44th Annual Meeting  

November 6-7, 2015  

Texas Christian University  
Fort Worth, TX
Friday, November 6

Registration 8:00-5:00 (3rd floor of the Brown Lupton University Union)
(Note: Complimentary coffee and pastries will be available near the registration table each morning.)

Book and Journal Display 8:30-4:00 (Geren Room)

8:30-10:15 am
Session One (Panel 1)

1.1 Famine and Politics in Iran and South Asia (Beck Room)

Famine and Geopolitics: A Reexamination of the Significance of the 1942 Tehran Bread Riots
Andrew Akhlaghi, University of Oklahoma

Between Hunger and Growth: Defining Development in Partition's Aftermath
Jack Loveridge, University of Texas at Austin

Panel Chair: Harold M. Tanner, University of North Texas

BREAK 10:15-10:30AM

10:30am-12:15pm
Session Two (Panels 1 & 2)

2.1 The Middle Class and Modernity in Colonial India (Miller Room)

Rethinking Belonging: Shaping a National Identity in the Province
Aryendra Chakravartty, Stephen F. Austin State University

Performing Bratas: Bengali Women Beyond Rituals
Suparna Chakraborty, Purdue University

Interrogating Kindness: Food Rituals and Animal Sacrifice in Colonial Calcutta
Samiparna Samanta, Georgia College and State University

Panel Chair: Samiparna Samanta, Georgia College and State University
2.2 Environmental Issues in Japan and China (Zeidman Room)

The Transformation of the Dagu Bar in Modern Chinese History  
Iris Ai Wang, Sam Houston State University

Waste Separation in Japan and its Inspiration to China: Citizen-Centered Collaborative Governance  
Juan Du, University of International Business and Economics

Changes in Decision-making Process in Japanese Energy Policy after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster  
Marcin Socha, University of Lodz Poland

Panel Chair: Stephen Field, Trinity University

LUNCH 12:15-1:00 (lunch for those who have pre-registered)  
(Market Square in the Brown Lupton University Union)

1-2:45pm  
Session Three (Panels 1, 2 & 3)

3.1 Engaging Chinese Language Students Through Environmental Studies in Liberal Arts Colleges (Miller Room)

Developing an Environmental Studies Summer Study Abroad Program in China  
Stephen Field, Trinity University

Engaging Chinese Foreign Language Students in Solving Environmental Problems  
Carl Robertson Southwestern University

Student-Faculty Research on Environmental Problems in Tibetan-Populated Areas in China  
Patricia Schiaffini, Southwestern University (with Adrienne Dodd, Southwestern University and Hunter Jurgens, Southwestern University)

Panel Chair: Patricia Schiaffini, Southwestern University
3.2 South and Southeast Asian Identities (Zeidman Room)

A Search for Ganga Devi: Materiality, Bhakti, and Anxiety in North Indian Folk Art
Katie Lazarowicz, The University of Texas at Austin

Islam Against Islamism: Muslim Pluralist Intellectuals in Indonesia and India
Mark Judd, New York University

Viva Dangdut: Religion and Sexuality in Indonesia’s National Music
Gillian Irwin, University of California, Davis

Living in a Foreign Land: Resettlement Challenges and Success Stories of the Bhutanese Refugees in the U.S.
Dr. Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word

Panel Chair: Dr. Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word

3.3 Past and Present in Chinese and Korean Film and Literature (Beck Room)

Mountains, Streams, and Human Impact: Aesthetic Representation in Chi Po-lin’s documentary Beyond Beauty
Shelley Drake Hawks, Middlesex Community College

Retrieve the Banished Past: Trans-generational Dialogue and the Negotiation of Self-identity in Contemporary Chinese Documentary
Qingzi Cai, University of Texas at Austin

Localizing Socialist Art: Byeon Wol-Yong and His Diasporic Images
Young Ji Lee, Duke University

Workers as Poets: Language, Aesthetics and Emotion in the Digital Age
Xin Xu, Seton Hall University

