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York Centre for Asian Research

The York Centre for Asian Research Update for 14 November 2023

YCAR News: Welcome to our new Associates!

- **Marian Abdolahi**, English
- **Jasmine Ahmad**, Development Studies
- **Rukmini Barua**, History
- **Lu Cai**, Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies
- **Ashlynn Chand**, Development Studies
- **Bhaskar Chattopadhyay**, Film
- **Boxi Chen**, Communication and Culture
- **Yu-Chen Chen**, Political Science
- **Pallavi Vijayta Das**, Lakehead University
- **David Fasenfest**, Wayne University
- **Michelle Josephine Faux**, Art History and Visual Culture
- **Andrew Fuyarchuk**, Social and Political Thought
- **Sugandha Gaur**, OCAD University
- **Shreya Ghimire**, Political Science
- **Tariq Habibyar**, York University
- **Nadia Hasan**, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
- **Su Huai**, Social and Political Thought
- **Bettina Juszak**, Humanities
- **Shraddha Kunwar**, Human Resource Management
- **Kutay Kutlu**, Socio-legal Studies
- **Ari Manchari**, Education
- **Melik Nasar**, Public and International Affairs
- **Dona Nissangaratchie**, Cinema and Media Studies
- **Katarina O'Briain**, English
- **Rifatun Rahim**, Development Studies
- **Sanjana P. Rahman**, Political Science
- **Humaira Saleem**, Development Studies
- **Magdalena Ho Yan Tang**
- **Wang Zi**, Visual Arts
- **Sahan Wanniarachchi**, Linguistics and Applied Linguistics
- **Wai Chi Wong**, Western University

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Updates from recent YCAR events

Joseph Chan (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) gave the sixth Bernard H.K. Luk Memorial Lecture in Hong Kong Studies at York University on 27 October 2023. He spoke on Freedom, Loyalty, and Home: Reflections on the Life of the Hong Kong Diaspora. Professor Chan is pictured here with Yuk Lin Renita Wong (School of Social Work) and Dr Vivienne Poy, who endowed the lecture in memory of Professor Bernard H. K. Luk (1946–2016). He was an internationally recognized authority on the history of Hong Kong.



