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(I) University of Pennsylvania East Asia Events for 01/16/2015—02/06/2015

* Documentary Film Screening: *Life and Death at Preah Vihear*

Friday, 01/16/2015

5:30-7:00pm, Fagin Hall (School of Nursing at Penn) Room 103

Over the past 10 years, anthropologist and filmmaker Dr Feingold has produced some 15 documentary films on important social issues in Southeast Asia for PBS, the BBC, and National Geographic, among others.

Life and Death at Preah Vihear was filmed over 5 years in Cambodia and Thailand. With demonstrations and military, the two countries have each laid claim to the temple at Preah Vihear, an area where the

international border is ambiguous.

Dr Feingold will introduce the film and lead a discussion of it after-wards that will include health implications of the contestation. All are welcome!

*** The Quiet Disappearance of China's Boldest Newspaper**

Thursday, 01/22/2015 12:00pm, CSCC Conference Room, Fisher-Bennett 345

Kecheng Fang, Doctoral Student, Annenberg School for Communication

Commentator: **Maria Repnikova**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication

Moderator: **Prof. Guobin Yang**, Annenberg School for Communication

This January marks the second anniversary of the Southern Weekly (Nanfang Zhoumo) incident. As a former journalist at Southern Weekly who experienced the incident, Annenberg School doctoral student Kecheng Fang will briefly review what really happened inside the newsroom and correct some common misunderstandings. He then will explain the changes of both the paper and the overall media environment in China during these two years. The tight censorship has persisted, and the financial troubles emerged because of the decline of print media. As a result, a number of investigative journalists have quit their jobs. The decline of Southern Weekly and the critical news media is accompanied with the rise of Party-sponsored digital media and the increased influence of Party mouthpieces on social networking sites. These changes reveal Xi Jinping's media control strategies.

* [*Center for the Study of Contemporary China Policy Roundtable*](#)

*** Penn Museum Chinese New Year Celebration**

Saturday, 01/31/2015 11:00AM - 04:00PM

Penn Museum

3260 South Street, Philadelphia PA 19104

Visitors of all ages are invited to help shepherd in the Year of the Sheep at this daylong celebration. The day includes a wide variety of music and dance performances, Tai Chi and Shaolin-style Kung Fu demonstrations, calligraphy and tangram workshops, children's activities, and arts & crafts among one of the finest collections of Chinese and Buddhist art in the United States. The day ends with a drum roll, a roar, and the popular Grand Finale Lion Dance Parade. Free with Museum admission. For more information, call 215.898.2680.

* [*Penn Museum World Culture Series: Chinese New Year*](#)

*** Professor Kim Phillips, Department of History, University of Auckland -**

"Strange Encounters: European Travelers in Asia c. 1245- c. 1500"

Wednesday, 01/28/2015 12:00-2:00pm, Fisher-Bennett Hall, Graduate Lounge (*lunch will be provided*)

The lecture will discuss the travelers' narratives of more than twenty Europeans who made journeys to present-day Mongolia, China, India, Sri Lanka, and southeast Asia between the mid-thirteenth and early sixteenth centuries. These diplomats, missionaries and merchants constructed a European vision of Asia that was by turns critical, neutral, and admiring. Placing medieval writing on the East in the context of an emergent Europe whose explorers sought to learn more than to rule, the lecture seeks to complicate our understanding of medieval attitudes toward the foreign.

Kim Phillips works on representations of foreign lands and peoples in late medieval travel and ethnographic writing. She recently published *Before Orientalism: Asian Peoples and Cultures in European Travel Writing, 1245-1510* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014). She has begun work on a new book project on foreign women in medieval European writing on Irish, Scandinavian, Asian, Muslim, and Jewish cultures with the working title *Other Women: Writing Foreign Femininities in Medieval Texts*.

