

Fall 2008

September 12 – 14

“WCAAS Conference”

Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. This year, the University of Colorado at Boulder hosts this major Asian Studies conference. Scholars from all disciplines present papers, and panels address topics and issues regarding all parts of Asia.

Humanities Building.

September 19

“A Knowledge-Oriented Paradigm for Social and Economic Development: the Indian Experience”

CAS Speaker Series

Presented by Sam Pitroda, Chairman and CEO of World Tel Ltd. He will describe his experiences in his current assignment as Chairman of India’s National Knowledge Commission.

3:30 – 5:30 pm, Peterson Auditorium.

September 19

Mid-Autumn Festival of the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations

Students and faculty from the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations participate in this annual event, which features performances, food, and a reception.

September 25

“Buddhism and Science: a Guide for the Perplexed”

CAS Speaker Series

Donald Lopez, Professor of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies at University of Michigan. He offers a preview of his new book *Buddhism and Science: a Guide for the Perplexed*, a genealogy of the discourse on Buddhism and science as it has emerged over the past century and a half—from colonial encounters in Sri Lanka to present-day laboratory research on meditation.

3:00 – 4:30 pm, UMC 247.

September 29

“Hidden Warriors: Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail”

CAS Speaker Series

A film and talk by Karen Turner, Professor of History at Holy Cross College and Senior Research Fellow at Harvard Law School. She will show her 45-minute documentary film, *Hidden Warriors: Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail* and lead a discussion on this film and her 2006 return to Vietnam.

4:00 pm, Humanities 1B50.

October 1

“CU Faculty Talking about Teaching Opportunities in China”

CAS Luncheon Series

Professor Richard Collins, of CU Law School, with Senior Instructor Anja Lange talk about their experiences in China while teaching under Fulbright Fellowships.

12:00 – 1:00 pm, UMC Aspen Room.

October 3

“Hosay Trinidad”

CAS Luncheon Series

A film by Frank Korom. Discussion follows in the evening.

12:00 – 1:00 pm, Hale 450.

October 3

“Bawa Muhaiyaddeen: a Global Sri Lankan Sufi Saint”

CAS Speaker Series

Presented by Frank Korom, Department of Religion at Boston University. He will present on the development of a transnational Sufi community that formed around Bawa Muhaiyaddeen, a Tamil Sri Lankan.

4:00 pm, Humanities 125.

October 21

“ATMIC VISION”

This colorful musical event presents the acclaimed Indian Music trio ATMIC VISION as they played classical music from India.

October 24

“TDIC Conference”

Transnational Discourses of Islamic Community conference, sponsored in conjunction with Department of Anthropology. This conference, featuring faculty from multiple disciplines on the University of Colorado campus and a selection of esteemed outside scholars, critically analyze the content and appeal of the notion of a global Islamic community of faith through an explicitly comparative and interdisciplinary approach.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, British Studies Room, Norlin Library.

October 29

“Gender at work in a Japanese hot springs village: job (im)mobility with ‘no place to go”

CAS Luncheon Series

Chris McMorran, Program Associate with the Program for Teaching East Asia, working from his first-hand research, discusses gender roles in Japanese hot spring villages.

12:00 – 1:00 pm, Hale 450.

October 30

“Do Buddhist practices offer a science of healing? Thoughts on contemporary representations of Buddhist thought and meditation”

CAS Speaker Series

David Gardiner, Professor of Japanese Religion at Colorado College, discusses issues of healing in Buddhist practice with special attention to its contemporary representation.

5:00 – 6:00 pm, Humanities 1B90.

November 1

“The 22nd Colorado Japanese Speech Contest”

Students of Japanese language and culture participate in this annual event, which features prepared speeches.

November 7

“Spiritual refreshment, medicine for the heart: Preaching on record and on the air in Indonesia”

CAS Speaker Series

Bernard Arps, Professor of Indonesian and Javanese Language and Culture at Leiden University, examines the relatively new media genre, Islamic audio preaching, focusing on the ways the preachers represent people.

4:30 pm, Hale 230.

November 19

CAS Luncheon Series

Matthias Richter, Professor of Classical Chinese Literature, discusses textual transmission in early China with a specific focus on modes of manuscript production.

December 4

“The Music of the Japanese Biwa: Stories from the Tale of the Heike Performed and Sung by Yoko Hiraoka Musical Performance”

The special cultural event features the talents of master performer Yoko Kiraoka as she performs on the *biwa* and sings stories from the “Tale of Heike.”

