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Ann Hartman
Dean, Education Program
East-West Center

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Richard R. Vuylsteke
President, East-West Center

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Parallel Sessions 1

1.1   Engineering

Friday, Feb. 15, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Washington Room
Moderator: Lelemia Irvine; Second Moderator: Lakpa Sherpa

Shekh Md Mahmudul Islam (Bangladesh), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
  Separation and Unique Identification of Respiratory Signatures of Multiple
  Subjects Using Microwave Doppler Radar
Xiaojie Xu (China), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
  Self-Assembled Monolayers on a Droplet
Anh Tuan Pham (Vietnam), Asian Institute of Technology
  Porous Broad Rigid Vegetation Structure to Mitigate Landslide and Flash Flood in
  Vietnam
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  Chloride

1.2   Social Issues I

Friday, Feb. 15, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Yusraa Tadj; Second Moderator: Nam Kwnwee Paw

Tsolmontuya Altankhundaga (Mongolia), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
  Taking a Feminist Approach to Eradicating Intimate-Partner Violence in Mongolia:
  The National Program on Gender Equality (2017-2021)
Laura Becker (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
  The Construction of Spy Cam Porn as a Moral Panic in South Korea
Neha Cariappa (India), University of San Francisco
  Rising Feminism in South Korea: A Timely Counter to Sexism
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  Level Playing Field for Woman in Korea: Focused on the Test Structure of Korean
  LSAT and Korean MCAT
1.3 Cultural Studies I

Friday, Feb. 15, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Erin Cheslow; Second Moderator: Anis Hamidati

Elizabeth Bennett (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
GoPro-Mediated Representations of Human Interactions with Colonial Infrastructures in Tahiti Nui, Ma‘ohi Nui/French Polynesia

Jack Anderson (USA), University of San Francisco
Talo to Turf: Polynesian Representation & Acculturation in Professional Sports

Eriko Oga (Japan), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Performing Japanese Romance: Gender Politics of Japanese Wedding Tourism in Hawai‘i

Emily Ricker (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
The Micronesian “Milk Run”: A Diachronic Critical Discourse Analysis of the Island Hopper Flight

1.4 Health & Population I

Friday, Feb. 15, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Amit Singh; Second Moderator: Nipuni Sirimalwatta

Vanessa Fan (China), University of Queensland
Does Income Inequality Affect Elderly’s Mental Health in a Developing Country?

Jason Hung (Hong Kong), London School of Economics
Psychosocial Wellbeing among Rural-Urban Migrant Workers in China: Did the 2008 Financial Crisis Worsen their Vulnerability?

Sara May [presenter] (USA); Hannah Chudleigh [author], Brigham Young University, Provo
Visual Communication of Health Organizations: Race Representation on Instagram

Dinar Kharisma (Indonesia), Brandeis University
Has Indonesia’s National Health Insurance Program Provided Protection from Catastrophic and Impoverishing Medical Spending? A Mixed Method Analysis
Parallel Sessions 2

2.1 Education I

Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Washington Room
Moderator: Manca Sustarsic; Second Moderator: Mark McCormick

Yu-Chieh Wu (Taiwan), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
An instructional Design Project: Cultivate Global Competence Through an Online Course for English Teachers

Jianhui Zhang (China), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Analyzing the Factors that Influence Undergraduate Students’ College Major Choices in China and the United States: With an Emphasis on the United States

Loi Le (Vietnam), Texas Tech University
Academic Hybridized Identity Transformation: A Postcolonial Reflection from Asian Graduate Students in American Higher Education

Hyunjung Lee (South Korea), University of Arizona
A Critical Perspective of English Education Policies in Korea

2.2 Political Issues I

Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Amali Wedagedara; Second Moderator: Laura Becker

Richard Toppo (India), International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague
Left Wing Extremism in India: Re-examining Challenges for Development and Governance in Insurgent Spaces

Nor Ismah (Indonesia), Leiden University
Indonesian Female Ulama Issuing Fatwas: Countering Gender-Based Violence from the Grassroots

Tenny Kristiana (Indonesia), Waseda University
The Rentier State, Democracy and Public Opinion: A Case Study of Indonesia Post-Authoritarian Era
2.3  Social Issues II

Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Stephanie Sang; Second Moderator: Nan Kwwee Paw

Hannah El-Silimy (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Rethinking Transnationalism: Indigenous and Ethnic Minority Women- Led Activism Across Borders in the Mekong Region

Miwa Naito (Japan), University of California, San Diego
Post-Conflict Reintegration and Female Ex-Combatants: Analyzing Vocational Training for Ex-Combatants in Sri Lanka

Chia-Hua Lin (Taiwan), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Story of Survivance by Hawai‘i’s Queen

Crystal Kwok (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Not Black and White: Feminist Imaginings of the Chinese in the Segregated South

2.4  Cultural Studies II

Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Anis Hamidati; Second Moderator: Andini Ekaputri

Maria Karaan (Philippines), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Dancing Spacetime: Choreographing Island Bodies in Dead Balagtas

Julienne Mamuyac (USA), University of San Francisco
Traditional Tattooing in the Modern-Day Philippines

Stefania Matabang (USA), University of California, Los Angeles
The Sword in the Sand: Philippine Medievalism under Martial Law in "Ang Panday"
Parallel Sessions 3

3.1 Philosophy

Friday, Feb. 15, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Washington Room
Moderator: Michael Schainfeld; Second Moderator: Tyler Esch

Zachary Clark (USA), University of San Francisco
The Government’s Double-Edged Sword: The Coexistence of State and Religion in Contemporary China

Takeshi Shirakawa (Japan), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Possibility of Mengzi’s Thought on Individual Autonomy

Margaret Pence (USA), University of San Francisco
Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy: Xi Jinping’s Masquerade Confucian System

3.2 Urban Planning

Friday, Feb. 15, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Yusraa Tadj; Second Moderator: Naw Kmwec Paw

Lakpa Sherpa (Nepal), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Losing Faith: Disappearing Vernacular Architecture

Arlene Santiago (Philippines), University of the Philippines
Urban Migration and Settlements: The Case of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) in Quezon City, Philippines

Van Barry Par (Philippines), Ateneo de Manila University
An Integrated Flood Risk Assessment of the Rural and Peri-urban Communities: A Case Study in Angat, Bulacan
3.3  **Environmental Issues I**  
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Moderator: Andini Ekaputri; Second Moderator: Rupananda Widanage

*Cheng Cheng Li (Taiwan), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC*  
The Critical Examination to the Dialogue between Indigenous Atayal People and Government through the Framework of International Indigenous Rights

*Joseph Edward Alegado (Philippines), Ateneo de Manila University*  
Framing Discourses and Mobilizing Towards Collective Action: Environmental Movements’ Resistance Against Extractive Industries in the Philippines

*Tanya Harrison (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC*  
Grazing as a Tool to Reduce Wildfire Risk at Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Forest Reserve

*Mohammad Shiri (Iran), Queensland University of Technology*  
Indoor Air Quality Impacts on Workers Productivity

3.4  **Cultural Studies III**  
Friday, Feb. 15, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Sarimanok Room  
Moderator: Erin Cheslow; Second Moderator: Anis Hamidati

*Mattias van Ommen (Netherlands), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC*  
Fantasy Characters as Vessels Towards Intimacy and Creative Expression in Repressed Social Lives of Contemporary Japanese Youth

*Sarah Strugnell (Australia), Australian National University*  
Spaces and Places: Emergence of Japanese Beer Culture in the Home

*Ichigo Kaneko (USA), University of Southern California*  
Postwar Manga and Erotic Re-imagination: Queer Practices of Looking in Takemiya Keiko’s Kaze to Ki no Uta
Parallel Sessions 4

4.1  Second Language Studies

Friday, Feb. 15, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Washington Room
Moderator: Masaki Eguchi; Second Moderator: Meghan Delaney

Hayley Cannizzo (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Scaffolding Critical Language Pedagogy with Beginner, EFL, Thai Learners

Robin Caselli (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Laminating Semiotic Resources in a Multilingual Feminist Rap Performance

Kyle Sasaoka (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Identity via Writing System: A Proposal for Hawai‘i Creole

Hyunjung Lee (South Korea), University of Arizona
How Communicative Practices and Strategies are Presented in EFL Texts

4.2  Health & Population II

Friday, Feb. 15, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Nipuni Sirimalwatta; Second Moderator: Amit Singh

Hannah Barnard-Chumik (Canada), University of British Columbia
A Globally Informed Youth Mental Health Strategy

Solange Saxby (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Comparing the Prebiotic Potential of Different Taro (Colocasia Esculenta) Varieties

Dinar Kharisma (Indonesia), Brandeis University
Has Indonesia’s National Health Insurance Program Widened the Insured-Uninsured Gap in Utilizing Skilled Birth Attendants?

