

CEAPS E-News April 13th - April 17th, 2026

Events Recap



CEAPS Events

CEAPS hosted a variety of events last week. We hosted AsiaLens & GETSEA film screening of two films about Malaysia on Apr 6, followed by a post-screening Zoom discussion with the filmmakers joining the audience from universities from across North America. The 2026 CHINA Town Hall (CTH) took place both on site and via live webcast on Apr 7 featuring two veteran senior diplomats Stephen Biegun and Sarah Beran, followed by active discussions with the audience. We also held the book talk for Yujeong Yang, Political Science professor & CEAPS Advisory Board member to celebrate the publication of her new book. Thank you to all the speakers & filmmakers for your insights and audiences who made possible engaging discussions! We look forward to connecting with all of you in the upcoming events.

Event Next Week



2026 Asian History Workshop: Unbounded Asia—Movement, Networks, and Historical Change

Keynote Speech: "A Great Convergence: Japanese Migration to Brazil as Settler Colonialism"
Date: Friday, April 17, 2026
Time: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Location: 1080 Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics Building

Dr. Sidney Lu (Associate Professor of Transnational Asian Studies, Rice University) will deliver the keynote based on his recently published book, *Collaborative Settler Colonialism: Japanese Migration to Brazil in the Age of Empires*. The talk examines the history of Japanese migration and community formation in Brazil through the lens of settler colonialism, arguing that migration produced an unintentional collaboration between two migration-centered expansions: Japan's emigration-driven expansion and Brazil's immigration-driven internal colonization. It further explores how Japanese immigrants became active collaborators in the Brazilian state's colonization of Indigenous territories. By tracing the confluence of settler colonial processes across East Asia and Latin America, the keynote revises and broadens existing West-centered frameworks in settler colonial studies.

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Events



CEAPS Korean Faculty Get Together

The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies is looking forward to hosting any UIUC faculty with connection to or interest in Korea. We will have coffee, tea, & treats for this social event to get to know other faculty and CEAPS. Feel free to share this event with any of your colleagues! Please RSVP in the link below.

Date: Apr 24, 2026
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Venue: 306 Coble Hall, 801 S Wright St, Champaign
Contact: Alex Chun (park387@illinois.edu)

[More Information and Registration](#)



CEAPS Speaker / Political Science Workshop

Join us for a hybrid event titled "From Correction to Connection: Relational Approaches to Countering Misinformation" with Cesi Cruz (University of Michigan).

About the Speaker:

Cesi Cruz is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Economics at the University of Michigan. Her research examines political accountability and governance, with a focus on how information, institutions, and social networks shape political behavior in developing democracies. She serves on the editorial board of VoxDev, a policy platform that translates academic research into accessible insights for policymakers and practitioners in development. Her work has been published in leading journals in political science and economics.

- Date:** May 1, 2026
- Time:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- Venue:** 404 David Kinley Hall, 1407 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana

[Information & Registration](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

