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on the Asia-Pacific Region**

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February 11–13, 2016

Program

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PROGRAM

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Registration

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Opening Ceremony

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Keoni Auditorium

Welcoming Hula and Chant

Kumu Hula, Māpuana de Silva
Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima

Conference Report

Sayaka Sakuma
Conference Chair

Thiwari Werayasobprasong
Conference Co-Chair

Opening Remarks

Mary Hammond
*Dean and Interim Director,
Education Program, East-West Center*

Dr. Charles E. Morrison
President, East-West Center

Keynote Address

“The New Global Development Agenda 2015–30:
Regional Implications and Your Role”

Amanda Ellis
*Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations
at New Zealand Permanent Mission Geneva*

Reception

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Wailana Room, Garden Level

Friday, February 12, 2016

Parallel Session 1

8:30 am – 10:15 am

- 1.1 Green is the New Black: Innovative Approaches in Land-based Resource Management**
- 1.2 Voluntary and Involuntary Migration and its Aftermath**
- 1.3 Are Women Still Living in the Shadows?**

Break

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Parallel Session 2

10:30 am – 12:15 pm

- 2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity**
- 2.2 Language Analysis and Endangered Languages**
- 2.3 Political Representation in Performance and Musicals**

Lunch

Makana/Ohana Room, Garden Level

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Parallel Session 3

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- 3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance**
- 3.2 Researching the Language Classroom**
- 3.3 The Essence of Life: Research and Management of Water in the Asia Pacific Region**

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Parallel Session 4

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- 4.1 Second Language Acquisition**
- 4.2 Socio-Political Identity Conflicts in Malaysia**
- 4.3 Health and Statistics**

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Moderator: Emily Wright (USA), Geography

Tiare Silvasy (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Utilization of Tankage, An Organic Local Fertilizer, for Crop Production in Hawai'i

Bronson Ha (Canada), Royal Roads University

Peter Tikasz (Canada), McGill University

Optimizing Implementation of Hydroponic Systems in Bangladesh for Food Security and Climate Change

Olivia Purba (Indonesia), The Australian National University

The Role of CBFM in Promoting Sustainable Development in Nepal: Challenges and Solution

1.2 Voluntary and Involuntary Migration and its Aftermath

Friday, Feb 12, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Yuki Asahina (Japan), Sociology

Anh Nguyen (Vietnam), University of Sydney

Impacts of Social Networks on Migration to South Korea of Vietnamese Migrant Workers

Conor Hughes (USA), University of Minnesota

Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia: Results From a New Survey in Vietnam

Hikari Taniguchi (Japan), Ateneo de Manila University

From Oral History of ex-JPEPA Candidates

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1.3 Are Women Still Living in the Shadows?

Friday, Feb 12, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Marlene McVey (USA), Applied Archaeology

Farha Naz (Bangladesh), Asian Institute of Technology

Intra Household Relations and Loan Use in Rural Credit Programs in
Adaptability to Flood on River Padma Char Villages in Bangladesh

Gita Neupane (Nepal), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center Alum

Impact of Sexual Harassment in Public Space on Women's Psychological
Wellbeing

Maura Stephens (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

"*Ano Hi No Nayami*": Concealing Menstruation in Japan

2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity

Friday, Feb 12, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Sarimanok Room

Moderator: Syed S Khan (Bangladesh), Economics

Gajendran Raveendranathan (Sri Lanka), University of Minnesota
Trend and Cycle of Low-Skilled Manufacturing Employment

Hyun-Gyu Kim (Republic of Korea), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
Estimating Demand Response in an Extreme Block Pricing Environment:
Evidence from Korea's Electricity Pricing System, 1995 - 2006

Dhanushka Thamarapani (Sri Lanka), Clark University
Impact of Natural Disasters on Household Assets and Child Health

Jamil Matalam (Philippines), Ateneo de Davao University
Understanding Poverty in the Bangsa Moro Region Globally and Global
Justice

Koichi Ishikuro (Japan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
One-Parent Families in Japan: Barriers to Success in Upward Social
Mobility

2.2 Language Analysis and Endangered Languages

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Moderator: Marlene McVey (USA), Applied Archaeology

Maho Takahashi (Japan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
A Critical Look at the Concept of Higher Education Quality Conveyed in
Advertisements by Vietnamese Private Institutions in Recent Years

*Kenneth Gofigan Kuper (Guåahan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West
Center Alumnus*
I Gefpa'go na Dinagi: Obstacles to Chamorro Language Revitalization in
Guåahan

Jean Murray (USA), University of Waikato
Exploring the Sound System of Ninde (Malekula, Vanuatu)

*Masashi Sakihara (Okinawa), University of the Ryukyus and East-West Center
Alumnus*
Emergence of Neo Okinawan and Loss of *Shimakutuba* Diversity

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2.3 Political Representation in Performance and Musicals

Friday, Feb 12, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Pago Pago Room

Moderator: Maseeh Ganjali (Iran/USA), Theatre

Robert Matthew Kelty (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

Bandit Lovers: "Post-Modern" Gender in "Classical" Kabuki

Wei Zhang (China), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Dialectical Contradiction in Postwar Milieu: The Chinese Influence of Lao Tzu and Mao Tzu Tung's Philosophy on Bertold Brecht's Late Creation from 1950 to 1954

Sangah Lee (Republic of Korea), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

What Pansori Says Now?: The Political Recontextualization of the Korean Story Singing and the New Awareness of Koreaness

3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance

Friday, Feb 12, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Ponipate Rokolekutu (Fiji), Political Science

Kristina Tannenbaum (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
Pulling the Strings: The Effects of Military Occupation and Rule on
Burmese Marionettes

Quan Vu (Vietnam), University of San Francisco
“Red Scare”: A New Twist on Structural Racism in Politics

*Justin Kim-Hummel (USA), Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International
Studies*
Lessons Learned from the Iran Nuclear Deal and 1994 Agreed
Frameworks: The US-DPRK-ROK Perspective

Julie Warech (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
Aloha 'Āina as Political Praxis-Contextualizing the Anti-GMO Movement in
Hawai'i

Kaitu'u Funaki (Tonga), Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) Japan
ODA in the Pacific Island Countries: Recipients' Perspectives

3.2 Researching the Language Classroom

Friday, Feb 12, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Hyunah Ahn (Republic of Korea), Second Language Studies

*Min Namkoong (Republic of Korea), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West
Center*
A Teacher's Role in Creating Positive Classroom Atmosphere

Jennifer Holdway (Canada), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
Mathematics and Multilingual Learners: Transformative Learning Through
In-Service Teacher Professional Development

Jayson Parba (Philippines), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
Translanguaging in a Multilingual Filipino Classroom: Language Practices
as Teaching and Learning Resources

Daniel Holden (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
Place-Based Learning Using Mobile Technology: A Case Study Using Multi-
Cultural Context in Hawai'i

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3.3 The Essence of Life: Research and Management of Water in the Asia Pacific Region

Friday, Feb 12, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Pago Pago Room

Moderator: Arlan Brucal (Philippines), Economics

Yu-Fen Huang (Taiwan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

An Evaluation of the Stability Indices for Local Convective Systems in Taiwan

Christopher Shuler (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Understanding Groundwater under the Direct Influence of Surface Water with the Stable Isotopes of Precipitation on the Island of Tutuila, American Samoa

Yune Leou-On (USA/French Polynesia), University of San Francisco

Water Security and Community Networking in Myanmar and Cambodia

Lexi Pope (USA), University of Georgia

Whatever the Future May Bring: Anticipating Future Socio-Environmental Change in Taveuni, Fiji

4.1 Second Language Acquisition

Friday, Feb 12, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Aya Takeda (Japan), Second Language Studies

Wenyi Ling (China), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
How Can Learning Experience and Tone Pair Similarly Influence the Perception of Lexical Tones

Lei Gu (China), Sichuan University
The Segmental Adaptation of English Anthroponyms in Standard Chinese

Jonathan P Erfe (Philippines), University of the City of Manila
The Morphosyntatic-Semantic Interface in the L2 Tense-Aspect Development of Selected Adult Filipino-English Bilinguals

Jung-Ts Lin (Taiwan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
Idioms in the Bilingual Mental Lexicon

4.2 Socio-Political Identity Conflicts in Malaysia

Friday, Feb 12, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Kaniela Room
Moderator: Hyunah Ahn (Republic of Korea), Second Language Studies

Michio Ueda (Japan), University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dynamism of Party Ideology Construction: Case from the Islamic Party in Malaysia

Humairah Zainal (Singapore), Nanyang Technological University
Ethnic Relations in Malaysia: Malaysian Undergraduates' Engagement with Race Relations in Malaysian Films

Emily Goh (Malaysia), University of Massachusetts, Lowell
The Clash of Ethnicities: To Explore the Nexus of Majority Supremacy and Ethnic Terror in Malaysia

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4.3 Health and Statistics

Friday, Feb 12, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Kenji Obadia (Cameroon), Biomedical Science

Eleanore Chuang (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center
Anal HPV Acquisition Increased HIV Seroconversion Risk in Thailand
Test and Treat Cohort

Tagayasu Anzai (Japan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
Association Between Atrial Fibrillation and Daily Physical Activities in
Japanese-American Men

Muhammad Nasir (Pakistan), Clark University
Prenatal Exposure to Shocks and Early-Life Health: Impact of Terrorism
and Flood on Birth Weight in Pakistan

5.1 Narratives and Identities

Saturday, Feb 13, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Sarimanok Room

Moderator: Anis Hamidati (Indonesia), Communication and Information Sciences

Robert H Mamada (USA), Arizona State University and East-West Center Alumnus
The Last Samurai: The War against Rationalization

Annie Kleiman (USA), The Fletcher School, Tufts University
Fractured Lives - Personal Narratives of the Chinese Cultural Revolution

Zoë McLaughlin (USA), University of Michigan
“The Promise was a Lighthouse”: A New Narrative of Chinese Indonesians in Tere Liye’s “Kisah Sie Sie”

Kiki Ssu-Fang Liu (Taiwan), University of California, Irvine
Brotherhood in Construction: The Tibetan Pilgrimage in Taiwan and Chinese Travelogues

Hikari Taniguchi (Japan), The United Nations Mandated University for Peace
Building a Culture of Peace through Children’s Narratives

5.2 21st Century China Internationally and Domestically

Saturday, Feb 13, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Hyunah Ahn (Republic of Korea), Second Language Studies

Jaehan Park (Republic of Korea), Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
China’s Role in the 21st Century, A Theoretical Analysis

Martin Kossa (Slovakia), City University of Hong Kong
China as a ‘Near-Arctic State’: Domestic Motives, Actors, and International Context

Xiaoqing Liu (China), Renmin University of China
Provider Payment Reforms of Social Health Insurance Systems in China: A Review of Recent Studies

Petra Kubalkova (USA), University of Hawai’i, Mānoa
Will AIIB Afford for an Increased Global Responsibility or Is It Just a Stealth Chinese Initiative for an Increased Regional Control?

