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### **Registration and Book Displays**

Friday, October 18: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Fleck Hall 3rd Floor Lobby

Saturday, October 19: 8:00 am – 2:45 pm, Fleck Hall 3rd Floor Lobby

### **Events of Special Note**

Friday, October 18

- Lunch: 12:15 – 1:00 pm, Fleck Hall 305 (For those who have pre-registered)
- Keynote Address: 4:45 – 5:45 pm, Mabee Ballroom A, 3rd floor of Ragsdale Center  
**Dr. Katherine A. Bowie, Past-Past President of the Association for Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison**
- Dinner: 6:00 pm, Mabee Ballroom A, 3rd floor of Ragsdale Center  
(For those who have pre-registered)

Saturday, October 19

- Breakfast: 8:00 – 8:30 am, Fleck Hall 305
- Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Fleck Hall 305 (For those who have pre-registered)
- Board Meeting: 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Fleck Hall 305 (Everybody is welcome to attend)

### **Panel Sessions**

Friday, October 18

- Session 1: 9:00 – 10:30 am (Panels 1, 2 and 3)
- Session 2: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm (Panels 1, 2 and 3)
- Session 3: 1:15 – 2:45 pm (Panels 1, 2 and 3)
- Session 4: 3:00 – 4:30 pm (Panels 1, 2 and 3)

Saturday, October 19

- Session 5: 8:30 – 10:00 am (Panels 1, 2 and 3)
- Session 6: 10:15 – 11:45 am (Panels 1, 2 and 3)
- Session 7: 1:15 – 2:45 pm (Panels 1 and 2)

All panel sessions meet on the 1st floor of Fleck Hall, rooms 106, 108, and 109.

Complimentary coffee and tea available on the 3rd floor of Fleck Hall near the registration table on Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19.

## **Friday, October 18**

**Registration and Book Displays 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Fleck Hall 3rd Floor Lobby)**

**9:00 – 10:30 am**

**Session 1 (Panels 1, 2 and 3)**

### **1.1 Everyday Politics and Subjectivity in Asia**

Room: Fleck 106

Chair: Suparna Chakraborty, Stephen F. Austin State University

“The Dilemma of Herders’ Reunification in Pastoral China: Evidence from the Field”  
[Anier, Minzu University of China]

“Crisscrossing Agendas: The Political Activity of Chinese Intellectuals, Cadres, and the Party-State, 1953-1955”

Ben Yeager, University of Texas at Austin

“Foreign Love: The First Generation of Japanese Sex Workers in Shanghai”  
Nicholas Cartwright, University of Utah

“Inscribed in the Body: Medical Investigation of a Cultural Crime”  
Suparna Chakraborty, Stephen F. Austin State University

### **1.2 Urban Development, Ecological and Historical Consciousness in China**

Room: Fleck 108

Chair: Laurie Dickmeyer, Angelo State University

“Preserve and Conserve through Clean-Ups: Successful Public Engagement Strategy from Dongsi Historic Residential Neighborhood in Beijing, China”  
Mingqian Liu, Texas A&M University

“Eldercare and Sustainability in China: Ethics in Aging”  
Lijun Yuan, Texas State University at San Marcos

“Don’t make up for the Qian Jia Period: On the Historical Thoughts of Mr. Chen Yuan during the Anti-Japanese War”  
Guo quiang Fan, Jiangsu University, China

### **1.3. Diverse Approaches to Issues across Asia**

Room: Fleck 109

Chair: Stephen Leach, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“Twentieth Century Labrang and Choni: A Hybrid Tibetan and Chinese Space”  
[Jomo Smith, Minnesota State University]

“Invasion of the Body Snatchers: Children’s Embodiment and the Battle of Good and Evil in the Shingaku Gaze”  
William Lindsey, University of Kansas

“What makes a Religious Movement Violent: Comparing India and Pakistan”  
[Mohammed Sinan Siyech, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore]

“Beautiful and Trustworthy: Branding and Shipping Kerosene Oil in Republican China”  
James J. Hudson, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm**

**Session 2 (Panels 1, 2 and 3)**

### **2.1 Japan in Historiography and Foreign Relations**

Room: Fleck 106

Chair: Harold Tanner, University of North Texas

“New Deal Narratives and Economic Occupation: Theodore Cohen’s Influence on Historiography on the Allied Occupation of Japan”  
Noor Jafri, University of North Texas

“Empire and Its Legality: Understanding American Bases in Japan”  
Tomoyuki Sasaki, College of William & Mary

## **2.2 Exhibiting Culture and Identity through Cinema, Museum, and Drama**

Room: Fleck 108

Chair: Stephen Leach, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“Ang Lee as Transnational Auteur: How Ang Lee Reconfigured Chineseness in the Age of Globalized Cinema”

Ssu-chieh Jessica Fan, University of Texas at Austin

“Exhibiting Korean-ness: Displays of Ethnic Identity at the ‘Russian Korean History Museum’”

Zachary M. Adamz, University of Texas at Austin

“Suicide in Korean Dramas: A Reflection of Suicide Culture in Korean Society”

