New Graduate Students:

Zahid Daudjee (EAS) is a Ph.D. student in modern Japanese literature, focusing on articulations and (re)negotiations of the role of written standards of Japanese in relation to their ongoing dialogue with linguistic theories from the late Meiji period to interwar Japan. He holds a B.A. and M.A. degree in East Asian Studies from the University of Toronto.

Heather Heimbach (REL) received a B.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University. She hopes to investigate wartime and Occupation-period religion in Japan by exploring the history of Konkōkō, a new religious movement registered as a Sectarian Shinto organization under the Japanese imperial regime.

Austin Hudgins (EAS) is interested in early 19th century ethnographic writings of Central Asian peoples. He received an M.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Rutgers University, where he conducted research on Manchu banners. He identity through the lens of the Qianlong emperor’s reign.

Sabrina Jiang (ANT) is a first-year Ph.D. student in the Anthropology department. She is interested in reproduction, maternity, and disabilities in contemporary urban China. She received her B.A. from Stanford University in Anthropology and Philosophy. Her previous research studies women’s labor pain experiences during childbirth in Guangzhou and Kunming, China.

So Min “Minna” Lee (EAS) is a Ph.D. student in Korean cultural studies. Her research interests center on visual media and citizenship in postwar Korea. Earlier, she worked as an editor and translator, and was a researcher-in-residence at MMCA Changdong in Seoul, South Korea. She has M.A. degrees in East Asian Studies from the University of Michigan and the University of Toronto.

Timer Nisimov (HIS) works on international research in twentieth century Northeast Asia, particularly China’s Civil War period (1945-1949). He focuses on several geographic regions from both sides of China’s border, mainly with North Korea, Mongolia, and the former Soviet republics of Central Asia.

Masha Slautina (ART) is interested in the construction and conceptualization of visuality, in the formation of national art traditions, in transcultural interactions and the global life of objects, as well as in the interplay between artificial and natural worlds, focusing on the artistic production of the Azuchi-Momoyama and early-Edo periods. She holds a dual French-Russian Ph.D. in the joint field of French Medieval literature and mathematical linguistics, and an M.A. in Art History and Archeology from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University.

Nancy Yun Tang (POL) is studying comparative politics and has interests in social movements, immigration, and gender and race. She grew up in Beijing, China, graduated from Amherst College, and holds a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Filippo Ugolini (EAS) Filippo Ugolini received a B.A. in Chinese from Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, an M.A. in Sinology from SOAS, and an M.St. in Traditional China from the University of Oxford. His research focuses on unoffical historiography during the late Tang and the Five Dynasties.

Yunhan Wen (SOC) is interested in urban sociology, socio-spatial inequality, and everything that the urban question entails. Before joining Princeton, Yunhan received her B.A./M.A. joint degree in Sociology from the University of Chicago, where she became interested in (global) urbanism and ethnographic methods. Born and bred in Shanghai, China, Yunhan is driven to understand the lifeworld of migrant families living in the fringe of Chinese cities, placing the empirical data and the theoretical in dialogue.

Echo Weng (REL) is a first-year student in the Asian Religions subfield. Her research interests center on disability, body, and healing in medieval Chinese Buddhism. She is interested in the disciplinary nature of Buddhist images and the interactions between images and practitioners in dreams. She is also interested in the dialogue between religion and science fiction, and their shared ideals of body, consciousness, and transcendence. Echo received her B.A. in Comparative Literature at Georgetown University and her M.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University.

Kevin Woolsey (EAS) received a B.A. in Japanese from the University of Virginia with a senior thesis about the life and works of late Muromachi playwright Kanze Nagatoshi and how they can help us reevaluate narratives of late Muromachi nob. In his initial years at Princeton, he hopes to study a wide range of topics in Japanese literature and history in order to narrow his research interests.

Yuhan Zheng (POL) is a first-year Ph.D. student at Princeton University specializing in Political Economy. His research interests include inequality and redistribution in authoritarian institutions and formal theory. Before joining Princeton, he obtained an M.A. in Analytical Political Economy from Duke University and a B.A. in Economics.

