

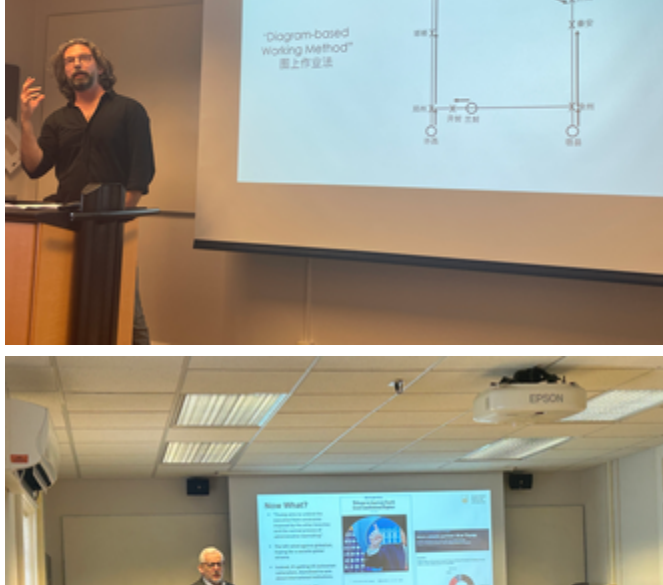
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CEAPS E-News October 6th, 2025 - October 10th, 2025

Events Recap



CEAPS Speaker | Uluğ Kuzuoglu

On Tuesday, CEAPS welcomed Dr. Uluğ Kuzuoglu from Washington University in St. Louis. His talk brought many interesting questions on cybernetics from both our in person and online audience. Thank you again Dr. Kuzuoglu!



CEAPS Speaker | Prof. John Blaxland

Thank you Global Relations for including CEAPS & ACDIS in hosting Dr. John Blaxland this past Thursday. In his talk, Dr. Blaxland offered an Australian perspective on today's converging global crises. We were pleased to see many people interested in this topic and join us for the hour.

Upcoming Events in October



AsiaLENS

Black Box Diaries Screening and Q&A with filmmaker Shiori Ito

Monday Oct 20th
4pm - 6:30pm
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium
About the film:
Black Box Diaries traces Ito's courageous investigation of her own sexual assault, an improbable attempt to prosecute a high-profile offender that became a landmark case in Japan. Structured with the urgency of a thriller, the film weaves together audio recordings, vérité observation, first-person video clips, and an assembled case file—an "archive of her own"—to reveal the black boxes and blind spots in Japan's judicial and social systems. Her practice bridges investigative reporting with the craft of cinema—mobilizing archival research, counter-forensic methods, and sustained fieldwork to turn personal evidence-gathering into pressingly needed public testimony. Premiering at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival and now released worldwide, the film has been nominated for an Academy Award and a BAFTA, received a Peabody Award, and garnered more than twenty international prizes, with screenings in over fifty countries.
The film run time is 102 minutes.

[More Information Here](#)



Roger Ebert Screening & Lecture [co-sponsored event]

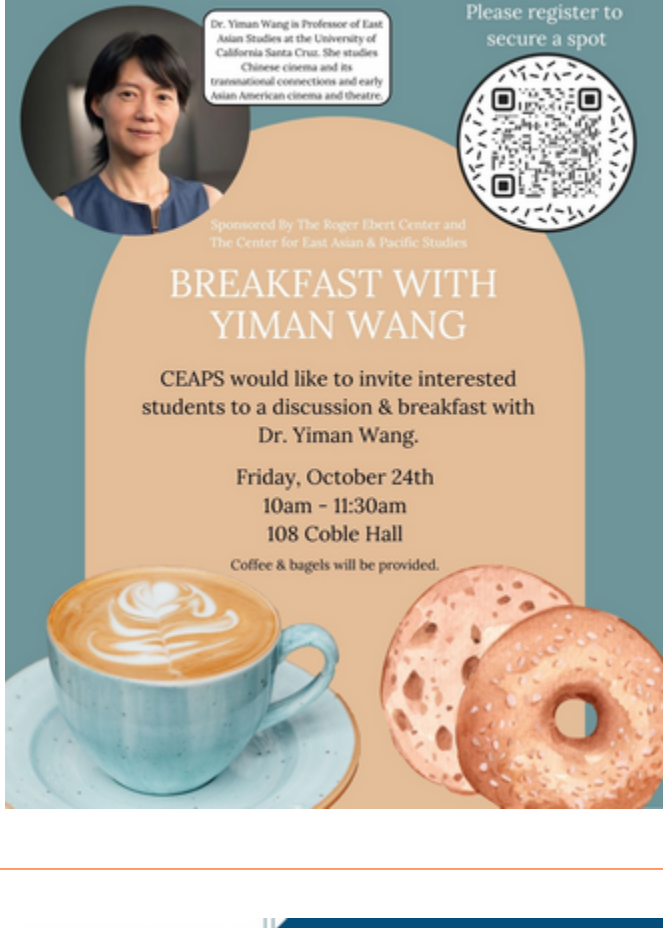
Free Screening of Piccadilly
Thursday, Oct 23rd
7pm
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