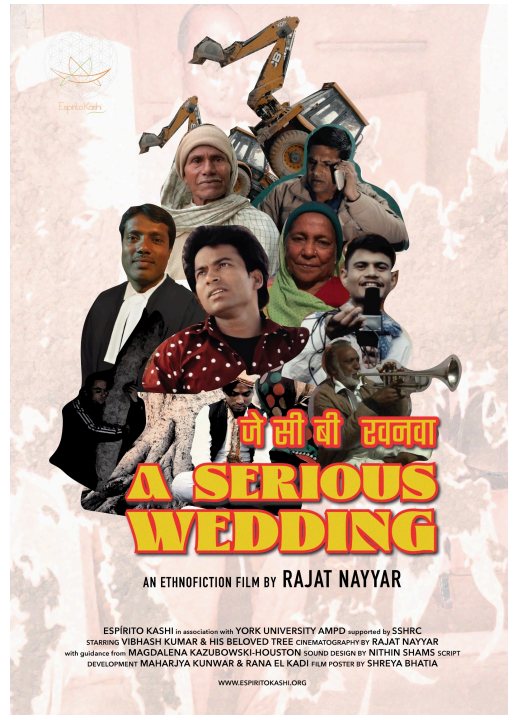
Photograph by Rick Sin

Associate Publications

- **Faculty Associate Ranu Basu (EUC)** | “Neoliberalized Private Education – Main themes and Counter Hegemonic Futures,” concluding chapter in *Geograph(ies) of Globalized Education Privatization(s)* (Spring 2023)
- **Research Associate Zed Zhipeng Gao (American University of Paris)**, co-editor | [“Theorizing the Psychology of Deglobalization”](#) | *Special issue of Theory & Psychology*
- **Research Associate Zed Zhipeng Gao (American University of Paris)** | [“The Politics of Chinese Immigrants’ Double Unbelonging and Deglobalization”](#) | *Theory & Psychology*
- **Faculty Associate Lucia Lo (Geography)**, co-author | [“Transculturality, Anti-Asian Racism and Student Mobility: A Case Study of Chinese International Student Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic”](#) | *Sociological Inquiry*
- **Faculty Associate Lucia Lo (Geography)**, co-author | “Between Intellectual Gateway and Intellectual Periphery: Chinese International Student Experiences” | Chapter 7, *International Students from Asia in Canadian Universities: Institutional Challenges at the Intersection of Internationalization, Inclusion and Racialization* (Routledge 2023, open access)
- **Graduate Associate Romeo Joe Quintero (Human Geography)** | [“Canada’s refugee pilot programs risk making refugees prove their worth”](#) | *The Conversation*, 01 November 2023

Winner, University of Illinois Press 2023)

- Graduate Associate **Rajat Nayyar** (Theatre and Performance), filmmaker | **A Serious Wedding** (जे सी बी रवनवा) | Bhojpuri ethnofiction film about a radical love story between a young man and a tree. Can the community's songs help him save his love from being cut down?



YCAR and YCAR-supported Events

Nov 15 | From Kerala to Canada: The Situation of the Malayalee Students in Toronto with Lijo Lal, University of Kerala | In person

[More Info](#)

Wednesday, 15 November 2023
15:00 to 16:30 EST
Room 857, Eighth Floor, Kaneff Tower
York University (in person)

From Kerala to Canada: The Situation of the Malayalee Students in Toronto

With **Lijo Lal**, University of Kerala

Malayalee migrants from Kerala, India, are one of the fastest growing ethnolinguistic groups in Canada. This talk examines the experiences of Malayalee international students in the GTA. This group faces multiple challenges, including multi-level financial struggles, emotional and stress issues, personality changes, lack of support system, problems with housing and accommodation, and racism.

Lijo Lal is a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Kerala who received a MITACS fellowship to conduct fieldwork in Toronto. The talk is based on three months of qualitative field research and secondary sources.

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Health Narratives of South Asian Women
| Book Launch webinar with editor Rana
Khan | **Virtual**

Register Here

Join us at the BOOK LAUNCH webinar!
Wednesday 15 November 2023 from 12 pm to 1:30pm (EST) via Zoom
The Stories Around Us: Mental Health Narratives of South Asian Women
Edited by Rana Khan



About the Author
Rana Khan is an author, poet, ESL teacher and community educator. She shares her own story of mental health issues, and those of nine other South Asian women, in an anthology titled *The Stories Around Us*.



Speaker
Namra Mohan holds a master degree in psychology, and is a registered psychotherapist, speaker and clinical supervisor, with more than 15 years of experience in the field of mental health.





Speaker
Kripa Sekhar is the Executive Director of the South Asian Women's Centre (SAWC) and former co-chair for the Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC).

Moderator
Atta Khan is a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Office of Women's Health Research Chair in Mental Health, Faculty of Health, York University. She is also a contract faculty at University College, University of Toronto.

Please register here for the event: <https://yorku.zoom.us/j/96937328388>

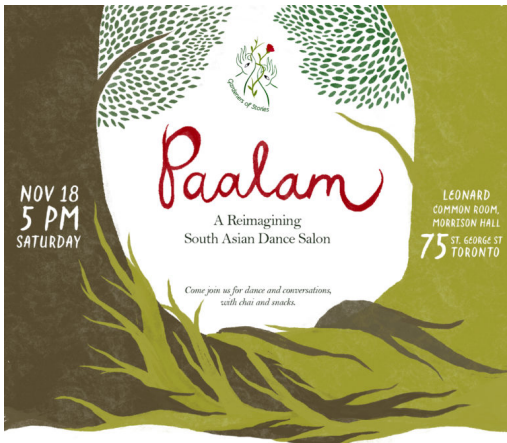
Event organized by the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) and the Office of Women's Health Research Chair in Mental Health (OWHC)

- Nazila Khanlou, Professor and Women's Health Research Chair in Mental Health, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health, York University, Qiang Zha, Associate Professor, Interim Director, York Centre for Asian Research [YCAR], Atta Khan, Postdoctoral Fellow OWHC, Faculty of Health, and Luz Maria Vazquez, Research Associate/Coordinator OWHC, Faculty of Health, York University.