***Hon. Kurt M. Campbell, former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs (2009-2013) - "The US and China in the 21st Century"**

Wednesday, 02/04/2015 6:00-7:30pm, Jon M. Huntsman Hall Dhirubhai Ambani Auditorium (JMHH G06)

Kurt M. Campbell is the Founding Partner, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of The Asia Group. He also serves as Co-Chairman of the Board of the Center for a New American Security, an independent director on the Board of Standard Chartered Bank, and a member of the Advisory Board of the UC San Diego School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, the Advisory Board of the Association of Marshall Scholars, the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, and the Trilateral Commission. He serves as Senior Advisor to the 100,000 Strong Foundation, which seeks to strengthen U.S.-China ties through study abroad programs, as well on the Board of Directors at the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

From 2009 to 2013, he served as the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, where he is widely credited as being a key architect of the "pivot to Asia." In this capacity, Dr. Campbell advanced a comprehensive U.S. strategy that took him to every corner of the Asia-Pacific region where he was a tireless advocate for American interests, particularly the promotion of trade and investment.

His vision and leadership were essential in the Administration's efforts to strengthen security alliances and partnerships from Northeast to Southeast Asia and throughout the Indo-Pacific region. He was a central figure in advancing the U.S.-China relationship, including overseeing the annual Strategic and Economic Dialogue, helping usher in a new era of robust U.S. engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations through the Lower Mekong Initiative and the East Asia Summit, and advocating for deeper American economic engagement and commercial ties in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings. Dr. Campbell is credited with spearheading President Obama's and Secretary Clinton's initial diplomatic outreach to Burma that led to the historic normalization of bilateral ties between the United States and Myanmar. In acknowledgement of his contributions in advancing U.S. national interests in Asia, he was awarded the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award (2013) — the nation's highest diplomatic honor.

* [CSCC Annual Lecture](#)

*** February Japanese Film Series on Dreams - "Kurosawa's Dreams"**

Thursdays in February 7:00-9:00pm, Stiteler Hall, Room B6

Thursday, February 5 - *Kurosawa's Dreams*, Kurosawa Akira, 1990

Thursday, February 12 - *Paprika*, Kon Satoshi, 2006

Thursday, February 19 - *Ten Nights of Dreams*, Ishikawa Kon et. al., 2006

Thursday, February 26 - *Jiro Dreams of Sushi*, David Gelb, 2011

* *CEAS and the Friends of the Japanese House and Garden February Film Series*

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**(II) Regional Events Related to East Asia for 01/16/2015—
02/06/2015**

*** I-House Philadelphia Film Screening - "Stray Dogs" (Jiao You")**

Saturday, 01/24/2015 7:00pm - 10:00pm
International House, South America Room
3701 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at Venice, *Stray Dogs* is a haunting masterpiece, and possibly the last film from the great Tsai Ming-Liang. There are real stray dogs to be fed in Tsai's everyday apocalypse, but the title also refers to its principal characters, living the cruelest of existences on the ragged edges of the modern world. *Stray Dogs* is

many things at once: minimal in its narrative content and syntax, as visually powerful as it is emotionally overwhelming, and bracingly pure in both its anger and its compassion. One of the finest works of an extraordinary artist.

\$9 General Public
\$7 Students & Seniors
FREE IHP Members

* [International House-Philadelphia](#)

* Shofuso Japanese House and Garden - Japanese Classical Dance Lessons

Sunday, 02/01/2015 2:00 - 4:30pm
Horticultural and Lansdowne Drives
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Use movement to experience the culture of Japan in our Classical Japanese Dance Lessons! Lessons include both one-on-one and group instruction and are appropriate for all ages. These lessons, taught by Fujima Nishiki-no (Helen Moss), meet at the Sakura Pavilion (about 75 yards from our site) through March.

* [Shofuso Japanese Classical Dance](#)

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(III) Employment and Internship Opportunities *(in order of application deadline)*

* **Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Research Manager, China Africa Research Initiative - *deadline to apply: open until filled***

The China Africa Research Initiative (CARI) at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies invites applications for the position of Research Manager. CARI expects to be programming over \$2 million in sponsored research on China in Africa over the next several years. Reporting to the Director of CARI, the Research Manager will handle a full range of research and administrative tasks. The successful candidate should have extensive operational experience within a large multi-faceted organization, preferably in higher education. S/he will have knowledge of either China or Africa, and be highly organized, able to independently handle the management of research projects being implemented by multiple researchers. You will be encouraged to develop your own research expertise, focusing on an area of specialization, a research technique, or method of data collection, where you would be a resource for others.