Marichie Barbasa, Aprilei Ramirez & Katherine Kim (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Empowering Youth through Support and Place-based Education to Inspire and Perpetuate Critical Consciousness
4.3 Environmental Issues II

Saturday, Feb. 16, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Rupananda Widanage; Second Moderator: Amy Markel

Gioconda Lopez (Chile), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Effects of Harvesting and Environmental Factors on Antioxidant Production of Mazzaella laminarioides (Rhodophyta, Gigartinaceae)

Nicholas Igiehon (Nigeria), North-West University

Duong Nguyen (Vietnam), Arizona State University
Bromide Removal From Surface Water by Silver-Amended Coagulation

Matthew Bond (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Disentangling Biocultural Roots of Medicinal Plant Knowledge with Structural Equation Modeling

4.4 Social Issues III

Friday, Feb. 15, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Yuki Asahina; Second Moderator: Laura Becker

John Reyes (Canada), University of Calgary
Redirect: Countering Radicalization Using Community-Based Police Programs

Khathaleeya Liamdee (Thailand), University of Washington
Borderless(?) Mobility: An Everyday Life of Thais and Cambodians Lived on Chong Chom - O’smach Border

Poo Lum Jongsing (South Korea), Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz
Always Me: An Autobiographical Analysis of Korean Immigrants in the United States by Way of Germany

Izumi Matsuzaki Niki (Japan), York University
Immigration Policymaking Process for Foreign Care Workers in Contemporary Japan — Changes and Continuations
5.1 Education II

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Washington Room
Moderator: Mark McCormick; Second Moderator: Kazufumi Taira

Anis Hamidati (Indonesia), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC

Dewi Setiani (Indonesia), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Unpacking the Story of an Indonesian Foreign Domestic Worker in Singapore

Halimah Penno (Indonesia), Lehigh University
The Effect of Learning Tajwid on English Pronunciation for Students at the Second Year of MA Pon-Pes Ar-Rahman DDI Galla Raya

Nor Ismah (Indonesia), Leiden University
The Education of Female Ulama in Indonesia and Morocco: Comparative Studies on the Institutions and Curricula

5.2 Political Issues II

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Phianphachong Intarat; Second Moderator: Hanna Kim

Jane Son (USA), University of San Francisco
“Hermit Kingdom”: Bridging the Cultural and Economic Gap through Soft Power Diplomacy

Atieh Razavi Yekta (Canada), University of British Columbia
Understanding the Geopolitical and Economic Implications of Closing the Strait of Hormuz after US Withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal

Ko-Hang Liao (Taiwan), University of Cambridge
Resistance Reimagined: Post-Imperial Taiwan and the White Group, 1945-1952

5.3 Cultural Studies IV

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Travis Shaver; Second Moderator: Eun Bin Suk

Xiaoyu Zhang (China), University of San Francisco
“Foxi Yangsheng”: Decoding the Phenomenon in Contemporary China

Keqing Zhang (China), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
The Representation of Chinese Tourists in Japanese Newspapers – A Corpus-Based Critical Discourse Analysis

Brooke Phan (USA), University of California, Los Angeles
Dōi Mór & Diaspora: Message, Representation and Transnationalism of Vietnamese Nhac Vang

Ichigo Kaneko (USA), University of Southern California
What is a “Japanese Aesthetic?”: Takashi Murakami’s Superflat and the Valorization of Edo

Min Lim (Singapore), Columbia University
Currying Flavours: The British Colonial Diet and its Influence on Singaporean Cuisine (1945 – 1970s)
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6.1 Political Issues III
Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Washington Room
Moderator: Hana Kim; Second Moderator: Phianphachong Intarat

Atieh Razavi Yekta (Canada), University of British Columbia
The Effects of the Iran Missiles Program on Global Security: Assessing Operational Criteria and Military Effectiveness of the Iran Missiles Program

Kit Shaun Tommy Koh (Singapore), University of British Columbia, EWC
This is What Inequality Feels Like: Using a Relative Equality Model to Measure Inequality in Singapore

Jung sue Rhee (South Korea), School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Institut Interdisciplinaire d’Anthropologie du Contemporain (IIAC), Paris
“Mission Schools”: A History of Secularization During Korea’s Modernization Era (1866–1945)

6.2 Social Issues IV
Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Marina George; Second Moderator: Foley Pfalzgraf

Andrei Shkvorov (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Understanding Travel Destinations as Commons: In Search of New Forms of Tourism Governance in Hawai‘i

Alyssa Paredes (USA), Yale University
Follow the Yellow Brix Road: Taste and Topography in the Invention of the Philippine-Japan Highland Banana Industry

Jay Tarriela (Philippines), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Rise of the White Hulls in Southeast Asia

Valerie Shaindlin (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Challenging Library of Congress Subject Headings Pertaining to Hawai‘i

6.3 Cultural Studies V
Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Matthew Kelty; Second Moderator: Stephanie Sang

Adrian Ellis Alarilla (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Tiny, Great Realities: First-Person Documentary Cinema as Visual Archive of Diasporic Filipinx History

Angela Sebastian (Philippines), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Identity in the Process of Becoming through Dance: A Study on the Teqniklingz

Melinda Smith (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Trugernanner’s Bones: Indigenizing Tasmanian History and Palawa Representation

Brooke Phan (USA), University of California, Los Angeles
Đổ Mới & Diaspora: Policy, Representation and Transnationalism of Vietnamese Nhạc Vàng
7.1 Political Issues IV
Saturday, Feb. 16, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Washington Room
Moderator: Phianphachong Intarat; Second Moderator: Anis Hamidati

Duyen Bui (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
To Flee or Fight: The Emergence of a Transnational Rights Movement in Vietnam Post-1975

Margaret Pence (USA), University of San Francisco
Dictator Democracy: The Global Outlook for Cambodia Under Hun Sen

Ko-Hang Liao (Taiwan), University of Cambridge
Mao and Chiang’s Revolution for Recognition: The Second Taiwan Strait Crisis, the Great Leap Forward and the Project National Glory, 1958-1972

7.2 Social Issues V
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Moderator: Yuki Asahina; Second Moderator: Laura Becker

Omega Diadem Danganan (Philippines), De La Salle University
Church as a Workplace: Navigating Relationship Dynamics Between and Among Church Workers

Hitomi Sato (Japan), Tsinghua University
The Relations Between Government and Nongovernmental Organizations: Variety of Cooperative and Conflictive Relationships

Yi-Lin Tsai (Taiwan), National Chengchi University
Observing Netizen’s Behavior on Internet Forum Through Corpus Driven Inductive Method

Uyanga Batzogs (Mongolia), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, EWC
Cash to Compassion: Case Study of Mongolia’s First Senior Center
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Alarilla, Adrian Ellis
Tiny, Great Realities: First-Person Documentary Cinema as Visual Archive of Diasporic Filipinx History
Session No. 6.3 Cultural Studies V

Documentary photography and filmmaking, traditionally thought to be objective in capturing "truths", was used to represent those who cannot represent themselves. But feminist historian Donna Haraway argues that empirical, scientific ‘Objectivity’ is impossible and tainted by one’s perspective and background, therefore positing an alternate concept of ‘Situated Knowledges’. This idea is helpful in examining the rise of what filmmaker Alisa Lebow calls the ‘first-person film’ in the Filipinx diaspora. Aided by more accessible digital technology and the democratization of film, Filipinx filmmakers are turning their cameras onto themselves in order to more completely describe the multi-faceted nature of transcendent Filipinxness.

Alegado, Joseph Edward
Framing Discourses and Mobilizing Towards Collective Action: Environmental Movements’ Resistance Against Extractive Industries in the Philippines
Session No. 3.3 Environmental Issues I

The paper looks into the dynamics of anti-mining movements in the Philippines. It seeks to add to the growing literature on social movement and networks and environmental justice resistance movements.

Altankhundaga, Tsolmontuya
Taking a Feminist Approach to Eradicating Intimate-Partner Violence in Mongolia: The National Program on Gender Equality (2017–2021)
Session No. 1.2 Social Issues I

This paper examines the social neglect leading to the normalization of Intimate-Partner Violence in Mongolia. Hegemonic hierarchy and deeply-rooted patriarchal culture normalize toleration of many forms of violence within marriage and families. The paper points out the need for women’s movements and a feminist approach to familiarizing the term ‘feminism’ amongst Mongolian women to accelerate activism towards de-normalizing acceptance of partner violence. The main contribution of promoting feminism is the rich detail concerning how breaking the social meaning of partner violence and de-normalizing the accepting culture becomes the training ground for re-creating attitudes for women’s position in individual families and social structures.

