

**NOVEMBER 2007-MONTHLY UPDATES**  
***Newsletter of the Asian Studies Center***  
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**Calendar of Events**

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**SPECIAL KOREA SYMPOSIUM**

A reminder that the Asian Studies Center will host a Special Symposium: ***The U.S. and the Koreas: A Critical Relationship***. **9 Nov** beginning at 6:00 pm at Wyndham Hotel – Keynote speech by Dr. Young-Shik Kim: “*Trends in Korean Higher Education*.” **10 Nov** beginning at 9:00 am. Frick Fine Arts auditorium. Speakers from Korea and the U.S., with panels on PUBLIC MANAGEMENT IN KOREA & THE U.S., SECURITY ISSUES IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, CULTURE & LIFESTYLE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, and HIGHER EDUCATION & NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

The symposium is free & open to the public. No tickets required for admission but advance registration requested. Contact Dianne F. Dakis, Asian Studies Center at [www.dakis@pitt.edu](http://www.dakis@pitt.edu). See also <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/koreaconference.html> for panel topics and titles of talks. Conference sponsors include ASC/UCIS, the Korean Council for University Education, GSPIA, the Institute for International Studies in Education, the School of Education, and the Ridgway Center for International Security Studies.

**Additions to Spring Term ASC Courses**

Listed below are recently-added or updated courses and descriptions for the spring term 2084 ASC course description list. Please consider enrolling in them.

**Korean 0070/32932** WORLD OF KOREA: PAST & PRESENT CULTURE. 3 CR. M-W, 4:30 – 5:45 pm, 203 LAWRN. Taught by Sung Wha Oh. This course will provide an introduction to Korean society and culture through a close study of the recent and highly acclaimed film *Chunhyang*, which is a theatrical version of a famous 18<sup>th</sup> century Korean literary work. It provides a complex and visually effective window into late Korean traditional culture, literature, educational system, family relation, and the performing arts. Through class work and readings, students will be able to study the concept of culture as a complex, intricate, and interrelated fabric of meanings and symbols. In this regard, the study of Korea will allow students to begin to acquire the tools to understand diversity in aspects of many cultures. Students can broaden their understanding of Korea in several historical, artistic, and socio-cultural environments. Topics to be studied include a brief studies of history from ancient history to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, historical aspects of the Korean language, cultural behavior, the performing arts; reflection on such diverse aspects of society as family structure, marriage, gender issues, the class system, education, political system, the agricultural life; and relations to other neighboring countries. The course will also examine changes in values, social and cultural institution, and values associated with modernization in the second half of the twentieth century up until the present time. Current North Korean education and society also will be studied. Video/CDs will be used whenever possible to allow students to visualize the society as it develops in the course of change.

**PIA 2358/xxxxx** REGIONAL FOREIGN POLICY SEMINAR: EAST & SOUTH-EAST ASIA. 3 CR. W 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. 3800 Posvar. Taught by Akinori Tomohara. Professor Tomohara is a visiting Japanese economist, trained at Johns Hopkins and specializing in international finance. This course is timely because of substantial interest (generally and among GSPIA students) in economic and security issues in Asia. Professor Tomohara has agreed (a) to accept students mainly interested in Southeast Asia, as well as those interested in China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan; and (b) to accept students with interests in national and international security (i.e., SIS majors) as well as those enrolled for the GPE and Human Security majors. This course will also count toward the graduate certificate in Asian Studies.

**PIA 2390/34536** CHILD SOLDIERS: FROM ETHICS TO GEO-STRATEGY. 3 CR. M, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, 2008 Posvar. Taught by Simon Reich. This course, for which students can enroll as either a capstone seminar (PIA2096/34535) or as an elective (this course number), will examine the growing global phenomenon of child soldiering in failed and fragile states. Some of the big case studies include Sri Lanka,

Nepal and Myanmar. Students will be able to write on these cases (and also possibly India). Once considered simply as an ethical issue associated with human rights, it has taken on added geo-strategic dimensions in the course of the last decade with the use of children in fighting forces as combatants, suicide bombers and as a source of intergenerational violence in the quest to establish the rule of law. This course has four goals: To inform those enrolled about the content and substance of debates concerning child soldiers; To develop professional verbal and written skills for either a professional policy or academic career; To develop the capacity to work effectively as part of a team while being evaluated on an individual basis; and To generate innovative policy proposals based on thoughtful analysis. The course will be primarily a research seminar. Participants will spend the first half of the course familiarizing themselves with the central questions regarding child soldiering by reading the relevant literature. The second half of the course will be devoted to research, using the Ford Institute's extensive materials on child soldiers. Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation as well as a policy paper that offers novel and feasible solutions designed to address the problem of child soldiering in a particular country.