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5.3 Lives Along Borderlands

Saturday, Feb 13, 8:30 am – 10:15 am, Pago Pago Room

Moderator: Julie Warech (USA), Anthropology

Phianphachong Intarat (Thailand), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Rethinking Migrant Workers' Precarious Lives along the Thai-Burmese Border

Khaikham Ladawan (Thailand), The Australian National University

Citizenship and the Right to Stay: the Case of Stateless Young Adults along the Thailand-Myanmar Border

Md Azmeary Ferdoush (Bangladesh), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

Exchanging Bangladesh-India Border Enclaves, Changing States, Changing Nationality: Problems and Prospects

6.1 Language Learning and Learner Identity

Saturday, Feb 13, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Sarimanok Room

Moderator: Hyunah Ahn (Republic of Korea), Second Language Studies

Chen-Yi Yang (Taiwan), National Tsing Hua University

The Role and Current Situation of New Immigrants' Languages in Taiwan

Jonathan P Erfe (Philippines), University of the City of Manila

Second Language Learning Motivation and Academic Achievement
Among Filipino College Students Across Professional Based Disciplines

Ding Wang (China), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Frame Change in Mandarin as a foreign language tutoring sessions

Michael Garrett (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

"Why you acking like one mahu for?": Encountering indigeneity and
sexual identity in language use in Hawaii

6.2 Asian Visual and Material Culture

Saturday, Feb 13, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Medha Sabhapathi (Sri Lanka), Economics

Shulang Zou (China), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Reconsidering Tibetan Contemporary Art in Presenting Tibetan Identity

Caroline Baicy (USA/Philippines), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Megalomania, Memory, and the Marcos era: National Shame and
Regional Pride in the Philippines

Erika K Enomoto (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

The Soft Power of Rimpa: Cultivating Kyoto's Cultural
Identity with RIMPA 400

Kristin M Remington (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Along the Road to Angkor: Khmer Art From the John Young Collection

Katie Lazarowicz (USA), University of Texas at Austin

Curation of Intangible Cultures and re-Invented Traditions: A
Contemporary Indian Folk Art Museum in Northern Japan

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6.3 Environment and Politics

Saturday, Feb 13, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Pago Pago Room

Moderator: Desiree Simandjuntak (Indonesia), Geography

Michael Dufresne (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Being at Home in the World: Ecological Ethics as Family Reverence and Self-Cultivation

Bronson Ha (Canada), Royal Roads University

Peter Tikasz (Canada), McGill University

Comparative Responses to Global Sea Level Rise Between Pacific and Atlantic Island Communities

Rollan Geronimo (Philippines), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

Fishing Lights from Space: Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Nighttime Fishing in Southeast Asia

Jared Dmello (USA), University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Terrorist Season: Analyzing Seasonal Trends of Terrorist Attacks in India

6.4 Philosophies of Worldly Engagement, Doing Good, and Alleviating Suffering

Saturday, Feb 13, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Washington Room

Moderator: Julia Crowley (USA), Urban and Regional Planning

John Allred (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Creation and Suffering in Advaita Vedānta and Yogācāra

Pavel Stankov (Bulgaria), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Dao, the Silver Rule and the Challenge of Moral Motivation

Jonathan McKinney (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Apoha and the World of Knowledge

7.1 Security Issues and Militarization in Asia

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Moderator: Medha Sabhapathi (Sri Lanka), Economics

Todd Inouye (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Militarization and Innovation Across the Asia-Pacific Region: A Case for Concern

Dylan Beatty (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

Conjuring Kalayaan: Mapping “Edit Wars” and Territoriality of the Philippines

Chikara Ishikawa (Japan), Waseda University

Japan's Gradual Re-militarization: Unsheathing the Sword Once Again?

Anna Vladykina (Russian Federation), University of San Francisco

Institutionalization of Multilateral Security Dialogue in the Asia-Pacific: Evidence from the <<Shangri-La Dialogue>>

Philip Reynolds (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

A Year of Living Dangerously: US Offshoring in Asia

7.2 Engineering Community Health Practices and Systems

Saturday, Feb 13, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Asami Nago (Japan), Anthropology

Somsook Santibenchakul (Thailand), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of contraception among Thai Muslim women living in Bangkok and the Southernmost provinces of Thailand

Azadeh Davari (Iran), University of San Diego and East-West Center Alumnus

Assessing the Most-In-Need Leadership Skills Among Community Nutrition Managers: A Qualitative Exercise in Iranian Health System

Yoko Toyama (Japan), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

What Can Social Workers Do for Higher Subjective Social Status of Immigrants in the U.S.?

Gary Glauberman (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Compassion, Collaboration & Curiosity: Preparing Nurses to Care for a Global Community

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7.3 Religion in the Transnational Setting

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Moderator: Syed S Khan (Bangladesh), Economics

Meghan Rose Donnelly (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Luar Biasa: Being Catholic in Eastern Indonesia

Joanna Kim (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Buddhism & Statecraft: Religious Colonialism in Korea

Laura Dunn (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

The Iconic Image of Chinnamasta: Mediating the Gap Between Text and Experience

8.1 International Education: Pedagogy, Advising, Influence, and Measurement

Saturday, Feb. 13, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Sarimanok Room

Moderator: Ram P. Neupane (Nepal), Chemistry

Kathleen Lynch (USA), Harvard University

Mathematics Education in International Comparative Perspective:
Comparing Instructional Practices in the U.S., Japan, and Hong Kong

Mary Beth S Marklein (USA), George Mason University

Unpacking the Soft Power of U.S. Higher Education in Vietnam

Huizhong Wang (China), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Validation of An Instrument Measuring the Impact of Parental Migration on
the Psychological Adjustment of Left-behind Children in Rural China

Jonathan Banfill (USA), University of California, Los Angeles

Urban Humanities: Pedagogical Methods for Producing Knowledge on the
21st Century Megacity

8.2 Diversifying Cultural Representations in the Context of Nationalism, Trauma, and Diaspora

Saturday, Feb 13, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Kathryn Metzker (USA), Geography

Brandon Oliva (USA), University of San Francisco

The False Smile: Uncovering the Hidden Impetus Behind Japan's Soft
Power Strategies

Jonathan Valdez (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and East-West Center

Drawing Exiles: Vietnamese American Memory Work in Vietnamerica

Faith Im (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Discovering Contemporary Choreographic Voices of Lebanon and
Palestine

Bryant Murakami (USA), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Cannon Films and the Ninja Phenomenon in American Popular Media

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8.3 Emerging Party Politics, Public Sphere, Inclusive Education, and History

Saturday, Feb 13, 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Pago Pago Room

Moderator: Gautam Anand (India), Public Administration

Weiling Deng (China), University of California, Los Angeles

Producing Public Sphere on Chinese Online Social Group:

Wechat, We Change

Nirmola Sharma (India), Delhi University

Indians in China during the Second World War: Revolutionaries or

Collaborators?

Michio Ueda (Japan), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Party System Development in New Democracies:

Theory and Cases from Asia



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PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Allred, John

Creation and Suffering in Advaita Vedānta and Yogācāra

6.4 Philosophy of Worldly Engagement, Doing Good, and Alleviating Suffering

This presentation will discuss the origins of the universe and suffering according to the Indian Philosophical schools of Advaita Vedānta and Yogācāra. I explain how their different descriptions of the world's creator lead to different explanations of the origin of suffering and how it can be alleviated. I then use this analysis to present how we can use contemporary accounts of creation to help us explore the origin and nature of suffering.

Anzai, Tagayasu

Association between Atrial Fibrillation and Daily Physical Activities in Japanese-American Men

4.3 Health and Statistics

This study seeks to estimate an association between AF and daily Physical-Activity (PA). This is designed as a cross-sectional study. The participants are 3743 Japanese-American men between 71-93 years in the Honolulu-Asia Aging Study in 1991-1993. The participants were divided into tertile of Physical Activity Index (PAI). Multiple logistic regression analysis showed that the odds ratio for the highest tertile of PAI was 0.54 (95% confidence interval, 0.37-0.81; $P = .003$) compared with the lowest PAI tertile as reference group. The results suggest that there is an association between AF and the highest tertile of PAI.

Baicy, Caroline

Megalomania, Memory, and the Marcos era: National Shame and Regional Pride in the Philippines

6.2 Asian Visual and Material Culture

The Marcos regime marked two decades of corruption, violence, and economic downturn. The research done on the Martial Law period rarely documents contemporary notions of this period. After ousting the Marcos family, two polarizing narratives have been formulated: a narrative of national shame, which downplays Marcos in their national narrative, and a narrative of regional pride in which the province of Ilocos Norte propagated a history that conflates truth with myth. The two narratives play an integral role in the dissemination of information on the Marcos regime, and is reflected in the art and architecture patronized by the Marcos family.

Banfill, Jonathan

Urban Humanities: Pedagogical Methods for Producing Knowledge on the 21st Century Megacity.

