

## CEAPS E-News February 9th - 13th, 2026

### Today's Event



### Mochitsuki & Lunar New Year Event

Monday, Feb 9th  
1pm - 3pm  
LCLB Lucy Ellis Lounge

CEAPS will be hosting a traditional Mochitsuki event where participants will be able to watch how mochi is made using a mortar & mallet! University High School Japanese teacher, Hikaru Takeyama, along with a few of his students will be demonstrating and teaching about Mochitsuki. We hope to see you there today!

This event is open to anyone. We have a few spots left, please register at the link below:

[Register Here](#)

### Upcoming Events



### CEAPS Speaker

Dr. Cheeno Marlo Sayuno | "Tales of Asian Boys' Love: Translinguaging and Transmediality of Romance in Selected Japanese, Thai, and Filipino Series"

Friday, Feb 20th  
1:30pm - 3pm  
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & Zoom

**About the Speaker:**  
Dr. Cheeno Marlo Sayuno is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and an Associate Professor of Communication, Research, and Children's Literature from the University of the Philippines Los Baños. He has received recognition from the prestigious Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, the National Book Awards in the Philippines, the Philippine Board on Books for Young People's Salanga Prize, and the Normal Awards for Gender-Inclusive Literature for his stories for and research about children. His research interests include children's literature and media, digital narratives, social media studies, and popular culture. He has coauthored a chapter on Filipino young people's mobile communication experience in Springer's Mobile Media Use Among Children and Youth in Asia. His book on children's agentic transmedia engagement is forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan.

[More Information & Registration Here](#)



### CEAPS Brown Bag

Dr. Jingling Chen | "Zhou Zuoren at Tiger Bridge"

Friday, Feb 27th  
1:30pm - 3pm  
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & Zoom

**About the Speaker:**  
Jingling Chen received her Ph.D. at Harvard University and is teaching in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her interests include Chinese and Greek Comparative Literature, modern and contemporary Chinese narrative, and modern Chinese intellectual history. Her book on the Greek Imaginary and Chinese intellectual and cultural modernity An Acropolis in China: Modern China and Ancient Greece is forthcoming with Duke University

[More Information & Registration Here](#)

### Upcoming Opportunities



### Graduate Student Travel Grant

Are you a grad student or CEAPS affiliated faculty looking for travel grant? We are excited to announce that CEAPS Graduate Student Travel Grant applications are now open. This 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. Don't forget that the deadline for submission is **this Sunday (2/15)**!

#### 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.

**Submission Deadline:** This Sunday, February 15, 2026 (11:59 pm CT)

[More Information and Application Form](#)

### Affiliated Faculty Conference 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.

For AY 2025-26, awards up to \$500 for domestic travel/up to \$1,500 for international travel will be awarded per semester.

**Submission Deadline:** This Sunday, February 15, 2026 (11:59 pm CT)

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### Call for Submissions: Undergraduate History Conference at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

On April 17 and 18, 2026, the Undergraduate History Journal at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will hold the **second Undergraduate History Conference** for the state of Illinois and the surrounding area, in partnership with the Phi Alpha Theta Epsilon chapter at Illinois. We are now accepting submissions for titles and abstract of papers to be presented at this conference that reasonably align with the theme of "Reflections of Power." We do not need your paper in its entirety, only the title and a cohesive abstract.

This call is open to any discussions surrounding power throughout history and its various reflections. Power is found and tested in conflict, romance, or nostalgia. It is reflected in the rise and fall of empire, the pursuit of the few against the many, in the challenge to the status quo, and in the defense of the establishment; it is seen in the historiographies and afterlives of the past. Power reflects in many ways in every time period and geographic location. You may also choose to challenge the theme in your paper presentation. Additionally, we welcome interdisciplinary projects that may emanate from fields outside of history. We do, however, require that your presentations focus on a historical topic or approach.

- Submission Guidelines:**
1. Submissions from any discipline, as long as they focus on a historical topic or approach, are encouraged. The submission deadline is **February 17, 2026 at 11:59 pm**.
  2. Submissions must be the original work of the author. **These submissions should take the form of the title and abstract of the paper the author wishes to present.** Abstracts should be 250 words or fewer.
  3. Submissions will be considered if they are submitted by undergraduate and/or recently graduated students.
  4. Submissions should be entered into the [Conference Google Form](#).

