

Teaching Asia



Across the Curriculum & Region



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Southeast Regional
Faculty Development Workshop
Friday, March 31, 2023

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REGISTRATION <https://forms.office.com/r/7005XnWR7v>

9:30a - 3:30p ET ▪ 8:30a - 2:30p CT *Those from any time zone are invited to attend*

This workshop explores Asia across various regions – *East, South, and Southeast Asia*
from diverse academic perspectives: *Humanities ▪ Social Sciences ▪ STEM*

Why Asia? Asia is the world's largest and most populated region, rivaling the West in economic, geopolitical, and socio-cultural influence. It is important for faculty to understand Asia, and to integrate Asian content and issues into their courses when appropriate.

Target Audiences *Please share flyer & program with individuals & distribution lists*

- Faculty in public & private, four-year & two-year institutions that teach lower-division courses, especially those who are not Asian specialists.
- Upper-division/graduate faculty & Asian specialists, given the range of regions & topics covered.
- Graduate students, librarians, international education staff, independent scholars, and others.

How it Works: Register at above link, and the week of the workshop you will receive Zoom links for the six sessions listed below. Attend any sessions based on your interests or academic areas.

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Background: Over a decade ago, the USG Asia Council established the TEACHING ASIA faculty development workshop series hosted at Perimeter College in Atlanta. The first five years targeted India, China, Southeast Asia, South Korea and Japan. The series moved to a theme focus in 2018 with Religion in Asia and 2019 with Women's Issues in Asia. In 2020, the Asia Council hosted the Asian Studies Development Program national conference in Atlanta. The annual workshop adopted a virtual format in 2022, and for 2023 has expanded from a state to a regional focus.

PROGRAM

*Eastern Time – Each Session 50 minutes, including Q&A
Speaker bios will be included in the final program sent to registrants*

#1 9:30a **The Chinese Economy and the US-China Relationship
Penny Prime (Economics) Georgia State University**

The US and China have had a long-standing, positive relationship that has been in the interests of both countries. The current downward spiral of the relationship has economic roots in the decreasing contributions of trade to growth combined with increasing competition on the technological frontier. This presentation will analyze the economic and political conditions facing China, and the US response to date.

#2 10:30a **How to Cultivate Global Perspectives: Three Approaches to Incorporating Asian/Chinese Sources in the Classroom
Huaiyu Wang (Philosophy) Georgia College**

With recommendation of certain Chinese/Asian texts and illustration of how they can be incorporated into general education and special topic courses, Wang will explore further how to cultivate the global perspectives of the students. The complex issues regarding the encounter of different/conflicting cultural values and beliefs implicate the philosophical question about the relation between the self and the other. Wang will consider and compare three typical approaches, namely the self-affirming approach, the self-critical approach, and the global approach in working with students to engage with issues involving other cultures and values.

#3 11:30a **From Sacred to Demon: Teaching Japanese Cinema through Mother
Candice Wilson (Film) University of North Georgia**

Japanese cinema has a tradition of (re)politicizing the female body to speak to socio-historical change and national anxieties, and this is done with no body more so than the familiar body of the mother. We will explore how a focus on changing representations of the mother in Japanese cinema allows us access to the many aesthetic approaches and socio-political issues imbedded in the Japanese national landscape across different time-periods. The Japanese mother provides an important pathway to negotiating a hundred years old cinema within the span of an academic semester, attached as she is to its formal characteristics, and her symbolic intersections with nation, trauma, memory and history.

#4 12:30p **Coal Plants, Political Ecology and Environmental Justice in South Korea
Hosuk Lee (Geography) University of North Georgia**

The purpose of this study is to show environmental justice issues concerning the growth of coal plants in South Korea by examining the political and economic connections between localized environmental pollution and globalized coal energy issues. Framing those chained relations from global coal energy via the national demands of coal to local environmental pollution into a continuum is useful way of understanding political ecology of coal. This research, therefore, reveals how environmental pollution and justice on a local scale is connected to regional development, coal energy demands and necessity on a national scale, and finally, the political economy of resources on a global scale.

#5 1:30p **Lesser Known Asia: The Interesting Teaching Points of Southeast Asia
Ernie Guyton (Anthropology) Georgia State University – Perimeter College**

This session will provide a broad overview of Southeast Asia (mainland & islands), touching on unique and interesting aspects of the region – cultures, history, politics and religions – that can assist teachers, especially in the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Geography, to infuse Asian content into their courses, especially beyond just the more well-known and strategic nations of Asia.

#6 2:30p **Hindu Identity and Presence in the U.S.
Ramesh Rao (Communication) Columbus State University**

In this talk, Prof. Ramesh Rao will trace the history of Hindus in the United States. Hindus are a micro-minority constituting less than one percent of the population – under three million – but are the wealthiest of American religious groups, and the most educated. Regardless, Hindus remain on the margins of American social, political, and cultural life. Little is written about them, and while yoga and meditation have become big business in the country, few are able to connect those practices to Hindu tradition and philosophy. This is a wide-ranging talk that will allow attendees to get a firmer grip on what makes this very diverse but small community thrive in the United States.