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Celebrating 50 Years of CEAPS

CEAPS 50th Anniversary

Panel + Reception

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FALL 2019 ANNUAL RECEPTION

SEPTEMBER 13 (FRI)

12-1 PM @ 101 ISB

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George Yu

CEAPS, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 18 (WEDNESDAY)

"The Geopolitics of Northeast Asia: Continuing Conflicts, Popular Memory, and Economic-Cultural Interdependence"

John Lie

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

OCTOBER 25 (FRIDAY)

"Bandits, Conflicts, and Violence: Peasant Agency in Medieval Japan"

Morten Oxenboell

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 08 (FRIDAY)

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Migrant workers + Singapore

"Remittance"

India + HIV/AIDS

Lovesick

Climate change + Tibetan nomads

"Drokpa: Nomads of Tibet"

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



I am delighted to welcome you back to the campus and to welcome you for the first time. I am also excited to be back to CEAPS for the academic year of 2019-2020 as Interim Director, and truly honored to have this rich and rewarding opportunity to work with you all and meet with new people. As you know, CEAPS was again awarded a four-year Title VI grant in 2018 in partnership with the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University Bloomington. Armed with this grant coupled with your generous support, we continue the great work and legacy of our former director, Dr. Tim Liao, and dedicate ourselves to strengthening our community, and create an environment for our students and faculty to achieve their goals for future success.

- **Misumi Sadler**
CEAPS Director

FLAS FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

FLAS (*Foreign Languages & Area Studies*) **FELLOWSHIPS** support graduate and undergraduate study in modern foreign languages in combination with area studies, international studies, or international or area aspects of professional studies. Funding for these fellowships is provided by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program.

2019-2020 RECIPIENTS:	Kolten Conklen	(Global Studies)	Anthony Chan	(EALC)
	Samuel Binius Bizot	(EALC)	Natalya Rodrigues	(EALC)
	Zhenlie She	(Psychology)	Suzette Tyger	(EALC)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2019-2020 FLAS FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Students interested in applying to FLAS are strongly encouraged to attend the following information sessions:

FLAS FELLOWSHIPS INFORMATION SESSION

NOV 18 [MON] 12:00-1:00 PM

1090 Lincoln Hall
702 South Wright St, Urbana, IL

NOV 19 [TUE] 4:00-5:00 PM

100 Gregory Hall
810 South Wright St, Urbana, IL

For further details and inquiries, contact Yuchia Chang at ceaps@illinois.edu

CEAPS SPEAKER SERIES

The **CEAPS Speaker Series** is CEAPS' signature event. Every semester, we invite renowned Asian Studies scholars to the U of I campus to give talks on their most recent research and projects. The CEAPS Speaker Series not only highlights cutting-edge research on East Asia, but also creates opportunities for speakers to meet with faculty and students with mutual intellectual interests.



GEORGE YU

A Review of China-Africa Cooperative Interaction

September 18th | Wednesday | 12:00 - 1:30PM

1080 Foreign Languages Building 707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL

George Yu is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the former Director of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies. Since he joined the University of Illinois in 1961, Professor Yu has promoted academic discourse on Chinese politics on campus and beyond, across various topics of American studies in China, political order in China, cooperative interactions between China and Africa, among others. In this special lecture, he develops his perspectives on the role of China in Africa, how China's vital interests in the continent have been developed since its first formal presence in 1955 and through the Cold War and recent economic development in China.



JOHN LIE

The Geopolitics of Northeast Asia: Continuing Conflicts, Popular Memory, and Economic-cultural Interdependence

October 25th | Friday | 12:00 - 1:30 PM

1080 Foreign Languages Building 707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL

John Lie is C.K. Cho Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. For the past three decades, he has been at the forefront of research on social theory, political economy, social identity, Asian America, and East Asia. Prof. Lie has published many books and articles on the political-economic and cultural transformations in East Asia. In his most recent book, *The Dream of East Asia: The Rise of China, Nationalism, Popular Memory, and Regional Dynamics in Northeast Asia* (Association for Asian Studies, 2018), Prof. Lie analyzes the standard narratives that have come to dominate American and European ideas about East Asia and discusses how to move beyond these and arrive at a more historically informed and culturally nuanced understanding of the region.



MORTEN OXENBOELL

Bandits, Conflicts, and Violence: Peasant Agency in Medieval Japan

November 8th | Friday | 12:00 - 1:30 PM

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Dr. Oxenboell is Assistant Professor in East Asian Languages and Cultures at Indiana University. He is an expert in Japanese medieval violence, exploring multiple social and cultural meanings of violence and conflict from the belief that they can raise new questions about the role and status of violence today. He has studied non-governmental violent actors and their significance for state formations and the development of conflict mediation strategies between centers and peripheries. Aside from conflict studies, Oxenboell examines premodern political and social history, the culture of violence, martial suicide, and early modern Japanese visions of the medieval past.