Anderson, Jack
Talo to Turf: Polynesian Representation & Acculturation in Professional Sports
Session No. 1.3 Cultural Studies I

My research presentation is focused on Polynesian men within American professional sports. Beginning with the Polynesian Pipeline and the NFL, I will be discuss the origins of the phenomenon, the importance of mobility, and how historical colonialism is intertwined. For example, I will propose the idea that the “warrior stereotype” is a double-edged sword which will be complimented by the idea that Oceania is a “hole in the doughnut” for “outsiders.” I will then analyze how the NFL and the pipeline have become a catalyst for similar trends in the NBA and MLB.
Barbasa, Mariche; co-authors: Katherine K. H. Kim, Aprilei T. T. Ramirez, Jane Chung-Do, DrPH, Amber Makaiau, PhD, Chad Miller, PhD

Empowering Youth through Support and Place-based Education to Inspire and Perpetuate Critical Consciousness
Session No. 4.2 Health & Population II

The Kailua High School (KHS) portrait study is a qualitative research study on how educators, programs, and initiatives positively influenced students and their community. The purpose of this study was to conduct interviews with diverse groups of people associated with KHS and to better understand how innovative programs have impacted the school culture and youth outcomes over the past 15 years. Thirteen former student participants were contacted, but nine participants agreed to participate. The data collected are a snapshot of the ongoing project. Through the results, five main themes emerged from summarizing the former students’ experiences from the analysis of the data.

Barnard-Chumik, Hannah

A Globally Informed Youth Mental Health Strategy
Session No. 4.2 Health & Population II

Mental health issues, including anxiety and depression, present a significant challenge for youth. There is research indicating that treatment services are ineffectively allocated throughout the world, resulting in a lack of early access to treatment and poor mental health outcomes. This policy aims to improve the distribution of services using three evidence-based approaches informed by global research. These include improving awareness of mental health issues, mindfulness education, and online assessments of mental states by nurses. Services will be distributed through school systems, making them easily adopted throughout the world, including in the Asia Pacific region.

Batzogs, Uyanga

Cash to Compassion: Case Study of Mongolia’s First Senior Center
Session No. 7.2 Social Issues V

How does one start and sustain a non-profit in a new sector with limited experience and resources? This case study in Mongolia tells of how a few business-minded individuals with a passion to improve the quality of life for seniors started and sustained Mongolia’s first senior center and have been expanding its services for the past 3 years, encouraging engagement with peers and intellectual stimulation among hundreds of Mongolian seniors. They have implemented creative methods to further their mission, but the challenge of financing high demand senior services with limited resources and availability remains, for which this case study recommends potential solutions.

Becker, Laura

The Construction of Spy Cam Porn as a Moral Panic in South Korea
Session No. 1.2 Social Issues I

In 2018, a series of large-scale protests drew global attention to South Korea’s “epidemic” of spy cam porn, defined as photos or videos either taken and shared without consent or taken with consent and shared without consent (revenge porn). This literature review will explore the ways in which the Korean corporate news media reports on the issue of spy cam porn, and in turn, how the government has responded to it. The sudden attention and resources being given to the issue, even though it was happening well before 2018, is indicative of a pattern known as a moral panic.
Bennett, Elizabeth
*GoPro-Mediated Representations of Human Interactions with Colonial Infrastructures in Tahiti Nui, Mā'ohi Nui/French Polynesia*
Session No. 1.3 Cultural Studies I

In this paper, I discuss how people represent their interactions with colonially-imposed infrastructures through the use of GoPro cameras. The cameras mediate their users’ interactions with an environment which is mediated by colonially imposed infrastructures.

Bond, Matthew; co-author: Orou Gaoue, PhD
*Disentangling Biocultural Roots of Medicinal Plant Knowledge with Structural Equation Modeling*
Session No. 4.3 Environmental Issues II

Four out of five people make their own medicines from plants, and plant medicines were worth $98 billion in 2009! Medicinal plants also clean water and soil, control climate change, and protect wildlife. To help use and protect these benefits, my research tests how people’s lives, culture, and environment affect what they know about medicinal plants. I used computer models to explore how what 315 people in four villages in Solomon Islands know about medicinal plants is related to what plants are around these villages and personal data such as age, gender, income, and education.

Bui, Duyen
*To Flee or Fight: The Emergence of a Transnational Rights Movement in Vietnam Post-1975*
Session No. 7.1 Political IV

For the Vietnamese overseas community, its ties to the home country of Vietnam were not severed by circumstance and distance. Despite the conditions after the Vietnam War that forced a mass exodus, the desire to return to Vietnam, or contribute positively to the future of the country, still prevails. This paper examines the political opportunities, resource mobilization, and framing processes that led to the emergence of a transnational rights movement in Vietnam post-1975. In mapping out the movement building process, this study provides historical insight to analyze contemporary transnational activism revolving around issues like environmental protection and human rights.

Cannizzo, Hayley
*Scaffolding Critical Language Pedagogy with Beginner, EFL, Thai Learners*
Session No. 4.1 Second Language Studies

Critical pedagogy is the theory and practice of classroom education in which students engage in practices meant to create a liberatory, democratic classroom that questions systems of power. While the field of second language teaching has seen much literature examining critical language pedagogy (CLP) in English as a foreign language (EFL) classrooms, there remains a shortage of literature exploring CLP with beginner level language learners. This paper examines how a teacher-researcher in Thailand implemented CLP with the students in her low-proficiency, EFL classroom. The paper finds that through the use of “critical scaffolding” students were successful in engaging in CLP.
Cariappa, Neha
*Rising Feminism in South Korea: A Timely Counter to Sexism*
Session No. 1.2 Social Issues I

This research examines the crucial issue of sexism in South Korea and how the feminist movement has responded to it. The paper analyzes why, for such an economically advanced country, crimes against women are unexpectedly high and why the South Korean men respond so negatively to the feminist movement. The various aspects related to sexism and feminism in South Korea, like the workplace environment, #MeToo movement and influence of social media will be investigated. The aim is to analyze this prejudice against women and to discuss positive methods to eradicate it.

Caselli, Robin
*Laminating Semiotic Resources in a Multilingual Feminist Rap Performance*
Session No. 4.1 Second Language Studies

Rap music developed as a platform for disadvantaged groups to reclaim power, yet studies on rap tend to focus exclusively on the work of (rarely disadvantaged) male artists. Okinawan rapper Awich’s verse in the Japanese music video “BoSS RuN DeM” is a prime example of novel, complex resource utilization by a rapper challenging artistic, gender, and cultural norms. This paper examines Awich’s use of linguistic, aesthetic, and physical resources through a sociolinguistic analytic framework customized to provide new insights into critical issues of power dynamics in art.

Chudleigh, Hannah (author), presented by Sara May
*Visual Communication of Health Organizations: Race Representation on Instagram*
Session No. 1.4 Health & Population I

Healthcare organizations have dictated the ways that various races are represented in the healthcare industry. As health organizations post on social media, the visuals they share can have powerful influences on audiences. Although health organizations will sometimes purposefully feature subjects of certain races to reach certain audiences, these organizations must be careful to not perpetuate health-related stereotypes related to race. This study explored representations of different races in the images posted by major non-profit healthcare organizations on Instagram. The study found that Asians are being overrepresented by these organizations and are the race with the highest social media engagement.

Clark, Zachary
*The Government’s Double-Edged Sword: The Coexistence of State and Religion in Contemporary China*
Session No. 3.1 Philosophy

Over the course of the 20th century and into the Mao era, a mass movement of anti-religion swept across China. Temples and religious sites were destroyed, and religious individuals chased away to the periphery of society. After Mao’s death and China’s “opening up” in the late 20th century, religion made a revival into Chinese daily life. This research explores the evolution, revival, and impact of religion on Chinese society from Post-Mao China (1976) into modern day. As well as observing the multiple policies and methods utilized by the Chinese Communist Party to use religion to promote political and social stability.
Danganan, Omega Diadem  
*Church as a Workplace: Navigating Relationship Dynamics Between and Among Church Workers*  
Session No. 7.2 Social Issues V

This study is a humble attempt to understand church as a workplace in the context of biblical perspectives juxtaposed church as a unique case of an organization setting. Data were gathered from conducting face-to-face in-depth interviews among the church workers, namely, the church secretary, church caretaker, and the administrative pastor of an evangelical local church considered in this study. Results gathered show that church as a workplace is considered as a ministry, and there is a strong perception of sense of “calling” depicted in terms of how workers treat their work inside the church and their relationship with each other.

El-Silimy, Hannah  
*Rethinking Transnationalism: Indigenous and Ethnic Minority Women- Led Activism Across Borders in the Mekong Region*  
Session No. 2.3 Social Issues II

Drawing upon my own experience working with women activists in the Mekong region of Southeast Asia, this paper will examine how indigenous and ethnic minority women activists engage in transnational relationships and activism as a form of healing, empowerment and solidarity. While much of the literature on transnational civil society focuses on Western-led social movements, I will demonstrate that there are also examples of transnational movements led by minority and indigenous Asian women. Finally, I will discuss how these transnational relationships are not only based in a Western rights discourse but also in notions of intimacy and solidarity across borders.

