

CEAPS E-News October 19th - October 23th, 2026

Event Recap

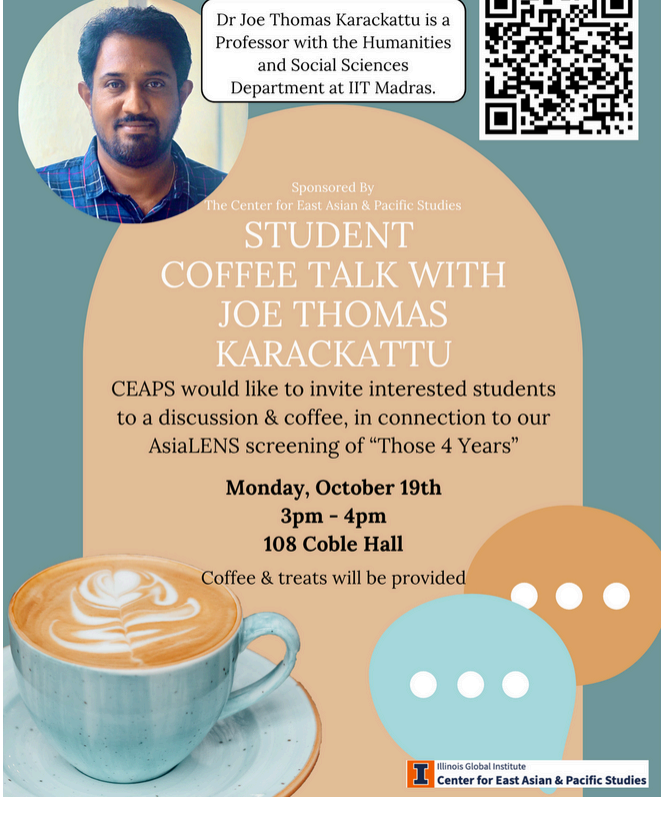


CEAPS/Political Science Speaker | Austin Strange

This past Friday, CEAPS & The Department of Political Science co-hosted Austin Strange, Associate Professor of International Relations in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong. Austin presented on his working paper, "Is Soft Power a Zero-Sum Competition?" Be on the lookout for his talk to be posted on our website! Austin also took

the time to meet with different faculty and students during his time at U of I. We appreciate our guests always being so open with their time to spend time with members of our campus!

Events This Week



Coffee Talk with Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu


October 19th


3:00 - 4:00 pm


108 Coble Hall

This event is open to everyone! Join us this Monday for a fun coffee talk with professor and filmmaker Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu. Dr. Karackattu is a professor with the Humanities and Social Sciences Department at IIT Madras. He was a Fox Fellow (2008–2009) at Yale University, Centenary Visiting Fellow (2013) at SOAS, University of London and CISLI Fellow with the India-China Institute at the New School, New York (2017-19). CEAPS will be presenting his film "THOSE4YEARS" later the same day at 6 pm.

More Information & Registration

AsiaLENS | "THOSE4YEARS"
Free Screening + Discussion with
Filmmaker Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu


October 19th


6:00 pm


Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL 61801

Synopsis:
The film is an amazing journey into the lives of those Chinese who came to India around the middle of the 19th century... speaking a language unknown to their neighbors when they first arrived. It journeys across three countries and reams of colonial office records to retrace the places those people came from, the means and mode of their arrival, and how many of them ended up making India their home.

About the Filmmaker:
Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu studied Economics at St. Stephen's College (Delhi) and Chinese studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi). He was awarded the "Srimathi Marti Annapurna Gurnath Award for Excellence in Teaching" 2024 from IIT Madras, and was previously recipient of the "Young Faculty Recognition Award" 2020 at IIT Madras.

More Information & Registration

"THOSE4YEARS" Trailer



CEAPS Speaker/Alumni Talk |
"The Anime Studies/Appetizer
Sampler" Billy Tringali (Indiana
University Indianapolis)


October 23rd


1:30 - 3:00 pm


1000 Lincoln Hall

Join anime scholar and the founder of the *Journal of Anime and Manga Studies* for an exciting, hour-long lecture discussing the current state of the field of anime and manga studies.

About the Speaker:
Billy Tringali is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Anime and Manga Studies, and Founder and Academic Showrunner for the JASM@AX Academic Symposium at Anime Expo, the largest anime convention in North America. Billy is a Faculty Librarian at Indiana University Indianapolis, where he serves as

liaison for First-Year Sciences, Undergraduate Research, and Health Sciences. Billy is an alum of the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, graduating with his Master of Library & Information Science in 2019.

More Information & Registration



Student Coffee Talk with Billy Tringali


October 23rd


3:30 - 4:30 pm


111 Coble Hall

The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies would like to invite interested students to a discussion & coffee, with Billy Tringali in connection to his talk titled, "[The Anime Studies Appetizer Sampler](#)". Coffee and treats will be provided.

More Information & Registration

Events Next Week



Department of East Asian
Languages and Cultures 35th
Anniversary


October 30th


8:30 - 5:00 pm


Levis Faculty Center

Come celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures for a day of food and talks with global educators and EALC Alumni. Visit our CEAPS calendar at the link below for a full schedule detailing all of the events we have planned for the day and a list of all of faculty and international scholars who will be present at the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Shao Dan, head of the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures (danshao@illinois.edu) or Jeeyoung Ha, chair of EALC 35th Anniversary Committee (jyha@illinois.edu).

More Information & Schedule

Upcoming Opportunities



National Consortium for Teaching
About Asia (NCTA) Short Course

The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will be hosting a **free** two part session on experiencing contemporary Taiwan through art and music for K-12 Educators.

Website for More Information

Participants are not required to attend both sessions. Please mark which one(s) you would like to register for. Up to 4.5 Professional Development Hours will be provided for IL teachers.

Session 1: Ink Shower Art Exhibit Tour with Visiting
Curator & Artists


Saturday, November 7th, 2026


10am - 11:30am


Kranert Art Museum (500 E Peabody Dr. Champaign, IL 61820)

Session 2: [Landscapes in Sound & Ink Concert](#) Performance and ZOOM Discussion

Part A:

Sunday, January 31st, 2027

3pm - 5pm

Recital Hall, Smith Memorial Hall (801 S Mathews Ave Urbana, IL 61801)

Part B:

Monday, February 1st, 2027

5pm - 6pm

ZOOM with [Dr. Chi-Chen Wu](#) (Associate Professor of Piano, U of I School of Music)

Registration

Conference: Tariffs and the End of the Liberal Order? Views
across the Atlantic and Pacific

What does the return of tariffs mean for the liberal international order? This interdisciplinary conference examines trade policy as a meeting point of economics, politics, and history. Bringing Atlantic and Pacific perspectives into conversation, it explores how tariffs shape international cooperation, economic sovereignty, and geopolitical competition—and asks whether current disputes mark a rupture with the past or a new chapter in longstanding tensions over markets and state power.

November 12 - 13, 2026
Alliance Française de Chicago (810 N. Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60610)
Registration is FREE

This free event brings together global perspectives through two days of presentations and roundtable discussions at the Alliance Française in Chicago, IL hosted by the Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies, College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Studies, and the European Union Center from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Conference Website & Registration

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