

East Asian Studies

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Program and Department Newsletter

New Graduate Students

Arianna Tae Cimarosti (ANT) is interested in the continuous interplay between the environment and its inhabitants, contemporary post-disaster experiences, and creativity, both as a subject and as a method of research.

Zihan Guo 郭子菡 (EAS) is interested in the intersection between food and literary cultures during the Middle Period China. She received her BA in comparative literature at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and her MA in East Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Pennsylvania. Her MA thesis explores the double meaning of “taste” as both a sensory experience and a literary judgement in the Song dynasty China.

Mitsuhiro Kameyama 光明 亀山 (REL) completed his master’s degree at Tohoku University, where his thesis received the fifth annual Hajime Nakamura Award in Eastern Thought and Culture in 2019 and was published in 2022. His current research utilizes interdisciplinary approaches to investigate modern discourse on Buddhist precepts (*kari-tisu* 戒律) in Japan from the late-nineteenth century onward, with a focus on the formation of the concept of “religion.”

Lemeng Liang 梁乐萌 (SOC) is a PhD student in Sociology with interest in social stratification, inequalities, and public attitudes. Before joining Princeton’s Sociology Department, Lemeng earned a BA in Journalism and Communication and a dual Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Tsinghua University, and an MA from Stanford University. Her primary interests relate to social stratification, social mobility, and public opinions in Chinese society.

Sophia Shi 施源 (REL) received her BA in religious studies and Chinese, and an MA in Asian studies from UC Santa Barbara. She

is interested in the interactions of medieval Chinese Buddhism and Daoism with local traditions as well as their transcultural exchanges in Japan and Korea. More specifically, her MA thesis examined the multi-functionality of Dunhuang manuscripts P.2682 and S.6261, titled “Graph of Spirits and Monsters of the White Marsh” (Baize jingguai tu 白澤精怪圖), as a graphic register, divination manual, and household apotropaion.

Sarah Frances Strugnell (EAS) is a first-year PhD student in the Japanese anthropology program with a deep interest in alcohol consumption in contemporary Japan. She received her B.Sc. in microbiology and her BA (First Class Honours) in Japanese studies from Monash University. She also holds an M.P.P. in policy and governance from the Australian National University and an M.P.P. in international relations and public management from the University of Tokyo.

Jonathan Sudo (HIS) is a first-year PhD student in the History Department specializing in pre-war Japanese history. His research interests include transnational history, the history of the Japanese labor movement, and Japanese trade policy during the Great Depression. He graduated from Haverford in 2021 with a BA in History and East Asian Studies and two undergraduate theses: one on Japan’s relationship with the International Labor Organization and the other on the career of the famous Japanese internationalist and Quaker Nitobe Inazō.

Jiawen Zeng (EAS) research interests focus on religion, spatiality, and the peripheries in medieval ~ modern Japan. She is also interested in gender and performance in modern Japan, especially *shōjo kageki*. Prior to coming to Princeton, Jiawen spent two years in Kyoto conducting research on *Kanmon Nikki*.

Luyin Zhang (OPR) a first-year Ph.D. student in Population Studies with research interests in formal demography and biodemography.

Kymberley Chu is also a first year PhD student in Anthropology. **Yinshan Shang** is a first year PhD student in Economics. **Fay Lin** and **Sofia Tong** are first year PhD students in English with an interest in East Asia. **Yuxin Liu** is a first year PhD student in Sociology. **Hantao Wu** is a first year PhD students in the Office of Population Research.

New Faculty

Jin Dong (CHI) is a Ph. D candidate at the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Her research interests include (trans)linguaging, Distributed Language, virtual world/reality, and game-assisted language learning. She is part of the [RIDLLE group](#) that designs distributed language learning environments.

Sunyoung Lee (KOR) was appointed as a Korean language lecturer in 2022. She received her PhD (2018) in Korean Language Education as a Foreign language from Seoul Women’s University and MA (2006) in Korean Linguistics from Seoul Women’s University. Her research interests include language education, language acquisition, and Korean grammar. Prior to joining Princeton University, she taught all levels of Korean at Korean Language Institute, Yonsei University since 2007.

Naima Green-Riley (POL) is an assistant professor in the Department of Politics and at the School of Public and International Affairs. She specializes in Chinese foreign policy, with a focus on public diplomacy and the global information space. She is currently

a Public Intellectual Fellow with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Before pursuing her PhD at Harvard, Naima was a U.S. diplomat. Her writing has been published by the *Journal of Experimental Political Science* and in the 2022 book, *The China Questions II* (Harvard University Press).

Trenton W. Wilson (EAS) is an intellectual, cultural, and political historian of early China. His current book project examines political and ethical debates around trust and suspicion from the third century BCE to the third century CE. The project and his research more broadly examine connections between intellectual and institutional history, including questions of bureaucracy, surveillance, law, punishment, amnesty, and luck. In his research, he utilizes traditional sources and excavated materials, including the many new legal and administrative documents from China's early empires.