Website: https://hrnt.jhu.edu/jhujobs/job_view.cfm?view_req_id=64680&view=sch

* **Asia Society Assistant Director, China Learning Initiatives - *deadline to apply: February 23, 2015***

The Assistant Director is a key part of the Education team at Asia Society that advances an international campaign to promote global learning across the U.S., Asia, and the world. The

Assistant Director has particular responsibility in broadening the reach and impact of the various initiatives of the China Learning Initiative, including promoting sustainable growth of effective and innovative Chinese language programs in U.S. schools and enhancing opportunities for U.S.-China cultural and educational exchange.

Website: http://asiasociety.org/files/pdf/150114_asst_dir_china_learning_init.pdf

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(IV) Fellowship and Award Opportunities *(in order of application deadline)*

*** Kiva Fellowships - *deadline to apply: January 25, 2015***

Since 2007, the Kiva Fellows Program has offered over 600 individuals a rare opportunity to put their skills to work in support of global microfinance. Applicants chosen for the program serve as Kiva's eyes and ears on the ground, working directly with microfinance institutions (MFIs) and other field partners in over 70 countries around the globe, and with new initiatives such as Kiva Zip in Kenya and the U.S. The Kiva Fellowship is an unpaid, volunteer position designed to increase Kiva's impact and to offer participants a unique insider experience.

Applications for our 27th class are now open! Accepted fellows will attend training in May 2015 and serve for 4 to 12 months as a Kiva Fellow.

Website: <http://www.kiva.org/fellows>

Guggenheim (Harry Frank) Foundation Dissertation Fellowships - *deadline to apply: February 1, 2015*

Ten or more dissertation fellowships are awarded each year to graduate students who would complete the writing of a dissertation within the award year. These fellowships are designed to contribute to the support of the doctoral candidate to enable him or her to complete the thesis in a timely manner and are only appropriate for students approaching the final year of their Ph.D. work.

Website: <http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm>

*** American Center for Mongolian Studies Field Research Fellowship Program 2015 - *deadline to apply: February 15, 2015***

The ACMS Field Research program supports students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty to conduct field research in Mongolia between May and October of each year. Applicants must be US citizens currently enrolled full-time (students) or employed at least part-time (post-docs and faculty) at a university or college. Students graduating in Spring 2015 are eligible for the program.

Undergraduate applicants must have at least third year standing in their program, while graduate applicants can be at a masters, pre-dissertation, or doctoral candidacy level. Post-doctoral scholars and faculty must regularly teach at least one course at a US university or college to be eligible. The program priority for post-doctoral scholars and faculty is to support individuals from non-research intensive universities and colleges, especially those who are helping guide student research projects or who can show how the fellowship experience will enhance their teaching and outreach.

Website: http://mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=35&Itemid=142

Educational Testing Service TOEFL Board Grants - *deadline to apply: February 15, 2015*

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides support for activities or projects in the field of international education or English language education. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to an upper limit of \$15,000 for one year. Proposals are invited from not-for-profit institutions and organizations involved in international education.

Website: http://www.ets.org/toefl/grants/board_grants

*** Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program - *deadline to apply: March 1, 2015***

The Gilman Scholarship Program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go by offering awards to U.S. undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints.

Website: <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>

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(V) East Asia Study Opportunities and Queries (*in order of application deadline*)

*** Japan-America Society of Greater Philadelphia, Japanese Classroom- *deadline to register: January 26, 2015***

Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to brush-up, JASGP's Japanese Classroom is a great way to engage with a fun and challenging language. Featuring beginner and intermediate level classes based on a college-style curriculum, our classes engage students in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and culture.

Spring and Fall classes meet once weekly for 90 minutes, with each session (semester) running 10 weeks. Class meetings are conveniently held in the evenings at JASGP's offices in Center City. Registration costs \$300, or \$280 for JASGP members. Textbooks are not included but may be purchased along with registration or separately on your own.

Website: <http://japanphilly.org/japanese-classroom>

Master of China Studies Scholarship, Yenching Academy of Peking University - *deadline to apply: January 31, 2015*

The Yenching Academy offers international students a one-year Master of Arts in China Studies degree program. Academy courses will be available in both English and Chinese. It will be possible for international students to complete their degrees with courses taught in English. Chinese language study will be required for all international students; those with an advanced level of

Chinese will be encouraged to take courses taught in Chinese.