8.1 International Education: Pedagogy, Advising, Influence, and Measurement

The paper examines the UCLA Urban Humanities Initiative, a cross-disciplinary and cross-national yearlong research and teaching program for graduate students. Focusing on megacities in the Asia-Pacific, specifically Los Angeles, Tokyo, Shanghai and Mexico City, it brings together diverse disciplines, including the humanities, social science and policy (urban planning), and architecture, to examine key issues in these growing 21st century urban agglomerations. It will discuss the program from the perspective of its pedagogy, exploring the program's institutional background, goals, methods used (including mapping, film, urban ethnography, and digital justice projects), final projects, and experiences of the students.

Beatty, Dylan

Conjuring Kalayaan: Mapping “Edit Wars” and Territoriality of the Philippines

7.1 Security Issues and Militarization in Asia

Cartographic imaginings of Philippine territoriality evolve temporally, politically and epistemically. The recent intensification of territorial disputes in maritime Southeast Asia illuminates this cartographic evolution and accentuates the iterative nature of territory and the discursive characteristics of cartography. Six different states—Brunei, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, the Republic of China and Vietnam—claim the disputed ocean space oftentimes known as the Spratly Islands in a sea commonly known as the South China Sea. Filipino political elites elicit different space and place labels, asserting this disputed ocean space be officially known as Kalayaan and as the West Philippine Sea. Cartographic understandings of the territoriality of the Philippines are coated with the residue of three centuries of colonialism as well as more modern factors attributable to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Chuang, Eleanore

Anal HPV Acquisition Increased HIV Seroconversion Risk in Thailand Test & Treat Cohort

4.3 Health and Statistics

This study examined human papillomavirus (HPV) types in anal samples at two time points for gay men (MSM) and male-to-female transgendered persons (TG women) in Bangkok. Participants who tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) antibodies during the course of the two-year Test & Treat study were compared to those who remained HIV-negative during the same period. Testing HIV-positive was statistically related to gain but not loss of HPV from time 1 to time 2. Participants who gained HPV had more than 4 times higher odds of testing HIV-positive. HPV prevention might be another strategy for reducing new HIV infections.

Davari, Azadeh

Assessing the Most-In-Need Leadership Skills Among Community Nutrition Managers: A Qualitative Exercise in Iranian Health System

7.2 Engineering Community Health Practices and Systems

We conducted a qualitative study to find out the most-in-need leadership skills among community nutrition managers in the Iranian health system. Role statements and key informants were considered as data sources. Analysis of data emerged from job descriptions and semi-structured interviews with four key informants have suggested that almost all leadership skills are required by the target group. In the meantime, motivation, effective communication skills, and teamwork are the most-in-need competencies. Key informants have also mentioned that short-term training together with on-the-job experience and making accurate selections for managerial positions are effective strategies to build leadership capacity.

Deng, Weiling

Producing Public Sphere on Chinese Online Social Group: Wechat, We Change

8.3 Emerging Party Politics, Public Sphere, Inclusive Education, and History

Based on a one-year observation of conversation groups in China's most popular online social network, Wechat, this paper takes on the incomplete debate of whether China has public sphere and demonstrates a possible form of it that is constituted by a new intellectual class of Chinese youth scholars. Dependent on frequent exchange of expertise and stable access to international scholarship, the identified public sphere is exclusive in membership, inclusive of ideas, democratic in discussion, supportive to sentiments of feminist epistemology, relatively autonomous in management, and indirectly contributing to society and civility.

Dmello, Jared

Terrorist Season: Analyzing Seasonal Trends of Terrorist Attacks in India

6.3 Environment and Politics

It is a proven fact that weather conditions and seasons affect terrorist behavior. Much of the academic literature focuses on this phenomenon in Afghanistan; however, studying its generalizability has been understudied. This paper seeks to evaluate if terrorist behavior is influenced by seasonal changes in India. Afghanistan case studies found terrorism spikes following periods of extreme weather; this case study predicts the rise of terrorist activity during the Varsā and Śarad. By evaluating data from the Global Terrorism Database, this paper explores the dependency of trends in terrorist behavior on environmental factors.

Donnelly, Meghan Rose

Luar Biasa: Being Catholic in Eastern Indonesia

7.3 Religion in the Transnational Setting

The Catholic Church is a global institution with the challenge of uniting its diverse adherents, a challenge it addresses by encouraging Catholics to imagine themselves as members of a single family. I argue that an Eastern-Indonesian order of Catholic nuns draws on this transnational narrative, fostering a sense of the Church's international unity. In a departure from analyses which minimize religiosity, I attempt to demonstrate how some Catholics in Flores position themselves in relation to the global Church, not as deviants from an imposing foreign institution, but as important contributors to a religion that transcends place.

Dufresne, Michael

Being at Home in the World: Ecological Ethics as Family Reverence and Self-Cultivation

6.3 Environment and Politics

This paper attempts to develop an approach to environmental ethics that recognizes the significance of the ecosystem as a whole without discarding humanity's unique place within the world. This is done by adopting a Confucian perspective, which understands humans as fundamentally constituted by and interconnected with all things and the world holistically. Particular emphasis is placed on the metaphor of family in the Confucian tradition in an attempt to argue that just as people should approach their significant relationships through family reverence (*xiao* 孝), people should also revere their local environments as their homes.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Dunn, Laura

The Iconic Image of Chinnamasta: Mediating the Gap Between Text and Experience

7.3 Religion in the Transnational Setting

Indian religious images have lives of their own, both literally to devotees as the material manifestation of the divine and metaphorically as vessels of historical and contemporary meaning. The iconic images of India stand between lived religious experience and the many texts that describe and prescribe modes of religious worship. Chinnamastā is shown holding her own severed head with her left hand and a scimitar in her right. Chinnamastā is an exemplary deity of the Tantric tradition, in which images indeed come to life. Her enigmatic icon is a gateway to understanding the multivalent significance of the religious image.

Enomoto, Erika K

The Soft Power of Rimpa: Cultivating Kyoto's Cultural Identity with RIMPA 400

6.2 Asian Visual and Material Culture

Since the Edo period (1615-1868), Rimpa, a movement of painting and design, has operated as a promotional apparatus due to its capacity to advocate for a wide range of interests and concerns. The timely launch of Rimpa-related activities throughout the centuries reveals a historical trend of co-opting the traditional art movement as a soft power resource. Recently, the city of Kyoto designated the year 2015 as "RIMPA 400". The yearlong celebration commemorated the 400th anniversary of Rimpa's emergence while reiterating the art movement's cultural connection with the former imperial capital. This paper will look at RIMPA 400 as a case study in appropriating Rimpa to strategically promote, sustain, and cultivate Kyoto's traditional and cultural identity.

Erfe, Jonathan P

The Morphosyntactic-Semantic Interface in the L2 Tense-Aspect Development of Selected Adult Filipino-English Bilinguals

4.1 Second Language Acquisition

Based on the Aspect Hypothesis (AH), this study investigated the influence of inherent semantic properties of verbs/predicates on the L2 English tense-aspect markings of selected Filipino college students. Quantitative analysis of tokens from the learners' written narratives revealed certain associations between their verbal inflections and the predicational aspectual classes. Moreover, significant differences were found only in their use of the past morphology across classes when they were compared according to L2 proficiency level. These factored in several psycholinguistic underpinnings and showed partial evidence of the AH in an attempt to map the developmental stages of L2 temporal acquisition by Filipino bilinguals.

Erfe, Jonathan P

Second Language Learning Motivation and Academic Achievement Among Filipino College Students Across Professional Based Disciplines

6.1 Language Learning and Learner Identity

This study explored the relationship between the motivation for and the academic achievement in learning English as a second language (L2) of selected Filipino college students of Accountancy, Architecture, and Physical Therapy in Manila. The study showed an overall very good rating in their English courses and a high motivational level (especially instrumentally and intrinsically) among the respondents, yet it revealed a weak negative correlation between the two variables. Contextual and other crucial factors.

Ferdoush, Md Azmeary

Exchanging Bangladesh-India Border Enclaves, Changing States, Changing Nationality: Problems and Prospects

5.3 Lives along Borderlands

India and Pakistan started negotiating the exchange of their enclaves in 1958 but were not successful. After its independence from West Pakistan, Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) signed another treaty with India in 1974 to exchange the enclaves. Again the exchange failed due to internal political pressure. Finally, in July 2015, both the countries have agreed to exchange and the process will be finished by November 2015. Enclave dwellers, after leading a life of statelessness for 70 years, are being formalized as citizens now. With citizenship comes new opportunities as well as new difficulties. This paper explores both these opportunities and difficulties.

Funaki, Kaitu'u

ODA in the Pacific Island Countries; Recipients' Perspectives

3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance

Understanding of approaches to ODA in the PICs among the main donor nations of Japan, France, Australia, and China is ineffective. PICs way of interpreting these approaches and their respond is again, unidentified. This project attempts to provide strategies that are most effective when dealing with each donor countries in the following target recipient countries: Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and the Marshall Islands. A new framework for PICs to effectively engage with international donors and a model of understanding about how each of the donor countries approach international aid in practice is inevitable.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Garrett, Michael

"Why you asking like one mahu for?": Encountering indigeneity and sexual identity in language use in Hawaii

6.1 Language Learning and Learner Identity

This study looks at the language practices of non-heterosexual men in Polynesia. The presentation will focus on an analysis of interviews with 10 local Hawaiian men. Through interviewing, the participants show how they identify themselves through Westerns terms such as gay, but also indigenous terms such as māhū. Overall, the men recognize their identities as belonging to various social categories through the use of a Hawaiian third-gender term. I argue the term māhū is stigmatizing, but also empowering through indigeneity and collective social identity.