New Staff

Mana Winters (SOC) is the Project Coordinator for the recently launched Global Japan Lab. The Global Japan Lab was established to promote research and teaching on contemporary Japan. As part of the Princeton-University of Tokyo Strategic Partnership, the Lab will work closely with the University of Tokyo's Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies (TCJS). Mana received her BA in Diplomatic History and Japanese from the University of Pennsylvania.

New Visitors

Weicheng Cai (CCC) is a visiting student at the Visiting Student Research Collaborators (VSRC) program. He is a Ph.D student in Sociology at Center for Social Research, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University. He earned his BA in Economics from National School of Development, Peking University. His interested topics include social stratification, public health, and social attitudes. His work has been published in *Social Science & Medicine*.

Aaron Glasserman (CCC) is a Postdoctoral Research. His research interests include the history and politics of ethnicity and religion in China; minority nationalism; law and legal history; comparative religion-state relations; and modern Islamic political and religious movements. He was previously an Academy Scholar (postdoctoral fellow) at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies at Harvard University. He received a PhD in history from Columbia University in 2021 and a BA in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University in 2013.

Mayuko Kawakami (REL) joins Princeton as the Numata Visiting Scholar for the fall of 2022 and Associate Professor at Osaka University. She studies Buddhist exchange between pre-modern China and Japan. Her first book, *Kodai Ajia sekai no taigai kōshō to Bukkyō* (From Buddhist Missionaries to Bodhisattva Emperors: A Study of the Relationship between China and Surrounding Kingdoms, 400-900), was published in 2011. Her second book, *Kodai Nicchū kankeishi: Wa no goō kara kentō-shi ikō made (A History of Diplomatic Relations between Ancient China and Japan: From the Five Kings of Wa to Japanese Envoys to Tang China, and Beyond)*, was published in 2019 and was awarded the Cultural Prize for Ancient History from the Ancient History and Culture Promotion Council in Japan.

Wen Liu 刘雯 (CCC) is a visiting student at the Visiting Student Research Collaborators (VSRC) program. She is a Ph.D student in Sociology at Center for Social Research, Peking University. She received her M.A and B.A in Sociology from Renmin University of China. Her research interests include gender, marriage and family, and social stratification.

Qin Huang (CCC) is currently a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University. She has a PhD in economics from National School of Development of Peking University, and a bachelor degree in economics from Nankai University. She was a visiting PhD student in Princeton University during 2019-2020. Her research is primarily in development economics, with a focus on industrialization and economic development in China.

Jesse Rodenbiker (CCC) is an Associate Research Scholar at Princeton and a faculty member in the Department of Geography at Rutgers University. Rodenbiker is a human-environment geographer and interdisciplinary social scientist focusing on environmental governance, urbanization, and social inequality in China and globally. He is the author of *Ecological States: Politics of Science and Nature in Urbanizing China* (2023, Cornell University Press). Previously, Rodenbiker served as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability and Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at Cornell University

Guy St. Amant (SOF) is the Link-Cotsen Postdoctoral Fellow in the Society of Fellows. He studies the religion and intellectual of premodern South Asia. His broader research interests include the historical translation of Buddhist scriptures from Indian languages into Tibetan and Chinese, the role played by language and

linguistic register in marking certain texts as sacred, and the ways in which the adoption of writing affected the production, transmission, and consumption of scriptural and philosophical works in traditional South Asia.

Julia Teebken (CCC) is Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Peking Princeton Postdoctoral Program. As a comparative political scientist, Julia is researching climate change adaptation and inequality across different political systems. She is especially interested in vulnerability co-creation as part of dominant political-economic pathways. In her new project, she examines some of the political processes, which structure the context conditions of local livelihoods to adapt to a changing climate. Facing the other side of the coin, she then looks at how livelihoods are (collectively) adapting in light of pressured food systems in Georgia (United States), Ningxia (China), and Brandenburg (Germany).

Yuying Tong (CCC) is a visiting fellow. She is a sociology professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She obtained her PhD in Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). Her research areas crosscut social demography, migration and immigration, family and life course, gender as well as population health/well-being.

Jiashu Xu 徐嘉树 (CCC) is a visiting PhD student from the School of Sociology and Population Studies, Renmin University of China. She received her BA in management and an MA in demography from Jilin University. Her research interests lie in gender and family studies, fertility, parenting, and social stratification.

Naoto Ueno (NINS) is the new Liaison for Japan's National Institute for Natural Sciences at Princeton University. He is in residence on campus 3-4 weeks a year with the Department of Molecular Biology.

The East Asian Studies Program and Department Newsletter introduces the new members of the East Asian studies community across campus. More details may be found on the individuals' departmental websites. We apologize if any names have been inadvertently omitted. If you would like to be on the East Asian Studies mailing list, please send an email to chaoliu@Princeton.edu.

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