Panel Chair: Scott Langton, Austin College

BREAK 2:45-3:00PM
3:00-4:45pm
Session Four (Panels 1, 2 & 3)

4.1 Resettling Third Body and Resettling First World Mind (Miller Room)

Resettlement in Western Eyes: Medical Services for Child Victims during the Vietnam War Era
Ming-Syuan Jhong, Texas Tech University

Operation Passage to Freedom: The Resettlement Migration from the North to the South Vietnam from 1954 and 1957
David Johnson, Texas Tech University

Where Are You From, Where Are You Going? An Essay on International Adoption as Resettlement
Mark L. Keats, Texas Tech University

Panel Chair: Paul Clark, West Texas A&M University

4.2 Trans-National East Asia (Zeidman Room)

“Now We Have a Passport”: Global and Local Butoh
Rosemary Candelario, Texas Woman’s University

Beyond Yasukuni: Reconciling Conflicting National Historic Memories Using Transnational Perspectives
Evan T. Daniel, Independent Scholar

Martial Arts Studies, “Martiality,” and the Methodology of Play
Adam Frank, University of Central Arkansas

Global Purchasing: Online Shopping in Chinese Media Experience of Transnationality
Sara Liao, University of Texas at Austin

Panel Chair: Adam Frank, University of Central Arkansas

4.3 Issues in Chinese History (Beck Room)

Water Power and Dynamics in Earliest China
Bruce Jones, Independent Scholar

Diplomats in Pre-Qin Period: A Brief Study of Their Qualifications and “Institutionalizations”
Hin Ming Frankie Chik, Arizona State University
The Qing Dynasty’s Decline and the Role of the Modernized Powers
Zachary Reddick, Florida State University

Security and Happiness Through Radical Reform: America’s Land Redistribution Crusade in the Republic of China
David Conrad, University of Texas at Austin

Panel Chair: Harold M. Tanner, University of North Texas

4:30-5:30pm SWCAS Board Meeting - all are welcome to attend
(Acuff Room)

5:30-7:00 p.m. Reception and dinner (for those pre-registered)
(Kelly Center, rooms Cox B&C)

Saturday, November 7

Registration 8:00-5:00 (3rd floor of the Brown Lupton University Union)
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Book and Journal Display 8:00-5:00 (Geren Room)

8:00-9:45am
Session Five (Panels 1 & 2)

5.1 Colonialism and Cultural Modernity in South Asia (Miller Room)

The Oracle of Ceylon: Herbert Dowbiggin and colonial policing, 1913 – 1937
Robert Whitaker, Louisiana Tech University

Delivering the News: The Materiality of the Newspaper
Emily Rook-Koepsel, University of Oklahoma

Imagining Marathi-ness in Indian Newspapers: Film Advertisements and the Shaping of Marathi Audiences
Rachel Ball-Phillips, Southern Methodist University

Panel Chair: Xiaobing Li, University of Central Oklahoma
5.2 Crises of Place and Placement in Modern Japan (Beck Room)

Medical Revisionism and the Construction of “Japanese Medicine” in Early Twentieth Century Japan
Dusty Lynn Clark, University of Kansas

Moratorium migrants: Young Japanese adults in search for a place to “call home”
Silke Werth, UC Santa Barbara

The Edge of Obscurity: Affect, Precarity, and Culture in Rural Japan
Chad Bruce, University of Texas at Austin

Panel Chair: Paul Clark, West Texas A&M University

BREAK 9:45-10:00AM

10:00-11:45am
Session 6 (Panels 1 & 2)

6.1 Mistaken Identities: Negotiating Belonging Through Transnational Popular Culture (Miller Room)

Becoming Korean: Exploring Taiwanese Identity in Crisis
Tienwen Lin, UT Austin

Intimate Strangers: (Mis)Representations of Tamil-ness in Kollywood Cinema
Daniel Shouse, UT Austin