Geronimo, Rollan

Fishing lights from space: Spatial and temporal patterns of nighttime fishing in Southeast Asia

6.3 Environment and Politics

Nighttime satellite imagery from 1992 to 2015 reveal a high frequency of nighttime fishing activity in Southeast Asia with high clustering in areas of particular environmental conditions. The number of fishing lights has increased rapidly over the time period and recent finer resolution satellite imagery showed seasonalities in use of lights and encroachment in prohibited areas. This study demonstrates the utility of nighttime satellite imagery for spatially-explicit fisheries management in Southeast Asia.

Glauberger, Gary

Compassion, Collaboration & Curiosity: Preparing Nurses to Care for a Global Community

7.2 Engineering Community Health Practices and Systems

International exchange among nursing students provides opportunities for nursing students to develop their skills for promoting global health, broadened perspectives of global nursing issues, and enriches leadership ability. Global service learning provides a method for linking academic learning with hands-on, meaningful service to global communities. The purpose of this study is to use descriptive phenomenology to explore the lived experience of graduate nursing students while engaged in global service learning in Asia and Pacific island countries and explicate the impact this experience has on their personal and professional lives. A descriptive phenomenological approach is utilized for data collection and analysis.

Gofigan Kuper, Kenneth

I Gefpa'go na Dinagi: Obstacles to Chamorro Language Revitalization in Guåhan

2.2 Language Analysis and Endangered Languages

This presentation aims to explore the phenomenon in which many Chamorros in Guam seem supportive of the Chamorro language, while at the same time not actualizing this support through learning the language themselves or for those that already know the language, by not passing it to their children. This phenomenon will be argued to stem from linguistic colonialism, multiculturalism, and second language acquisition insecurities. Through an understanding of its origins, this presentation will attempt to disrupt this phenomenon and find ways of reversing the process through looking at alternative methods of language revitalization discourse and rooting revitalization in Chamorro epistemology.

Goh, Emily

The Clash of Ethnicities: To Explore the Nexus of Majority Supremacy and Ethnic Terror in Malaysia

4.2 Socio-Political Identity Conflicts in Malaysia

Understanding the causal roots for ethnic conflicts in Malaysia is crucial in analyzing the ethnic terrors and government policies formed to address the issue. This study seeks to develop a system dynamics approach in light of ethnic conflict theories to connect the relationships between ethnic identities, ethnic conflicts and government policies. This approach will enhance the apprehension of the rise of ethnic conflicts in Malaysia and to analyze the impact of the government policies on ethnic group behaviors.

Gu, Lei

The Segmental Adaptation of English Anthroponyms in Standard Chinese

4.1 Second Language Acquisition

Proper name transliteration has long been held as a non-technical and extra-linguistic undertaking, since people only need to consult a dictionary to locate the transliterated names. In this case, the users still remain oblivious to underlying principles responsible for the modifications of the names between donor and recipient languages, let alone judging whether the transliteration has been performed correctly. This paper provides an explanation for the required changes, expounding why and how illicit features in English proper names are modified to meet the requirements of Standard Chinese. The generalizations made in this paper illuminate the rationalization of proper name transliteration, not only across English-Chinese but also across other languages.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Ha, Bronson

Optimizing Implementation of Hydroponic Systems in Bangladesh for Food Security and Climate Change

1.1 Green is the New Black: Innovative Approaches in Land-based Resource Management

This study uses vertical hydroponic systems to address food scarcity encountered by poverty and climate change in Bangladesh. The adaptive aspect of hydroponics allows optimizing crop growth and environmental sustainability. Introducing a national environmental plan would teach hydroponic systems and promote environmental awareness to urban and rural communities for sustainable and adaptable food sources. Implementing hydroponics as an environmental plan addresses the challenges of malnutrition, stressors on natural resources and the impacts of climate change encountered in Bangladesh.

Ha, Bronson

Comparative Responses to Global Sea Level Rise Between Pacific and Atlantic Island Communities

6.3 Environment and Politics

A comparative study of the responses to global sea level rise by threatened Pacific and seldom-discussed Atlantic island communities. The differing adaptive and mitigative strategies highlight the contrasting capacities of the two groups, with the Pacific island communities facing greater vulnerability. This vulnerability, however, is largely man-made, and is a construct of latent European colonialism. While not providing a panacea to all cases, the responses of Atlantic island communities demonstrate the means and processes necessary for a secure future against the threat of global sea level rise.

Holden, Daniel

Place-Based Learning Using Mobile Technology: A Case Study Using a Multi-Cultural Context in Hawaii

3.2 Researching the Language Classroom

By utilizing a combination of theories of place-based learning and mobile technology, the research team at a university in Hawai'i was able to implement their design-based research into a real world game for a target group of ESL students. During the process, the game went through several iterations that were directly influenced by all of the stakeholders involved in the outcome of the project. Due to this unique distributed process of design, the game was able to be built and rebuilt with specific learners in mind, while at the same time introducing them to a local and physical context.

Holdway, Jennifer

Mathematics and Multilingual Learners: Transformative Learning Through In-Service Teacher Professional Development

3.2 Researching the Language Classroom

This study explores the engagement and reflections of 7 K-12 in-service teachers in a 15-week online, asynchronous, professional development (PD) course. Offered to teachers across the state of Hawai'i, this course addressed a simultaneous focus on English language development and mathematics content instruction for emergent bilingual students. Informed by transformative learning theory (Cranton, 1994; Mezirow, 1991), this qualitative study focused on in-service teacher written reflections through weekly discussions and summaries posted in an online group forum. Results reflect transformative learning and critical engagement across a number of important themes, citing the importance of such PD courses and implications for future research.

Huang, Yu-Fen

An evaluation of the stability indices for local convective systems in Taiwan

3.3 The Essence of Life: Research and Management of Water in the Asia Pacific Region

This study evaluates whether stability indices are useful in predicting local convective systems in Taiwan. The local convective systems without synoptic disturbances are chosen by the satellite image during July and August from 2005 to 2009. The life periods of the convective systems are estimated by the radar reflection, and the stability indices are calculated by the soundings from Banqiao. The results show that the stability indices are useful for predicting the occurrence of local convective systems, but explains very little about the life period of local convective systems.

Hughes, Conor B

Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia: Results From a New Survey in Vietnam

1.2 Voluntary and Involuntary Migration and its Aftermath

Human trafficking is one of the most widely spread and fastest growing crimes in the world. However, reliable data on human trafficking is almost non-existent, due to the nature of the crime. We present the results from a new survey that seeks to provide a model to help alleviate these data issues and hopefully help to bring about the end of "modern day slavery."

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Im, Faith

Discovering Contemporary Choreographic Voices of Lebanon and Palestine

8.2 Diversifying Cultural Representations in the Context of Nationalism, Trauma, and Diaspora

This research primarily investigates the choreographic work of the Sareyyet Ramallah Contemporary Dance Company in Palestine in addition to Maqamat Dance Theater's choreographic work in Lebanon, and their relationship to the region's post-war and present war experiences. Through interviews, personal experiences, and literature, I find a direct connection: conflict experiences remarkably inform the creative choices made by choreographers in these companies. In order to understand the context of these dances, the paper summarizes a conflict history of these regions as well as a history and evolution of dance.

Inouye, Todd

Militarization and Innovation Across the Asia-Pacific Region: A Case for Concern

7.1 Security Issues and Militarization in Asia

I find that country context matters for technology commercialization in the Asia-Pacific region. More specifically, I investigate how militarization at a country level can predict the ability to commercialize technology by newly founded firms in robotics. Using country and firm level data, I demonstrate that a significant negative relationship exists between militarization and the ability to commercialize. This means that the higher the militarization level of a country, the less likely new firms in robotics will introduce their technology to the market. I investigate Japan as a unique case for what relationships exist when militarization is relatively weak.

Intarat, Phianphachong

Rethinking Migrant Workers' Precarious Lives Along the Thai-Burmese Border

5.3 Lives Along Borderlands

An ethnographic study of undocumented Burmese migrant workers' lives in the Thai-Burmese borderlands. This research proposes an alternative narrative about 'precarious life' of migrant workers and the labor exploitation complex. It recounts how undocumented migrant workers perceive their life and livelihood situations; what they do to cope with their lack of legal status; and how their struggle shapes social dynamics in the Thai-Burmese border community.

Ishikawa, Chikara

Japan's Gradual Re-militarization: Unsheathing the Sword Once Again?

7.1 Security Issues and Militarization in Asia

Japan's treatment of its imperial legacy has caused resentment and distrust from its Asian neighbor countries, especially China. When the Cold War ended, Japan faltered and China has taken the opportunity to increase its relative power to fulfill what Japan fears to be its hegemonic ambitions. Since the end of WWII, with a dramatic change to pacifism from fascism, Japan has been described as an 'abnormal' state in its rejection of realist expectations with its pacifistic policies. However, Japan has recently shifted to a more 'pro-active' approach to security, substantially increasing its military budget and re-interpreting Article 9 to include collective self-defense - effectively expanding the JSDF's mandate in authorized use of force overseas in defense of an ally. After having their military budget at a fixed 1% of Japan's GDP for over a decade - Tokyo's shift to a more 'pro-active' security policy may be the turning point of the East Asian security dilemma.

Ishikuro, Koichi

One-Parent Families in Japan: Barriers to Success in Upward Social Mobility

2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity

Japan has a higher rate of relative poverty than would be expected. An increasing number of one-parent families confront difficulties in supporting themselves and their children. This paper provides an overview of Japan's disparity in income due to social inequality. The actual conditions of one-parent families in Japan are discussed. Obstacles to parents' intra-generational upward mobility are addressed in light of current Japanese-style employment practices and lack of social infrastructure such as various supports for one-parent families. This examination of intergenerational social mobility includes a look at the traditional school education system and its latent dysfunctions.

