

Call For Papers: 2015 TUSA-UC Berkeley Doctoral Workshop on Asian Studies

Dates: January 12-17, 2015

Location: National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

The Top University Strategic Alliance (TUSA, 頂尖大學策略聯盟) and the University of California, Berkeley will hold a joint doctoral workshop on Asian Studies in 2015. The workshop is accepting applications for participation in a week long, intensive, dissertation writing workshop for doctoral students, doctoral candidates and postdoctoral fellows in the Social Sciences and the Humanities in Taiwan. Projects should be related to one of the following regions: East Asia, Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, China, or the Asia Pacific.

The purpose of the workshop is to advance dissertation drafts and allow participants to receive feedback from faculty and fellow students, while laying the foundation for future collaborative exchanges between promising young scholars from the United States and Taiwan.

Room and board will be provided on National Chengchi University campus. All participants are expected to attend all the sessions and activities during the workshop. A certificate of participation will be issued by the TUSA and University of California, Berkeley to participants who fully attend all the sessions and activities during the workshop.

Framework

The workshop will consist of three parts. The main part will be presentations on working drafts of dissertations. Participants will present a chapter of their dissertation to the entire group and they will discuss the theoretical and/or conceptual foundations of their work. The second part of the workshop, in between the presentations, will be lectures by academics from the US and Taiwan on their latest research or ideas about the direction of East Asian studies. The third part of the workshop involves group discussion on research methods, writing skills, and publication strategies. Participants will be organized into small groups, depending on the applicant pool, to intensively exchange ideas and experiences about writing and publication. This aims to further academic professionalization for young scholars engaged in cross-cultural research and communication.

The workshop will take place at National Chengchi University in Taiwan, and doctoral students from 12 Taiwanese research universities will participate. Professors from Taiwanese and American universities will also attend. English will be the official language of the conference, though individual panels may be conducted fully or in part in Chinese, Japanese, Korean or other East and Southeast Asian languages.

Eligibility and Application Guidelines

Applicants must be doctoral candidates with at least one chapter of their dissertation completed and ready for credible presentation and constructive feedback. While applicants may be on the job market, historians should note the potential scheduling conflict with the AHA annual meeting.

The project of applicants should concern one of the following regions: East Asia, Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, China, or the Asia Pacific.

Required Application Materials

- (1) An application form that includes the applicant's name, department, email address, phone number, dissertation title (as shown in appendix) and major professor.
- (2) Curriculum Vitae.
- (3) A one page proposal, single spaced, that clearly addresses the state of the dissertation.
- (4) A letter of support from one's major professor is optional but will help in the event that there are more applicants than spaces in the workshop.

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF file in the order listed above.

Procedures

Please register for participation through the workshop's website http://140.119.108.209/topleague/index.php/activity_apply/detail/145, and upload all required application materials before November 15, 2014.

Questions about the workshop may be addressed to Wahn I-Liang (萬尹亮) at the Center for China Studies, National Chengchi University by email (iwahn@nccu.edu.tw) or by phone (02-29393091-62816).

Appendix

**2015 TUSA-UC Berkeley Doctoral Workshop on Asian Studies
Application Form**

Name		
Department/ University		
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Student <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Postdoctoral Fellow	
Address		
Phone	[Phone]	[Cell]
Email Address		
Dissertation title		
Keywords		
<u>Research Proposal</u>		
* three pages, please clearly address the state of the dissertation.		