Fan, Vanessa  
*Does Income Inequality Affect Elderly’s Mental Health in a Developing Country?*  
Session No. 1.4 Health & Population I

This paper considers the impact of variables at three different levels – city, community, and individual – on the mental health of the elderly in China. Evidence shows that income inequality and public health investment at the city-level exacerbates and reduces depression respectively. But these have no impact on depression when community-level factors such as infrastructure and health facilities are included in the model. This provides policy options that can be targeted either at the regional or community level but not both, thereby avoiding resource misallocation.

Hamidati, Anis  
*“With a Little Help From My Friends”: Using Social Capital for Workarounds in an e-Government-Based Scholarship Program*  
Session No. 5.1 Education II

When a person faces a challenge, a likely scenario is for the person to turn to her/his social network for help. The social capital that one person has can be an immense source of help, including to find information as well as other means to achieve a goal. This study looks into this scenario in the context of an e-government-based scholarship program by interviewing its users. It was found that there were three different sources of social capital: peer groups, home-university, and street-level bureaucrats. While the offline communication remains important, the online communication grows more prominent as the scholarship progresses.
Harrison, Tanya; co-authors: Clay Trauernicht and Linda Cox
*Grazing as a Tool to Reduce Wildfire Risk at Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Forest Reserve*
Session No. 3.3 Environmental Issues I

Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Forest Reserve on Hawai‘i Island contains one of the largest dry forest remnants in Hawai‘i and is threatened by fire. Grazing can reduce fire threat, but little work has been done in Hawaii. This study develops alternative grazing scenarios at Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a; examines how Hawaiian cowboy, or paniolo, grazing practices, could be used for land management; and examines values of Hawaii residents related to forest use. Grazing can reduce Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a fire risk, but is not affordable for local paniolo, who practice their trade as a cultural heritage. Results could help managers of other Hawai‘i fire prone areas.

Hung, Jason
*Psychosocial Wellbeing among Rural-Urban Migrant Workers in China: Did the 2008 Financial Crisis Worsen their Vulnerability?*
Session No. 1.4 Health & Population I

In China, migrant workers endured long working hours and insecure employment. This paper hoped to understand the relationship between socioeconomic and mental challenges encountered by migrant workers. The paper concluded better educated migrant workers held higher expectations in socioeconomic wellbeing. The better their socioeconomic wellbeing, the better their mental wellbeing. Meanwhile, when the gap between expected and actual socioeconomic wellbeing was widened, migrant workers suffered from worse mental health. After the outbreak of 2008 financial crisis, the gap between expected and actual socioeconomic wellbeing was narrowed, reducing the gap in mental health between socioeconomically secure and insecure migrant workers.

Igiehon, Nicholas; Co-author: Olubukola Oluranti Babalola
Session No. 4.3 Environmental Issues II

Food security is seriously under threat in many developing tropical countries as agriculture is becoming unsustainable due to drought stress caused by climate change. Besides, the world population is projected to double by 2040 and much of the population increase shall occur in these regions where hunger is already a problem. There is therefore an urgent need for a sustainable means to accomplish food availability in these regions. One of the ways to accomplish this is through the use of microbial inoculants as biofertilizers that will help to enhance the growth and productivity of agricultural crops such as soybean.

Islam, Shekh Md Mahmudul; Co-author: Victor M. Lubecke
*Separation and Unique Identification of Respiratory Signatures of Multiple Subjects Using Microwave Doppler Radar*
Session No. 1.1 Engineering

The work is at the leading edge of an emerging commercial technology. The usefulness of Doppler radar motion sensing for cardiopulmonary monitoring is highly dependent on the assurance that only a single cardio-respiratory chest motion trace is under examination. Prior attempts at such separation have involved significant hardware requirements to produce adaptive antenna beams and DOA and MIMO based algorithms. Our approach is novel and effective, applying JADE algorithm based independent component analysis to data collected by a single antenna beam to achieve the goal in a low-cost manner and scalable systems.
Ismah, Nor
*Indonesian Female Ulama Issuing Fatwas: Countering Gender-Based Violence from the Grassroots*
Session No. 2.2 Political Issues I

Examining the experience of female *Ulama* in issuing fatwas can help to understand how female Ulama exercise their Islamic knowledge production and Islamic authority in the male-dominated territory. It is not just because women mastering classical Islamic knowledge are scarce, but female Islamic authority is often being constrained by gendered norms or long existing tradition, for instance, that women cannot be Islamic authorities, and that female Islamic authority is less legitimate than it is when held by a male.

Ismah, Nor
*The Education of Female Ulama in Indonesia and Morocco: Comparative Studies on the Institutions and Curricula*
Session No. 5.1 Education II

My presentation will look at the experiences of Indonesia and Morocco for their practices of educating female Muslim leaders. My study shows that the emergence of the two programs in Indonesia and Morocco have a connection to the social, cultural, and political context where the institutions and programs are situated. The programs formulate the curricula to advancing religious knowledge for women as well as strengthen the selves by incorporating gender perspectives. As a result, they can play essential roles in mainstreaming gender equality and social changes through religious education with a non-patriarchal bias paradigm in Muslim societies.

Jong, Poo Lum
*Always Me: An Autobiographical Analysis of Korean Immigrants in the United States by Way of Germany*
Session No. 4.4 Social Issues III

This research aims to analyze what kind of person chooses to cross borders more than once and how their migrations correlate with identity development through Korean immigrants who were a guest workers in Germany and then migrated to the US. By qualitatively interpreting six case-narratives, this research reveals that the research participants have maintained consistency of self which was developed mostly until early in their adulthood while in Korea. Based on the findings, this research develops a new theory, a biographical gravity structure to pull Korean immigrants to be the same ‘me’ despite ever-changing locations.

Kaneko, Ichigo
*Postwar Manga and Erotic Re-imagination: Queer Practices of Looking in Takemiya Keiko’s Kaze to Ki no Uta*
Session No. 3.4 Cultural Studies III

This paper explores the relationship between manga, queer theory, and fan cultures by presenting an analysis of Keiko Takemiya’s “Song of the Wind and the Trees” (Kaze to Ki no Uta 1976-1984), often categorized within the genre of manga called “yaoi” or “shonen-ai” (translated as “boys’ love”). A genre that created by the commercial press in postwar Japan, it has since become a transnational phenomenon, thanks largely to a highly prolific and lively amateur fan culture. In Takemiya’s work, we witness the ways in which comics offers a site of resistance for visualizing identity in feminist, queer, and non-normative modes.
Kaneko, Ichigo
*What is a "Japanese Aesthetics"?: Takashi Murakami’s Superflat and the Valorization of Edo*
Session No. 5.3 Cultural Studies IV

This paper analyzes contemporary discourse on manga aesthetics that harken back to the *ukiyo-e* prints of the Edo period. Focusing in particular on artist Takashi Murakami’s theory of “superflat” art, it argues that while there are dangers of nationalistic discourse that can be traced in his work, it simultaneously generates compelling ways of thinking about the ways art responds to politics and cultural trauma.

Karaan, Maria Natividad
*Dancing Spacetime: Choreographing Island Bodies in Dead Balagtas*
Session No. 2.4 Cultural Studies II

In the *komiks* (graphic novel) *Dead Balagtas: Tomo I: Mga Sayaw ng Dagat at Lupa (Dance of the Sea and Earth)*, Emilian Kampilan offers choreography as a framework for mapping against modern/colonial regimes over time and space. She uses the comic book panel, which signifies the concept of time within a page, as a dense space to illustrate the multiplicity of bodies moving at once with different durations and distances and in varying proportions. By turning to dance, Kampilan reveals a choreographic perspective of the spatiotemporal, where bodies move in relation to each other through heterogenous time and space.

Kharisma, Dinar
*Has Indonesia’s National Health Insurance Program Provided Protection from Catastrophic and Impoverishing Medical Spending? A Mixed Method Analysis*
Session No. 1.4 Health & Population I

The study aims to evaluate Indonesia’s National Health Insurance (NHI) program on its effectiveness to prevent households from experiencing large medical care spending. The study will apply a mix of quantitative and qualitative analysis methods. The quantitative analysis will statistically estimate the NHI coverage impact on preventing households’ financial hardship caused by medical spending. The qualitative analysis will explore deeper information on how NHI has helped to cover households’ health expenses through a set of in-depth interviews. This study’s results will provide policy recommendations to NHI policymakers and other Asia Pacific countries developing their universal health care system.