Lisa M. Longenecker, Graduate of University of Texas at Austin

“Early Chinese Bronze Ritual Vessel Cartography: How Trees, Mounds, Spirals, and Ponds Were Used to Document Early China’s Landscape”

Bruce Jones, Independent Scholar

## **2.3 Imagining India: Cultural Space, Emancipation, and Decolonization**

Room: Fleck 109

Chair: John H. Barnett, Emporia State University

“Mithila and the Indian Imagination: Writing the History of a Place”

Aryendra Chakravartty, Stephen F. Austin State University

“The Role of Navayana Buddhism for Women Emancipation: Understanding the Lived Experiences of Buddhist Women in Maharashtra”

[Amol Nimsadkar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India]

“A Center for Oriental Culture: An Ideascape for Decolonization”

Dharitri Bhattacharjee, University of Texas at Austin

**Lunch 12:15 – 1:00 pm (Box lunch available for those who have pre-registered)**

**Room: Fleck 305**

**1:15 – 2:45 pm**

**Session 3 (Panels 1, 2 and 3)**

**3.1 Taiwan's Migration Policy and Foreign Relations**

Room: Fleck 106

Chair: Laurie Dickmeyer, Angelo State University

“Taiwanese Government Policies towards Migrants from Mainland China”

Angela Ju, St. Edward's University

“Taiwan's Go South Policy”

Thomas Bellows, University of Texas at San Antonio

“The Death of Chiang Kai-shek and Japan-Taiwan Relations: A Case of Cold War Historical Reconciliation”

Robert Hoppens, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

**3.2 Contesting Gender and Sexuality in Korean Fashion, Film, and Family**

Room: Fleck 108

Chair: Marcy L. Tanter, Tarleton State University

“Asian Cool on sale: East Asian Imagery in Transition through Hallyu in Contemporary Mexico”

Min Suk Kim, University of Texas at Austin

“Gender Crisis in Lee Chang-dong's Films”

Moisés Park, Baylor University

“Who Gets to be ‘Mother’?”

Marcy L. Tanter, Tarleton State University



### **3.3 Inside the Nation, Regionalism, and Diplomacy in East and Southeast Asia**

Room: Fleck 109

Chair: John H. Barnett, Emporia State University

“Setting Up an Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects in Vietnam: An Adventure”  
John H. Barnett, Emporia State University

“Tripolarity Structure and The Post-Cold War Asia Pacific Regional Politics”  
Mohd. Noor Mat Yazid, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia

“The Rule of Syngman Rhee: Setting Negative Precedents in South Korean-American Diplomacy”  
Kimberlee Ortiz, Texas Tech University / University of the Incarnate Word

**3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Session 4 (Panels 1, 2 and 3)**

### **4.1 Politics and Policy of Colonial and Postcolonial Korea**

Room: Fleck 106

Chair: Kimberlee Ortiz, Texas Tech University / University of the Incarnate Word

“Criminal Nature? Environment, Culture, and Colonial Policy in Korea, 1910-1945”  
Michael Sprunger, Hendrix College

“Disciplining Bodies, Practicing Defiance: The Politics of Modern Time in Colonial/Capitalist Korea”  
Seungyop Shin, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Lenient Client and Disloyal Contractors: Political Consequence of Developmentalism in South Korea’s Public Education System”  
Sunil Kim, Kyung Hee University / University of Texas at Austin

## **4.2 Approaches to Music-Politics, Film Industrialization, and Discourse: Cases from China**

Room: Fleck 108

Chair: Stephen Leach, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“The Establishment and Ideological Significance of the Music-Politics Relationship in Early China”

Chi Feng, University of Colorado, Boulder

“Crawling in the Dark: Film Credits and Chinese Film Industrialization”

Li Yang, Southwestern University

“Parergon: Li Yu’s Discourse on the Window”

[Wenfei Wang, University of Colorado, Boulder]

## **4.3 Challenges and Opportunities for Teaching East Asia in Globalization**

Room: Fleck 109

Chair: William Nichols, St. Edward’s University

“Teaching East Asia: The Persistence of Cultural Imperialism in World History Textbooks”

Paul Clark, West Texas A&M University

“An “Elite” Study Abroad Experience: The St. Edward's University-Asia Pacific University Dual Degree Program”

William Nichols, St. Edward’s University

“Increasing Korea’s Profile in the Asian Studies Curriculum”

Scott Langton, Austin College

**Keynote Address 4:45 – 5:45 pm (Mabee Ballroom A, 3rd floor of Ragsdale Center)**

**Dr. Katherine A. Bowie, Past-Past President of the Association for Asian Studies,**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

**“Folktales and the Politics of Humor: The Case of the Vessantara Jataka in Thailand”**

**Dinner 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Mabee Ballroom A, 3rd floor of Ragsdale Center, dinner available for those who have pre-registered)**

## **Saturday, October 19**

**Registration and Book Displays 8:00 am – 2:45 pm (Fleck Hall 3rd Floor Lobby)**

**(Note: Complimentary pastries will be available near the registration table from 8:00 – 8:30 am, complimentary coffee and tea available throughout the day)**