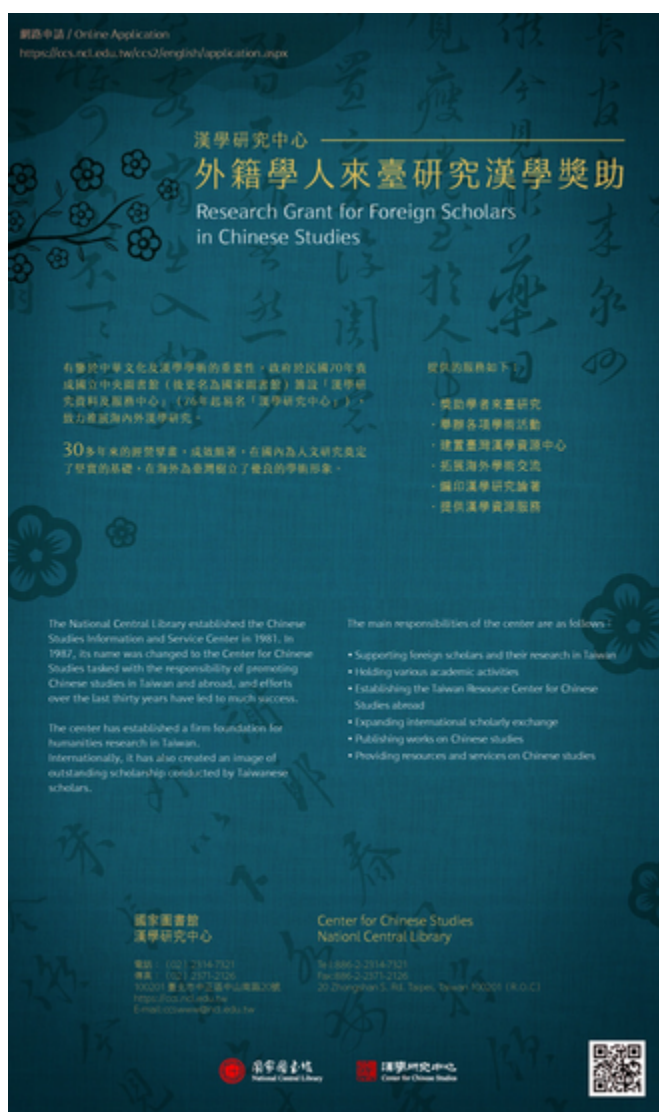


Call for Proposals for International Research

The Illinois Global Institute invites proposals for international research projects and collaborations. Funded by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences INSURE program, we welcome proposals that support both new and ongoing international research, with the aim of sustaining and strengthening the international agenda of research by LAS faculty. The program is open to all LAS faculty regardless of the impacts of funding cuts to their research, but we particularly welcome proposals that support research that faces other funding constraints in areas such as Fulbright, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and initiatives supported by the IGI area and global studies centers that have faced the loss of Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center Funding.

Each grant will offer up to \$5,000 (or, \$10,000 for teams of two or more) in research support with the aim to keep LAS faculty's international research on track and globally competitive. Applications will be accepted for a **May 1, 2026** deadline.

[More Information and Application](#)



Call for 2027 Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS), administered by the National Central Library (NCL), is pleased to announce the call for applications for two research grants for the year 2027: **Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies** (外籍學人來臺研究漢學獎助) and **MOFA Taiwan Fellowship** (外交部臺灣獎助金).

1. 2027 Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies Applications are now open, with a deadline of **May 31, 2026**. All application materials must be submitted electronically or by air mail no later than this date. Notifications of the Selection Committee's decisions will be sent by the end of August 2026.

2. 2027 MOFA Taiwan Fellowship Applications for the Taiwan Fellowship, which CCS administers on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), R.O.C. (Taiwan), will be accepted from **May 1 to June 30, 2026**. All application materials for this Fellowship must be submitted electronically no later than this date. Notifications of the Selection Committee's decisions will

be announced and sent to all applicants between October and the end of November 2026.

Scholars are encouraged to apply for both programs if eligible. For any questions, please contact us via email at ccsgrant@ncl.edu.tw or twfellowship@ncl.edu.tw.

[Information & Application on Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies](#)

[Information & Application on Taiwan Fellowship](#)



Summer Online JAPN 201 (Elementary Japanese I)

Online Japanese class is open for 2026 summer! JAPN 201 is for those with no Japanese background and has no status restrictions, meaning that it is open to undergraduate and graduate students, graduating seniors, and non-degree students, including high school students. It is an introductory course to Japanese, spoken language skills and the reading and writing of hirigana, katakana, and kanji.

- Date:** June 15 – August 6, 2026
- Credit:** 5 Credit Hours
- Format:** Asynchronous format with two synchronous meetings per week (typically Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-8 pm)

[Course Information](#)

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