[More Information Here](#)

Yiman Wang, Guest Lecturer | "A Yellow Spot on the Silver Screen"

Friday, Oct 24th
2pm
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

[More Information Here](#)



Breakfast & Discussion with Dr. Yiman Wang

Friday, Oct 24th
10am - 11:30am
108 Cobble

CEAPS would like to invite interested *undergrad and graduate* students to a small group sit down with Dr. Yiman Wang. Bagels & coffee will be provided, please register as spots are limited. Dr. Yiman Wang is Professor of East Asian Studies at the University of California Santa Cruz. She studies Chinese cinema and its transnational connections and early Asian American cinema and theatre.

[Register Here](#)



VASP Brown Bag

Baiheng Qian | "Morality and Sentiment: Female Ci Poets and Cultural Transformation in Late Ming China"

Friday, Oct 31st
1:30pm - 3pm
306 Coble & ZOOM
About the Speaker:
Baiheng Qian is a visiting scholar and PhD candidate in Classical Chinese Literature at Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou), China. Her research interests include Ming-Qing literature and gender studies in late imperial China, with a particular focus on ci poetry of the Ming dynasty.

[More Information & Registration Here](#)

Travel Grants - Now Open!

FALL 2025 GRADUATE STUDENT & FACULTY TRAVEL GRANTS

CEAPS Graduate Student Travel Grant Application

The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) Graduate Student Travel Grant provides travel awards for graduate students to present papers at professional conferences or to conduct dissertation research in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the greater Pacific region. Priority will be given to those proposals that concern East Asian and Pacific issues. The number of awards is determined each year based on funding availability.

Conference Travel
For AY 2025 - 2026, awards up to \$500 for domestic travel/up to \$750 for international travel will be granted. Paper acceptance at the time of application is required.

Dissertation Research Travel
For AY 2025 - 2026, 1 award (up to \$1,500) will be granted per semester to a doctoral student conducting fieldwork research in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the greater Pacific region for periods up to 12 months.

[More Information & Application Here](#)

CEAPS Faculty Travel Grant

The CEAPS Affiliated Faculty Conference Travel Grant is open to any CEAPS affiliated faculty from all departments and colleges. You must be a current faculty affiliate and have a paper with a strong East Asian and Pacific Studies focus accepted in a conference to apply.

The number of awards is determined each year based on funding availability. For AY 2025-26, awards up to \$500 for domestic travel/up to \$1,500 for international travel will be awarded per semester.

[More Information & Application Here](#)

AAS26: Now Accepting Film Submissions



Call for Films: AAS 2026 Film Expo

The Association for Asian Studies 2026 Annual Conference
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 12-15, 2026

Film Submission Deadline: Friday, October 17, 2025

- All film entries must have English subtitles to be considered.
- We do not accept any films that have had scheduled screenings at past AAS meetings.
- AAS does not pay rental or royalty fees, nor does it charge you for publicity and exposure. AAS considers this program of mutual benefit to both you and our members.
- AAS does not offer financial or travel support for filmmakers to attend the conference screenings. Complimentary conference registration (one registration per film) will be provided to selected filmmakers attending the conference for in-person Q&As.
- Selected films will be required to submit two (2) high quality promotional images, which may be uploaded at the time of submission or the time of acceptance confirmation.
- Upon acceptance, selected films will be required to provide a digital film file for Film Expo presentation and a private screener link for virtual on-demand screening.

[More Info & Submission Link Here](#)

Upcoming Opportunities



UAAT Mandarin Education Scholarship

CEAPS is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for U of I students to study Mandarin in Taiwan. The University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (UAAT) Mandarin Scholarship offers financial support for summer language study hosted by the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU).

Scholarship Benefits:
Awarded students will receive a stipend of NTS28,000 per month (approximately USD930), subject to the exchange rate) for a total of 3 months during the summer term.