Kelty, Robert Matthew

Bandit Lovers: "Post-Modern" Gender in "Classical" Kabuki

2.3 Political Representation in Performance and Musicals

"Bandit Lovers" is an exploration of gender roles in two kabuki plays by MOKUAMI Kawatake, "The Woman Student" and "The Three Kichisas." The paper explores issues of identity and attraction, and places them within the context of Tokugawa-era Japan, the history of kabuki performance, and the genres of "cropped hair" and "bandit" plays. The resulting analysis reveals a conception of gender that is surprisingly modern (even post-modern) for plays written over 150 years ago — a result of the specific performance traditions of kabuki theatre, and a testament to the writing talent of Mokuami.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Kim, Hyun-gyu

Estimating Demand Response in an Extreme Block Pricing Environment: Evidence from Korea's Electricity Pricing System, 1995-2006

2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity

In this paper, I examine an effect of South Korea's non-linear electricity price on consumer's behavior. This paper particularly focuses on testing whether a steep increase of marginal price associated with increasing marginal and fixed price can make consumers to respond the non-linear price. This paper employs bunching analysis by using the results of South Korea's consumer expenditure survey from 1999 to 2009. Unlike previous studies, this paper surprisingly finds evidence that households are bunching before the threshold. The bunching evidence seems to be clear at the higher blocks, above 300kWh/month, and after 2006.

Kim, Joanna

Buddhism & Statecraft: Religious Colonialism in Korea

7.3 Religion in the Transnational Setting

In the years leading up to the Annexation of Korea, Japanese Buddhist missionaries were crossing the East Sea, seeking to cultivate relations with their Korean Buddhist brethren while simultaneously increasing their own standing in a rapidly transforming world. This paper will be looking at the impact of Japanese missionary work on Korean Buddhism before and during the Annexation by analyzing current literature on the time period, as well as various source materials. We will also be looking at the power dynamics between the Japanese clergy and Korean monastics, as they attempted to adapt their respective sects to their changing environments.

Kim-Hummel, Justin

Lessons Learned from the Iran Nuclear Deal and 1994 Agreed Frameworks: The US-DPRK-ROK Perspective

3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance

If the Iran Nuclear Deal is acceptable from a US policy perspective, why can't a similar deal be offered to North Korea? Due to the US backing out of an agreed framework under the Clinton Administration in 1994, the DPRK has stayed locked out of the global economy. If the US analyzed the successes and failures of both deals, a strong policy plan can be formed and offered to North Korea. If the US is willing to establish relations with Iran, why not North Korea?

Kleiman, Annie

Fractured Lives - Personal Narratives of the Chinese Cultural Revolution

5.1 Narratives and Identities

The Chinese Cultural Revolution irrevocably and violently affected the lives of every Chinese citizen who was alive between 1966 and 1976 – priceless artifacts were destroyed; accused “counter-revolutionaries” lost their jobs, their dignity, and sometimes their lives; and countless urban students were sent “down to the countryside” to perform manual labor with little hope of returning home. And yet those who lived through it rarely talk about it, and there is little appetite in the younger generations to hear those stories. This paper is an attempt to capture the first-hand experiences of my family members before they are lost to history.

Kossa, Martin

China as a ‘Near-Arctic State’: Domestic Motives, Actors and International Context

5.2 21st Century China Internationally and Domestically

The changes taking place in the Arctic region bring new opportunities and challenges for the Arctic states and the global community. Although China has not published any official Arctic policy, it appears to have set an agenda with regards to the region. My research seeks to analyze the motives behind China’s interests in the Arctic, the main domestic actors and implications for China’s broader international behavior by examining China’s Arctic cross-regional diplomacy, the interests of Chinese Arctic actors such as the state-owned enterprises as well as the writings of Chinese Arctic scholars.

Kudalkova, Petra

Will AIIB afford for an increased global responsibility or is this just a stealth Chinese initiative for an increased regional control?

5.2 21st Century China Internationally and Domestically

AIIB was established to alleviate the USD\$8 trillion gap in Asian infrastructure with an initial capital of USD\$100 billion. AIIB calls for a global decrease of economic barriers that prevent underdeveloped nations achieving their full potential. This paper will discuss the implications this new initiative might pose due to its nascence development, no prior expertise and only hopes for eradication of poverty through extension of loans. The prospects of AIIB are vast. However, the failure to deliver could bring with it the vehemently despised notions of evil vices of capitalism, globalization and the exploitation of the weak.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Ladawan, Khaikham

Citizenship and the Right to Stay: the Case of Stateless Young Adults along the Thailand-Myanmar Border

5.3 Lives Along Borderlands

This research attempts to identify and discuss the problems of statelessness along the Thailand - Myanmar borders, and present the challenges facing the current Royal Thai Government. Primary research result shows that stateless young adults are more likely to remain in Thailand and obtain Thai citizenship. Furthermore, most of Thai citizens (69%) also support these stateless young adults to gain Thai citizenship. Finally, the research aims to suggest a suitable way of balancing national security, human rights, and human security to encourage the Thai state to grant Thai citizenship to these stateless young adults so as to make them less vulnerable.

Lazarowicz, Katie

Curation of Intangible Cultures and re-Invented Traditions: A Contemporary Indian Folk Art Museum in Northern Japan

6.2 Asian Visual and Material Culture

A privately owned Japanese museum dedicated to Indian Folk art, and the National Crafts Museum, a major cultural institution in India, serve as examples of the ways in which political and economic interests of museums often fail to protect individual artists and their work, in the name of the preservation of (often intangible) cultural heritage, though paradoxically existing in the name of their celebration. This paper is part of a larger project which aims to extract a narrative of the economic development of modern India from the history of Mithila art, or Madhubani painting, a popular commercial Folk art with origins in rural Bihar, the poorest and least developed state in India.

Lee, Sangah

What Pansori Says Now?: The Political Recontextualization of the Korean Story Singing and the New Awareness of Koreanness

2.3 Political Representation in Performance and Musicals

This presentation deals with the recontextualization of *pansori* from the pursuit of universal morality constructed in the Confucian hierarchy to the politically oriented resistance. It delves into the historical narratives of the development of new *pansori* with a focus on a group named *badaksori*. As one of the most active organizations for *pansori* performances in South Korea, this group has shown a clear political inclination towards liberal democracy with strong nationalistic consciousness in its performances. I argue that this recontextualization emerged with the rise of new awareness of Koreanness, catalyzed by the discourses of nationalism and *minjungism*.

Leou-On, Yune

Water Security and Community Networking in Myanmar and Cambodia

3.3 The Essence of Life: Research and Management of Water in the Asia Pacific Region

Globally we are running out of drinkable water. Natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, and hurricanes can make our water unclean and move rivers or lakes away from our communities. 2.2 million people (twice the state of Hawaii) die every year because of drinking unclean water. Charitable organizations including the Global Water Partnership, WaterAid and Charity: Water work to help people who do not have clean water. Their work in Myanmar and Cambodia shows us how collaborating with local governments and communities with a focus on women and poor people can bring clean water to everyone.

Lin, Jung-Ts

Idioms in the Bilingual Mental Lexicon

4.1 Second Language Acquisition

The present study investigates how first language (L1) and second language (L2) learners comprehend idioms. Both L1 and L2 learners conceive the overall figurative meaning of an idiom can be derived from the literal meanings of constituents (i.e., semantically decomposable), but the reasons differ. Familiarity and semantic decomposability of an idiom are important to L1 idiom processing, and the similarity between L1 and L2 metaphor is important to L2 idiom processing. Moreover, language exposure and degree of familiarity are crucial to idiom processing, regardless of idiom context types. Possible explanations in relation to a modified idiom processing model were discussed.

Ling, Wenyi

How Can Learning Experience and Tone Pair Similarly Influence the Perception of Lexical Tones?

4.1 Second Language Acquisition

The purpose of this study is to investigate differences in the perception of Mandarin lexical tones (e.g. guo1-guo2) among three groups with different language backgrounds or Mandarin learning experiences. The main objective is to determine the extent to which the language learning experience and tone pair similarity (e.g. dissimilar tone pair: guo2-guo4; similar tone pair: guo2-guo3) can affect people's perception of Mandarin tones.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Liu, Xiaoqing

Provider Payment Reforms of Social Health Insurance Systems in China: A Review of Recent Studies

5.2 21st Century China Internationally and Domestically

This paper firstly combs through the timeline of the reform of provider payment in China, and then introduces the implementation and effects of main payment methods in three social health insurance systems. On the base of literature review, this paper finds some problems and causes in the provider payment reform and some deficiencies existing in the literature as a whole. Improvements in the provider payment policy, health insurance system, administrative organization and relative research in future are necessary.

Liu, Kiki Ssu-Fang

Brotherhood in Construction: The Tibetan Pilgrimage in Taiwan and Chinese Travelogues

5.1 Narratives and Identities

Kora, meaning “circumambulation” and “revolution” in Tibetan, is an arduous religious journey that engages meditative practice to circulate a sacred mountain or object in order to remove guilt. However, through PRC’s policy for encouraging tourism of “minor-national” areas in China, this religious pilgrimage is secularized to an itinerary that proffers bodily and mental challenges to tourists. Focusing on how Taiwan and Chinese travelogues emphasize the bodily engagement and the passion of fulfillment in these circumambulations, this paper discusses how the experience of Kora is reproduced, and materialized in the film industry, and how these representations construct the nationality.

Lynch, Kathleen

Mathematics Education in International Comparative Perspective: Comparing Instructional Practices in the U.S., Japan, and Hong Kong

8.1 International Education: Pedagogy, Advising, Influence, and Measurement

To what extent do high-performing Asian countries’ lesson scores on two classroom observation instruments, one generic, and one content-specific, align with influential views in the field of mathematics education of what constitutes high quality instruction in mathematics? In other words, how well do mathematics lessons from high-performing TIMSS countries ‘measure up’ on popular generic and content-specific classroom observation instruments? I use data from the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) Video Study (Hiebert et al., 2003), including videos of mathematics classrooms from Japan, the US, and Hong Kong, as an illustrative ‘test case’ to examine these questions.