**8:30 – 10:00 am**

**Session 5 (Panels 1, 2 and 3)**

### **5.1 Exploring Contemporary Korea: Feminism and Conflict**

Room: Fleck 106

Chair: Jooyoun Lee, St. Edward's University

“‘I Was Murdered Because I Was Born a Woman’: Growth of Feminism in South Korea and MeToo Movement”

Haeun Kim, Austin College

“Inter-Korean Border Conflicts: Healing from the Inside”

Jooyoun Lee, St. Edward's University

### **5.2 Plays, Fictions, and Memory in Japan**

Room: Fleck 108

Chair: Dunja Jelesijevic, Northern Arizona University

“Wife's Rebellion: Inversion of Domesticity in Nō Plays Kanawa and Kinuta”

Dunja Jelesijevic, Northern Arizona University

“‘Simulated Narrator’ in Tamenaga Shunsui's Sentimental Fictions”

Jingyi Li, University of Arizona

“6000° Memory: The Fusion of Nation and Personal Trauma”

Michael Kuehl, University of Texas at Austin

“Space and Gender in Post-Occupation Japan: A Case Study of Tanaka Kinuyo's Koibumi (Love Letter, 1953)”

Yunfei Shang, University of Texas at Austin

### **5.3 Ecology, Norms, and Community in Asian Literary Traditions**

Room: Fleck 109

Chair: Carl Robertson, Southwestern University

“Waters and Stones – Qualities of Cultural Ecology in the Poetry of Tao Yuanming and Leslie Norris”

Carl Robertson, Southwestern University

“Nineteenth Century Indian SF: Revolutionary Futures, Scientific Education, and Influence of Western SF”

Suparno Banerjee, Texas State University at San Marcos

**10:15 – 11:45 am**

**Session 6 (Panels 1, 2 and 3)**

### **6.1 Producing Knowledge and Youth Culture in China**

Room: Fleck 106

Chair: Laurie Dickmeyer, Angelo State University

“From Yuhong Ban to You’er Yuan: Preschools in the People’s Commune (1975-1983)”

Jing Zhai, University of Texas at Austin

“Conservative Nodes in Revolutionary Networks? The Social Production of Knowledge Across the 1911 Divide in China”

Daniel Barish, Baylor University

“Literacy, Party, and the Masses in the Chinese Soviet Republic, 1931-1934”

Zach Smith, University of Central Arkansas

**6.2 East Asian Politics and Historical Legacy – Undergraduate Research from St. Edward’s**  
**Room: Fleck 108**

Chair: Jooyoun Lee, St. Edward’s University

“An Analysis of Children’s History Textbooks in the U.S. and American Perceptions of Japan”  
Jordan Goff, St. Edward’s University

“America’s Concentration Camps: A Comparative Analysis of the Detainment of Japanese  
Americans and Central Americans”  
Carolina Hernandez, St. Edward’s University

“‘Xi Dada’: Is a Rising Personality Cult Suggestive of a Return to Maoism in China?”  
Victoria Seekman, Graduate of St. Edward’s University

**6.3 Interdisciplinary Studies in China: Collaborative Study Abroad That Enriches  
Academic Immersion**

**Room: Fleck 109**

Chair: Sean Justice, Texas State University at San Marcos

“A Multidisciplinary Approach to Learning Chinese History and Politics”  
Patricia Schiaffini-Vedani, Texas State University at San Marcos

“Creating and Discovering Interdependence Together”  
Sean Justice, Texas State University at San Marcos

“Using Information and Data as a Cross-Cultural Communication Tool”  
MiHyun Kim, Texas State University at San Marcos

**Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm (Box lunch available for those who have pre-registered)**  
**Room: Fleck 305**

**SWCAS Board Meeting 12:00 – 1:00 pm (Everybody is welcome to attend)**  
**Room: Fleck 305**

**1:15 – 2:45 pm**  
**Session 7 (Panels 1 and 2)**

**7.1 Thirty Years after the Tiananmen Massacre: Unpublished Anonymous Poetry from the 1989 Student Movement**

Room: Fleck 108

Chair: Patricia Schiaffini-Vedani, Texas State University at San Marcos

Megan Gallagher, Texas State University at San Marcos

Emily Gregg, Texas State University at San Marcos

Makenzie Failla, Texas State University at San Marcos

Jonathan Rajan, Texas State University at San Marcos

Tristan Rawlings, Texas State University at San Marcos

**7.2 Issues of Global Asia**

Room: Fleck 109

Chair: Xiaofen Keating, University of Texas at Austin

“A Descriptive Analysis of Body Dissatisfaction and Social Physique Anxiety”

Xiaofen Keating, University of Texas at Austin

Xiaolu Liu, University of Texas at Austin

Jingwen Liu, California State University

Brooke Doherty, University of Texas at Austin

“Necessity, Opportunity and Beyond: Ethnicity in Self-Employment of the Immigrant and Ethnic Population in the UK: Evidence from Asians in Cambridge”

[Ruoxi Liu, University of Cambridge]

“America’s Concentration Camps – What the Incarceration of West Coast Japanese and the Detention of Current Immigrants Have in Common”

Sierra Glenn, Texas A&M University at Kingsville





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