The inaugural class of 100 Yenching Scholars will begin in September, 2015. Approximately 65 percent will be international students; the remaining 35 percent will be from China mainland. Yenching Scholars will be a diverse group of talented young leaders who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, innovative thought, and a commitment to the betterment of society.

Yenching Scholars receive a full tuition scholarship, accommodation in the residential college, and a stipend to cover living expenses.

Website: <http://yenchingacademy.org/>

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(VI) Conferences and Workshops (*in order of application deadline*)

*** 21st Century Technology: New Beginning or Terrible End? - *deadline to register: February 3, 2015***

Technology seems to be expanding at an exponential rate, with each passing year, month, and even day bringing about the latest and greatest technological innovations of the time. But is it all good, is it all bad, or is it something in between?

From the connectedness of the internet and social media, which some say brings us closer together while others argue that its creating rifts in how people relate to one another, to biotechnology and genetic engineering, which some claim will help us to cure what were thought to be incurable diseases and mend physical or mental handicaps while others believe it's not right to "play God" and manipulate the human genome--these are the technological debates in the world today.

Website: [World Affairs Council Event Calendar](#)

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(VII) Call for Submissions (*in order of submission deadline*)

10th Annual Greater Philadelphia Asian Consortium (GPASC) Undergraduate Research Conference - *deadline to submit: Friday, March 13, 2015*

For the 10th consecutive year, GPASC will hold its annual undergraduate conference on Asian Studies. We invite you to submit proposals of no more than 250 words on any topic in any discipline relating to Asia. Include your name, email and other contact information, and a faculty sponsor's name. *Deadline for proposal submissions is Friday, March 13, 2015.* Papers written for a course are welcome.

Please submit proposals to: <http://tinyurl.com/gpascten>

Students will need to identify a faculty sponsor in the proposal. There is no conference registration fee. We will inform faculty sponsors and paper presenters of the schedule by **Friday, March 30**. A total of \$500 in prize money is available for awards to the outstanding papers of the conference.

This year's conference will be held at Villanova University on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 8:30 am

to 3:30 pm. It includes a luncheon, a keynote speaker, and an awards reception. This is a wonderful opportunity to network and share your enthusiasm about Asian Studies.

Website: <http://greatphilaasia.wordpress.com/>

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(VIII) Opportunities for Teachers

*** Primary Source Free Webinar - "Medieval Japan & Medieval Europe: Compare & Contrast"**

Date: Feb. 3, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET

Speaker: Karl Friday

Free and open to the public

For centuries medieval Japan and medieval Europe have been compared. However, they represented fundamentally different societies; knights and samurai were born under different circumstances, and samurai political power evolved along a markedly different path into shapes and forms diverging greatly from those of European lordship. By exploring more deeply the history of medieval Japan, we will clarify contrasts, and bring similarities that did exist into focus.

Website: <http://www.primarysource.org/medieval-japan-medieval-europe>

*** University of Colorado at Boulder - NCTA Programs in Asia and Summer Institutes - *deadline to apply: March 13 and 18, 2015***

Citizens, Society, & State: Adaptation and Transformation in Contemporary China, July 27-31, 2015

Open to secondary social studies teachers nationwide, this 4-day institute on the CU-Boulder campus will examine the rapidly changing social and political dynamics of contemporary China. Working with specialists, participants will learn about the diverse issues and evolutions affecting Chinese society, including economic development, social welfare, government reform, and the growing role of citizens. Click here for detailed flyer and application, available beginning December 15, 2014. Application deadline: March 18, 2015.

Korea's Journey into the 21st Century: Historical Contexts, Contemporary Issues. July 13-17, 2015

In this 4-day residential summer institute, secondary teachers will consider modern and contemporary South Korea's distinct history, geography, intra-peninsular and international relations, and transnational cultural transmissions (e.g., K-pop, film, and design). Participants will work with specialists to learn about the Korean peninsula beyond the media coverage, drawing on Korean narratives and texts to enrich their teaching about contemporary South Korea in the classroom. Click here for detailed flyer and application, available beginning December 15, 2014. Application deadline: March 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/ncta/study-tours.html>

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