Embracing the Host-land: Zainichi Influence on Korean Pop Culture in Japan
Hilary Cramer, UT Austin

Panel Chair and Discussant: Zach Adamz, UT Austin

6.2 From Forced Labor Camps to Rurouni Kenshin: Undergraduate Research on Asia from Austin College (Beck Room)

Network of Brutality: Human Rights Abuses inside China’s Laogai System
Phyllis Goode, Austin College

Silk Purses from Sow’s Ears: Appropriation of Samurai Ethos in Watsuki Nobuhiro’s Rurouni Kenshin
Brittany Subialdea, Austin College
Trends in the Japanese Healthcare System: Toward an Uncertain Future
William Whitehurst, Austin College

Co-chairs: Jennifer Johnson-Cooper, Austin College
Scott Langton, Austin College

6.3 Aesthetics, Religion and Philosophy: Cross-Cultural Perspectives (Zeidman Room)

Landscape Viewed from Tourists’ Eyes: Paintings of Hangzhou’s West Lake in Medieval to Early Modern China
Xiaolin Duan, Elon University

Yongjue Yuanxian's 永覺元賢 (1578-1657) Jianzhou Hongshi Lu 建州弘釋錄
Shyling Glaze, University of Arizona

A Monk for All Seasons: Religion and Politics in the Life of the Buddhist Monk Jien
Michael McCarty, Rice University

The Complexities of a Stoic Breakthrough: Matteo Ricci’s Ershiwu Yan (Twenty-five Paragraphs)
Yu Liu, Niagara County Community College

Panel Chair: Adam Frank, University of Central Arkansas

Lunch 11:45am-1:15pm – Keynote Address
Brown Lupton University Union Auditorium

Asian International Relations before “International Relations”
Professor Timothy Brook, The University of British Columbia

The premise of this talk is that the misfit between modern IR and what Asian states did in the past (or the present) represents not a failure of Asian states, but a failure of theory. I will argue that what happened when Asian states interacted before the 19th century can more usefully be conceived as an evolving “law of nations,” to use a 17th-century term no longer in fashion, rather than as a faulty form of IR. This perspective may (or may not) help us better understand how Asian polities relate today.
1:15-3:00pm
Session 7 (Panels 1 & 2)

7.1 Japan and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (Miller Room)

Who Doesn't Do the Homework? Political Economy of the Trans-Pacific partnership and Its Implications
Hiroki Takeuchi, Southern Methodist University

Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Japan and the TPP
Dennis Patterson, Texas Tech

Japan's Grand Strategy: TPP and Economic Integration
Shihoko Goto, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Panel Chair and Discussant: Michael Strausz, Texas Christian University

7.2 Wreaking Violence, Accepting Punishment: Papers on War and Criminal Justice in China and Japan (Zeidman Room)

The origin of KAIBORON – marine defense ideology in Pre-Modern Japan
(Analyzing the «Inquiry into Customs of Red Ezo» and «A Discussion of the Military Problems of a Maritime Country»)
Vladimir Kudoyarov, University of Tokyo

The Taste of China’s War: A Social History of the Chinese Communist Army in WWII
Xiaobing Li, University of Central Oklahoma

He Yingqin and Cold War Japan-Taiwan Relations
Robert Hoppens, University of Texas Pan American

Matthew Wills, University of California, San Diego

Panel Chair: Harold M. Tanner, University of North Texas
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Submissions should be no longer than 13,000 words (approximately 50 double-spaced pages) and no shorter than 6000 words (approximately 20 pages double-spaced). Please use endnotes and provide full citations.

Please send submissions to Paul Clark at pclark@wtamu.edu by January 30, 2016. Authors usually receive word from reviewers within 6-8 weeks.
We note with sadness the passing of Professor Tracy Steele on February 22, 2015. Professor Steele, who taught Chinese history at Sam Houston State University, was an active member of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies for many years, giving generously of her time to host the conference at Sam Houston in 2002, 2004, and 2008.
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