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The Department of Asian Studies

The Department of Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is the oldest in the Middle East and is one of the biggest departments in the Faculty of Humanities, home to over 300 students specializing in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Indian and Indonesian Studies. The department is characterized by its excellence in research and teaching, and it maintains an environment of cooperation between students and faculty in a wide array of extracurricular activities. To read more about the department, visit: <http://en.asia.huji.ac.il>

Three of our professors are members of The Israel Academy of Science and Humanities - Israel's most distinguished academic forum

Chartered by law in 1961, the Academy consists of approximately 100 of Israel's most distinguished scientists and scholars, who, with the help of the Academy's staff and committees, monitor and promote Israeli intellectual excellence, advise the government on scientific planning, and maintain active contact with the broader international scientific and scholarly community. In 2014, Prof. Michal Biran joined Prof. David Shulman and Prof. Ben Ami Shilony and currently three of the members of the Israel Academy of science and Humanities are from our Department! In 2015, Dr. Nissim Otmazgin was chosen to Israeli Young Academy and joined 38 other promising Israeli scientists under the age of 45 from all fields of sciences and humanities.

The Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies

The Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies, founded in 2006, is an interdisciplinary forum of faculty at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem aiming to promote and broaden teaching, research, and discussions of East-Asian related subjects. The center aims to create a space, linking the academy and the wider public, where a diverse group of scholars can exchange ideas across disciplinary boundaries. The center supports a wide variety of East-Asian related academic and cultural initiatives, as well as courses taught as part of the Department of Asian Studies. For more information, visit: <http://www.eacenter.huji.ac.il/Home>

Asian Languages Library

The establishment of the Asian Languages Library at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2007 became a major breakthrough in East Asian studies in our department. The library, the first of its kind in Israel and the wider Middle East, was established by the Frieberg Center of Asian Studies within the Central Library of Mt. Scopus. The library aimed at providing state-of-the-art research facilities for the rapidly growing number of graduate students and scholars of East Asian Studies in Israel. In addition to the expanding book collection of over 10,000 volumes, the Library promptly entered the 21st century with providing access to multiple Chinese and Japanese electronic databases, most of which had been heretofore inaccessible from Israel.

Historical Manga Collection

In 2013, the Department of Asian Studies has established its own historical manga collection, aiming at interesting students in reading about Japan through the highly popular medium of manga. The collection currently includes over 300 manga books focusing in Japanese history, featuring series of famous Japanese mangaka such as Tezuka Osamu, Mizuki Shigeru, and Nakazawa Keiji. In coming years we plan to offer a special course on the depiction of history through manga. For more information on visit <http://en.asia.huji.ac.il/book/manga-library>

Joint BA in Asian Studies and Business Administration

In 2014, we established a new program that joints Business Administration Studies with classes on Asian Culture, society and language. The program's goal is to provide graduates with the knowledge and the tools to enter the business world and to provide them with specific advantages for developing business and commercial relations with companies and managers in Asian countries. For more information: http://bschool.huji.ac.il/en/Academic_Programs/Undergraduate_Programs/East_Asian_Studies

The Japan and China High School Project

Started in 2008, the high school project is one of our major contributions to the community and is an example of the cooperative spirit between students and faculty in our department. This project aims to interest and teach Israeli High School students about Japanese and Chinese culture, history, language through interactive lectures, workshops, and special activities given by outstanding students from the Department of Asian Studies. Thousands of high school students in Jerusalem have taken part in the project. The project is academically supervised by Dr. Nissim Otmazgin and Dr. Orna Naftali of the Department of Asian Studies.

StartUp Asia – Job Fair

The Department of Asian Studies and the Jerusalem School of Business Administration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem annually organize job fairs for students and alumni. The event included workshops guided by leading Israeli experts in Asia. In addition, various companies are able to recruit from about 200 participants who arrived to fare. Companies and organizations who annually participate in the fair include Mobileye, the world pioneer in developing accident prevention systems based on computerized visual technology; the Ministry of Tourism which trains Israeli tour guides for Chinese tourists and many more in fields such as Hi – Tech, information security, sales accounting, language teaching and media. For further information: <http://bschool.huji.ac.il/bs/StartupAsia>

Summer Camps for School Children: Planting the Seeds

The "Wonders of the Far East" Summer Camp started in 2014 and was a first cooperation between the Department of Asian Studies and the Joseph Meyerhoff Youth Center for Advanced Studies (YCAS). In the camp, students from our department instructed the children about the culture, language, faith and everyday-life in China and Japan. The children enjoyed various activities and workshops, such as how to prepare sushi, jiaozi and karate workshops, and enjoyed flying kites as well as other traditional Chinese and Japanese games.