Mamada, Robert H

The Last Samurai: The War Against Rationalization

5.1 Narratives and Identities

The Seinan Sensō (The South Western War) was the last civil war in Japan. The reason of their rebellion is not to overthrow the newly established government by the Grand Council. Rather, their “enemy” was the process of modernization and the “disenchantment” –the inevitable consequences of modernity and rationalization. They wanted to “destroy” disenchantment and once again set up the polity which was to be governed by the charismatic leader and emotional bonds between the leader and the members, which had been prevalent before the Meiji Restoration. Thus, their real enemy was modernity and rationalization, not the Grand Council.

Marklein, Mary Beth S

Unpacking the Soft Power of U.S. Higher Education in Vietnam

8.1 International Education: Pedagogy, Advising, Influence, and Measurement

This paper employs the tools of Critical Discourse Analysis to examine the process by which the United States has used the soft power of its higher education system to influence Vietnam's higher education reform agenda. Drawing from white papers, policy memos and related documents, it traces the history of U.S. efforts, beginning briefly with the deployment of U.S. higher education teams to South Vietnam in the late 1960s and culminating with the planned launch of Fulbright University Vietnam in 2016. The broader goal is to investigate the potential for an equitable collaboration that breaks with longstanding patterns of colonialism.

Matalam, Jamil

Understanding Poverty in the Bangsa Moro Region Globally and Global Justice

2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity

I basically argue in this paper that the incidence of poverty in the Bangsa Moro Region is best explained ‘globally’ compared to what I call individual-characterological and domestic-cultural explanations, and I advance the proposal that “compensation” for the radical inequality brought about by the global order be made state-specific, which is quite different compared to Pogge’s Global Resource Dividend and Lisa Fuller’s reforms in development aid practices, which divides the world between a homogenize global rich and homogenize global poor.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

McKinney, Jonathan

Apoha and the World of Knowledge

6.4 Philosophy of Worldly Engagement, Doing Good, and Alleviating Suffering

As a Buddhist, Ratnakīrti uses apoha, a theory of information exclusion, to justify human action in a world without external objects. As Ratnakīrti denies the existence of a lasting self, humans are left to become familiar with concepts through repetitive experiences of excluding what is out of their grasp. Through repeated experiences, a structure of agency forms and becomes stable in spite of the state of the world in flux. As the Buddhist world of momentariness and the dynamic world of embodied action are not so different, I will show how both can be used to help us understand the precariousness of information.

McLaughlin, Zoë

“The Promise was a Lighthouse”: A New Narrative of Chinese Indonesians in Tere Liye’s “Kisah Sie Sie”

5.1 Narratives and Identities

Tere Liye's short story “Kisah Sie Sie” is part of an expanding body of new portrayals of the Chinese Indonesian experience in contemporary Indonesian literature. While “Kisah Sie Sie” does subvert certain stereotypes such as that of the wealthy Chinese Indonesian, it instead presents a different kind of exaggerated reality, in this case one of extreme poverty. Nevertheless, the story provides commentary on a facet of the Chinese Indonesian experience that is little explored in contemporary Indonesian fiction and Tere Liye's choice to use a Chinese Indonesian character to comment on this social issue is striking.

Murakami, Bryant

Cannon Films and the Ninja Phenomenon in American Popular Media

8.2 Diversifying Cultural Representations in the Context of Nationalism, Trauma, and Diaspora

This presentation will examine the cultural and industrial factors that led to the figure of the ninja entering and becoming a fixture in American popular culture beginning in the 1980’s and continuing on today. I will argue that the success and popularity of the ninja in popular texts is directly tied to the story of the Cannon Film Group, a production company headed by two Israeli filmmakers. This is an interesting connection because this particular case study lends itself to a larger discussion of the circuitry and globalization of the martial arts film genre traveling from Asia to America via two Israel immigrants.

Murray, Jean

Exploring the Sound System of Ninde (Malekula, Vanuatu)

2.2 Language Analysis and Endangered Languages

Ninde is one of approximately 30 languages spoken on the island of Malekula, the second largest island of Vanuatu. The language has not been used in a written form to any significant extent. Most of the information that is available about the language is based on early missionary Bible translations or has been produced without audio recordings. For my dissertation, I investigated the sound system of the language, using data from recordings of Ninde speakers in New Zealand. The goal of this work was to create a working orthography, to contribute to community literacy initiatives. In my paper, I discuss the research process and highlight key differences between my findings and the findings of previous studies.

Namkoong, Min

A teacher's role in creating positive classroom atmosphere

3.2 Researching the Language Classroom

Based on this study, it could be said that a positive classroom atmosphere can be created through frequent communication, which results in increasing the level of comfortability and closeness in the classroom. Therefore, teachers' role in a classroom is crucial in order to facilitate and promote certain aspects of classroom atmosphere where students feel they belong and students work together towards common goals as a learning community.

Nasir, Muhammad

Prenatal Exposure to Shocks and Early-Life Health: Impact of Terrorism and Flood on Birth Weight in Pakistan

4.3 Health and Statistics

Pakistan faced two major but fundamentally different shocks, terrorism and flood, during the period of 2007-2012. Apart from direct and immediate cost of these shocks, there could also be indirect and long term negative consequences. Using Pakistan Demographic Health Survey (2012-13), the spatial-temporal variations of these shocks, and employing sibling fixed effects, the preliminary results suggest that in-utero exposure to both shocks have detrimental effects on birth weight. Potential channel for terrorism could be maternal depression as it leads to release of stress hormones such as CRH, ATCH and cortisol. Floods may have effects through nutritional deprivation and disease outbreak.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Naz, Farha

Intra Household Relations and Loan Use in Rural Credit Programs in Adaptability to Flood on River Padma Char Villages in Bangladesh

1.3 Are Women Still Living in the Shadows?

Women in Bangladesh have gained a reputation globally by different credit institutions for their excellent performance. This achievement is more notable given the extreme sociocultural constraints on women's adaptive capacity and their limited access to capital that would support livelihood practices. The high degree of control by men undermines the appearance of the positive social externalities expected from women's adaptive capacity and their potential loan transfers exacerbate gender-related tensions in household. But these loans foster women's capacity to undertake collective action rather than individual action as a result of facilitated household collective adaptive capacity to survive with natural hazards and improve household relation.

Neupane, Gita

Impact of Sexual Harassment in Public Space on Women's Psychological Wellbeing

1.3 Are Women Still Living in the Shadows?

This study examines the psychological effect of sexual harassment on women and their coping strategies and social support. Using a mixed method approach, the findings shows that some form of harassment made young women feel sad for a long time and it also caused mood changes and affected their relations with other people. They tend to utilize emotional and social support through friends by sharing their experiences. Using stress theory and social support and coping mechanisms, I will present my findings on the impact of sexual harassment and how emotional support influences an individual's psychological state indirectly through several social psychological mechanisms.

Nguyen, Anh

Impacts of social networks on migration to South Korea of Vietnamese migrant workers

1.2 Voluntary and Involuntary Migration and its Aftermath

This study aims to explore positive and negative aspects of migration networks of Vietnamese migrant workers during all phases of migration to South Korea, including pre-departure, staying abroad, and returning home. The main pillars of the theoretical approaches are the theory of social capital and social networks analysis which help to examine how social networks are formed and how Vietnamese migrant workers can approach and obtain resources from these networks. Data of the research was collected from in-depth interviews and participant observations conducted in Vietnam and Korea in 2013 and 2015. The findings show that social networks essentially support Vietnamese migrant workers to facilitate their migration; however, these networks also bring risks to them, especially female and/or undocumented ones.

Oliva, Brandon

The False Smile: Uncovering the Hidden Impetus Behind Japan's Soft Power Strategies
8.2 Diversifying Cultural Representations in the Context of Nationalism, Trauma, and Diaspora

Soft power is the means to co-opt others into getting what you want without the use of military force or coercion. Japan has successfully transformed its image from a nationalist warrior to a peaceful, benevolent nation through its innovative use of soft power. A discussion of Japan's soft power techniques, resources and strategies during the occupation of Taiwan, the Economic Apex of the 1980s and the Cool Japan period will demonstrate how Japan has entered into an era of favorable diplomatic relations on a global level and ultimately, the global impact that this use of soft power has had in its international relations.

Parba, Jayson

Translanguaging in a Multilingual Filipino classroom: Language Practices as Teaching and Learning Resources
3.2 Researching the Language Classroom

This study sets out to explore the potentials of translanguaging or the flexible use of linguistic resources by bilinguals (Garcia, 2009) as teaching and learning resources in a multilingual Filipino heritage language classroom. It specifically explores the pedagogical use of bilingual instructional materials and my own dynamic language practices as a multilingual language teacher. It likewise examines how my students' plurilingual language practices were treated as resources to develop their language proficiency and to validate their multiple identities as L2/heritage language learners.

Park, Jaehan

China's Role in the 21st Century, A theoretical analysis
5.2 21st Century China Internationally and Domestically

China will remain flexible in the conduct of its foreign policy. First, China is likely to cooperate with the United States in bolstering the existing international system where their interest converges. In the case their interest diverges, it is expected that China will avoid an outright conflict, but try to 'shirk' the system at the same time. Finally, should their interest collide, China is likely to adopt a 'spoiler' strategy, delegitimizing the hegemon and the system.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Pope, Lexi

Whatever the Future May Bring: Anticipating Future Socio-Environmental Change in Taveuni, Fiji

3.3 The Essence of Life: Research and Management of Water in the Asia Pacific Region

Across Pacific Island countries, researchers have shown that the construction of hydropower dams can have dire social and environmental effects on local populations. While most transnational development policy addresses issues of environmental change via environmental impact statements, it often ignores the potential socio-cultural changes that can occur, as well as how people anticipate change. Perceptions about the future help local communities envision ways to adapt and cope with future challenges and are critical to the design of sustainable development policies. I will address this discrepancy by investigating how people in Taveuni, Fiji, envision the future impacts of hydropower development.

