Dear Colleagues, Students, and Friends,

This issue of our newsletter features four upcoming events in October and November and we invite you to join us on these occasions via zoom. As part of the Center’s series on Conversations about Asia, Professor Kendall Brown, California State University at Long Beach, will deliver a lecture on the North American appreciation for Shin Hanga landscape art. This lecture is co-sponsored with the Art History Faculty in the School of Art.

"Buddhas Beyond Borders" is the title of Beiyin Deng’s (ABD) Forum presentation organized by the Religious Studies Faculty in SHPRS. Her project examines the trade of marble Buddhist marble icons across the Sino-Burma border.

A second Conversation about Asia concerns the impact of Covid 19 on students. It will explore a variety of perspectives in our forum on November 4th. Some of them were conducting research or were enrolled in language programs in China and Korea at the start of the pandemic. Other students had to delay or reformulate their research projects due to travel restrictions. And some of them found themselves caught in the emotional and social challenges of experiencing the pandemic simultaneously in Asia and in Arizona. I invite you to join us in this conversation about the ways in which Covid 19 has shaped perspectives on and about the study of Asia.

Last, but not least, I ask that you alert students who might consider applying for FLAS for the summer 2021 and the 2021/22 academic year to attend a FLAS information session on how to develop a successful application. Potential applicants will also have an opportunity to meet with current FLAS fellows and hear about their experiences.

Our Faculty Profile in this issue introduces Professor Faheem Hussain who recently joined the Center of Asian Research. His expertise ranges widely across Asia and Africa in the fields of technology and society.

You’ll find additional announcements about current and upcoming events in Asian studies. Please reach out to us for additional information. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you are all coping as best as we can despite the social distancing imposed on us for much longer than we had all hoped. Perhaps the cooler weather invites you to enjoy an evening walk.

Warmly,

Juliane Schober
We invite you to join us for Kendall Brown's talk this month via Zoom. The talk addresses the Japanese landscape art called Shin Hanga. Dr. Brown is a Professor of Asian Art History in the School of Art at California State University Long Beach. He will discuss how and why north Americans acquired Shin Hanga Landscape Prints. This event is jointly sponsored by the Center for Asian Research and the Art History Faculty from the School of Art. You may join the talk via Zoom, and all are invited. For more information, please click on the link below or the image to the left.

Buddhas Beyond Borders: Trading Marble Buddhist Images from Myanmar to China - by Beiyin Deng

Religious Studies doctoral student, Beiyin Deng, will introduce her dissertation project on the contemporary trade of marble Buddhist images across the Sino-Burmese Border. This project situates the traditional production and consumption of Buddhist images within a context where transnational market forces are increasingly felt and where individual Buddhists and modern nation-states act as important agents, and it examines this contemporary trade as a moment of Buddhist cultural translations amidst a revival of Buddhism in China since the 1980s. To join this forum via Zoom, please click on the link below. To learn more about Beiyin's research, please click on the image to the left.

Student Forum: Impact of COVID 19 & Study of Asia

Covid 19 pandemic affects many people around the world. However, many of us experience it very differently from one another. Please join us on November 4th at 2:00 pm to hear from our student panelists how the pandemic has affected their academic and professional experiences. We will also focus on ways in which we can all support one another during this critical time. The forum will be held on Zoom. Please click on the link below to listen to what our graduate and undergraduates students have to say.
Meet Our New Affiliated Faculty

Professor Hussain at the School for the Future of Innovation in Society (SFIS) has recently reconnected with us and we have invited him to join our Center's faculty associates. Among his extensive experiences in Asia, he was a UN representative in Myanmar. Dr. Faheem Hussain has over 15 years of experience conducting Socio-Economic Development and Technological Interventions related research in Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and North America. He brings subject matter expertise in the intersection of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) with Women's Empowerment, Refugees, Digital Afterlife, and Public Policy. Dr. Hussain is currently working as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the School for the Future of Innovation in Society (SFIS) at the College of Global Futures in ASU. He received his Ph.D. in Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University. Besides academia, he works as a Technology Policy expert in research projects with UN-ESCAP/APCICT, USAID, international development agencies and think tanks. Dr. Hussain is also a Senior Sustainability Scientist in the School of Sustainability at ASU. To learn more about Dr. Hussain's research, please click on the link to ASU iSearch below.

Dr. Hussain's iSearch Profile

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Information Session

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

We would like to invite all the graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in studying an Asian language to attend an information session for the FLAS fellowship application. The FLAS fellowships award the graduate students up to $33,000 and undergraduate students up to $15,000 funded by the Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The online info session will cover the qualifications, requirements, and a chance to meet with the current fellows. The FLAS Fellowship Applications for the Summer 2021 and Academic Year 2021-2022 will be open on November 1, 2020, and will be due on February 28, 2021.

For additional information, please click on the poster. To join the session via zoom, please click on the link below.

FLAS Information Session
Language Study Fellowships for Undergraduates & Graduates

Various Deadlines

Thomas A. Pickering Graduate Fellowship: Deadline October 21, 2020

If you are interested in a career in Foreign Service with the U.S. Department of State, and you are a senior undergraduate student, this fellowship may interest you. For more information, visit: https://pickeringfellowship.org/graduate-fellowship/overview-and-eligibility/

Study Abroad Grants and Scholarships to Study Languages

This year may not be ideal for study abroad but if you are interested in study abroad in the future, you may want to check out these grant and scholarship opportunities. Some of these funding sources allow you to participate in a study-abroad program virtually. Visit here for more information: https://www.leadwithlanguages.org/language-programs/grants-scholarships/

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