The scholarship can cover the entire cost of tuition for the Chinese language courses offered by NTHU CLC, the dormitory fee, the internet fee in campus, and the administration fee charged by Office of Global Affairs.

• The scholarship will be granted on a monthly basis.

Contact yenchang@illinois.edu with any questions

[More Information & Application Here](#)

Fellowship in East Asian Garden and Landscape Studies

The [June and Simon K.C. Li Fellowship in East Asian Garden and Landscape Studies](#) supports research in East Asian garden and landscape studies by scholars at any stage of career.

Fellows will spend three to twelve months in residence at The Huntington between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, where they will engage in research and participate in public programs. The fellowship provides a stipend of up to \$50,000, depending on the length of the award. For more information about the Center for East Asian Garden Studies, see <https://huntington.org/center-east-asian-garden-studies> or contact pbloom@huntington.org.

Eligibility: Scholars at any stage of career from ABD onward.

To apply: Submit a description of the project and its significance (approximately 1,000 words); a list of the specific Huntington materials to be consulted (no more than 350 words); and an outline of the plan of work for the fellowship period (no more than 350 words) to the application portal

at <https://fellowships.huntington.org>. Please arrange for two letters of recommendation to be submitted as well. All materials must be received by **November 15, 2025**. Award notifications will be made in February 2026.

Explore Indonesia: Applications are Live for CFR's International Affairs Fellowship in Indonesia

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is proud to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2026 - 2027 International Affairs Fellowship in Indonesia. The program offers a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals to spend three to twelve months in Indonesia conducting research, developing a new professional network, and gaining deeper insights into the opportunities and challenges the country faces.

The IAF in Indonesia program is meant to be a transformational experience that enables awardees to develop new skills, pursue new avenues of research, or otherwise take a significant step forward in their career development. The program does not fund predoctoral research or work toward a degree. Although the International Affairs Fellowship in Indonesia is intended primarily for those without experience with living in Indonesia, applicants with experience will be considered if they can demonstrate that the fellowship would add a significant new dimension to their career. Knowledge of Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) or other local languages is not required for the fellowship.

The application portal for the 2026-27 International Affairs Fellowship in Indonesia is open now, through October 31, 2025. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Matt Winters (mwinters@illinois.edu) was a CFR - Hitachi International Affairs Fellow in Japan in the fall of 2016 and would be happy to talk with any faculty members interested in applying to the Indonesia program.

[More Information & Application Here](#)



2026 Language Fellowships from the Blakemore Foundation

Blakemore Freeman Fellowships are awarded to graduating seniors, college graduates, graduate students and young/mid-career professionals for advanced study of Chinese (in Taiwan), Japanese, Korean, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, or Vietnamese in Asia. Study of Chinese in Beijing is available as a **Blakemore Fellowship**. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States, have completed (at minimum) the third year of study of the Asian language, and are ready to advance to professional fluency.

Blakemore Kingfisher Art History Language Fellowships will be awarded for study of Chinese or Korean in East Asia. These grants are open to citizens and permanent residents of the United States and Canada, and to foreign nationals studying in colleges or universities in the United States or Canada, who have a well-demonstrated intent to study the pre-twentieth century history of Chinese or Korean art at the doctoral level. Applicants will have received a bachelor's degree by the start of a grant and have completed (at minimum) two years of classroom study of the relevant language in rigorous college-level language programs.

Who should apply? The Blakemore Foundation is looking for exceptional candidates who will make significant contributions to their career field. The ideal candidate is someone with stellar grades, outstanding recommendations, and a demonstrated commitment to the Asian country and language. Beyond commitment, we are looking for a mature purpose: a career path that will require and benefit from fluency in that Asian language throughout that individual's life.

Applications are due by December 30, 2025. More detailed information on our fellowship programs is available on our website at www.blakemorefoundation.org. Candidates are welcome to contact us directly by email or phone with questions or queries.

[Application Here](#)



FA25 Korean Conversation Table

The FA25 Korean Conversation Table will start its in-person meeting this week on Friday, September 5, 2025

- Date and Time: 5-6 pm every Friday (9/5-11/14) during FA25 semester except for Oct. 31
- Location: Everitt Lab 2233 (except Sept. 19 in Everitt Lab 1306) across Illini Union
- Contact Jeeyoung Ahn (ahn3@illinois.edu), KCT coordinator for any questions!

Everyone who would like to practice speaking Korean and learn about Korean culture is welcome! Please join us.



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