Purba, Olivia

The Role of CBFM in Promoting Sustainable Development in Nepal: Challenges and Solution

1.1 Green is the New Black: Innovative Approaches in Land-based Resource Management

The implementation of CBFM in Nepal has not been able to balance the social justice pillar in sustainable development. This is due to elites' domination of leadership roles in CFUGs, disproportional representation of marginalized groups in CFUG decision-making process and lack of awareness raising activity on CF's rules and regulations among user groups. Despite government's efforts to eliminate social exclusion through a participatory approach has raised attention on the inequality discourse though it has not been effective in solving the core problem of inequality. Finally, initiatives by the government to provide additional funds and training for alternative income generation activities for marginalized groups is a solution to tackle social exclusion issues in Nepal's CBFM.

Raveendranathan, Gajendran

Trend and cycle of low-skilled manufacturing employment

2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity

Low-skilled manufacturing employment as a percentage of population (16 and over), decreased in the U.S. economy by 9.7 percentage points from 1967 to 2015. 71 percent of this decrease is observed during recessions. This paper builds a general equilibrium model with substitutability between equipment and low-skilled manufacturing employment. When the transition is computed with only investment-specific productivity, only 18 percent of the decrease in low-skilled manufacturing employment is observed during recessions. When the transition is computed with both investment-specific productivity and labor-augmenting productivity, 52 percent of the decrease is observed during recessions.

Remington, Kristin, M

Fragments & Empire: Cambodian Art from the Angkor Period

6.2 Asian Visual and Material Culture

John Chin Young (1909-1997) was a painter and local art collector who resided in Hawaii. Young gifted a portion of his collection to the Honolulu Museum of Art (HMA) between 1991-1992 and a handful of art to the John Young Museum of Art in 1997. As part of my Master's Thesis in South and Southeast Asian Art History, I have sought to re-unite the John Young collection and consider how this group of Khmer art speaks to a specific moment of mainland Southeast Asia's history, looking critically at the role of artistic traditions as they traveled outside of Angkor's center and throughout the Khmer empire.

Reynolds, Philip

A Year of Living Dangerously: US Offshoring in Asia

7.1 Security Issues and Militarization in Asia

This paper explores the current U.S. policy of off-shoring in Asia as a method of countering Chinese influence. I will trace U.S. and Chinese developments in order to analyze the effects of U.S. and Chinese maneuvering in the Pacific. This paper uses an ontological construct to place actions in relationship to goals which will reveal the essentially realist policies pursued by the U.S. and China in Asia despite messaging to the contrary. This necessarily theoretical approach will provide a useful framework for explaining possible future policy decisions by the U.S. and China and the effects on smaller Asian states.

Sakihara, Masashi

Emergence of Neo Okinawan and Loss of Shimakutuba Diversity

2.2 Language Analysis and Endangered Languages

After the long years of campaigning language revitalization in Hawai'i, a new type of Hawaiian language called NEO Hawaiian has been expanded by the second language learners of NEO Hawaiian and oppressing the traditional Hawaiian language(s). The similar phenomenon, the advent of a neo-Okinawan language (NEO Okinawan), can also be confirmed on the Ryukyu Islands, particularly in the south-central region of Okinawa Island. Teaching only NEO Okinawan at academic institutions, such as universities, has possibility to accelerate standardization of traditional languages and dialects. Shimakutuba (ancestral language) education must aim to preserve all varieties of traditional languages and dialects in danger.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Santibenchakul, Somsook

Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of contraception among Thai Muslim women living in Bangkok and the Southernmost provinces of Thailand

7.2 Engineering Community Health Practices and Systems

The aim of this community-based, cross-sectional study was to assess the contraceptive knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP), and its associated factors in Thai Muslim women living in Bangkok and the Southernmost provinces of Thailand. Multi-stage, cluster sampling was used to acquire 423 Thai Muslim women aged between 15-49 years who lived in their hometowns. Knowledge and attitude scores were comparable. However, a higher proportion of women from the Southernmost provinces used contraceptives. From multivariate analysis, geographical residence was not associated with contraceptive KAP whereas the women's educational level, income level, and number of children did.

Sharma, Nirmola

Indians in China during the Second World War: Revolutionaries or Collaborators?

8.3 Emerging Party Politics, Public Sphere, Inclusive Education, and History

This paper attempts to analyze the activities of Indian immigrants in China during the Second World War. The Indians in China during the war period had organized under one umbrella organization called the Indian National Army (INA) with the aid and support of the Japanese occupation authorities. When the war ended, many of the Indians in China were deported and arrested for "collaborating" with Japan. This paper tries to look at the activities of Indians in China by placing it within the larger debates of collaborationism and would like to interrogate if their activities were collaborationist or revolutionary in nature?

Shuler, Christopher

Understanding Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water with the Stable Isotopes of Precipitation on the Island of Tutuila, American Samoa

3.3 The Essence of Life: Research and Management of Water in the Asia Pacific Region

On Tutuila, the main island in American Samoa, the municipal water system is currently unable to provide potable drinking water to the island's growing population. This study directly addresses the territory's predominant water resource issue, which affects nearly every resident on the island. By applying isotopic and bacteriological tracers from precipitation and groundwater, this project seeks to ascertain the mechanism of entry for surface derived pollutants in drinking water wells. Results of this work will assist water resource managers deciding between the replacement of a few existing wells or the abandonment of the most productive well fields on the island.

Silvasy, Tiare

Utilization of Tankage, An Organic Local Fertilizer, for Crop Production in Hawaii

1.1 Green is the New Black: Innovative Approaches in Land-based Resource Management

Optimal fertilizer rate and application timing was examined using tankage that is locally produced in Hawaii. Tankage contains a high amount of Nitrogen (N) and was tested on Supersweet #10 corn (*Zea mays*) under field conditions at the Waimanalo Research Station in Oahu. Data was collected using a SPAD meter to examine relative chlorophyll content and lysimeters to collect soil water solution. Findings show rates of 200 lbs N/acre and above were sufficient for crop growth and yield and split applications resulted in less nitrates in the soil water below the root zone than preplant applications.

Stankov, Pavel

Dao, the Silver Rule and the Challenge of Moral Motivation

6.4 Philosophy of Worldly Engagement, Doing Good, and Alleviating Suffering

The Silver Rule - "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you" – is a maxim for ethical behavior familiar from both Chinese and Western traditions. Its power to inspire comes from a combination of empathy and rationality that preserves our freedom to act in a greater degree than its more positivist formulation in the Golden Rule. Using Daoist wisdom and contemporary science, we can find a persuasively rational reason to do good and ground it in the possibility of an object, an act or a relationship to be ethically relevant. For this purpose, I introduce the term “ethical affordance.”

Stephens, Maura

“Ano Hi No Nayami”: Concealing Menstruation in Japan

1.3 Are Women Still Living in the Shadows?

This paper addresses the beliefs and practices surrounding menstruation in modern-day Japan, and the ways in which menstruation is concealed through the language and images used to discuss it. As part of my research, I have analyzed recent advertisements for Japanese menstrual products and conducted open-ended interviews with Japanese women. I argue that the specific terminology and imagery used in menstrual product advertisements emphasize the importance of hiding menstruation. Additionally, the way that Japanese women talk – or do not talk – about their views and experiences in relation to menstruation further demonstrates how menstruation is concealed in everyday life.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Takahashi, Maho

Clausemate Condition in Japanese Sluicing and Verb Restructuring

2.2 Language Analysis and Endangered Languages

A controversy surrounding sluicing in Japanese is centered around whether it is generated in the same way as English sluicing, or if it is in fact based on a different structure/operation. The present paper introduces several analyses of sluicing in Japanese that do not involve English-type sluicing, and points out their problems. Particularly, it will be shown that the non-English type analyses would lead to a violation of the so-called clausemate condition. This paper instead offers a more straightforward alternative based on verb restructuring, which invokes the reanalysis of complex clauses as a single clause.

Taniguchi, Hikari

From Oral History of ex-JPEPA candidates

1.2 Voluntary and Involuntary Migration and its Aftermath

This research specially focuses on experiences of Filipino nurses and caregivers who came to Japan through Japan Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) but in the end returned from Japan within a given promised duration irrespective of the result of Japanese national examination. The researcher tries to look closely into their personal, professional and JPEPA program experiences by asking them to reflecting upon their past time in Japan to catch unshared, unspoken and uncollected voices to present them as a collection of messages to Japanese society in their attempt of inviting skilled labor from the Philippines.

Taniguchi, Hikari

Building a Culture of Peace Through Children's Narratives

5.1 Narratives and Identities

This project based case study in Maharlika Elementary School of Taguig city in the Philippines attempts employing narrative/storytelling as a focal methodology in charting the path towards inclusive peace in the Philippines. In the heart of shedding light to individual (or rather personal) narratives, there lies our consistent belief in the power of grassroots initiatives for peacebuilding. Generating narratives thus bring the engaged population (storyteller, listeners and others in the space) closer to surface a variety of community needs and subsistent realities, which are intricately woven and marvelously embedded under single unifying terms; complexities, struggles and conflicts.

Tannenbaum, Kristina

Pulling the Strings: The Effects of Military Occupation and Rule on Burmese Marionettes

3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance

This paper examines the role the British military occupation of Burma, now Myanmar, played in the development of the country from 1820 to the early 1900s. It focuses on drawing a comparison between developments in infrastructure, economic variances, and military strategies in Burma and how those directly influenced the development of the country in Burma and other Southeast Asian countries. Data derived from this comparison is used to analyze how several decisions made by the ruling British in the early to mid-1800s led to different developments in the forms and functions of the country across Burma during this period.

Thamarapani, Dhanushka D

Impact of Natural Disasters on Household Assets and Child Health

2.1 Economics of Employment, Pricing, and Community Prosperity

Natural disasters have lasting impacts on the survivors both physically, mentally, and socio-economically. While the Asia-Pacific region is highly prone to such shocks compared to the rest of the world, research analyzing the impacts of natural disasters are still in their infancy. Using the Indonesian Family Life Survey (IFLS), I am able to estimate how the household assets and child health respond with respect to natural disasters: namely floods and earthquakes. Using these natural experiments, results of this study on household assets, which is a prominent measure of poverty, and child health which is a key contributor of long term human capital formation, would then help synthesize public policy geared towards asset building at the household level and social well-being, which in turn would enhance long-term regional development.

