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CEAPS E-News November 2nd - November 6th, 2026

Event Recap



EALC 35th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, CEAPS co-sponsored the 35th anniversary of the East Asian Languages & Cultures department. CEAPS has rich history alongside EALC and it was a joy to celebrate this huge milestone alongside them.

Our director Matt Winters spoke at the event, alongside many other guest speakers like Deborah Frank Feinen (Champaign mayor), Prof. Venetria K. Patton (Dean of College of LAS), and many others. EALC also invited many alumni to come and share. Congratulations EALC!

Event This Week



Book Launch for "Persistent Citizens: Pursuing Social Welfare Benefits in Brazil and Argentina"

- Monday, November 2nd
- 3:00 pm
- Coble Hall Room 306

Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro (Brown University) will present the book, and Professors Flavia Andrade (UIUC) and Tara Grillos (Purdue University) will briefly present their comments on the book afterwards, followed by a Q&A with the audience.

Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro is the Royce Family Associate Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Political Science at Brown University.

Matthew S. Winters is Professor in the Department of Political Science, Director of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, and Leslie A. Watt Professorial Scholar at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Flavia Andrade is Professor at the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also holds appointments in the Sociology Department.

Tara Grillos is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Purdue University and co-director of the JMK Experimental Social Science Research Lab.

More Information

Ink Shower Related Events This Week



Reception & MillerComm Lecture Series | "The Journey of Yao's Black Divine Comedy" | Yao Jui-Chung in Dialogue with Kao Chen-Hui

- Wednesday, November 4th
- 4:00 pm - 5:00pm Reception with light refreshments hosted by University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (UAAT)
- 5:00pm Lecture Starts
- Levis Faculty Center, Room 210

About the Lecture:

For over three decades, Taiwanese artist Yao Jui-Chung has worked across media to explore how ideology, faith, memory, and desire shape the places we inhabit. In this program, he will take us on a visual journey through selected works, organized along Kao Chien-Hui's narrative arc of "Yao's Black Divine Comedy." Moving from reimagined *shanshui* and abandoned infrastructure to contemporary sacred sites, his presentation will reveal landscape as a charged field of power, belief, absurdity, and longing.

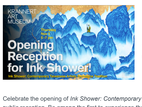
Yao will be joined by critic, curator, and cultural historian Kao Chien-Hui, who will open the program by situating Yao's practice—and landscape art more broadly—within Taiwan's layered histories of migration, colonialism, martial law, and contested boundaries. Following Yao's presentation, their dialogue will draw on Kao's conceptual framework for Landscape as Storytelling to consider landscape as a reflexive mirror, a field of resistance, a mode of seeing, an awakening to boundaries, a shift in perception, and a form of situated knowledge.

About the Speakers:

Yao Jui-Chung is a Taipei-based artist whose multidisciplinary practice spans painting, photography, installation, video, and documentary research. His work examines Taiwanese identity, ideology, religious belief, historical memory, and the absurdity of the human condition.

Kao Chien-Hui is a Taiwanese art and cultural researcher, critic, curator, writer, and educator. Her scholarship spans modern and contemporary East Asian art, cultural criticism, the sociology of art, museum and curatorial studies, and the relationship between aesthetics and ideology.

More Information & Registration



Opening Reception | Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition

- Thursday, November 5th
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Krannert Art Museum

Celebrate the opening of Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition at this free public reception. Be among the first to experience the exhibition, enjoy live music, light refreshments, and remarks from curators Kai-Ching Hsiao and Maureen Warren, and special guests. Spend the evening exploring the exhibition, connecting with fellow visitors, and celebrating this exciting new presentation at Krannert Art Museum.

More Information & Registration



Artist Panel Discussion | Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition

- Friday, November 6th
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Temple Buell Hall Plym Auditorium (611 E. Lorado Taft Dr., Champaign)

Join exhibition artists and curators of Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition to gain an understanding of historical ink painting traditions and artmaking today in Taiwan. Panelists will include Taipei-based artist Yao Jui-Chung, the 2026 George A. Miller Visiting Artist-in-Residence, on campus November 2–7 as well as Chen Chun-Hao and Wu Chi-Tsung. Kao Chen-Hui will be moderating this event.

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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 pre(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
- Krannert 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

Events Next Week



CEAPS Brown Bag | Yating Li (East Asian Languages & Cultures) & Nini Zhou (Media)

- Tuesday, November 10th
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- 306 Coble Hall (801 S. Wright St., Champaign)

About the Event:

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About the Speakers:

Yating Li is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures with a minor in Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research intersects the history of medicine, gender history, and modern Chinese history. Her dissertation, "Pathologizing the Womb: Medical Knowledge, the Female Body, and Miirage of Health in China (1900s-1940s)," explores the epistemic pluralism surrounding uterine diseases and the construction of femininity in early twentieth-century China.

Nini Zhou is a Ph.D. student in the College of Media at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include critical studies of communication, free labor of women online, and female digital communities.

More Information & 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.

- Thursday, November 12th - Friday, November 13th
- 12:00 - 4:15 pm (Thurs.) & 8:45 am - 4:45 pm (Fri.)
- The Alliance de Française Chicago (810 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL. 60610)

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. Registration is FREE.

Schedule

Website & 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

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