Kharisma, Dinar
*Has Indonesia’s National Health Insurance Program Widened the Insured-Uninsured Gap in Utilizing Skilled Birth Attendants?*
Session No. 4.2 Health & Population II

This study aims to evaluate the termination of Jampersal, a universal maternal and child health (MCH) program, and its replacement by a non-universal health insurance system in Indonesia. A quantitative method using multi-year data will be employed to see if the gap between insured and uninsured mothers in skill birth attendant (SBA) use has increased after the policy change. A preliminary finding confirms that the insured-uninsured SBA use gap has widened after Jampersal termination and uninsured mothers were left behind in improving their access to SBA. This study’s finding is intended to trigger policymakers to improve Indonesia’s MCH policy.
Koh, Kit Shaun Tommy  
*This is What Inequality Feels Like: Using a Relative Equality Model to Measure Inequality in Singapore*  
Session No. 6.1 Political Issues III

Inequality is a growing concern in Singapore and in countries across Southeast Asia. Despite this, Governments have not suffered significant political costs for their indifference and inaction. Currently, measurements of inequality such as the GINI coefficient look at income differences before and after social transfers. I argue that existing tools do not reflect the political and social costs of inequality. In this paper, I introduce a new “relative equality” model that incorporates measurements of quality of life to supplement economic measurements of inequality. Such an approach conceives inequality as tangible rather than abstract and increases its alignment with political incentives.

Kristiana, Tenny  
*The Rentier State, Democracy and Public Opinion: A Case Study of Indonesia Post-Authoritarian Era*  
Session No. 2.2 Political Issues I

Rentier state theory is widely used by political scientists both in international political economy and comparative politics with the focus of the study mostly in oil-rich countries around the Middle East. A new approach is used for this paper which focuses on rentier state practices in Southeast Asia in the democracy era. The paper introduces a new approach based on an Area Studies perspective with focus on the public opinion on rent distribution in Indonesia. This new perspective brings variation on the rentier state discourse by introducing a new case study in Southeast Asia during the democracy period with a focus on rent distribution receivers.

Kwok, Crystal  
*Not Black and White: Feminist Imaginings of the Chinese in the Segregated South*  
Session No. 2.3 Social Issues II

The performative role of racism and identity can be examined through my process of documenting an unknown community of Chinese trapped between the black and white divide during the segregated era of the Deep South. By studying what is outside the dominant framework, a new way of seeing is possible, a way that illuminates the very problem in which we live.

Le, Loi  
*Academic Hybridized Identity Transformation: A Postcolonial Reflection from Asian Graduate Students in American Higher Education*  
Session No. 2.1 Education I

The persistent increase in international students indicates a zealous pursuit of dreams and possibilities through education in the US. However, research confirms that international Asian students struggle tremendously due to their identity differences in the American higher education environment. This research adopts postcolonial perspective to explain the subordination of international Asian students, the new subalterns, in the globalized era. Using narrative inquiry as data collection and narrative analysis technique, the research clarifies the perpetuated colonial effects of subordination of international students, and calls for a pedagogy of hybridity to foster their contribution to the multicultural higher education in the US.
Lee, Hyunjung  
*A Critical Perspective on English Education Policies in Korea*  
Session No. 2.1 Education I  

My paper discusses English education policies in Korea, social/political/pedagogical factors involved in them, and their impacts and problems. The purpose of my final paper is to show how a government’s policy can influence English teaching and learning and what consequences may follow through an analysis of English education in Korea. If an English education policy is made only by politicians or administrators without the participation and expertise of English education scholars and specialists, serious problems may result in a situation which might lead students to experience a variety of unnecessary difficulties that could hamper their English learning.

Lee, Hyunjung  
*How Communicative Practices and Strategies are Presented in EFL Texts*  
Session No. 4.1 Second Language Studies  

My paper is an analysis on discourses in an English textbook written for Korean middle school students in Korea. My focus on the analysis of a Korean middle school English text book is to see how discourses are written for Korean middle school students because it is an important tool they mainly use to learn how to interact in English.

Li, Cheng Cheng  
*The Critical Examination to the Dialogue between Indigenous Atayal People and Government Through the Framework of International Indigenous Rights*  
Session No. 3.3 Environmental Issues I  

In 1911, the colonial government successfully nationalized most of the surrounding mountains into state property in Taiwan from Indigenous Atayal people. Over the past 60 years, regional governments and mining companies have been appropriating these collectively owned resources from their rightful owners. These spatial, cultural and ideological changes of ownership have largely benefited corporate mining projects, which, further exacerbating poverty, destroy the local environment and displace indigenous people. Many Atayal people have utilized modern technology to make records of the traditional territory and their work supports the research for this film to find alternatives to the mining industries.

Liamdee, Khathaleeya  
*Borderless(?) Mobility: An Everyday Life of Thais and Cambodians Lived on Chong Chom - O’Smach Border*  
Session No. 4.4 Social Issues III  

This paper highlights overlapping interests of anthropology, geography and history which aim to raise social issues that only can be seen clearly at the border by observing the geographical setting of it. Being located on the edge of Korat Plateau and Dangrek Mountain has made O’Smarch community isolated from Cambodia’s lower lands. With an anthropological training, I am aware of their shared culture and ethnic closeness (Khmer) yet political difference that affect encounters and relationship-making between the two nationalities. Importantly, this area has complex historical background since the colonial era to the Cold War waiting to be unpacked.
Liao, Ko-Hang  
*Resistance Reimagined: Post-Imperial Taiwan and the White Group, 1945-1952*  
Session No. 5.2 Political Issues II

Looking at the early years of post-war Taiwan, this paper enables us to reimagine what Taiwanese people were resisting upon Japan’s defeat in the end of WWII. Drawing from the history of Taiwanese veterans of Imperial Japanese Military and wartime generation Taiwanese youths revolt against the Chinese Nationalist armies during the 1947 February 28 Incident and subsequent military reconstruction and wartime mobilization establishment executed by the White Group consisting of former Imperial Japanese military officers for the sake of retaking mainland China, this essay helps us understand how Japanese legacy and institutions were continued and redefine the meaning of defeat.

Liao, Ko-Hang  
*Mao and Chiang’s Revolution for Recognition: The Second Taiwan Strait Crisis, the Great Leap Forward and the Project National Glory, 1958–1972*  
Session No. 7.1 Political Issues IV

This paper looks at the 1958 Taiwan Strait Crisis, Great Leap Forward (1958–1962) and Project National Glory (1961–1972) by analyzing how Mao Zedong and Chiang Kai-shek’s notions of revolution shaped PRC and ROC’s competition for global recognition of the legitimate China. As the competition eventually led to the dramatic switch of diplomatic recognition of PRC and derecognition of ROC in the 1970s and altered the initial Cold War bipolarity structure, this essay enables us to rethink the impact that their revolution for recognition had and re-examine its implication for Taiwan’s struggle and opportunity for recognition under current US-PRC great power competition.

Lim, Min  
*Currying Flavours: The British Colonial Diet and its Influence on Singaporean Cuisine (1945 – 1970s)*  
Session No. 5.3 Cultural Studies IV

What impact does colonialism and decolonization have on a nation’s culinary culture? This paper examines how the British colonial diet influenced food consumption in Singapore during colonial rule, and how their subsequent decolonization impacted local cuisine (1945–1970s). Through colonial administrative records, cookbooks, and oral history accounts, this paper reconstructs the dietary habits of British soldiers, administrators, and expats in Singapore during the period. It argues that the British not only expanded the Singaporean imagination of various foods from Britain and its other colonies, but also contributed to new dishes in local cuisine. This was exacerbated during decolonization, where domestic cooks and food establishments — catered to the British — began assimilating into Singapore’s culinary scene.

Lin, Chia-Hua  
*Story of Survivance by Hawai’i’s Queen*  
Session No. 2.3 Social Issues II

In this presentation, I will test how applicable the concept of survivance is, derived from Native American studies, to Hawaiian literature. I will not only argue that Kānaka Maoli exhibited the spirit of survivance long before the term was first applied to the study of Native Americans, but also explore how the American Indian notion of survivance and Hawaiian literature can illuminate each other. By juxtaposing a Native American idea and a Hawaiian text, I hope to
bring these two cultures and peoples into a dialogue in the hope of contributing to the
decolonization of both peoples.

Lopez, Gioconda
Effects of Harvesting and Environmental Factors on Antioxidant Production of Mazzaella laminarioïdes (Rhodophyta, Gigartinaceae)
Session No. 4.3 Environmental Issues II

Worldwide seaweeds are cultivated and wild harvested for industrial purposes, however, they can have economic importance and cultural value for coastal communities. In terms of nutritional value, some seaweeds have shown high levels of nutrients and antioxidants. This study assessed traditional and current uses of intertidal seaweeds in South-central Chile, and evaluated how environmental factors, and harvesting, affect their nutritional potential. We used a case of study of Mazzaella laminarioïdes, an intertidal seaweed endemic of Chile, which is increasingly wild harvested for industrial purposes and is also traditionally consumed as a food by local indigenous populations.

