



THE *NEW* NORMAL

CHANGES AND EXCEPTIONS IN EAST ASIA

25th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference

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25TH ANNUAL HEAS CONFERENCE

February 19th - 20th, 2022 (EST)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1 - February 19th (Saturday)

9:45 - 10:00 **Opening Remarks**

Prof. Alexander Zahlten (Harvard University)

10:00 - 11:00 **Keynote Discussion**

Prof. James Robson (Harvard University)

Prof. Graham Allison (Harvard Kennedy School)

Prof. Rey Chow (Duke University)

Prof. Sophie Volpp (University of California, Berkeley)

11:30 - 13:00 **Panel 1:** China in World Politics

Panel 2: East Asia in Films and Literature

13:30 - 15:00 **Panel 3:** Media and Mass Culture in Contemporary China

Panel 4: Reconsidering bodies and Identities in East Asia

DAY 2 - February 20th (Sunday)

9:30 - 11:00 **Panel 5:** Rethinking Governance in East Asia

Panel 6: Religion and Secularism in East Asia

11:30 - 13:00 **Panel 7:** Contemporary China: A Changing Society

Panel 8: Women History and Feminine Voices

13:30 - 15:00 **Special Panel:** How to publish an academic paper?

Melissa Brown (Editor, Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies)

Tani Barlow (Senior editor of positions: asia critique)

Shao-Hung (Tim) Teng (Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University)

15:05 - 15:20 **Closing Remarks**

Prof. Jie Li (Harvard University)

DAY 1 - February 19th (Saturday)

PANEL 1: CHINA IN WORLD POLITICS

- Moderator: Elaine Yeo
- Discussant: Prof. Min Ye (Boston University)

Presenters	Paper Titles
Ng, Qi Siang (Harvard University)	“Innocent before proven guilty? Investigating the motives behind Chinese vaccine diplomacy”
Pan, Chaohong (University of California, Merced)	“Chinese “Wolf Warrior” Diplomacy and Foreign Public Opinion”
Chau, Wai Fong (University of Glasgow)	“Rich and On the Move: Political and Lifestyle Causes for Chinese Migration”

PANEL 2: EAST ASIA IN FILMS AND LITERATURE

- Moderator: Suna Cha
- Discussant: Prof. Alexander Zahlten (Harvard University)

Wei, Ran (Washington University in St. Louis)	“A Home on the Margins--Segregation, Marginalization, and Poverty in Takeda Rintarō’s Kamagasaki (1933)”
Ivanovic, Vasilije (Pennsylvania State University)	“Writing Disaster - Spatiotemporal Awareness in Two Literary Responses to Environmental Catastrophe in Japan”
Jeon, Jaeyeon (UC, Santa Barbara)	“In Between “East” and “West”: Shifting Authorship between Center and Periphery, a Contemporary Alternative to Orientalism”



PANEL 3: MEDIA AND MASS CULTURE IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA

- Moderator: Yiwei Fang
- Discussant: Prof. Jie Li (Harvard University)

Zheng, Leting (University of Oregon)	“The Affect of Cuteness: Cutifying Chinese Youth as the New Normal in the 1920s”
Wang, Jinghui (University of Colorado, Boulder)	“Singing together in revolutionary times: the politics of voice, mediation, and affect in socialist China”
Gao, Yuan (Columbia University)	“Becoming Contemporary Chinese Art: Exhibition-Making as Identity-Making”
Lin, Shixing (UC, Santa Barbara)	“Poetics and Affect of Trolling: Rhetorical Confrontation and Chinese Social Media Culture in the Pandemic Era”



PANEL 4: RECONSIDERING BODIES AND IDENTITIES IN EAST ASIA

- Moderator: Tienwen Lin
- Discussant: Prof. David Der-wei Wang (Harvard University)

Chen, Yuanxi (Columbia University)	“What is the “Nationalism” in “Internationalism”? Resituating Zhang Taiyan’s Anti-Manchuism”
Au Yeung, Connor Ka Hei (UC, Berkeley)	“Beyond This World: Defense Sport Aviation and Visioning Modernisation In the People’s Republic of China, 1953-1966”
Chiang, Sheng (Washington University in St. Louis)	“Queer Worldliness: Literary Translation and Transgression of Notes of a Desolate Man”
Chen, Qiyao (Columbia University)	“Drifting Tibet: Body, Space and Identity in Tibetan Road Movies”

DAY 2 - February 20th (Sunday)

PANEL 5: RETHINKING GOVERNANCE IN EAST ASIA

- Moderator: Yuhao Wang
- Discussant: Prof. Yuen Yuen Ang (University of Michigan)

Wang, Zhuoming (Harvard University)	“Rethink the Concept of Poverty in Rural China”
Wang, Jinghui (University of Colorado, Boulder)	“Elderly care in Japan and China – the investigation of Japanese care manager and discussion on its applicability into the Chinese context”
Yang, Duancheng (Renmin University of China) et al.	“What Kind of Democracy do Chinese People Want? Chinese Perceptions of Democracy Reconsidered”
Zhang, Zheng (CUHK & Harvard University)	“The Spatial Dynamics of Local Party Recruitment in China (1949-2005)”

PANEL 6: RELIGION AND SECULARISM IN EAST ASIA

- Moderator: Chihiro Ishikawa
- Discussant: Prof. Helen Hardacre (Harvard University)

Xiang, Wei (Peking University, Yale University)	“Sufferers around the Capital: Snicker and Anxiety in the Yamai no Sōshi”
Morrow, Avery (Brown University)	“Kondō Kazō, a Shinto Hypnotist and Disrupter of Japan’s Scientific Age”
LeFebvre, Jesse (Harvard University)	“Christianity as Japan’s New Normal: Wedding Ceremonies and Nonreligiousness in Postwar Japan”
Xu, Caiyang (Columbia University)	“Upending Norms of Secularity: Spirit-writing in Early Republican China (1911-1927)”



PANEL 7: CONTEMPORARY CHINA: A CHANGING SOCIETY

- Moderator: Coco Ruan
- Discussant: Prof. Joel Andreas (Johns Hopkins University)

Chen, Changwen (National University of Singapore)	“From Eliminating Illiteracy to Studying Philosophy: “Masters of Culture” and Working-Class Subjectivities in Socialist China”
Feng, Kai (University of Pennsylvania)	“The Gender Difference in Educational Gradient in Divorce in China”
Ouyang, Boya (Harvard University)	“The Making of Tangible Contentious Opportunities: Health Care Protests in China”
Shen, Chen (University of Chicago)	“The Red Workers: Electricity, Governance, and Familial Intimacy during Hubei Lockdowns”



PANEL 8: WOMEN HISTORY AND FEMININE VOICES

- Moderator: Sharon Zhang
- Discussant: Prof. Wai-ye Li (Harvard University)

Li, Linhe (Columbia University)	“Mediums of Attachment and Detachment: Mirrors and Female Portraits in Imperial China”
Wang, Annie Zhanling (Harvard University)	“The Women of the Nara Family: Gender and Ethnicity in the First Century of the Qing”
Song, Hong (Stanford University)	“In the World of Disorder: Traffic in Women, Vagabonds, and State in Late Qing Jianghuai”
Zhu, Jieming (Columbia University)	“A Queer Line in Chinese Socialism: Between Revolutionary Kinship and Blood Lineage”