Tikasz, Peter

Optimizing Implementation of Hydroponic Systems in Bangladesh for Food Security and Climate Change

1.1 Green is the New Black: Innovative Approaches in Land-based Resource Management

This study uses vertical hydroponic systems to address food scarcity encountered by poverty and climate change in Bangladesh. The adaptive aspect of hydroponics allows optimizing crop growth and environmental sustainability. Introducing a national environmental plan would teach hydroponic systems and promote environmental awareness to urban and rural communities for sustainable and adaptable food sources. Implementing hydroponics as an environmental plan addresses the challenges of malnutrition, stressors on natural resources and the impacts of climate change encountered in Bangladesh.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Tikasz, Peter

Comparative Responses to Global Sea Level Rise Between Pacific and Atlantic Island Communities

6.3 Environment and Politics

A comparative study of the responses to global sea level rise by threatened Pacific and seldom-discussed Atlantic island communities. The differing adaptive and mitigating strategies highlight the contrasting capacities of the two groups, with the Pacific island communities facing greater vulnerability. This vulnerability, however, is largely man-made, and is a construct of latent European colonialism. While not providing a panacea to all cases, the responses of Atlantic island communities demonstrate the means and processes necessary for a secure future against the threat of global sea level rise.

Toyama, Yoko

What Can Social Workers Do for Higher Subjective Social Status of Immigrants in the U.S.?

7.2 Engineering Community Health Practices and Systems

Mental health including acculturation stress among immigrants are often discussed: language barriers, cultural differences and separation from families and friends. Previous research has discussed that mental health status among immigrants is associated with subjective social status which is perceptions of one's social standing upon comparison with others in one's own society or community. Social workers in Hawaii often have immigrant clients from neighboring Pacific islands. How can we work on immigrants' subjective social status in order to improve their mental health? This presentation will propose a research using National Latino and Asian American Survey in 2002 and 2003.

Ueda, Michio

Dynamism of Party Ideology Construction: Case from the Islamic Party in Malaysia

4.2 Socio-Political Identity Conflicts in Malaysia

This research suggests that religious parties' ideology should be regarded as a constructed object and delineates how their ideologies could be constructed over time through a historical analysis of the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS). The party's ideology has altered over time, though the party has remained "Islamic." In this process, three factors—intraparty politics, domestic context, and international context—interact with each other and consolidate the salient ideology for each specific period. Once the ideology has been constructed, it affects party politics and society, and the consequences of one ideological construction impact another ideological construction process.

Ueda, Michio

Party System Development in New Democracies: Theory and Cases from Asia

8.3 Emerging Party Politics, Public Sphere, Inclusive Education, and History

Why do some new democracies have fragmented party systems while others have less fragmented systems? In this research, I argue that the nature of the previous regime affects party system development under the new democracy, focusing on how political elites behave over time. The research presents a theory that more fragmented party systems emerge after personalistic regimes, while less fragmented party systems are born from non-personalistic regimes. To delineate how this theory works, I test it using a game-theoretical framework and case studies from two new Asian democracies, the Philippines and Taiwan.

Valdez, Jonathan

Drawing Exiles: Vietnamese American Memory Work in Vietnamerica

8.2 Diversifying Cultural Representations in the Context of Nationalism, Trauma, and Diaspora

This paper utilizes a subjectless analysis to examine the production of postmemory in G.B. Tran's *Vietnamerica: A Family's Journey*. Tran untangles the fractious memories of his family's lives before and after the Vietnam War and in the United States. Through the reconstruction of his family's memories, Tran critiques the assemblages and powers of empire in Vietnamese American memory work. Furthermore, I explore how visual representations of exile reveal the fractious nature of generational memory and trauma. What do we learn about memory and trauma through depiction of exile? What is at stake representing imperial trauma through the graphic novel?

Vladykina, Anna

Institutionalization of Multilateral Security Dialogue in the Asia-Pacific: Evidence from the Shangri-La Dialogue

7.1 Security Issues and Militarization in Asia

In the proposed study, the author aims to explain the key features and trends in multilateral defence diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region through the detailed study of the Shangri-La Dialogue. While the institutional transformation of the defence interactions is becoming an increasingly prominent feature of security dialogue in the Asia-Pacific region, this topic has received virtually no scholarly attention. However, it is argued that better analysis of the main trends of the multilateral defence diplomacy in Asia would help to better understand the whole complexity of intergovernmental relations in the region.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Vu, Quan

"Red Scare": A New Twist on Structural Racism in Politics

3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance

In 1943, the U.S Congress passed The Magnuson Act to repeal the discriminatory exclusion laws against Chinese immigrants. However, the repeal did not completely remove the immigrant barriers, and it was not ethical. The repeal was simply an American strategy to counter Japanese propaganda and weaken the relationship between America and its ally, China, during World War II. In the subsequent period, politicians like Senator McCarthy and Everett Drumright promoted anti-communist sentiments and racial hysteria. My presentation shows how political coerciveness and racial segregation were reflected under a new form of legislative discrimination and structural racism, known as the Red Scare.

Wang, Ding

Frame Change in Mandarin as a foreign language tutoring sessions

6.1 Language Learning and Learner Identity

Framing theory defined frame as how something is presented to the audience. According to frame theory, frame influences the choices people make about how to process that information. Being in a tutoring session does not imply that the participants only stay in teaching-learning frame. Frame change is then detectable in tutoring sessions. The four video recorded Mandarin tutoring sessions are transcribed and analyzed using discourse analysis and conversation analysis. Two frames, 'real talk' and 'tutoring talk', are detected in the present study. Tutors and tutees collaboratively change between frames to make tutoring sessions informative, fun, and effective.

Wang, Huizhong

Validation of An Instrument Measuring the Impact of Parental Migration on the Psychological Adjustment of Left-behind Children in Rural China

8.1 International Education: Pedagogy, Advising, Influence, and Measurement

The prevalence of family separation between migrant workers and their children has made left-behind children a special youth population in China that deserves serious attention. This study aims to validate a survey, which will be used to gather information of both left-behind and non-left-behind junior high school students in rural China from different dimensions. The reliability of the items will be examined to see how well the measurement consistency of these items are, and whether the items are measuring the construct that is proposed to measure. Constructs being measured and validated are satisfaction with life and schooling, self-efficacy, feelings of loneliness, teacher support, family support, peer support, and parent-child communication.

Warech, Julie

Aloha 'Āina as Political Praxis—Contextualizing the Anti-GMO Movement in Hawai'i

3.1 Domestic Politics, International Relations and Development Assistance

In this paper, I analyze discourse surrounding the anti-GMO movement in Hawai'i. I examine the ways in which activists, both Kānaka Maoli and settlers, articulate aloha 'āina as political praxis. I argue that the anti-GMO movement in Hawai'i is a site of a historically and politically rooted clash of epistemologies between Native Hawaiians and Westerners with respect to land. I argue that, contained in Native Hawaiians' use of "aloha 'āina" in this movement is an evocation of Hawaiian identity and spiritual relationship to the land, resistance to neocolonial exploitation of Hawaiian lands, and resistance to the structures of settler colonialism.

Yang, Chen-Yi

The Role and Current Situation of New Immigrants' Languages in Taiwan

6.1 Language Learning and Learner Identity

In the past two decades, new immigrants have changed the population structure in Taiwan. The study shows the current situation of new immigrants' language use at home and attitudes toward ethnic language inheritance with a questionnaire and in-depth interviews. Furthermore, a comprehensive observation of the new immigrants' language from the family domain to the role of the nation's development, an unbalanced development of foreign languages in the past decades and some essential suggestions for the language curriculum plan in the future are all presented.

Zainal, Humairah

Ethnic Relations in Malaysia: Malaysian Undergraduates' Engagement with Race Relations in Malaysian Films

4.2 Socio-Political Identity Conflicts in Malaysia

This presentation will focus on how the interviewees' gender identities influence their interpretation of 'Gadoh' ('Fight', 2009) and 'Sepet' ('Slit-eyed', 2004), and how far these films represent reality. The findings show that while 'Gadoh' is representative of racial tensions in Malaysian high schools, 'Sepet' is less representative of reality. While the interviewees are open to cross-cultural learning, this attitude is seldom translated into behavioral practices. This is due to their indoctrination of government discourses on race, which is further complicated by their lack of cross-cultural understanding. The interviews have thus opened up spaces for them to discuss racial issues openly.

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Zhang, Wei

Dialectical Contradiction in Postwar Milieu: The Chinese Influence of Lao Tzu and Mao Tzu Tung's Philosophy on Bertold Brecht's Late Creation from 1950 to 1954

2.3 Political Representation in Performance and Musicals

This paper will look into the affinities between the ideologies of Lao Tzu and Mao. Lao Tzu stated the key conception of universal immanent contradiction by speculating the vast amounts of phenomena between material and spiritual world on the experience of human beings, and Mao's On Contradiction put forward and demonstrated this universality of contradiction from Lao Tzu's method. The gist of these Chinese thoughts were absorbed, transformed and reinterpreted by Bertolt Brecht into his ideological texts. His four works illustrate the significance of dialectically resolving the contradiction between the human being and the postwar environment as the primary approach.

Zou, Shulang

Reconsidering Tibetan Contemporary Art in Presenting Tibetan Identity

6.2 Asian Visual and Material Culture

Tibetan contemporary art has been emerging in the global art scene over the past three decades. There is a group of Tibetan artists, both those based in Tibet and those in diaspora, who work in a manner recognized as Tibetan contemporary art. The term stands both for Tibetan-ness and contemporary, with the connotation that it is a form distinct from other kinds of arts. This paper aims to analyze the selection and important of references in a Tibetan context and understand who both Tibetan in Tibet and

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