Mamuyac, Julienne
Traditional Tattooing in the Modern-Day Philippines
Session No. 2.4 Cultural Studies II

There has been a growing interest in scholarship regarding traditional tattooing among anthropologists and archaeologists alike. This body of research exemplifies the pertinence of tattooing as a cultural practice. Thus, I further examine traditional tattooing in the Philippines, specifically in Kalinga, through the lens of history, culture, society, and politics. I theorize that the stigmatization of tattooing practices is due to Westernization, as I incorporate accounts from Kalinga tribesmen and city dwellers to illustrate the stark differences in attitudes regarding tattooing. In addition, I highlight the symbols of Indigenous tattoos to depict honor, beauty and survival among tattoo wearers.

Matabang, Stefanie
The Sword in the Sand: Philippine Medievalism under Martial Law in Ang Panday
Session No. 2.4 Cultural Studies II

This paper attempts to draw Philippine cultural productions, such as film, into discussions of practices of postcolonial medievalism, where European medieval motifs are appropriated and used in postcolonial spaces. The specific object of analysis will be the Filipino film Ang Panday, or The Blacksmith. The film was released in 1980 during Martial Law under Fernando Marcos’ dictatorship. A remake (2017) was recently released under the controversial Duterte administration. I argue that these films, particularly, their shared medieval-inspired ‘sword in the sand’ scene, are attempts to showcase conquering past traumas as a means of grappling with current ordeals.

Matsuzaki Niki, Izumi
Immigration Policymaking Process for Foreign Care Workers in Contemporary Japan — Changes and Continuations
Session No. 4.4 Social Issues III

This research analyzes recent policymaking processes regarding foreign care workers and housekeeping workers in Japan. I conducted an in-depth analysis on Japanese government officials’ meeting minutes to examine the motivations and rationale behind policy decisions. This research highlights continuity and change of Japanese immigration policy and its process. On the one hand, they continue to utilize a ‘side-door’ policy, repurposing existing programs
without major legislative changes and avoiding public discussion. On the other hand, their policymaking processes reflects neo-liberal values, being largely market driven and led by the Prime Minister following the advice of business leaders.

**Naito, Miwa**

*Post-Conflict Reintegration and Female Ex-Combatants: Analyzing Vocational Training for Ex-Combatants in Sri Lanka*

Session No. 2.3 Social Issues II

Reintegration of ex-combatants into society is highly significant to rebuild the stable society. This research analyzed how a vocational training program influenced the social integration for female ex-combatants in Sri Lanka. The study found that vocational training was designed with limited gender equality. As a result, males were more successful to be employed than females because of: 1) more job opportunities without high skill 2) skill matching with job 3) less constraint for employment. Finally, both vocational training and long-term employment policies are needed to promote job opportunities for female ex-combatants, which could help them to be reintegrated successfully.

**Nguyen, Duong; Co-authors: Shahnawaz Sinha and Paul Westerhoff**

*Removal of Hexavalent Chromium from Groundwater via Addition of Stannous Chloride*

Session No. 1.1 Engineering

SnCl2 addition showed a highly effective reduction of carcinogenic Cr(VI) to less toxic Cr(III), therefore, is recommended to treat Cr(VI) at impacted groundwater sites of United States, India, and Bangladesh.

**Nguyen, Duong; Co-authors: Shahnawaz Sinha, Phil Brandhuber, and Paul Westerhoff**

*Bromide Removal from Surface Water by Silver-Amended Coagulation*

Session No. 4.3 Environmental Issues II

Silver-amended lime softening is a novel treatment option to effectively remove bromide from drinking water, therefore, controlling the formation of carcinogenic disinfection by-products.

**Oga, Eriko**

*Performing Japanese Romance: Gender Politics of Japanese Wedding Tourism in Hawai‘i*

Session No. 1.3 Cultural Studies I

This paper explores an unexamined culture of Japanese wedding tourism in Hawai‘i since the 1970s. Using Japanese destination wedding magazines and interviews conducted with Japanese wedding couples, it examines how Japanese tourist industry and Japanese tourists have imagined Hawai‘i as a place for Japanese romance. This paper argues that the Japanese wedding industry has created a romantic image of Hawai‘i by utilizing a concept of wedding in their advertisements and constructing their own chapels on the islands, which has obscured the reality of Hawai‘i. This paper aims at rethinking the future of tourism in the Pacific with a critical lens.

**Par, Van Barry; Co-authors: Ma. Aileen Leah G. Guzman, PhD**

*An Integrated Flood Risk Assessment of the Rural and Peri-urban Communities: A Case Study in Angat, Bulacan*

Session No. 3.2 Urban Planning

This research assessed the risks associated with flooding which is likely to be caused by the extremities in weather conditions brought about by climate change. Geographic information
system was used to determine which areas in Angat, Bulacan in the Philippines would be subjected to greater hazards and vulnerabilities to flooding. Key factors were considered in assessing the probable flood damage, which are the topography and the land use/cover of the area. Combining these contributing factors to flooding, a flood risk map was developed using a GIS software which locates the communities with higher risks to flooding.

Paredes, Alyssa
Follow the Yellow Brix Road: Taste and Topography in the Invention of the Philippine-Japan Highland Banana Industry
Session No. 6.2 Social Issues IV

In most major markets in the world, Cavendish bananas are considered a “fungible commodity.” They are displayed in grocery stores under a generic product label and fetch a uniform price (49¢ per lb) determined largely by supply and demand. In Japan, however, Philippine-produced bananas are “differentiated products” categorized into “lowland,” “midland,” and “highland” types, where both sweetness and retail price increase with cultivation altitude. This paper explains how this development was motivated by the Japanese market’s pursuit of taste and colonial nostalgia. Importantly, it links the quest for sweetness with social, environmental, and political transformations in the Philippine highlands.

Park, Jungmin
Level Playing Field for Woman in Korea: Focused on the test structure of Korean LSAT and Korean MCAT
Session No. 1.2 Social Issues I

Although women face barriers to enter the workplace or to be promoted into the ranks of leadership, credentials-based jobs through school education or tests are relatively fair to women. However, my argument is that women are exposed to discrimination because of the structure of tests from the very beginning of acquiring credentials, even when they enter the schools, not the workplaces. I will confirm my argument with the case of law school entrance examinations in Korea. It is politically meaningful to see the law school entrance exam structure because the lawyers constitute a considerable portion of national elites in Korea.

Pence, Margaret
Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy: Xi Jinping’s Masquerade Confucian System
Session No. 3.1 Philosophy

This paper’s goal is to discern Xi Jinping’s foreign policy and its relations to Confucian values. First, it will examine the core Confucian values of international affairs. Next, it will examine Xi’s actions throughout the Southeast Asian region. Finally, it will breakdown Xi’s foreign policy and show how his agenda is masqueraded with Confucian ideals. Instead, China’s current engagement on the international level solely benefits China. While Confucianism could offer a substantial change to the current global order under Xi Jinping, a Confucian system cannot emerge because Xi is merely manipulating Confucian values instead of promoting Confucianism abroad.

Pence, Margaret
Dictator Democracy: The Global Outlook for Cambodia Under Hun Sen
Session No. 7.1 Political Issues IV

This paper will address the global outlook for Cambodia as Hun Sen continues to preside over the country. First, this paper examines Hun Sen’s rise to power, highlighting his rise throughout Cambodia’s turbulent modern history. Secondly, it discusses Cambodia’s
relationships with members of the international community. Finally, this paper analyzes the international outlook for Cambodia under Hun Sen. This paper concludes that Hun Sen’s power ambitions will alienate Cambodia from its regional neighbors and result in global denunciation; however, Cambodia will continue to survive under Hun Sen due to its Chinese patronage, underscoring the changing relations within Southeast Asia.

Penno, Halimah  
*The Effect of Learning Tajwid On English Pronunciation for Students at the Second Year of MA Pon-Pes Ar-Rahman DDJ Galla Rayya*

Part of the difficulty in learning a new language is mastering new sounds which are not used in your mother tongue. Indonesians may speak English for years but continue to mispronounce these challenging sounds. This study of second-year high school students at an Islamic boarding school examined whether having learned to pronounce the unfamiliar sounds in Arabic carried over to improved pronunciation of those same sounds in English and to what extent. The results showed a medium to a strong correlation between good pronunciation of the difficult sounds in Arabic and the same sounds in English.