Traveling Seminars and Courses to Asian Countries

The Department of Asian Studies offers a variety of "Traveling Courses" – courses that allow the students to get a travel grants for an educational trip in the country they have been learning about. The courses, led by the best researchers in their field, offers the students a unique and enriching way to experience the material they have been learning about throughout the years. <http://asia.huji.ac.il/TravelingCourses>

Traveling Course to China (2013)

"Between China and the Islamic World", is a traveling seminar in Xinjiang (新疆), China, led by of Prof. Michal Biran, Prof. Yuri Pines and Prof. Gideon Shelach from the Department of Asian Studies. Xinjiang, the autonomous region in western – south of the People's Republic of China, is one of the most fascinating regions in Asia, historically and culturally. For thousands of years, the region has been an intersection between cultures, civilizations and different religions and has a strategic significance to China today. The tour includes historic, ethnographic, political, geographic and economic perspectives. The tour also include meetings with academics from Xinjiang, visiting museums and research institutes, and touring the markets, the mountain and dessert roads.

Traveling Course to Mongolia (2010)

In 2010, a group of twenty students and ten faculty members from The Department of East Asian Studies and the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies went for a two-week study tour of Mongolia, designed to further strengthen the study of the Mongols and Central Asia at the University. The delegation was led by Prof. Michal Biran of our department and Prof. Reuven Amitai – the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities. The trip began with two full days in the capital of Ulaan Baatar, where various historical spots were visited. During the tour, the delegation was officially hosted at the National University of Mongolia (N.U.M.) in Ulaan Baatar, where they signed agreement of cooperation with the Hebrew University, followed by a joint conference with researchers from the N.U.M. The Hebrew University is one of the foremost centers in the world for the study of the Mongol Empire, the largest land empire in history, founded in the early 13th century by Genghis Khan. http://www.huji.ac.il/cgi-bin/dovrut/dovrut_search.pl?mesge128214557205872560

Traveling course to India (2015)

Temples and Stages, our first traveling class to India, took place in February 2015. Guided by Prof. David Shulman and Prof. Yigal Bronner, a group of 24 students, conducted an in-depth tour of India's southern peninsula, and experienced its traditional and current aspects. The course was divided to three main parts. The first was in and around Chennai (Madras), the second part was dedicated to the Kaveri delta, the core of South Indian civilization, and the third part was Kochi's colonial city, the country of spices and coconuts. Throughout the course, the students experienced the metropolis, culture, temples, music and the museums of India. We returned to Jerusalem euphoric and with an appetite for more. <https://www.smores.com/jpr5k>

Travelling seminar to Japan (2015)

Designated for outstanding students of Japan at The Hebrew University, the seminar includes meetings in Jerusalem and traveling to Japan during the summer vacation guided by Dr. Nissim Otmazgin. During the seminar, we will discuss the history, culture, society and religion in Japan. Throughout the seminar, the students will have intensive reading about Japan and take part in discussions and guest lectures. The students will be given research travel grants to Japan for two weeks. In Japan, we will visit sites relevant to these fields of study: history and historical memory, Shinto, Buddhism, contemporary society and popular culture. We will also visit universities and meet with local students and researchers. <https://hujapan2015.wordpress.com>

Traveling Seminar to Korea and Japan (2016)

In September 2016, a group of 10 students from the Department of Asian Studies, led by Dr. Nissim Otmazgin and Dr. Jooyeon Rhee, will visit South Korea and Japan for 2 weeks. After completing one semester of intensive reading seminar, the 10 students (5 majoring in Japanese studies and 5 in Korea studies) will visit Seoul, Docto/Takeshima, Kyoengju, and Pusan, before boarding a ferry to Tsushima and then to Nagasaki, Kagoshima, Kumamoto, Fukoka, Hagi, and Osaka. The focus of this seminar is to explore social and cultural interactions between these two countries and rethink some of the pre-assumptions about the historical and political relations between Korea and Japan.