Nov 18 | Paalam Dance Salon | In person

Register Here



Paalam
A Reimagining
South Asian Dance Salon

NOV 18
5 PM
SATURDAY

LEONARD
COMMON ROOM,
MORRISON HALL
75 ST. GEORGE ST
TORONTO

Come join us for dance and conversations, with chai and snacks.

Centre for Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies
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Nov 22 | Canadian Premier Screening of 'Chosen' and discussion with Director Joseph Juhn | In person

More Info

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KORE LABPS

FREE ticket with early registration by November 14 to Our Place and Beyond Conference.
Visit: kcsf.ca/opb
Tickets to be distributed first come, first serve starting November 15

THE CANADIAN PREMIER SCREENING OF "CHOSEN"

Joseph Juhn's documentary about five diverse Korean Americans running for US congress in 2020




CHOSEN

The screening will be followed by a discussion with the director, Joseph Juhn, and special guest, Min Sook Lee, filmmaker and activist. Moderated by Ann Kim, Sociology, York University

Nat Taylor Cinema,
102 Ross North

Wednesday, 22
November,
2023, 6:30 -
9:30PM EST

Screening Registration



This screening is being held as a pre-conference event, in partnership with the Korean Canadian Scholarship Foundation, the Korean Professional Women's Association (KPWA), HanVoice, the Korean Legal Clinic, Korean Canadian Lawyers Association (KCLA), the Asian Canadian Women's Association (ACWA), Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ), and LVP Program Inc.

Centre for the Study of Korea
ASIAN INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY

Development, Scientific Knowledge and Adaptation to Climate Change with Kasia Paprocki, London School of Economics and Political Science | **In person**

[More Info](#)

THE YORK CENTRE FOR ASIAN RESEARCH PRESENTS
CLIMATE DYSTOPIAS IN ASIA LECTURE SERIES

THREATENING DYSTOPIAS
 Development, Scientific Knowledge and Adaptation to Climate Change

KASIA PAPROCKI
 Department of Geography & Environment
 London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussant: **Hillary Birch**, EUC

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 2023 | 15:30–17:00 EST
ROOM 140, HNES BUILDING, YORK UNIVERSITY, KEELE CAMPUS

In this talk, Professor Paprocki critically investigates the politics of climate change adaptation in Bangladesh and provides a critique of elite developmental initiatives and the climate adaptation orthodoxies as they prevail in Bangladesh. Drawing on over two years of multi-sited ethnographic and archival fieldwork with development practitioners, policy makers, scientists, farmers and rural migrants, Dr. Paprocki offers an in-depth analysis of the global politics of climate change adaptation and shows how the sedimented histories of colonialism, capitalism, and local agrarian struggles shape the country's coastline more than carbon emissions.

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Nov 25 | Our Place and Beyond Conference | **In person**

[Register Here](#)

Nov 30 | The Eyewitness: The Life and Times of Dr. Clement Williams at the Court of King Mindon in Mandalay, 1861–1879 | **Hybrid**

[Virtual Registration](#)

Thursday, 30 November 2023 | 10:00 to Noon EST | Room 857, Eighth Floor, Kaneff Tower, York University & Virtually via Zoom

The Eyewitness:
The Life and Times of Dr. Clement Williams at the Court of King Mindon in Mandalay, 1861–1879

With Ron Graham
 Award-winning author and journalist
 Respondent: Aurore Candier
 Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France

Very little has been written about Clement Williams, despite his role as Britain's political agent in Mandalay (1863–1865), his long friendship with King Mindon, and his career in business until his premature death in 1879.