*Biographies from Calvin Baker (PHI), Yinan Qiu (ECO) and Linda Ouyang (ECO), Harshal Zalke (POL), and Shourya Sen (POL) are pending.

New Faculty and Lecturers:

Jerry Zee (PEI & ANT) is an environmental anthropologist of contemporary China, and assistant professor in the Princeton Environmental Institute and the Department
of Anthropology. His work explores the experimental political formations that have taken shape with the atmospheric phenomena that have accompanied decades of Reform, especially dust storms, aerosol pollution, and fine particulate matter. He has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in China, South Korea, and the western United States.

**Lecturers**

Xinyue Huang 王欣悦 (CHI) received her first Master’s Degree in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics from Beijing Normal University, with a concentration on Chinese syntax, and the second from Brandeis University, with a concentration on Chinese Pedagogy. Prior to the appointment, she taught at the Princeton-in-Beijing program in 2015, 2016, and 2020, and worked as a Lecturer in Chinese at Brandeis University for one academic year and at Washington and Lee University for two academic years. She also served as a program coordinator and instructor at Notre Dame in Beijing summer program in 2018 and 2019.

Yinqiu Ma’s (CHI) primary area of research interest lies in the intersection of ethnic identities with the social changes in modern China. She earned her Master’s degree in Anthropology with a concentration on culture and linguistics from Peking University. She has developed a passion for teaching Chinese as a second language, constantly trying to expand students’ understanding of contemporary Chinese language and society by incorporating content that spans Movie Studies, Linguistic Anthropology, Ethnology, and Intercultural Communication.

Naoko Warren (JPN) received an M.A. in TESOL from San Francisco State University and an M.A. in Japanese from Purdue University. Her research interests are Japanese pedagogy, second language acquisition, extensive reading, and second language writing. Prior to coming to Princeton University, she taught Japanese courses at Purdue University and English courses at San Francisco State University (Japan).

Yu Zhang 张羽 (CHI) received her M.A. in Applied Linguistics from Teachers College, Columbia University. Prior to joining Princeton’s Department of East Asian Studies, she taught Chinese in Columbia University and at Princeton-in-Beijing summer program in 2020. Her research interests include second language acquisition, pedagogy, and assessment.

**Visitors**

Qian He (CCC) examines immigrants’ structural incorporation in the United States, for adults and children alike. A second stream of research investigates the various roles housing plays in perpetuating socioeconomic inequalities within and across generations. Her current project, a third stream of research, assesses the impact of ongoing societal transformations in contemporary China on individuals’ life chances.

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**Faculty**

Joseph Chan (UCHV) is Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at The University of Hong Kong. His recent research interests span Confucian political philosophy, comparative political theory, and contemporary Western theories of democracy, political equality and popular sovereignty. He is the author of Confucian Perfectionism: A Political Philosophy for Modern Times (Princeton, 2014).

Donald Clarke 郭丹青 (LAPA) is a professor at George Washington University Law School, specializing in modern Chinese law, in particular Chinese legal institutions. He is currently working on a book project on the interaction between the Chinese and American legal systems. He writes regularly on Chinese law issues at The China Collection blog (thechina-collection.org).

Shitong Qiao 乔仕彤 (LAPA) serves as the Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) fellow, working on his second monograph related to property, community and democracy in urban China. He will join Duke Law School as Professor of Law (with tenure) and the Ken Young-Gak Yun and Jinah Park Yun Research Scholar in 2021. His first monograph, Chinese Small Property: The Co-Evolution of Law and Social Norms, was published in 2017 by Cambridge University Press.

Guangyu Cao (CCC) is currently a non-resident Postdoctoral Research Associate in CCC’s joint program with Peking University. He starts in-person at Princeton next fall.

Huancheng Du (CCC) earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in Financial Economics from American University. His research interests include international finance, behavioral finance, asset pricing, international trade, wage inequality and applied econometrics. Huancheng’s recent work explores how country specific shocks propagate through the international trade network in the global economy.

Jiajji Fengjiang (Fung Global Fellow, PIIRS) received her Ph.D. in anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2019. Her research explores the political, moral, and economic lives of ordinary people who strategized volunteering and charitable work in coping with political-economic restructurings in contemporary China.

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**Postdoctoral Fellows**

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