Travelling Course to Northwestern China (2016)

"Where China Met its Neighbors: Following the Silk Roads in Northwestern China" - A study-tour proposal for the Asian Sphere program. The 17-days long tour will bring the students to the hidden treasures of Tangut civilization in the steppes of Ningxia and deserts of Inner Mongolia; will introduce them to the gems of the Buddhist culture, including the Mogao cave complex in Dunhuang—the world largest and best preserved collection of Buddhist murals spanning eighteen centuries and a reservoir of multilingual documents that include some of the more dramatic evidence for cross-cultural and cross-religious interactions—and the magnificent and less known site of Maijishan with its impressive sculptures; will pass through the Gansu Corridor, the major artery of the Silk Road; and will include encounter with Muslims, Mongols, Tibetans, and, of course, Chinese. It will end at Xi'an (former Chang'an), the capital of China's powerful early dynasties, and its major gateway to the West from the second century BCE to the tenth century CE. The tour will be jointly guided by Professors Michal Biran, Yuri Pines, and Gideon Shelach, each of whom will bring a distinctive disciplinary and chronological perspective on the region's archeology, sociopolitical history, art history, and present.

Academic Staff at the Department of Asian Studies

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Prof. Yael Bentor received her Ph.D. degree from Indiana University in the USA on "The Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Consecration Ritual for Stūpas, Images, Books and Temples," with the supervision of Prof. Gregory Schopen in 1991. Her research on this topic was carried out in Nepal and India during two years with the support of Dissertation Fellowships of both Fulbright Program and the Social Science Research Council. Since then she returns to visit Tibetan communities in India and Nepal on a regular basis. Her more recent research centers on historical tensions in the formation of the Tibetan tradition of tantric Buddhism. She investigates the inner logic, coherence and discontinuities of Tibetan tantric traditions during the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries, while focusing in particular on the creation stages in the tantric cycle of the Guhyasamāja Tantra.

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Dr. Otmazgin has received the Yoram Ben-Porat Presidential Prize for Excelling Young Researcher, HUJI (2012) and in 2015 was elected to Israel's Young Academy. He currently serves as the Chair of the Department of Asian Studies and the Chair of the Academic Committee of the Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies.

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International seminars

In addition to the usual teaching, every year the Department of Asian Studies offers a number of advanced international seminars. In these seminars, students have the chance to work in small groups with leading scholars in their field. Below are the courses offered between 2015-2016.



Prof. John Nathan, University of California, Santa Barbara

• *Themes and Narrative Strategies in Modern Japanese Literature and Film*

Short selections in English translation by major Japanese authors. The texts will be closely examined as artful expressions of personal vision and as windows on the society and culture which animate them and which they reflect. Our critical focus will be on narrative strategy: How does the writer tell the story? In what way/s does each selection manage the revelation of character? In what respects are these stories similar to, and how are they different from what we have learned to expect from Western fiction? Writers to be considered will include Ihara Saikaku, Higuchi Ichiyō, Natsume Sōseki, Akutagawa Ryūnosuke, Tanizaki Jun'ichirō, Kawabata Yasunari, Okamoto Kanoko, Mishima Yukio, Ōe Kenzaburō, and Murakami Haruki.



Prof. Gong Wenxiang, Peking University.

Media and Modern China: A Socio-Political

Interpretation This advanced seminar will examine central issues related to the transformation in Chinese society brought by the new media.

Today's China: Media, Society and People In this introductory course, we will explore the ways in which

today's communication and culture are shaping Chinese society.



Prof. John Lie, University of California, Berkeley

• East Asian Regional Dynamics in the Age of Globalization

In this seminar, we will consider East Asia – here defined as descendants of the Sinocentric, broadly Confucian world of Ming-Qing Chinese dominance – in the age of globalization. After a brief historical and theoretical overview, we will focus on two related dynamics. First, the making of the modern national identity and the simultaneous movement of peoples. That is, we will consider how the modern nation-states formed in East Asia and how concurrent and massive migrations occurred. Secondly, we will consider the flow of culture, and especially popular culture, in East Asia. Against the backdrop of geopolitics and political economy, we will explore how seemingly superficial cultural flows in fact create many of the backdrops against which weighty matters of power politics and economic matters take place.