**PIA 2390/16520 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR: INDIA.** 3 CR T, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, 3600 Posvar. Taught by Alok Ray. This is a special course (and a rare Pitt course on South Asia) taught by Professor Alok Ray, a distinguished Indian economist, formerly of the Indian Institute of Management. It is especially timely, given India's dramatic emergence from mass poverty. This course will deal with human security, development and other economic issues: it will NOT cover national and international security issues. (Professor Ray has proposed to Professor Chandra (the director of the Asian Studies Center) that this course should count toward the graduate certificate in Asian Studies.

**PIA 2501/16465 DEVELOPMENT POLICY & ADMINISTRATION.** 3 CR. W, 3:00 – 6:00 pm Taught by Nuno Da Silva. Explores the political and values-bases of development policies and practices by confronting critical perspectives on major trends and assumptions in development practice. Will emphasize current trends in government, development agency and non-governmental organization and corporate policy and practice. These include mechanisms for relating to civil society; relationships between national, sub-national governments and markets; organizational learning, monitoring and evaluation; consultation and popular participation; natural resource and environmental issues; policies relating to foreign and domestic investment and labor, and 'good governance.' Evaluation will be based on two short papers, two presentations to the class, and active participation.

**PIA 2528/32961 GOVERNANCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, EASTERN EUROPE AND AFRICA.** 3 CR. M – W, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. 3800 Posvar. Taught by Louis A. Picard. Development management theorists and practitioners need to be careful that their formulas for social and economic change do not do more harm than good. A balance exists between the extremes of the command economy and centralized planning on the one hand and the libertarian approach advocated by radical public choice theorists on the other. Throughout, it is not possible to divorce development issues from issues of governance and civil society. Nor can the debate and selection of policy choices be detached from the capacity of institutions to implement policy. This course will attempt to define this balance by looking at issues of local government, governance and civil society in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa. It focuses on the dynamics of governance with primary attention being the grass roots base of democracy. Focus is on the nexus between theories of governance and the practical implications of that theory on political behavior. Students in order to fulfill the regional seminar requirement must follow the reading for one of the five geographical areas covered in the course: Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East or Africa. For each student registered for the course, there will be four assessed activities. These are: 1. A Self-prepared study plan based on this syllabus (Essay stating concerns, issues, questions and detailed weekly list of readings)-20%; 2. An in-Class Discussion Assessment- 25% of Grade; 3. Individual research paper and Panel Presentation - 30% of Grade; 4. End of Semester Oral Interview with instructor (Defense of Study Plan)- 25% of Grade.

#### **Ford Institute for Human Security Presentation**

On Wednesday, 31 Oct 07 at 12:00 noon, the Ford Institute for Human Security at Pitt will present Alec Wargo speaking on "*Protecting Children During Conflict: Progress and Challenges.*" The talk will take place in 4130 Posvar Hall.

Just returned from a mission to tumultuous Myanmar, Alec Wargo will discuss protection of children in armed conflict related to his mission experience in the most conflict-ridden places in the world: Rwanda, East Timor, Guinea, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He will discuss the use

of tools designed to end the abuse of children, including the implementation of UN conventions and Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict.

Wargo has worked for over a decade to protect vulnerable populations from direct threats in major conflict zones. Since 2004 he has worked at the UN Secretariat in the Office of the Special Representative to the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict, covering conflicts in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He also has worked extensively for UNHCR. Please direct questions about this presentation to Erin McGrath at 412.624.2966 or to Jessica Hand at 412.648.7434.

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The **Harvard East Asia Society** (HEAS) invites graduate students from all fields to present at the 11th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference, Friday, February 29 - Sunday, March 2, 2008. The HEAS Graduate Student Conference aims to provide an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of ideas and the discussion of current research on East Asia. The conference is an opportunity for young scholars to present their research to both their peers and eminent scholars in East Asian Studies. All panels will be moderated by Harvard University faculty. Submissions from all disciplines are welcome.

#### **11th Annual HEAS Graduate Student Conference. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA**

Application Guidelines: 1. Your paper or research must be related to the East Asia region (including Inner Asia); 2. Abstract limit: 500 words; 3. Abstract submission deadline: December 2, 2007; 4. Submit your abstract and application at: <http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~heas/conference/>. Please direct any questions to the HEAS Conference Committee at: [heasconference@gmail.com](mailto:heasconference@gmail.com).

