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News

Professor Aaron Moore Awarded NEH Fellowship

The Center for Asian Research congratulates Professor Aaron Moore on his award of a National Foundation for the Humanities Fellowship. Dr. Moore will be working on a project entitled “Engineering Asian Development: The Cold War and Japan’s Post-Colonial Power in Asia.” This project examines the history of Japanese overseas development through the Cold War as a projection of Japanese power and economic influence -- and as an American ally. He is an Associate Professor of History in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies. Dr. Moore published *Constructing East Asia: Technology, Ideology, and Empire in Japan’s Wartime Era, 1931 - 1945* (Stanford University Press) in 2013.

Asian Review Call for Papers: Political Ideologies in SE Asia

The Institute of Asian Studies (Chulalongkorn University) in partnership with the Institute of Asia Pacific Studies (University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus) invites submissions that explicitly engage with ideological analysis related to state-society relations, political contest and the construction of political power in a Southeast Asian setting. Papers that apply existing or new forms of ideological analysis to explore concrete expressions of the ideology in question are strongly encouraged. Some of the themes or issues they hope to explore include: the distinctive traditions of meaning surrounding key political concepts such as liberty, equality, the general interest, or security in particular political settings; the dissemination of explicit ideological forms and the role of public intellectuals, media or think-tanks play in the consolidation of particular ideological orientations; the impact of ideological currents on public policy; et al. Interested authors are requested to submit an abstract by February 20 2017 to Michael Connors (michael.connors@nottingham.edu.my). Earlier submissions are welcomed. Scholars who have written on ideology in languages other than English and who wish to develop their work for publication in English are especially welcome to submit. Selected participants will be invited to attend a two-day workshop in Bangkok in May or June 2017 to present draft papers. A second workshop may be held in Kuala Lumpur. Depending on the number of papers received, an edited monograph may also be published.

Workshop for Southeast Asian Studies PhD Students, Montreal

Southeast Asia Group / Groupe Asie du Sud-Est – a consortium of research groups from universities in the Montreal area, invites applications from Ph.D. students for a workshop on Southeast Asian Studies to be held at McGill University and the Université de Montréal on 27-28 April 2017. The workshop will provide Ph.D. students an opportunity to present their research and to receive critical feedback. The structure of the workshop will be focused on maximizing discussion and critique. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Participants will be selected based on the strengths of their research project, as well as the need for institutional and disciplinary diversity. The keynote speaker at the workshop will be Professor Eric Tagliacozzo of Cornell University. To apply, please send a 1-page abstract of your dissertation and your C.V. to: seagasemontreal@gmail.com with the subject heading: “Ph.D. Graduate Workshop.” The deadline for receipt of applications is: 15 January 2017. Limited funding is available for the workshop. This funding comes in the form of two grants of CAD \$800 each designated for Ph.D. students from a university in Southeast Asia. If these funds are not allocated to students from Southeast Asia, they will be allocated to other students on the basis of need. For further information, please contact Professor Dominique Caouette (Dominique.caouette@umontreal.ca) or Professor Erik Martinez Kuhonta (erik.kuhonta@mcgill.ca).

Study Abroad in Laos: 2017 Sage Scholarship Announcement

ASU offers an annual scholarship of \$3,000.00 for an undergraduate student to spend several weeks traveling in Laos, ordinarily (but not necessarily) over the summer. The recipient must be a full-time undergraduate student during the Spring Semester 2017 and have completed 56 hours, or four semesters, of study. Recipients of the Sage Scholarship are expected to spend at least three weeks in Laos but are free to travel elsewhere in Southeast Asia during their trip. After returning home, they will make an informal presentation about what they have seen and learned and submit a final project report. To date, ten ASU undergraduates have traveled to Laos as Sage Scholars. The application deadline is March 6, 2017, and an application form can be downloaded from: <https://car.clas.asu.edu/news-and-events/2017-sage-family-southeast-asian-studies-scholarship-accepting-applications/> For questions, contact Professor James Rush at james.rush@asu.edu. Our 2016 Sage Scholarship awardee was Brynn Szukala. Brynn recorded her travels and made a wonderful video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hAKUamxe60>.

2017 Fulbright Hays Seminars Abroad Program in Thailand

The U.S. Department of Education is providing grants to educators for its 2017 seminars abroad program, including Thailand for K-8 educators. Seminars features educational lectures and activities specifically designed for the group, including visits to local schools and organizations, meetings with teachers and students, and visits to cultural sites. Participants draw on their experiences during the program to create new, cross-cultural curricula for their classrooms and school systems back in the U.S. For more information, go to www.g5.gov.