Prof. Sheldon Garon is the Nissan Professor of History and East Asian Studies at Princeton University. *Atomic-bombing and Firebombing Cities in World War II: Morality, Science, and Race*

This seminar consider the transnational-historical developments that led to the massive aerial bombardment of cities in World War II—including the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We address a troubling question of modern times: How did nations come to accept the bombing of civilian populations as an unproblematic part of war? Seminar discussions will focus on an array of ethical and strategic questions. Was aerial bombardment effective in bringing about the defeat of Japan and Germany? Did the A-bombs by themselves end the war with Japan? Was Japan singled out for atomic bombs because of American racism? Although Americans and others condemn acts of “terrorism” today, how do we judge the Allies’ self-conscious adoption of “terror” to demoralize German and Japanese civilians in World War II? Can the bombing of cities—then or now--be justified if the cause is just?



Francesca Fiaschetti, Martin Buber Society

Boundless Empires and the Boundaries of History: a Look at Non-Han Dynasties in China

The course analyses the main theories and methodological issues for the study of periods on non-Han rule in China. Through the comparison of different dynasties and of a variety of sources, the course provides an overview of the main questions related to the formation and establishment of these empires in East Asia, the mutual influences between non-Han rulers and their Chinese subjects, and how to critically deal with the historiographical materials in which these dynasties are portrayed.



Dr. Kai Schulze, Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies. *Japan's International and Security Relations*

This course examines the political, diplomatic and security challenges facing Japan. We will focus on Japanese bilateral, regional, and global security policies from a range of theoretical perspectives. Part one of the course discusses theories and the historical background of Japan's international relations, part two delves into specific cases and difficulties related to Japan's foreign policy, and part three focuses on Japan's bilateral relations with the US, China, and the two Koreas.



Dr. Vikas Rathee, University of Arizona

Reading Mughal India, 1526-1857

This course explores literary and nonliterary representations of Mughal India. The readings, all in English translation, will be taken from a variety of sources and languages, and will allow the students to get a close sense of both the way that the Empire was represented in the writings of its time and the types of sources and genres that were produced in South Asia in this vast imperial formation.



Dr. Guo Yan Associate professor at the School of Economics, Peking University. Dr. Guo received PhD in economics at Peking University. Her research interests focus on economics of transition, development economics, specialized in SOEs reform, firms R&D and innovation.

Business and Society in the People's Republic of China

The purpose of this seminar is to introduce the economic development of China in recent 60 years, particularly the economic reforms in recent 30 years, with a focus on Chinese institutions. The seminar first introduces new institutional theory, which discusses the relationship between institutional environments and individual business activities. It then reviews major features of business activities in Chinese community by introducing some distinctive business models. Under the institutional framework, the discussion focuses on analyzing what the essential features of the political and social contexts for businesses in Chinese community are, and, how these contextual features have shaped the operation and competitiveness of Chinese businesses in general.

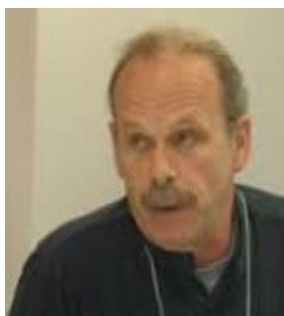


Dr. Min Zhang Postdoctoral Fellow of the Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Trained in political sociology at Peking University, Dr. Min Zhang has received her Ph.D. degree in cultural anthropology at Harvard University in 2014. Her research focuses on the processes and practices involved in

becoming a socially defined person in the context of political, economic, and cultural transformations.

Growing up In East Asia: Childhood, Family and Adulthood in China, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong.

This seminar explores the perceptions, processes, and practices of growing up — that is to say, becoming an “adult” — in contemporary East Asia. We will explore historical and regional variation in understanding children’s transition to adulthood. We will investigate a wide variety of domains of contemporary children’s experience of coming of age in the context of economic and cultural globalization, as well as how East Asian youth are educated and prepare for their transition to work, marriage, and parenthood. Alternative passage to adulthood in East Asia will also be addressed.



Prof. Joshua Fogel is Canada Research Chair and Professor of History at York University in Toronto. specializes in history of Sino-Japanese cultural interactions over the past centuries.