Pham, Anh Tuan  
*Porous Broad Rigid Vegetation Structure to Mitigate Landslide and Flash Flood in Vietnam*

Vietnam is facing climate change problems, especially in the Northern area. The Government has been taking lots of measurements to try and mitigate this. Physical and non-physical structures are to be used in these approaches. The scientists and engineers in Vietnam focus their research on these important approaches.

Phan, Brooke  
*Dội Mới & Diaspora: Policy, Representation and Transnationalism of Vietnamese Nhạc Vàng*

Vietnam’s diverse syncretic music traditions uncover foreign and local elements, brought by the Chinese Policy of Sinification and French policy of *mission civilisatrice*. Music and performance reflect national identity. During war and division (1945–1975), two distinct forms of music emerged: red music (nhạc đỏ) in North Vietnam and yellow music (nhạc vàng) in South Vietnam. At the end of war and under the new reunified regime, yellow music was banned in the country and traveled in the diaspora by refugees. Openness since Dội Mới (Renovation Policy) in 1986 has further complicated shifting visions of a transnational music and national identity.

Phan, Brooke  
*Dội Mới & Diaspora: Message, Representation and Transnationalism of Vietnamese Nhạc Vàng*

During war and division (1945–1975) in Vietnam, both the Hanoi and Saigon governments used music to further their war efforts. At the end of war and under the new reunified regime, yellow music (nhạc vàng) became a focal point of eradication as part of Hanoi’s cultural policy. Meanwhile, yellow music (nhạc vàng) migrated with refugees and prospered in overseas communities while it remained banned in Vietnam. In 1986, Dội Mới (Renovation) began a process of opening up the country. Globalization, liberalization and shifting visions of identity have made yellow music a contested site between production companies, artists and transnational communities.
In order to mitigate the risks associated with the radicalization of youth and young adults into extremist groups, law enforcement agencies have started to use community-based police programs, which use civilian professionals as primary points of contact for at-risk individuals. My research looks to understand the structure of these programs, their definitions, and the factors that influence the potential use of these programs by the civilian populations they are designed to both protect and rely on for referrals.

Rhee, Jung Sue
"Mission Schools": A History of Secularization During Korea’s Modernization Era (1866–1945)
Session No. 6.1 Political Issues III

My presentation examines historical aspects of Korean secularization. Drawing on postcolonial approaches, I analyze the emergence and transformation of "mission schools" under successive colonial rules. Highlighting how early secularization in Korea emerged from interplays of local and international actors and ideologies, I contribute an Asia-Pacific perspective on secularism, which has been studied mostly based on North-Atlantic contexts.

Ricker, Emily
The Micronesian "Milk Run": A Diachronic Discourse Analysis of the Island Hopper Flight
Session No. 1.3 Cultural Studies I

This project looks at how Americans conceptualize and discuss Micronesia by examining representations of the Island Hopper flight from the 1970s to today. It mobilizes critical discourse analysis methods and theoretical frames on tourism and mobility to show the nature and consequences of these representations.

Santiago, Arlene
Urban Migration and Settlements: The Case of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) in Quezon City, Philippines
Session No. 3.2 Urban Planning

Social development is a crucial sector in urban planning. Understanding how cities manage their population significantly affects the urban and social landscape of an administrative boundary. Given economic considerations as driving force for people to migrate to urban areas, efficient resource allocation not only in basic needs is imperative. Spatially speaking, planning how a certain local government unit allocates spaces to its constituencies such as those considered informal settlers poses a challenge especially if resorting to out-city resettlements or relocations.

Sasaoka, Kyle
Identity via Writing System: A Proposal for Hawai‘i Creole
Session No. 4.1 Second Language Studies

Thus far, Hawai‘i Creole has been mostly written in an ad-hoc fashion using romanization that is perceived to resemble ‘broken English’. In an attempt to raise the status and prestige of Hawai‘i Creole, this project proposes a majority-non-romanized writing system composed of 38 letters representing the sounds of Hawai‘i Creole.
Sato, Hitomi

*The Relations Between Government and Nongovernmental Organizations: Variety of Cooperative and Conflictive Relationships*

Session No. 7.2 Social Issues V

In the past, relationships between government and nongovernmental organizations are regarded only conflictive, however, in the late 1980’s, it was revealed that there are a lot of cooperative relations in public services. After that, several scholars established various models, identifying the literature on the subject or the characteristic of some cases on public services. This article develops a model of government-nongovernmental organization relationships by identifying the characteristics of the relations between Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and NGOs. Then four types of relations are found according to features of foreign aid policy.

Saxby, Solange

*Comparing the Prebiotic Potential of Different Taro (Colocasia Esculenta) Varieties*

Session No. 4.2 Health & Population II

Taro is a nutrient dense food, high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Finding the nutrient composition, specifically fiber, of each variety is key to understanding the health benefits of taro. These fiber components have prebiotic potential. When prebiotics are paired with probiotics, the combinations help maintain balance in the gut microbiome. Diet plays an important role in contributing to the gut microbiome and overall health of an individual. Promoting a healthy diet that incorporates taro varieties, nutritious and culturally significant foods of the Pacific Islands, can help maintain a balanced gut and prevent incidences of diseases.

Sebastian, Angela

*Identity in the Process of Becoming through Dance: A Study on the Teqniklingz*

Session No. 6.3 Cultural Studies V

This paper focuses on how Filipino-American second and third generation artists based in Hawai’i, reconnect to their roots by going deeper into dance migration. This study includes an overview of conducted interviews with Teqniklingz, a specific dance group of Filipino-Americans based in Hawai’i. This paper aims to illustrate how the works of the Tekniqlingz reveal the Filipino-American identity through observing and supporting their shows and performances. A question I raised to myself, as a Filipino living abroad, is how does the awareness of migration affect tradition and identity as well as define “Filipino Identity.”

Setiani, Dewi

*Unpacking the Story of an Indonesian Foreign Domestic Worker in Singapore*

Session No. 5.1 Education II

Economic development often gives equal opportunity to women to participate in the formal job sectors, such as office work, leaving their traditional role in the household behind. This development creates abundant opportunities for women with lack of education and skills to fill the opportunities. Often, women from low income countries are needed to fulfill the jobs. This paper will share the story of one Indonesian domestic worker in Singapore who continues her study in an educational program that is offered by the Indonesian government. She was one of the participants in my work-in-progress MA thesis that recruited 12 participants.
Shaindlin, Valerie  
*Challenging Library of Congress Subject Headings Pertaining to Hawai‘i*  
Session No. 6.2 Social Issues IV

This oral history project gleans lessons from retired cataloger librarian Ruth Horie’s work between 1991-2012, which included correcting Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) pertaining to Hawai‘i. The findings of this research are of great use to the Library and Information Science discipline as they demonstrate best practice for identifying and correcting erroneous, incorrect, or misleading classification standards, particularly pertaining to marginalized and/or non-Western places and peoples. Such corrections have social justice implications, as they attempt to remove exclusionary bias within the Western cataloging standardization. Particularly in Hawai‘i, where Native Hawaiians are marginalized in their own homeland, this work is imperative.

Sherpa, Lakpa  
*Losing Faith: Disappearing Vernacular Architecture*  
Session No. 3.2 Urban Planning

The Gorkha earthquake on April 2015 brought a wave of turbulence in Nepal’s long seismic history, affecting 8 million people and breaking down 800,000 houses. The advent of reconstruction is an opportunity as well as a challenge for the entire nation to stand for its identity. However, the reconstruction led by government is not supportive towards indigenous construction technologies. Albeit the prevalent evidences of seismic-resistant features, these construction practices are overshadowed by modern technologies. Hence, this paper seeks attention for exploring such indigenous techniques and furthermore advocates for incorporating them in the post-reconstruction and recovery phase.

Shirakawa, Takeshi  
*Possibility of Mengzi’s Thought on Individual Autonomy*  
Session No. 3.1 Philosophy

My initial question for this paper is whether Confucian thoughts are strictly authoritative and anti-autonomous (and anti-democratic) as some western scholars accuse the Confucian societies as such. This paper scrutinizes the question through comparison of political thoughts; applying the Western, particularly Foucauldian thought about discipline and autonomy for individuals, I focus on comparison of different kinds of Confucian thoughts which respond differently to Foucauldian thought. Contrary to the banal accusation, Confucian ideas of autonomy and discipline are more complicated than they should be inadvertently dismissed as anti-autonomous thoughts. Mencius (Mengzi) in fact offers protagonist autonomous ideas.