### **EDO PERIOD EXHIBIT OPENS AT SACKLER GALLERY**

More than 100 of the finest paintings from the Japanese Edo period (1615-1868) will be featured in "*Patterned Feathers, Piercing Eyes: Edo Masters from the Price Collection*," on view 10 Nov thru 13 April 2008 at the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. During the unusual five-month span of the exhibition, several complete rotations will be scheduled to accommodate the scale of the collection and provide protection for light-sensitive works. Visitors are encouraged to visit the gallery's web site at <http://www.asia.si.edu> for the rotation schedule.

The 109 masterworks are part of the Etsuko and Joe Price Collection of Corona del Mar, CA, regarded as one of the finest private collections of Japanese art in the world. The paintings recently were part of a highly acclaimed four-venue tour in Japan that attracted more than 800,000 visitors. Amassed during the past five decades, the Price collection celebrates painting of the Edo period, a time when Japan had purposefully cut itself off from extensive contact with the rest of the world. Curiously, during that period of national seclusion, independent and diversely creative artists flourished as never before. The exhibition will be accompanied by a 300-page, full-color catalog containing numerous illustrated essays and color reproductions of each of the objects included in the exhibition. Support for this exhibition has been provided by Nikkei Inc., and the Anne van Biema Endowment.

At the collection's core are screens, hanging scrolls, fans and some of the finest examples of the distinctive, hauntingly preternatural renderings of animal life by Itō Jakuchū (1716-1800). The exhibition's title derives from some of the most characteristic features of Jakuchū's works. The detailed patterns evident in many of the paintings, especially those of birds, are attributable to the high regard artists of the period held for textile designers. The expressiveness in the eyes of the various animals, demons, deities and funny people in the paintings suggest they all inhabit the same world, rather than different spiritual levels, as was the prominent religious theory of the time.

The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, located at 1050 Independence Ave., SW, and the adjacent Freer Gallery of Art, are on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Hours are 10 am to 5:30 pm every day except Dec. 25, and admission is free. The galleries are located near the Smithsonian Metrorail station on the Blue and Orange lines. For more information see <http://www.asia.si.edu> or call 202.633.1000.

### Association for Asian Studies

Do you know about the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)? It is a scholarly, non-political, non-profit professional association open to all persons interested in Asia and the study of Asia. It is the largest organization concerned with Asian Studies in the world. Formed in 1941 the AAS, represents all regions and countries of Asia and all academic disciplines. With approximately 6,500 members worldwide, the AAS is the largest organization of its kind. The Annual Meeting will happen this year at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, GA from April 3-6, 2008. It's a great opportunity to network and make connections. For a listing of the more than 200 panels at that meeting, please see [www.aasianst.org/annual-meeting/panels.htm](http://www.aasianst.org/annual-meeting/panels.htm).

Benefits of Membership: 1) Networking opportunities with a very large and diverse group of Asianists. 2) Member-only access on the AAS website featuring: access to employment listings, student section, fully-searchable AAS Member Directory; the *Journal of Asian Studies* online. 3) *Asian Studies Newsletter* (4 issues). 4) *Journal of Asian Studies*. 4) Reduced registration for the AAS Annual Meeting with over 200 formal panel sessions. 5) Eligibility for grant programs.

Apply for membership today at [www.aasianst.org](http://www.aasianst.org). Discounted rates for students!

### Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies

The IUC, located in Yokohama, Japan provides an intensive ten-month training program in advanced spoken and written Japanese for a select number of undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students. Applications and Information: <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/IUC>. Application deadline: 15 January 2008.

The Center's 10-month program is divided into two parts. In the first half, teaching is geared toward development of competence in constructing complex utterances and extended discourse, using Japanese accurately and appropriately in social settings, and expressing and understanding Japanese on general topics. This training provides a solid foundation for specialized, advanced language training. In the second half of the program instruction centers on developing specialized language skills necessary for students to pursue their academic goals or professional work. Throughout the program, tutorial sessions are provided once a week so every student may work with particular linguistic problems and talk freely on self-selected topics.

Financial Aid: The Center has limited scholarships. See web site, above. Choose 'Complete Brochure.' Students are urged to explore all avenues of funding such as FLAS, and private foundations.

### NSEP Scholarships & Fellowships

The Institute of International Education is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2008-2009 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarship and Fellowship competitions. Created in 1991, NSEP awards undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships to American students for study of world regions critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East).

Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 for an academic year's study abroad. Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 for language study and international research. Information and the online applications for the scholarships and fellowships are available on the Institute of International Education's website: [www.iie.org/nsep](http://www.iie.org/nsep). The application deadline for the Boren Fellowship is January 30, and the deadline for the Boren Scholarship is February 12. For more information please contact them at 1-800-618-NSEP or [nsep@iie.org](mailto:nsep@iie.org).

### ASIAN STUDIES CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### October

Wed., 31 Oct.: *"Protecting Children During Conflict: Progress and Challenges."* Special lecture by Alec Wargo. 12:00 noon in 4130 Posvar Hall. See details above in the body of this newsletter

#### November

Thurs. 1 Nov.: *"Transnational Popular Cultural Traffic between Japan & Korea."* ASIA OVER LUNCH series lecture by Eun-Young Jung, (ASC Japan-Korea Postdoctoral Fellow). Noon, 4130 Posvar Hall. Pizza will be served. Bring your own drink

Mon. 5 Nov.: "*Legends of the Last Samurai: Apocryphal Suicides and Invented Traditions.*" Lecture by Mark Ravina (Associate Professor, History & Director, East Asian Studies Program, Emory University). 4:00 pm, Room 11 Thaw Hall

Wed. 7 Nov.: "*Contesting Sacred Space in China's Ethnic Borderlands: Ritual and Myth at Huanglong, Northern Sichuan*" Department of Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Colloquium, presented by Donald S. Sutton, Professor of History and Anthropology, Carnegie Mellon University. 12 Noon, 2628 Cathedral of Learning. Coffee and cookies provided.

Thurs. 8 Nov.: "*Globalization and East Asia: The First Great Depression, 1873-1896.*" ASIA OVER LUNCH series lecture by Mark Metzler (Associate Professor History & Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin). Noon, 4130 Posvar Hall. Pizza will be served. Bring your own drink

Thurs. 8 Nov.: "*Keep Saving: A Transnational History of Promoting Thrift.*" Lecture by Shel Garon (History, Princeton University). 4:00 pm, 3703 Posvar Hall (History dept.)

Fri. 9 Nov.: **HISTORY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL BOOK EVENT** featuring remarks by Sheldon Garon, Princeton University, Gregory Kasza, University of Indiana, and Mark Metzler, University of Texas. Each scholar will make comments about Professor Richard Smethurst's latest book, *From Foot Soldier to Finance Minister: Takahashi Korekiyo, Japan's Keynes* (Harvard University Press, Harvard University Asia Center series). 4:00 pm in the History department's lounge, Room 3703 Posvar Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend

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T. 13 Nov.: "*Ritualizing Duality: Secret Iconographies of Empowerment in Medieval Japan.*" **This lecture is open to the public.**

Special lecture by Lucia Dolce (Sr. Lecturer of Japanese Religion, University of London). 4:15 pm, 4130 Posvar. Co-sponsored by Religious Studies, Asian Studies Center, the Japan Council/UCIS, and Cultural Studies Program. Also underwritten by the Japan Iron & Steel Federation Mitsubishi Endowments and the Office of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Arts & Sciences. Reception to follow the lecture.

Thurs. 15 Nov.: "*Conservation and Conflict: Ecotourism in a Fijian Village.*" ASIA OVER LUNCH series lecture by Hao-li Lin (PhD Student, Anthropology). Noon, 4130 Posvar Hall. Pizza will be served. Bring your own drink

Thurs. 15 Nov.: "*The Worship of Celestial Bodies in Japan: Politics, Rituals and Icons.*" Special lecture by Lucia Dolce (Sr. Lecturer of Japanese Religion, University of London). 1:00 – 2:15 pm, 104 David Lawrence Hall. Co-sponsored by Religious Studies, Asian Studies Center, the Japan Council/UCIS, and Cultural Studies Program. Also underwritten by the Japan Iron & Steel Federation Mitsubishi Endowments and the Office of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Arts & Sciences

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Wed. 21 thru Sun 25 Nov.: **Thanksgiving Recess** for students (no classes)

Mon. 26 Nov.: Classes resume (all schools)

### **December**

Fri. 7 Dec.: FALL TERM: Last day for undergraduate day classes

Fri. 7 Dec.: SPRING TERM DEADLINE for continuing students to register without a penalty fee

Mon. – Sat. 10-15 incl.: Final Examination Period for undergraduate day classes

Sat. 15: FALL TERM ENDS

Sun. – Sun. 16 Dec – 6 Jan: Winter recess for students (no classes), all schools

### **January**

Wed. 2 Jan 2008: All University offices and buildings re-open

Mon. 7 Jan: Classes begin for Spring Term (2084)

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