Shanghai in Modern Chinese History

Shanghai is now one of the biggest cities in the world, with a population around 20,000,000. It grew with astonishing speed over the past 150 years. How did that happen? How have the city and its leaders coped? This seminar will read and discuss a number of important studies in an effort to make sense of this fascinating, over-crowded, and the most international of all of Chinese cities.



Dr. Seung Hyok Lee, Postdoctoral Fellow of the Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, previously affiliated with the Department of East Asian Studies, Renison University College, and University of Waterloo, Canada. Dr. Lee received his doctoral degree in Political Science at the University of Toronto in 2011.

Japan-South Korea Relations: historical, political, and social aspects

The course examines the origin and nature of South Korea-Japan strained relations. Through weekly lectures and in-class discussions, the course looks at the way public perceptions concerning East Asian regional history and national security in the two countries have framed the bilateral relations. This course will provide students with sufficient background and knowledge to answer by themselves why Japan and South Korea – the two liberal democracies with many similar cultural traits and common security concerns – have been unable to better their relations.

List of Selected Academic and Cultural Activities

October 2013

16-17 - Annual East Asian book fair

30 - Lecture by Dr. Christopher Pokarier, "Japan reacts to China"

November 2013

3-5 - International workshop, "Travelling food and beverages: In and out of Japan"

6 - Lecture by Prof. James Farrer, "The 'foreigner' in China's corporate labor market: A critical race perspective on skilled migration"

26 - Korea Studies Day

27 - Lecture by Francesca Fiaschetti, "Does ethnicity matter? The construction of otherness under Yuan rule"

December 2013

4 - Lecture by Gal Gvili, "Religion, literature and the future of the nation in modern China"

11 - Lecture by Prof. Xu Chenggang, "Private property rights, the Communist Party of China and constitutional amendments."

11- Lecture by Dr. Anke Marion Hein, "The cultural other and the nearest neighbor: Han-Yi relations in Zhaojue County, southwest China"

18 - Seminar, "Comics and translation: reading Japanese and Hebrew manga".

18 - Opening of the manga library.

23 - Film screening, "Back to 1942"

25 - Lecture by Eran Laish, "Theory and practice in the non-duality tradition, the 'Great Perfection' – how to resolve naturalism and intention?"

25 - Chinese calligraphy workshop

January 2014

6 - Kokuji-Shodo workshop

8 - Lecture by Dr. Jooyeon Rhee, "Vision and gender: Photographs and postcards of Kisaeng"

13 - Lecture by Prof. Alexander Dolin, "The samurai legend – in search of a new identity"

February 2014

26 - Lecture by Prof. Francois Gipouloux, "A Mediterranean model for East Asia: Autonomous cities, trading networks and rivalries in the East Asian maritime corridor - 1500-2000"

26 - Lecture by Dr. Oded Abt, "Memories of enforced Sinification: The changing narratives of the descendants of Muslims in south-east China"

March 2014

3 - Lecture by Prof. Meir Shahar, "Indian gods in China"

5 - Film screening, "Saving General Yang"

5 - Lecture by Prof. Sheldon Garon, "What Japan learned from the bombing of Britain and Germany in WWII"

9 - Lecture by Dr. Kazuko Kameda-Madar, "Literati irony: Copying and theory in Tokugawa Japan (1615-1868)"

10 - Lecture by Prof. Daniel Haber and Prof. Zheng Lunian, "Management of the global corporations"

12 - Lecture by Prof. Raoul David Findeisen, "The invention of Chinese children's literature"

12 - Seminar: "China and India: Comparative aspects in Asian politics and thought"

19 - Lecture by Prof. Jan Bemann, "Qaraqorum: The first capital of the Mongol world empire"

19 - Launch of Dr. Nissim Otmazgin's book, Regionalizing Culture: The Political Economy of Japanese Popular Culture in Asia

26 - Film screening, "The Story of the Weeping Camel"

26 - Lecture by Dr. Ronie Parciack, "Media, nationality, authority: The political Hinduism in the popular areas of Islam"

April 2014

2 – Conference, "Between Israel and Asia: Networks and business opportunities"

28 - Lecture by Kaiqi Hua, "The Urban History of Hangzhou: Before and after the Mongol conquest"

30 - Film screening, "Journey to the west: conquering the demons"

30 - Lecture by Prof. Tian Haihua, "Naming God in China: A case study of the Jesuit's