7:00 pm, Old Main Chapel.

December 5

“The Great Wall as History: A Discussion with David Spindler and Peter Hessler”

CAS Speaker Series

Hale 270.

December 8

“A Talk on Old Beijing”

In this talk, Michael Meyer, author of *The Last Days in Old Beijing: Life in the Vanishing Backstreets of a City Transformed*, offers his insights into the rapidly vanishing old quarters of Beijing.

Spring 2009

January 12

“A Japanese Double-Header”

CAS Speaker Series

Lectures by Dr. David Hughes, Emeritus Professor of Asian Studies and Musicology, on Japanese Folk Song, and Dr. Gina Barnes, Professor of Japanese Art and Archaeology, on State Formation in Early Japan. Both are at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.

4:00 pm, Humanities 135 and 250.

January 15

“Women Against the Raj”

CAS Speaker Series

Dr. Joyce Lebra Emeritus Professor of History, University of Colorado at Boulder.

4:00 pm, UMC 382-386.

January 28

“Energy Issues in China and India”

CAS Luncheon Series

Dr. Jerry Peterson, Professor of Physics and International Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder.

12:00 pm, Hale 450.

January 28

“The Last Samurai that Transcended Martial Arts: Ueshiba Morihei, the Founder of Aikido (1883-1969)”

CAS Speaker Series

Izawa Kei, CAS Advisory Board member and Councilor of the Aikikai Foundation.

4:00 pm, Ramaley N1B23.

January 30

“India-U.S. Civil Nuclear Deal and its Global Implications”

CAS Speaker Series

Frank G. Wisner, former United States Ambassador to India.

3:00 pm, Peterson Auditorium, Leeds School of Business.

February 9

“Supply Chains and the Human Condition”

CAS Speaker Series

Dr. Anna Tsing, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar and Professor of Anthropology, University of California Santa Cruz.

4:00 pm, Center for British and Irish Studies, Norlin Library.

February 10

“A Casual Luncheon Conversation on Fieldwork and Research Methods”

CAS Luncheon Series

Also with Dr. Anna Tsing.

12:00 pm, Hale 450.

February 18

“Making Yemen Indian: Rewriting the Boundaries of Imperial Arabia”

CAS Luncheon Series

Dr. John Willis, Assistant Professor of History, University of Colorado at Boulder.

12:00 pm, Macky 230.

February 20

“LCTL Workshop”

CAS Speaker Series

Dr. Madeline Spring, Professor of East & Southeast Asian Letters & Cultures, Arizona State University.

2:00 pm, Ekeley M203.

February 26

“Wings of Defeat”

CAS Speaker Series

A film screening and discussion with the producer and director.

6:00 pm, Humanities 150.

March 7

“Asia Day Festival”

The Center for Asian Studies’ eighth annual “Asia Day,” a cultural festival with demonstrations, talks, performances, and activities for children and adults.

10:30 am – 4:00 pm, Humanities Building.

March 11

“Healing Zen: Japanese Buddhist Women’s Rituals of Transformation”

CAS Speaker Series

Dr. Paula Arai, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Louisiana State University.

4:30 pm.

March 16

“Thin Places: the Politics of Land and Longing in the Nepali Himalayas”

CAS Speaker Series

Dr. Ann Ambrecht, anthropologist and author of *Settlements of Hope: an Account of Tibetan Refugees in Nepal*.

Hale 230.

March 19

“Making the Medicine Mountains: the Politics of Tibetan Medicinal Plant Management in NW Yunnan, China”

CAS Luncheon Series

Jen Dinaburg, Doctoral Candidate in History, University of Colorado at Boulder.

12:00 pm, Macky 230.

March 28

“Introduction to Tsukuba University Internet-Based Japanese Tests (TTBJ)”

CAS Speaker Series

Professors Noriko Kobayashi and Chieko Kano, and Associate Professor Takako Sakai, Tsukuba University, Japan.
ALTEC PC Classroom (Hellems 152).

April 15

“A CAS Luncheon with Raza Ali Hasan”

CAS Luncheon Series

Raza Ali Hasan, Instructor in the Department of English and author of *67 Mongol Miniatures*.
12:00 pm.

April 17

“Gender in South Asia: Literary, Historical, and Activist Perspectives”

CAS Speaker Series

A symposium.

April 24

“Migrants and Mendicants: Traveling Religions of South Asia”

CAS Speaker Series

Dr. Sondra Hausner, Professor of Theology, Oxford University.
4:00 pm, Hale 230.