.-ROK Security Alliance Amid North Korea's Expanding WMD Program

Tuesday, Dec 2nd
5pm
Hybrid: 108 Coble Hall (801 S. Wright Street, Champaign) & Zoom

About the speaker:

Kayla T. Orta is a Nonresident Fellow in the Indo-Pacific Security Initiative (IPSI) at the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security. As a former US Department of Defense National Security Education Program Boren scholar, her regional expertise lies in Indo-Pacific foreign policy, US-Republic of Korea (ROK) ties, North Korea, and US-ROK-Japan trilateral relations, especially at the intersection of security and

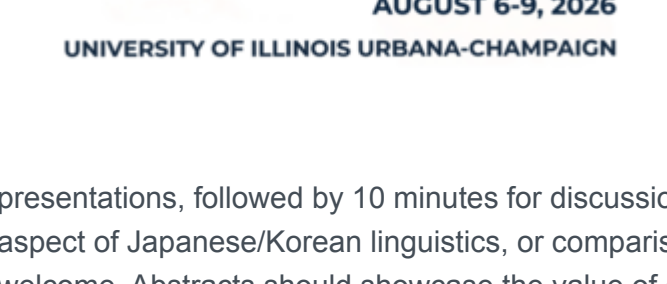
technology policy. Her work focuses on non-proliferation, nuclear deterrence, and civil nuclear energy markets.

CEAPS is co-sponsoring this talk.

More Information Here

Upcoming Event

Upcoming Opportunities



The 33rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference

August 6-9, 2025

The 33rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference will be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, from August 7 to August 9, with a pre-conference workshop/tutorial planned for August 6, 2026.

We welcome abstract submissions for 20-minute oral presentations, followed by 10 minutes for discussion, and for poster presentations. Contributions to any aspect of Japanese/Korean linguistics, or comparison of these languages with other languages

welcome. Abstracts should showcase the value of diverse approaches, methodologies, and data sources. Comparative studies of Japanese and Korean, or of broadly formal and functional approaches to selected phenomena in the languages, are especially encouraged.

Click here for abstract submission instructions & more details

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission deadline: April 1, 2026 11:59pm CST
- Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2026

Contact information

- Email contact: jkconference33@gmail.com
- Conference website: <https://publish.illinois.edu/jkconference33/>



Boren Scholarship

Are you studying a less-commonly-taught language and seeking linguistic and cultural immersion? If so, the Boren Scholarship is for you! The Boren Scholarship seeks applicants who have a solid academic record, plan to pursue intensive language study abroad, have the potential to succeed in their proposed study abroad

experience, and have clear plans for how they will use the target language in their future academic and professional endeavors.

- Eligibility:** Freshmen through Seniors who are **U.S. citizens**, **at least 18 years old**, and want to **study language and culture in a non-Western country vital to U.S. interests** are eligible to apply (Click [here](#) for more information).
- Deadline:** January 15, 2026 at 12:00pm (noon).

All undergraduates and graduates invited to attend to learn more about the Boren Scholarship! For more information, contact the [scholarships office](#) or visit [our website](#).

Baifang Schell Book Prize — Nominations Now Open!

China Books Review is proud to announce the return of the Baifang Schell Book Prize. The prize, held at Asia Society in New York, celebrates exceptional book-length works (in English) published in 2025 on or from China and the Sinophone world. There are awards in two categories, each accompanied by a \$10,000 prize:

- Nonfiction:** Outstanding Nonfiction Book on China or the Sinophone World
- Literature:** Outstanding Literature on China or the Sinophone World

Now through December 15, we invite nominations from scholars and the public—especially from academics whose work focuses on China and the Sinophone world. Individuals can nominate a maximum of three books across both award categories. To nominate a book, email us at info@chinabooksreview.com with the **book's title** and **author**, the **award category** (nonfiction or literature), and **your affiliation**.

The Baifang Schell Book Prize is decided by independent juries. This year, the nonfiction jury will be chaired by Isabel Hilton and includes Yangyang Cheng, Andrew Nathan, Jeffrey Wasserstrom and Edward Wong. The literature jury will be chaired by Perry Link and includes Eric Abrahamson, Jiayang Fan, RF Kuang, and Megan Walsh.

Call for Papers – Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs, Vol. 11

The *Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs* is now accepting submissions for Vol. 11, slated for Spring 2026. The journal is open-access, peer-reviewed, and welcomes original research manuscripts from students and scholars alike and invites contributions that examine how order is practiced, negotiated, or challenged across lines, however you choose to define them.

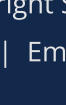
Theme: *Transitions and Transactions: Rethinking Order in Asia*

From statecraft to street life, Volume XI explores how Asia navigates power, people, and possibility in an increasingly multipolar world. How is order shaped by great powers and external actors? How is legitimacy built, sustained, or contested? What does security mean in times of transition, and how do societies balance the tensions between war and peace, authority and agency? The theme is intentionally broad — we

welcome submissions on topics ranging from regional partnerships and economic alignments to digital, generational, and transnational forms of exchange, including those cultural and sociological in nature. Areas of interest may include (but are certainly not limited to) trade and tariffs, energy and the environment, soft power and youth culture, and the everyday practices that shape Asia's evolving order.

Guidelines: Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 26, 2026. Manuscripts should be 5,000–7,000 words and follow our formatting guidelines, available in the attached *Instructions for Contributors* or through the [Notice to Contributors](#) section on the website.

For more information and further questions, feel free to reach out to Rory Mencin at gjaa@georgetown.edu, Editor-in-Chief, Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs.



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