Interpretation in the late Ming and early Qing"

May 2014

7 - Lecture by Dr. Micha'el Tanchum, "The emergence of the Indo-Pacific: Implications of an India-Japan alliance for a liberal Asian alternative to Chinese hegemony"

12 - The Fifth Japanese Speech Contest 12 - Lecture by Vered Shurany, "The Islamization of the Ningxia under Mongol rule: The life and times of Prince Ananda"

13 - Korea Day

13-15 – International Seminar, "Cultural geography of the Hallyu: "Mapping the world through Korean popular culture"

14- Lecture by Prof. Janice Kim, "The war and popular culture and contemporary Korea"

15 – China Day

19 - Inauguration ceremony of Confucius Institute at the Hebrew University

21 – Japan Day. Ended with International Workshop on "Japan's Anime Industry: Attainments and Prospects".

21 – Lecture by Prof. Li Ling, "The Chinese cult of Hariti"

21-22 - International Workshop, "Japan's anime industry: Attainments and prospects"

June 2014

2 – Shodo workshop

2 – Lecture by Nimrod Oren, "Let's raise a toast with the khan: A glimpse of the alcohol culture in the Mongol Empire"

2 – Film screening, "The Opium War"

11 - Lecture by Dr. Yona Siderer, "Development of the Japanese language into chemistry in the 19th century"

16 – Lecture by Matanya Gill, "Islamic Maritime Trade" 16-18 - International conference, "Chinese and Tibetan Tantric Buddhism"

18 – Lecture by Lin Peiying, "Prince and Patriarch in Buddhist Rebirth Stories: Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Ninth Century East Asia"

July 2014

29/6-4/7 – International conference, Mobility and Transformations: New directions in the study of the Mongol Empire

1-17 - Summer Seminar taught by Prof. Joshua Fogel, "Sino- Japanese relations"

1-14, 20-31 - "Far East Wonders" Summer Camp

August 2014

27/7-25/8 - Qaraqurum joint expedition

October 2014

28-29 – Asian Studies Book Fair

November 2014

3 – Lecture by the artist Zhang Xiaotao, “Digital Media”

10 – Symposium on New Directions in Japanese Studies

19 – Startup Asia Job Fair

25 – Workshop on Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power

26 – China Day

January 2015

11-14 - Kokuji-Shodo workshop

20 - Seminar for tour guides in Asia

26 – Lecture by Prof. Gong, Peking University "China's Cultural Revolution: A private View".

28 – Lecture by Prof. Gil Raz, Dartmouth College, “Local Daoism: the community of the Northern Wei Dao-Buddhist stelae”.

February 2015

23 – Lecture by Robert Jacobs, Hiroshima City University, "Global Hibakusha: The Social Effects of Nuclear Incidents".

March 2015

4 – Lecture by Prof. Anita Chan, “Workplace Trade Union Democratic Elections in Asian-Funded Factories in China”.

9 – Lecture by Dr. Amir Mazor, “Between Tension and Symbiosis: Turco-Mongolian and Arab-Islamic Cultures in the First Mamluk Period (1250-1382)”.

9-11 - International Workshop, "Studying Rural Chinese Society in the 21st Century: Emerging Themes and New Challenges"

15-16 – Convention on "Popular Cultures and International Conflicts: Management, Entrenchment, Resolution and Reconciliation".

18 – Lecture by Danny Orbach, Harvard University, "King of Manchuria: the Guangdong army and the assassination of the old Marshal".

April 2015

14 – Lecture by Ran Zwigenberg, Pennsylvania State University, "Never Again: Hiroshima, Auschwitz, and the culture of global memory".

15 – Lecture by Prof. Daniel Aldrich, Purdue University, "Survival and recovery from the 3.11 Tsunami in Japan".

15 – Lecture by Dr. Florence Hodous, "How to Be Appointed Judge under the Mongols and How to Get Dismissed: The Vicissitudes of Doing Law in the Yuan Dynasty".

15 – Lecture by Dr. Francesca Fiaschetti, "Identity, Ethnicity and Kinship: Mongolian Influences on Yuan China".

27 – Lecture by Sabine Frühstück, University of California at Santa Barbara, "Martial Pornotopias: The Japan Self-Defense Forces since 3/11".