CEAPS/VASP BROWN BAG SERIES

The **CEAPS brown bag series** is designed to give U of I graduate students and faculty a chance to share their work with colleagues on campus.

The **VASP brown bag series** features talks by visiting scholars from universities in Asia.

VASP BROWN BAG EVENTS

The Impact of Work-family Conflict and Theory of Planned Behavior Factors on Second Fertility Intentions in China

Anrong Hu - Huazhong Agricultural University, China

October 17 (Thu) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

101 International Studies Building
910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL

The Inheritance and Development of Chinese Traditional Culture

Bin Yang - Qinghai University, China

November 14 (Thu) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

101 International Studies Building
910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL

PROPOSALS / APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE CEAPS BROWN BAG TALKS ARE NOW OPEN!

Contact us at CEAPS@illinois.edu for further inquiries and information

For details and more information on the CEAPS/VASP Brown Bag talks & CEAPS Speaker Series, please visit: illinois.edu/calendar/list/3931

CEAPS BROWN BAG EVENTS

The Future of Work and Education in the Digital Age: Recommendations from the Japanese G20 and Beyond

Angela Lyons - ACE, University of Illinois

September 6 (Fri) | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

1080 Foreign Languages Building
707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL

East Asian Linguistics/Pedagogy Roundtable: "L1 and L2 Processing of Chinese Separable VO Compounds" + "Effects of Parallel Structure on Word Segmentation of Chinese Readers"

Junghwan Maeng and Zhi-Ling Lien - EALC/Linguistics, University of Illinois

November 15 (Fri) | 12:00 - 1:30 PM

1080 Foreign Languages Building
707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL

Culture of Care or Care of Culture?: The Politics of Postpartum Care in Contemporary South Korea

Yoonjung Kang, Anthropology, University of Illinois

December 6 (Fri) | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

1080 Foreign Languages Building
707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL

CEAPS SPECIAL EVENTS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CEAPS

CEAPS 50th Anniversary Panel + Reception

David Plath, Ron Toby, George Yu, Chin-Chuan Cheng, *University of Illinois*
Patricia Ebrey *University of Washington*

September 20 (Fri), 2:30 - 5:00 PM

1080 Foreign Languages Building
 707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL

Join us as we mark a half century of excellence in and dedication to East Asian and Pacific Studies at the University of Illinois. We will celebrate this milestone with a special panel reflecting on the founding of CEAPS and its impact on campus and beyond. The panel will be held on Friday, September 20th, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm, at Lucy Ellis Lounge, followed by a reception from 4:00 to 5 pm.

How to Realize China: 30 Years after Tiananmen Square

Wang Dan *Harvard University*, Ronald E. Yates *University of Illinois*

September 19 (Thu), 6:30 PM

Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum
 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL

In this lecture, Wang Dan poses the hypothetical question: If the Tiananmen Square Protests had succeeded, what would China look like today? He will give a first-hand account of the protests and his dreams of a democratic China. Ronald E. Yates will provide the introduction and serve as moderator for the discussion following the lecture.



Wang Dan is a political activist and affiliated with the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University. While a student at Peking University, he organized "Democracy Salons" and became one of the main organizers of the Tiananmen Square Protests. He received a doctorate in History from Harvard University and is the author of numerous books and articles. He remains a leader in the Chinese democracy movement.

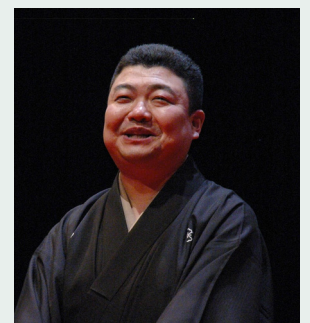
An Afternoon of Rakugo (Japanese traditional storytelling)

Ryutei Saryu *Rakugo master*, Kazumi Hatasa *Purdue University*

October 8 (Tue), 4:00 PM

Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum
 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL

Join us for an afternoon of rakugo with Kazumi Hatasa (Professor of Japanese, Purdue University) and Ryutei Saryu (rakugo master from Japan). Rakugo is a traditional Japanese form of comedic storytelling. A solo performer dressed in kimono sits throughout his performance in the formal sitting position on a three-by-three-foot cushion called a zabuton. Using only sensu (a fan) and tenugui (a Japanese-style towel), the rakugo master tells vivid stories relying solely on voice, gestures, and facial expressions. Prof. Hatasa and master Ryutei will introduce and demonstrate the art of rakugo. Students from the Japanese language class will also perform kobanashi (short jokes). (Performance will be in Japanese with English subtitles.)



ASIALENS: MOVIE SCREENINGS

AsiaLENS is a series of film screenings and discussions on issues reflecting contemporary life in Asia presented admission free by Asian Educational Media Service, Spurlock Museum, and CEAPS. For additional information, please visit aems.illinois.edu. **AsiaLENS** is funded in part by the Spurlock Museum's Y.T.Lo and S. de Mundo Lo Scholar's Studio Endowment and B.A. Knight Endowment.

film screening | documentary | Migrant workers + Singapore || 90 min

REMITTANCE

7:00 PM | September 10th, 2019 (Tue)
Knight Auditorium - Spurlock Museum

Directed by Patrick Daly & Joel Fendelman. 2016. Philippines, Singapore.

Based upon an original script by Patrick Daly and Joel Fendelman, *Remittance* is a realistic portrayal of low-wage migrant workers in Singapore shot at real locations with a cast including actual domestic workers. Following Marie, a foreign domestic worker from the Philippines, the film immerses us in the joys and hopes of the characters, while facing insurmountable setbacks, anxieties, and frustrations. Through the transformations Marie goes through as a woman dealing with conflicting obligations and aspirations, viewers better understand a global story of the commodification of labor and exportation of mothers from poor third world countries to first world nations.

film screening | documentary | India + USA || 74 min

LOVESICK

7:00 PM | October 8th, 2019 (Tue)
Knight Auditorium - Spurlock Museum

Directed by Ann S. Kim and Priya Giri Desai. 2018.

In India, how do you find love if you are HIV-positive? Dr. Suniti Solomon, who discovered India's first case of HIV in 1986, and founded India's premier HIV/AIDS clinic finds a way, by matchmaking her HIV-positive patients. Shot over eight years, *Lovesick* interweaves Dr. Solomon's personal and professional journeys with the lives of two patients: Karthik, a reticent bachelor, and Manu who, like many women in India, was infected by her first husband. Told with humor and compassion, *Lovesick* is a surprising and hopeful story about the universal desire for love.

film screening | documentary | Climate Change+Tibetan Nomads || 79 min

DROKPA: NOMADS OF TIBET

7:00 PM | November 12th, 2019 (Tue)
Knight Auditorium - Spurlock Museum

Directed by Yan Chun Su. 2016

The grasslands of the Tibetan plateau are home to the source of Asia's major rivers. Nearly half of humanity depends on this water for survival. Tibetan nomads, known as DROKPA have roamed on this land for thousands of years. Set in the high plateau of eastern Tibet, *Drokpa* is an intimate portrait of the lives and struggles of an extended family of Tibetan nomads whose life in on the cusp of irreversible change as once lush grasslands are rapidly turning into deserts, revealing the unprecedented environmental and sociopolitical forces that are pushing the Tibetan nomads to the edge of their existence.



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ILLINOIS WANXIANG FELLOWS PROGRAM

SPRING 2020

Chinese History, Society & Environment Seminars

SUMMER 2020 (June - July)

1 week: Beijing + Shanghai visit

2 weeks: Study at Hangzhou Waxiang Campus

FALL 2020

Reunion & Final Symposium

This competitive fellowship program, sponsored by the Wanxiang Group and the University of Illinois, allows undergraduate students to study environmental issues and renewable energy in China while gaining exposure to Chinese society and culture. The majority of the trip expenses will be covered by the fellows program.

Wanxiang Fellows Program Info Session will be on October 11, 2019 at 1080 Foreign Languages Building (707 S Matthews Ave, Urbana). For more information, contact Yuchia Chang at yuchia@illinois.edu.

VISITING ASIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The **VISITING ASIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM [VASP]** was founded in 2012 to continue the legacy of the Freeman Fellows Program [1996-2012] which brought scholars from partner institutions in China to the University of Illinois campus to promote exposure to American society, engagement with academic communities, and access to resource materials.

VASP was created to expand this mission to scholars from academic institutions in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central Asia. Since the launch of the program, we have welcomed over 65 scholars of diverse academic disciplines from China, Japan, and Korea to conduct research, present papers, and collaborate with faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Applications for the Visiting Asian Scholars Program [Fall 2021] are now open

Please visit www.ceaps.illinois.edu/vasp/index.html for more information

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CEAPS OUTREACH



Credits: Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

The 2018-2019 academic year was a fruitful time for outreach at CEAPS, with 62 outreach activities reaching over 3500 K-16 students, educators, and community members.

One of the most significant of our outreach endeavors has been our partnership with the Asian Educational Media Service (AEMS) at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). The AAS Film Expo 2019 in Denver set a new record high to provide professional services to over 600 scholars around the world.

CEAPS worked with Carrie Busey Elementary School to develop East Asia focused curricula for their International Night and facilitated calligraphy workshops on Agora Days at University High School by University of Illinois students and scholars. We also collaborated with several campus and community groups for outreach programming. We worked with the Asian American Cultural Center (AACC) at Food for Thought to demonstrate the colorful Zhuang culture. We also collaborated with the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts to promote the Krannert Center Youth Series.

Finally, we are thrilled to introduce the Global Careers project collaborated with the Career Center. Two Korean alumni who are working in Japan will visit the campus and share their job search and career stories from noon to 1 pm on September 19, 2019. Hope to see you all at the CEAPS events.

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