Shiri, Mohammad  
*Indoor Air Quality Impacts on Workers Productivity*  
Session No. 3.3 Environmental Issues I

There is a causative association between Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) and workers productivity because of the impacts of IAQ on both cognitive performance and short-term health status of workers. Out of the 8 included studies, 6 studies supported a causative association between IAQ and workers productivity, and 2 studies rejected this association. Therefore, IAQ is not only a health indicator of employees, but also a financial indicator as well as it affects both the health and productivity of employees.
Shkvorov, Andrei
*Understanding Travel Destinations as Commons: In Search of New Forms of Tourism Governance in Hawai‘i*
Session No. 6.2 Social Issues IV

The presentation will introduce an interdisciplinary participatory-action and social-design research venture seeking to envision scenarios and suggest strategic blueprints for optimizing governance and development strategies of the tourism sector in the Aloha State along the vectors of de-growth, de-industrialization and re-humanization. The unit of analysis is the tourism system of Hawaii, in its structural, functional and phenomenological complexity. The research team argues that from the community’s standpoint tourism should be seen as a means-to-an-end system, one that depending on its configuration can either enable, impede or prevent the community’s progression toward sustainable prosperity and cultural harmony.

Smith, Melinda
*Trugernanner’s Bones: Indigenizing Tasmanian History and Palawa Representation*
Session No. 6.3 Cultural Studies V

This presentation looks at settler views of Trugernanner (referred to as the last Aboriginal Tasmanian) to show how indigenous peoples of Tasmania have been understood by settler history. These images do not do justice to indigenous Tasmanians and do not emphasize native perspectives. I counter these settler images with indigenous literary and historical accounts of being indigenous in Tasmania and dealing with invasion, violence, and erasure from settlers. By bringing these different perspectives together, it becomes clear that indigenous voices are an essential part of Tasmanian history, especially where its original people are concerned.

Son, Jane
*“Hermit Kingdom:” Bridging the Cultural and Economic Gap through Soft Power Diplomacy*
Session No. 5.2 Political Issues II

Under the Kim Jong-Un regime, the “Hermit Kingdom” is exhibiting an aspiration for cooperation and dialogue with the US, China, and South Korea. Such a change in Pyongyang’s political stance engenders renewed hope despite the unreliability and uncertainty. Both complete denuclearization and Korean reunification at the current timeframe is unrealistic. Therefore, this paper offers a viable foreign diplomacy trajectory regarding the provocative regime. Through a critical consideration of the Kaesung Industrial Complex, Trump Diplomacy, and international sanctions, this paper contends that inter-Korean soft power diplomacy will be the most effective approach in securing geopolitical stability.

Strugnell, Sarah
*Spaces and Places: Emergence of Japanese Beer Culture in the Home*
Session No. 3.4 Cultural Studies III

To Japanese people, beer is a social lubricant, a beverage of choice and the foundation for the evolution of a specific Japanese beer culture. In Japan, however, beer consumption in the private sphere, especially in the home, is largely ignored due to the sheer diversity of spaces and places where drinking takes place in the public sphere. Through a focus on Japan’s household electrification (katei denka) movement, including mass ownership of televisions and refrigerators in the late 1950s and 1970s, this study looks at the historical background and the social context of bringing beer into the home.
Japan caused the coast guard development in Southeast Asia specifically in those countries that fall within its sea trade route. The historical narrative of this research will illuminate how the pacifist Japan with imperialist past used the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) in establishing maritime cooperation with sovereign sensitive Southeast Asian countries to protect their sea trade route from 1968 up to the present time.

This paper concerns with the tribal populated areas of eastern and central India that are largely, if not wholly, ‘affected’ by the ongoing Naxalite Movement, a term broadly used in reference to the multiple left-leaning armed insurgencies currently limited to peninsular India. The paper makes a critical reading of the Statist discourse on challenges to development and governance in these ‘affected’ areas towards re-examining the bounded-ness of relevant entities, that of tribals, Naxalites and the State. It attempts to situate the development-governance practices within the fluidity of relations between these actors.

This paper aims to use Chinese corpus tool “Corpro” to analyze public opinion on an Internet forum named PTT in Taiwan. By using the Corpus-driven inductive method, we explored and generalized netizen’s specific habits and opinions toward the issue of the typhoon day-off declaration made by the local government. We found that most of the discussion of typhoon day-off declaration turned the natural disaster into a political problem, and focused on the criticism of certain mayors. Using the Corpus-driven inductive method not only combines disciplines between communication and linguistic, but also opens a new way to empower social science researchers.

I look at players of online games in Japan and how they use player-created “characters” that live in a fantasy world to interact with other characters. Doing so, they will often conduct in various forms of behavior, such as flirting or wearing sexy clothing that would not be possible in offline social locations such as school or the workplace. Even though these characters exist in fantasy worlds, I basically argue that in some ways their interactions can be seen as more human than offline interaction, because in the latter people often feel repressed.
Wu, Yu-Chieh
*An Instructional Design Project: Cultivate Global Competence Through an Online Course for English Teachers*
Session No. 2.1 Education

Fostering global competence is crucial for English teachers to thrive in the era of globalization. To equip English teachers with necessary skills, the purpose of this instructional design project is to improve openness, respect for people from different cultural backgrounds and global mindedness for English teachers at an online course. A pre-survey and post survey that include the facet of “Perspective-taking,” “Interest in learning about other cultures,” and “Global mindedness” will be used to evaluate teachers’ progress. After completing the online courses, English teachers are expected to be better prepared to cope with this multicultural society.

Xu, Xiaojie
*Self-Assembled Monolayers on a Droplet*
Session No. 1.1 Engineering

Langmuir monolayers self-assembled at the air-water or oil-water interface represent an excellent model for studying biointerfaces such as lung surfactant and tear films. We have developed a novel experimental methodology called the constrained drop surfactometry (CDS) that can be used as a miniaturized Langmuir balance by shrinking the water reservoir.

Yekta, Atieh Razavi
*Understanding the Geopolitical and Economic Implications of Closing the Strait of Hormuz after US Withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal*
Session No. 5.2 Political Issues II

Unlike the United States’ attempt to completely decertify the Iran Nuclear Deal, China fights for the Iran Nuclear Deal in order to fulfill its own geo-economic interests. Given its role in the Security Council and P5+1, China was critical to the accomplishment of the Iran Nuclear Deal. The aim of this presentation is to explain why the Middle East is being overloaded with different and sometimes divergent interests between the three major powers (the United States, China and Russia), and that negative trilateral interactions could lead to the vulnerability of the current economic and regional order.

Yekta, Atieh Razavi
*The Effects of the Iran Missiles Program on Global Security: Assessing Operational Criteria and Military Effectiveness of the Iran Missiles Program*
Session No. 1.1 Cultural Studies I

Much like Iran’s nuclear program, scholars and policymakers are puzzled to understand Iran’s intentions in developing its ballistic missile program. The aim of this presentation is to focus on the Trump administration policy towards Iran, in particular the United States’ attempt to force Iran to stop its ballistic missiles program. However, the total denial of Iran’s right to ballistic missiles sends a clear signal to Tehran that the United States is not interested in bilateral negotiations and seeks to weaken Iran’s defense capabilities, aiming to overthrow the regime.
Zhang, Jianhui
*Analyzing the Factors that Influence Undergraduate Students’ College Major Choices in China and the United States: With an Emphasis on the United States*
Session No. 2.1 Education

The factor of students’ choice of major in college has been neglected, even though it has major influences on students’ career. In both China and the United States, undergraduate students’ college major choice or choice of major can be affected by a few factors, demographic background (race, gender and ethnicity), future wage level of major, family socioeconomic status (SES), students’ personal experience and interests, students’ learning ability, parental influences, peers’ impacts, and so on. This literature review points out that these factors have interrelations that influence the student’s decision-making process.

Zhang, Keqing
*The Representation of Chinese Tourists in Japanese Newspapers – A Corpus-based Critical Discourse Analysis*
Session No. 5.3 Cultural Studies IV

It is generally assumed that Chinese tourists are portrayed negatively in foreign media despite the great economic boom they have brought about. This paper tends to examine the image of Chinese tourists in Japanese newspapers and analyzes two mainstream newspapers: Asahi and Yomiuri, considering their different political affiliations. The hypothesis is that Japan would demonstrate more rejection because of its economy and territory issues with China. This paper ends with the conclusion that indeed Asahi tends to be more liberal while Yomiuri is more conservative, but overall, the reports are comparatively positive and welcoming, which is opposite to the hypothesis.

Zhang, Xiaoyu
*“Foxi Yangsheng”: Decoding the Phenomenon in Contemporary China*
Session No. 5.3 Cultural Studies IV

From the discourse of one popular trend among young adults nowadays in China, the article delivers a positive interpretation about the phenomenon, “Foxi Yangsheng” (“FY”, 佛系养生), translated as “Buddhist Nurturing Lifestyle”. Buddhism and Traditional Chinese Medicine, two long-historical subjects are making their modernity through the young generations’ acceptances and practices. Based on results from individual interviews with young people and internet users’ behavior observation, it highlights the benefits of younger people embracing and making traditions in their own ways.
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