27 – Lecture by Ms. Undine Ott, "The Veneration of Shrines and the Islamization of Central Asia: From the pre-Mongol to the Mongol Period".

May 2015

5 – Lecture by Avital Baikovitch, Tel Aviv University, "International Organizations in Japan at the age of Globalization: Ideology, Identity and Culture".

6 – Lecture by Dr. Kai Schulze, "Beyond East Asia: Sino-Japanese Rivalry in the Middle East"

11 – Lecture by Ms. Soyoung Choi, "Tibetan Perception of the Mongols in the 13th-14th Centuries"

11 – Lecture by Otsuka Eiji, Nichibunken, Kyoto,
モンタージュとしての「日本」 [Japan as Montage], as part of IAJS Graduate Seminar.

13 – Lecture by Dr. Ding Qun, "Positioning Education in Life: A Chinese Study of Full-Time Adult Undergraduates and Postgraduates in Public Universities"

17-19 – Transnational Cultural Interactions Conference: Between Korea and Japan, from the pre-modern to the colonial period.

20 – Asia Day

24 – Lecture by Ms. Vered Shurany, "The Yuan Army - A Prosopographic Perspective"

27 – Lecture by Prof. Richard Hardiman, "State of the Environment and the Environment of the State in China"

June 2015

1 – Lecture by Mr. Wu Hanqi, "The Study of Mönglik's Descendants in the Period of the Mongol Empire"

3 – Japan Day

3 – Lecture by Dr. Vikas Rathee, "History of Rāi/Rāya: Persian Culture and the Making of an Autochthonous Indian Title"

8 – Movie Screening – "The Opium War"

10 – Lecture by Dr. Phil Chan, "China's Approaches to International Law since the Opium War"

10-11 – International Workshop, "Science and Technology Exchange in Pre-Modern Asia"

15 – Lecture by Prof. Morris Rossabi, "Mongolia in the Mongol Empire"

16 – Lecture by Prof. Ma Rong, "Minorities in China: 'A dual structure' and its problems"

17 – Lecture by Mr. Wonhee Cho, "More than Tolerance: The Tax Privilege of Religions in the Mongol Empire"

22 – Lecture by Prof. Sheldon Garon, Princeton University – "The Transnational Destruction of Cities: What Japan and the U.S. Learned from the Bombing of Britain and Germany in WWII."

30/6-2/7 – International workshop, "All Under Heaven? The Empire's Spatial Dimensions"

August 2015

12-25 – Advanced BA Seminar in Japan.

20.8-3.9 – Academic Tour in China.

October 2015

26 – Lecture by Prof. Hosoya Yuichi, Keio University.

27 – East Asian countries forum, featuring Ran Cohen, Former Minister of Economy.

November 2015

4 – Departmental Seminar, in co-operation with the department of Archeology, featuring Mr. Yitzchak Jaffe, Harvard University.

5 – Departmental Seminar, Dr. Seung Hyok Lee, Frieberg Center Postdoc.

24 – StartUpAsia Event and Job Fair.

24 - East Asian Economies Forum, Ms. Peggy Mizrahi from the China Unit Manager at Israel Export Institute.

25 – Confucius Day – Martial Arts Presentation in Campus.

December 2015

1 – East Asian Economies Forum, Mr. Amos Nadai, "Israel-China relations – past, present and future".

2 - Departmental Seminar, Ms. Gulazat Tursun.

3 – Japanese Art Book Donation Ceremony, for books donated by Mr. Ofer Sagen

6 – JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) at the Hebrew University.

7 - Visit of Sunkyunkwan University President at the department.

8 – Dr. Ran Shauli, Truman Institute, "Forced co-existence and forced separation, Israeli and Palestinian lessons from the China-Malay blood feud".

8 - East Asian Economies Forum, Mr. Mepi Frankel, PTL Group.

9 – Prof. Greg Fealy, ANU, "The Ethical and Scholarly Challenges of Researching Terrorism in Southeast Asia".

9 - Departmental Seminar, Dr. Guo Yan of Pekin University.

10 – Prof. Greg Fealy, ANU, "ISIS in Southeast Asia: The Apocalypse, Just War and Pragmatic Jihad".

14 – Prof. Vensa A. Wallace, " State, Law and Monasticism: A Legacy of Yuan Dynasty".

