

Weekly Highlights

Campus events: Many intriguing Asia-related campus events are scheduled for the next two weeks! Have a look at the list below.

AS Study Abroad Scholarships: Our Study Abroad Scholarship recipients have been announced—see below!

Several research abroad funding deadlines are yet to come! The list below offers several options.

Campus Events

Korean United Student Association Talk

April 22 1pm
"Liberty for the People in North Korea" - A North Korean guest speaker shares his experiences from North Korea, and how he made it to America. Student Union Room 210, UB North Campus.

Muslimmedia—Journalism & Islam: Food for Thought

April 23 1:30-4:30pm
A blunt debate about the way journalists cover Muslims at home and abroad—in a mosque with a free meal. Islamic Center Amherst, 745 Hein Road, Getzville NY 14068. Free. [Learn more.](#)

Triveni Event: Singing Drums

April 23 7pm
A percussion/flute concert by Damaru Ensemble featuring Flute, Tabla, Khanjira, Ghatam and Mridangam. Screening Room, Center for the Arts, UB North Campus

Confucius Institute Chinese Language Club Film Screening

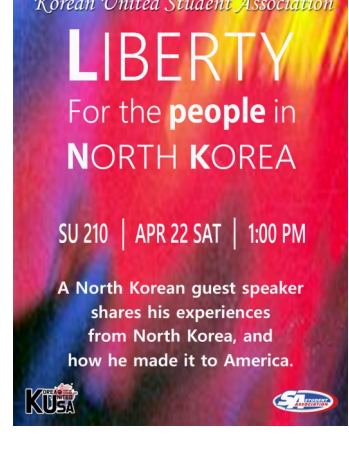
April 26 7pm
Film screening: "Dearest," based on a true story, an award winning 2014 drama. Presented by Nie Xi. The Commons 113

Alison DesForges Symposium: Counterterrorism, Electoral Politics, and Human Rights

April 27 9a-4p
This symposium will explore counterintuitive relationships in counterterrorism, electoral politics, and human rights, and seek ways to mitigate the unwanted side effects of policies and institutions. 107 Capen Hall, UB North Campus. Free and open to the public. [Learn more.](#)

Confucius Institute Chinese Language Club Film Screening

May 4 7pm
Film screening: "Chinese Zodiac." a 2012 action film written, directed, and starring Jackie Chan. Presented by Chen Rongying. The Commons 113



Conferences

Researchers: New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS) 2017 Call for Papers

Theme: Consuming Asia | September 23-24, 2017 | Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Scholars in New York, neighboring states, Canada, and elsewhere are cordially invited submit proposals for individual papers, panels, and roundtables. Panels, papers, and roundtables may focus on the conference theme "Consuming Asia" or other aspects of East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, or Asian American Studies. Submissions within the conference theme might focus on how "Asia" is both the object of consumption and the consumer. **Paper and panel proposals may be submitted between January 15, 2017 and May 1, 2017.** Graduate student participation is especially encouraged and welcomed. [Learn more.](#)

Researchers: Call for Papers for "MOBILE BODIES: A Long View of the Peoples and Communities of Maritime Asia"

Deadline May 1. This interdisciplinary conference held at Binghamton University, November 10–11, 2017 will explore the mobility of individuals across maritime Asia with an interest in disaggregating different types of bodies and different types of travel. We welcome papers that address a broad range of themes, with particular interest in the following topics: Labor flows and recruitment, Voluntary and involuntary movement, including slave and refugee communities, Cultural meanings and representations of maritime travel and pilgrimage, etc. Graduate students welcome. [Learn More.](#)

Funding

Scholar Funding

Deadline May 31
Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and Taiwan Fellowship.

Both program are for foreign scholars of the humanities, social sciences and the fields of Chinese or Taiwanese Studies, including professors, PHD candidates, and researchers at overseas universities wishing to carry out research in Taiwan for periods between 3 months and 1 year. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline June 15
Global Taiwan Institute Taiwan Scholarship

The Global Taiwan Institute (GTI) is dedicated to enhancing the relationship between Taiwan and the international community, especially the United States. GTI serves as an incubator for policy research and analysis that approaches Taiwan for its unique political, economic, historical and cultural context. To this end, GTI has established the Taiwan Scholarship, which will fund field research in Taiwan by American researchers. Through this scholarship, GTI hopes to encourage a new generation of scholars and policy practitioners to pursue research about Taiwan that is informed by their experience with the island's democracy. Scholarship recipients will be granted \$10,000 to conduct field research in Taiwan for a term of up to one year. American researchers, postgraduates, and PHD candidates are eligible to apply. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline July 1
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES (AIIS) FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