If your paper is accepted, you will have until **March 17** to submit a completed draft of your conference paper to share with conference panel discussions. Whether you are planning to present at or attend Illinois' Undergraduate History Conference this April, please fill out the [Google Form](#) to register.

**Contact:** Reflections of Power Committee ([uiucundergraduatehistcon@gmail.com](mailto:uiucundergraduatehistcon@gmail.com))

[More Information on Conference](#)



### Call for Submissions: Student Colloquium: "Cross-cutting perspectives in Asia" at the University of Montréal

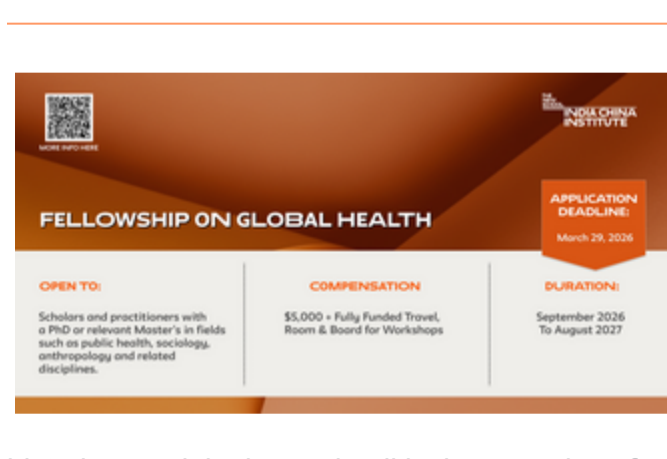
The Center for Asian Studies at the University of Montréal and its Student Association are pleased to announce their **first student colloquium: "Cross-cutting perspectives in Asia"** (*Perspective de transversalité en Asie*), to be held in a hybrid format (in person and online) at the University of Montréal on **March 14, 2026**. Undergraduate and graduate students currently researching Asia-related topics are invited to submit proposals either individually or for a full panel. The colloquium's focus is on Asia, and we suggest the following themes:

1. Geography and contemporary politics
2. History, culture, and society
3. Literature, philosophy, and spirituality

This call for papers aims to involve students interested in issues related to Asia in a multidisciplinary space where they can share ideas with other enthusiasts. We accept proposals both in French and English, but encourage the use of French, if possible. Please send your proposal to [assocetase@gmail.com](mailto:assocetase@gmail.com) before **February 10** at 11:59 p.m. EST in a Word or PDF file. It should contain a provisional title and should not be longer than 250 words. Please also include the following information: your email address, full name, program of study, and university. The full schedule will be announced a week after the call for papers closes.

**Contact:** Victoria Lupascu ([victoria-ana.lupascu@umontreal.ca](mailto:victoria-ana.lupascu@umontreal.ca)), Director of Undergraduate Studies, Assistant Professor of Asian Studies and Comparative Literature

[More Information on Colloquium](#)



### Applications Open: Global Health Fellowship

The India China Institute (ICI) is delighted to invite applications for the upcoming Global Health Fellowship. It is a year-long, international research seminar on the histories, sociologies and political economies of public health in Asia. The seminar will be interdisciplinary, including scholars and practitioners trained in relevant sciences, humanities and social science disciplines or in professional fields. A PhD (or in some fields of practice, a Master's) in a relevant field is required. The seminar is open to both younger and to more established scholars and practitioners. The fellowship award comes with a \$5,000 payment and fully paid travel and room and board for the workshops.

The application deadline is **March 29, 2026**.

**Contact:** India China Institute ([INDIACHINA@newschool.edu](mailto:INDIACHINA@newschool.edu))

[More Information on Application](#)

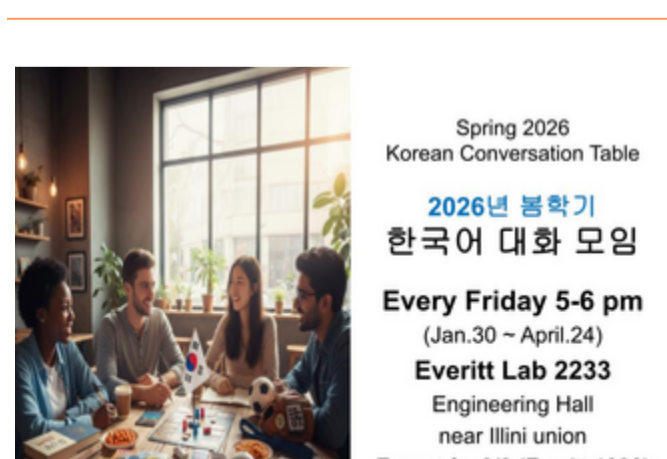


### 2026 UAAT Mandarin Speech Contest

The 2026 UAAT Mandarin Speech Contest welcomes young Mandarin learners to join in on an upcoming community event. If you are interested in building confidence in public speaking and meeting other Mandarin learners, we'd love for you to register. We warmly welcome attendees of different ages and Mandarin backgrounds from Central Illinois to participate.

**Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2026  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
**Venue:** Levis Faculty Center, Room 210  
**Registration Deadline:** March 18, 2026  
**Contact:** YiWen Chiang ([ywchiang@illinois.edu](mailto:ywchiang@illinois.edu))

[More Information and Registration](#)



### Spring 2026 Korean Conversation Table

The SP26 Korean Conversation Table will **start its in-person meeting this week on Friday, January 30, 2026**.

Date and Time: **5-6 pm every Friday** (1/30-4/24) during SP26 semester except for March 14-28  
Location: **Everitt Lab 2233** across Illini Union  
Contact: **Jeeyoung Ahn** Ha([jaahn3@illinois.edu](mailto:jaahn3@illinois.edu)), Director of the Korean language program or **Jihye Yun** ([jihye26@illinois.edu](mailto:jihye26@illinois.edu)), KCT coordinator for any questions!

Korean Conversation Table (KCT) is an informal, no-pressure meeting for learners of Korean who would like to practice speaking in a relaxed and supportive environment. Participants can build confidence through casual conversation, interact with fellow learners and facilitators, and engage with Korean language use at various levels. KCT also provides an opportunity to learn about and experience aspects of Korean culture. Everyone is welcome so please join us!

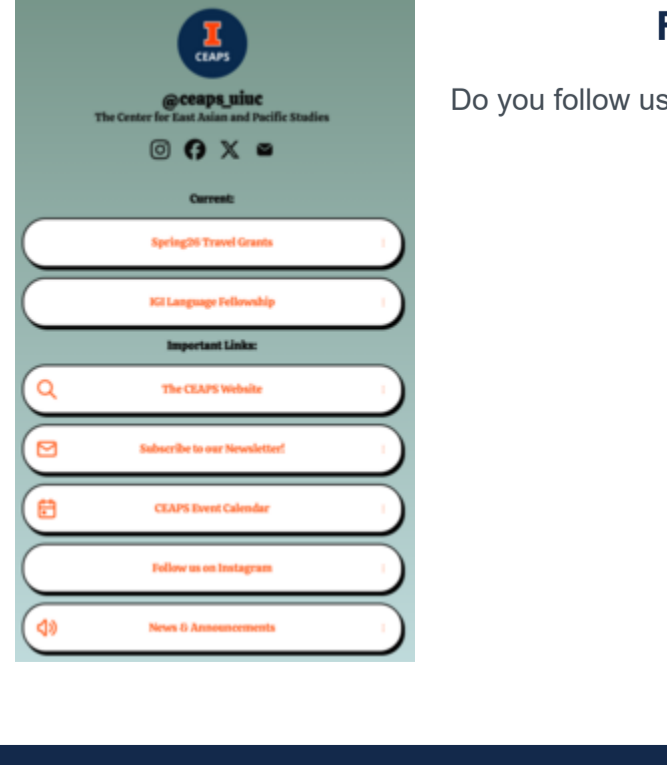
### Spring 2026 Chinese Language Table

The Spring 2026 Chinese Language Table will begin its in-person meetings on Friday, February 6, 2026.

- Date and Time: 2-3 pm, every other Friday (2/6-4/25/2026)
- Location: LCLB 2050 (EALC Library)
- Contact: Ying Pin Chen ([ypchen@illinois.edu](mailto:ypchen@illinois.edu))

The Chinese Language Table is an informal, no-pressure space for students and community members of all proficiency levels to practice communicating in Mandarin Chinese, engage in Chinese cultural activities, and connect with one another. Meeting topics and dates include Chinese Zodiac and Personality (2/6), Mahjong (2/13), Lantern Festival (3/6), Calligraphy (3/27), Chinese Tea Culture (4/17), and Making Sachets (4/24). Join us!

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