12-16 – The European Forum at the Hebrew University and the Louis Frieberg center, a conference on "Regions and Area Studies in a Globalized World".

13-17 – "Asia in the Mirror of Literature" in Givat Ram Campus.

13-17 – IAS workshop: "The World of Asian Letters".

23 - Departmental Seminar, Prof. Richard Salomon of Washington University.

27 – Group Reading in honor of Prof. Irene Eber.

30 – Lecture by prof. Matsuno Ikihisa, Osaka University.

January 2016

5 – Lecture by Prof. Cyrus Schayegh: "Third-World Global Cities: Examining the globalization/decolonization nexus from Beirut, Dakar, and Singapore, 1940s-1970s".

6 - Departmental Seminar, Mr. Eitan Bolokan, Tel-Aviv University.

6 – Lecture by Mr. Ishayahu Landa, The Hebrew University, "Fuma (imperial sons-of-law) of the Yuan: The Qonggirad Case".

12 - East Asian Economies Forum, H.E. Lee Gun-Tae, Ambassador from the Republic of Korea, "TPP and Korea".

17-20 – Calligraphy Workshop by Master Usuda Taigen at the Hebrew University.

20 - Departmental Seminar, Merav Or Emergui, University of Haifa.

24 – First Methodological Workshop for graduate students on China

February 2016

21 – HSK test in Hebrew University.

24 - Departmental Seminar, Dr. Raz Greenberg.

24 – Chinese New Year Celebrations in Hebrew University.

29 – Lecture by Peter Hessler.

March 2016

3 - Egbar Fellowship Awards Ceremony.

8 – India Forum, featuring Dr. Ronit Ricci.

9 - Departmental Seminar, featuring Prof. Oded Shenkar.

16 - Departmental Seminar, featuring Prof. Gideon Shelach.

18-25 – Israel-Japan Students Conference.

20 – HSKK test in Hebrew University.

22 – Meeting with First Secretary In Taiwan Embassy.

22 - East Asian Economies Forum, Itay Friedjung, Director of Executive Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program.

23 - Departmental Seminar, featuring Dr. Min Zhang.

27 – Lecture by Prof. Li Shuicheng from Beijing University.

28 – Japan Foundation Middle East representative visits Mount Scopus.

29 - East Asian Economies Forum, Alex Pevzner, Founder of Chinese Media Center in College of Management Academic Studies.

30 - Departmental Seminar, featuring Dr. Selena Orly.

April 2016

5 - India Forum, featuring Rotem Geva.

5 - East Asian Economies Forum, Yaniv Hevron, Leader of Research and Strategy in ESOP - Excellence.

5-7 - The Asian Sphere conference in Haifa University, "The Making of the Asian Sphere: Past, Present and Future".

May 2016

8 – Hindi Day

16 – Korea Day in Mount Scopus featuring Speech Contest in Korean.

17 - East Asian Economies Forum, Dr. Roni Bornstein, Founder of Rakuto Kasei, Chairman of the Israel-Japan Friendship Society and Chamber of Commerce.

18-19 – The 13th biennial conference of Asian Studies in Israel, In Tel-Hai College.

22 – Japan Day in Mount Scopus.

24 – Open day for the East Asia and Business Program.

24-26 - International Conference: "Mobility, Creativity, and Collectivity: Making Sites in Contemporary Korean Visual Culture".

25 – Lecture by Grace Fong and Robin Yates. "War and Peace in Early China: Some Reflections".

29-31 – International Conference: "Multifaceted Divinities in Japan and Beyond", In Memory of Prof. Zwi Werblowsky.

30-31 - European Research Council: "Diplomacy in the Age of Mongol Globalization".

31 – India Forum, Featuring Ofer Peres.

31 – China Day in Mount Scopus.

June 2016

1 - Departmental Seminar, featuring Avital Bina Polak.

7 - East Asian Economies Forum, "Small Business Interactions with China" Forum.

8-9 – European Research Council: " Databases and Social Networks Analysis in the study of pre-modern History: The Mongol Empire as Case Study" Workshop.

15-16 – "Keywords in Chinese Thought and Literature" Conference.

21-23 – "Middle Classes in East Asia's Global Cities: Spaces, Communities, and Lifestyles" Workshop.

Selected Books Published by the Academic Staff of the Department of Asian Studies:

