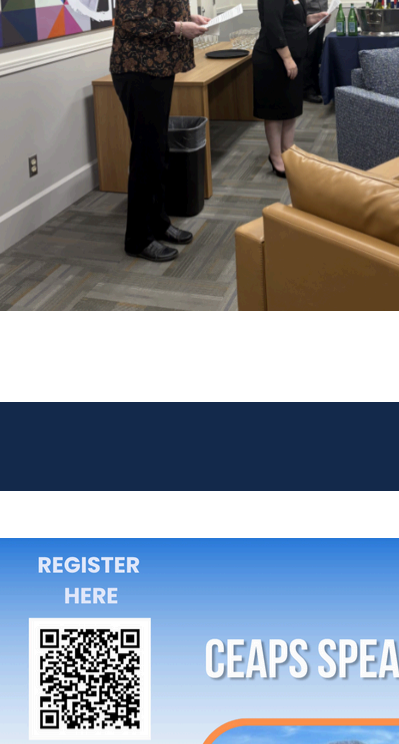


CEAPS E-News October 5th - October 9th, 2026

Event Recap



IGI Open House

On Thursday, [Illinois Global Institute](#), which CEAPS is housed under, hosted an Open House at Coble Hall. Guests were invited to see IGI's new murals by artist Eduardo Kobra. Visitors are welcome to come and see the murals at anytime. They can be found on all three floors of Coble Hall.

Coble Hall is located on 801 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820 where most of our events take place.

Events This Week

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CEAPS SPEAKER

PROFESSOR AT
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Bradley Simpson

"Self-Determination in Very Small Places"

404 David Kinley Hall & ZOOM
Mon, October 5th | 12-1:30 pm

Illinois Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

CEAPS Speaker | "Self-Determination in Very Small Spaces" | Bradley Simpson (University of Connecticut)

October 5th
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
404 David Kinley Hall & ZOOM

About the Speaker:
Brad Simpson is Professor of History and Asian Studies at the University of Connecticut. He is the author of "Economists with Guns: Authoritarian Development and US-Indonesian Relations, 1960-1968". His new book is "The First Right: Self-Determination and the Transformation of International Order, 1941-2000".

More Information & Registration

CLACS & CEAPS PRESENT

NARRATIVES OF YOUTH, VIOLENCE AND DRUGS: COMPARING "MANO DURA" IN ECUADOR AND THE PHILIPPINES

**OCTOBER 7
3:00 PM
COBLE HALL, ROOM 306**

PROF. CRISTINA CIELO

Professor in the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) in Ecuador

CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC STUDIES
ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Co-Sponsored Event: "Narratives of Youth, Violence and Drugs: Comparing "Mano Dura" in Ecuador and the Philippines" | Prof. Cristina Cielo (FLASCO)

October 7th
3 pm
306 Coble Hall

About the Talk:
The US led global campaign for the "War on Drugs" has had severe consequences throughout the global South. Among these impacts is the criminalization of marginal populations, particularly young men, which has provided justification for security responses ranging from militarization to extra-judicial killings to selective disappearances. This paper examines the role that the figure of youth plays in government rhetoric justifying strong hand measures to battle drug trade in Ecuador and the Philippines. The two country's radically different discourses on youth in their drug wars allows us to understand that specific national constructions of disposable populations are articulated with US influence in global political economies.

About the Speaker:
Cristina Cielo is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) in Ecuador.

More Information

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CEAPS BROWN BAG

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES

Woohui Park

"Criminal Law, Judgment, and Proof in Modern East Asia, 1850 - 1950"

COMPARATIVE & WORLD LITERATURE

Samantha Ting

"Against Reverence: Defiling the Emperor in Modernity and Shun's Short Fiction"

306 Coble Hall & ZOOM
Friday, 10/9/26 | 12:00pm

Illinois Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

CEAPS Speaker Brown Bag | Woohui Park (EALC) & Samantha Ting (Comparative & World Lit)

October 9th
1:30 - 3:00 pm
306 Coble Hall

Woohui Park and Samantha Ting are two 2026 Spring CEAPS Travel Grant awardees who will be giving a hybrid talk about their research and projects.

Woohui Park Brown Bag:
Woohui Park is a graduate student studying East Asian Languages & Cultures. She will be presenting her project titled "Evidencing the Truth: Criminal Law, Judgement and Proof in Modern East Asia, 1876 - 1946."

Samantha Ting Brown Bag:
Samantha Ting is a graduate student studying Comparative & World Literature. She will be presenting her project titled "Irreverent Memory: Undermining Imperial Authority in Two Okinawan Stories."

More Information & Registration

Events Next Week

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STUDENT COFFEE TALK WITH AUSTIN STRANGE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Austin Strange

"Is Soft Power a Zero-Sum Competition?"

Friday, October 16th
9am - 10am
DKH 404

Coffee & treats will be provided

Illinois Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

Student Coffee Talk with Austin Strange

October 16th
9am - 10am
404 DKH

CEAPS would like to invite interested students to a discussion & coffee, in connection to Austin's talk titled, "Is Soft Power a Zero-Sum Competition"

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CEAPS/POLITICAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Austin Strange

"Is Soft Power a Zero-Sum Competition?"

October 16 (Fri) | 12:00-1 pm
404 David Kinley Hall

Illinois Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

CEAPS Speaker/Political Science Workshop | "Is Soft Power a Zero-Sum Competition?" | Austin Strange (University of Hong Kong)

October 16th
12:00 - 1:00 pm
404 Coble Hall

Abstract:
Using an original survey experiment in Thailand, Strange tested whether and how American- and Chinese-sponsored development activities reflecting different reputational elements affect views toward both governments. The findings show when soft power is built on a reputation for being a principled actor who does things the right way, it is generally perceived as zero-sum. However, when soft power is instead based on a reputation for being competent at completing concrete tasks, zero-sum perceptions weaken. Our findings deepen efforts to theorize soft power by illuminating conditions under which soft power competition may be more and less intense.

Biography:
Austin Strange is an Associate Professor of International Relations in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong, where he directs the Master of International and Public Affairs (MIPA) program. He researches and teaches international relations, international development, and Chinese foreign policy. He is the author of *Chinese Global Infrastructure* (Cambridge University Press) and co-author of *Banking on Beijing: The Aims and Impacts of China's Overseas Development Program* (Cambridge University Press).

More Information & Registration

AAS Film Expo 2027

2 Weeks Left to Submit!

The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, in partnership with the [Association for Asian Studies \(AAS\)](#), is pleased to announce an open call for films for the AAS 2027 Film Expo. The Film Expo will be held concurrently with the [AAS 2027 Annual Conference](#) in Boston, MA, March 18-21, 2027.

Our film submission deadline is **October 16, 2026**.

The AAS Film Expo is curated and organized by the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, in partnership with the Association for Asian Studies. Questions may be sent to ceaps@illinois.edu with the subject line "AAS 2027 Film Expo/NAME OF FILM."

More Info & Registration

Upcoming Opportunities

International Graduate Student Conference 2027

International Graduate Student Conference is an excellent opportunity for emerging scholars to present their work on a regional scale, and since 2001, it has served as a nexus of interdisciplinary and multi-cultural exchange. Building on the last 25 years, this year's conference theme is *Weaving Knowledge for Shared Indo-Pacific Prosperity*, with the goal of this year's conference being to explore how cross-cultural dialogue, relational learning, innovation, and collective action can make communities more resilient, build sustainable economies, and foster regional cooperation. As researchers and emerging scholars, we harness the potential to address economic security in the Indo-Pacific Region, and we would be grateful for your participation in weaving knowledge systems to cultivate shared Indo-Pacific prosperity.

The International Graduate Student Conference 2027 will take place from **February 11-13, 2027** at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The deadline for abstract submissions for paper and poster presentations is **September 30th, 2026 at 11:59 pm**. If you have any questions, concerns, or need additional information, please contact us at igsc@eastwestcenter.org.

International Graduate Student Conference Website

IMPROVISERS EXCHANGE

OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY 10.05
performance 5:30p
JeJaWeDa
Jazz Ensemble
Rose Bowl Tavern
106 N Race St, Urbana

FRIDAY 10.16
workshop 3:00p
Anida Yoeu Ali
Performance for Non-Dancers
Orchestra Rehearsal Room
Kranert Center for the Performing Arts

SATURDAY 10.17
film screening 1:00p
IF HAFEZ WROTE A HAIKU FOR COWBOYS
A film by Masahiro Sugano
Spartok Museum
800 S Goodwin St, Urbana

FRIDAY 10.23
workshop 3:00p
Kojiro Umezaki & HUB NEW MUSIC
Orchestra Rehearsal Room
Kranert Center for the Performing Arts

SATURDAY 10.24
performance 7:30p
Kojiro Umezaki & HUB New Music:
a distance, intertwined
Foellinger Great Hall
Kranert Center for the Performing Arts

open to all, admission free

Global Arts / Improvisers Exchange Programming

Check out October 2026 Schedule of the Global Arts/Improvisers Exchange Programming. Here are two that may be of interest to you:

IE Workshop: Anida Yoeu Ali
Performance for non-dancers
Friday, October 16, 2026, 3:00pm
Orchestra Rehearsal Room, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana

More Information

PERFORMANCE: Kojiro Umezaki & HUB New Music: a distance, intertwined
Saturday, October 24, 2026, 7:30pm
Kranert Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana
Free Admission, Tickets Required

More Information

For more information, contact:

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Director, Global Arts Performance Initiatives
finkelma@illinois.edu

Illinois Global Institute Student Feedback

CEAPS Students and Affiliates

To support and enhance student experience, the Illinois Global Institute (IGI), CEAPS' parent unit, would like to know what research and professional activities students engaged in area, global, and thematic studies are interested in. We are already planning to host a career exploration day in Spring collaboratively with IGI and the other centers (see [previous examples of Career Day](#)), but are there other activities and programs that would help you on your research or professional path?

Please fill out the [IGI Student Event Feedback 1](#) by Oct 14. It will only take a couple of minutes to fill out!

We appreciate your input and look forward to learning about your interests!

IGI Event Feedback 1 Form

Illinois Global Institute Career Day



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