The American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) invites applications from scholars from all disciplines who wish to conduct their research in India. Junior fellowships are given to doctoral candidates at universities in the U.S. to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to eleven months. Senior long-term (six to nine months) and short-term (four months or less) fellowships are available for scholars who hold the Ph.D. degree. Scholarly/Professional development fellowships are available to scholars and professionals who have not previously worked in India. Creative and Performing Arts fellowships are available to practitioners of the arts of India. Eligible applicants include 1) U.S. citizens; and 2) citizens of other countries who are students or faculty members at U.S. colleges and universities (this rule does not apply to U.S. citizens). [Learn more.](#)

Deadline July 1
AIIS/Ashoka University Research and Teaching Fellowships

AIIS is pleased to announce a new research and teaching fellowship opportunity for senior scholars in collaboration with Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana. In addition to support for full time research, an R & T fellowship gives senior scholars an opportunity to teach for three-and-a half months (if offering an undergraduate class), or for six weeks (if offering a mini-course for Ashoka's Young India Fellows post-graduate program). [Learn more.](#)

AS Student News

Boren Award Recipients

Hanna Santanam (UB English, Anthropology, and Global Gender Studies major and Asian Studies minor) and Kayleigh Hamernik (UB Environmental Studies major and Asian Studies minor) were both awarded South Asian Flagship Language Initiative (SAFLI) Boren Awards for AY 2017-18. This award will support the full cost of Hindi language study this summer at the University of Wisconsin's South Asia Summer Language Institute and this fall at the American Institute of Indian Studies Hindi Language Program in Jaipur. Both also have been awarded Critical Language Scholarships by the US Department of State to study Hindi in Jaipur this summer. Boren supported 165 of 866 or 19% of applicants in 2014. This is the second year in a row that UB students have received SAFLI Boren Scholarships. The previous awardee was Kayleigh Reed who received a SAFLI Boren Scholarship for Urdu. Many congratulations to Kayleigh H. and Hanna!

Asian Studies Study Abroad Scholarship Awardees

We are pleased to announce the 2016-2017 Spring competition Asian Studies Study Abroad Scholarship awardees! Please join us in congratulating Olayemi Akingboye, Russell Guilbault, and Kayleigh Hamernik and wishing them well in their study abroad programs in Japan, China, and India. Watch our Facebook page for their updates from the field.

Study Abroad & Language Programs

Indiana University Summer Language Program

Currently enrolling. The Indiana University Summer Language Workshop is currently enrolling for first and second year instruction in several Asian languages (for example, Persian, Kurdish, Japanese, Mongolian, etc.). Sessions run in the month of June. [Learn more.](#)

Study Abroad in Korea

Deadline May 1 for Summer Study Abroad. In Kyungpook National University's Global Summer School Program, students can study Korean, but they can also take courses on topics like "Artificial Intelligence" and "Wireless Networks." UB students are eligible for tuition waivers since UB is a KNU partner institution: the total cost of the program (including housing and breakfast but not the airfare to Korea) to \$1100 for the entire summer program. [Learn more.](#)

Wisconsin Program in India

Deadline May 1 for Fall Semester Program. The Fall semester program in Varanasi focuses on independent field-based research and individualized tutorials—in addition to language study and content courses. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Intensive Nepali Language Program

Deadline SOON. Nepali, the official language of Nepal, will be offered in the Cornell University Summer Session at both beginning and continuing levels. Taught by faculty from Cornell University and the Cornell-Nepal Study Program at Tribhuvan University on the beautiful Cornell campus in Ithaca, NY, this summer program provides an unusual opportunity to develop competence in Nepali. Reading and writing practice use both popular and scholarly materials in the Nepali (Devanagari) script. Students will spend five hours per day in class and two further hours working with recorded materials in addition to the time required for daily preparation. Films and guest lecturers complement the summer program. The program lasts six weeks for six credits. Class meets five days a week, June 5 - July 14, 2017. Students have the option of taking the variable credit course Nepal 1159 if they cannot come for the full program. They would have to start on June 5, but could leave early if need be (5 credits would be 5 weeks, 4 credits would be 4 weeks, etc.). Students enrolling in Nepal 1159 would not be eligible for a partial scholarship. An enrollment form should be submitted to the Summer Nepali Program by e-mail at kp16@cornell.edu. [Learn more.](#)