Drawing heavily on primary sources in the British Library and a range of secondary material, the book aspires to being the first accurate, detailed and contextual biography of Williams to accompany a large selection of his photographs in the Royal Ontario Museum. It is primarily intended for the non-specialist reader who may know almost nothing about nineteenth-century Myanmar and its last great king at a pivotal period of imperial wars and economic transformation, though it can also be used as a kind of micro-history or case study for scholars of the period.

For Zoom attendees, [register at this link](#)

This event is part of the **Burma Past and Present: Religion, Ethnicity and Power**, a series of readings and discussion of works in progress. We will be reading and discussing work in progress with the author. Please email hmlwin@yorku.ca to receive a copy of the reading.

Dec 1 | Philippine Studies Group Research Celebration | **In person**

[More Info](#)

Jan 19 | Studying Canadian Universities: The Case of International Students from Asia | **Virtual**

[More Info](#)

York Community and Other Events of Interest

Nov 16 | York University's Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy toolkit launch

[Register Here](#)

Nov 16 | Creating and Resisting the Humanitarian-Development Complex with Agnieszka Sobocinska, King's College London

[Register Here](#)

Nov 16 | Social Exclusion of Roma, Indigenous People and Irregular Migrants | Hybrid


[In-Person Registration](#)

[Virtual Registration](#)

Sociology Speaker Series

SOCIAL EXCLUSION OF ROMA, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

RSVP by Friday, November 9:



SPEAKER:
DR. ANDRIANI PAPADOPOULOU



Andriani Papadopoulou received her PhD in Sociology in 1994 from York University. She is presently a Senior Investigator in the Human Rights and Equal Treatment Departments of the Greek Ombudsman. Her work evolves around combatting discrimination and examining the ways through which socially vulnerable groups sustain and reinvent their heritage in their newfound societies.

NOVEMBER 16, THURSDAY
2:30-4:00 PM
ROSS S802, YORK UNIVERSITY

This talk explores how Canada's approach to social inclusion for indigenous and vulnerable populations could inform Greek policymakers seeking to address the challenges faced by marginalized groups, such as Roma, migrants, and undocumented people, with a focus on bridging the gap between equitable principles and actual societal standing.

Event co-sponsors:
Department of Sociology, LA&PS
Department of Sociology/Maurice Manel Colloquium Fund
Resource Centre for Public Sociology
Centre for Refugee Studies
YRC in Political Sociology of Health (Pl. Cary Wu)

DISCUSSANT:
DR. GEMECHU ABESHU

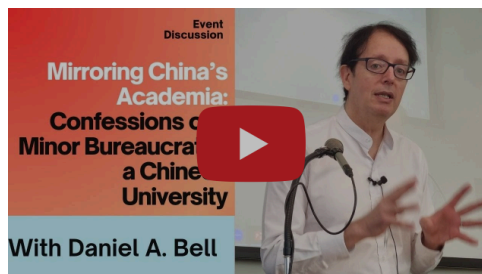


Gemechu Abeshu received his Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from Bayreuth University, Germany. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Sociology, York University. His research interests include forced displacements, racialized refugee integration, and non-state political power forms.

MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.YORKU.CA/LA&PS/SOCI

YCAR Event Video

The video for this YCAR event is now available: Mirroring China's Academia: Confessions of a Minor Bureaucrat at a Chinese University with **Daniel A. Bell**, University of Hong Kong, held on 12 October 2023



Opportunities and Calls

Opportunity | Excellence in Philippine Studies/ Filipinx Diaspora Studies Writing and Research-Creation | Deadline: Nov 22

works) for the Excellence in Philippine Studies/Filipinx Diaspora Studies Writing and Research-Creation Awards. A small monetary award (C\$300) is available for one award recipient per category.

They are accepting works in the following categories:

- PhD papers
- PhD dissertations
- research creation works

[More Info](#)

Opportunity | YCAR Professional Development Fund | Deadline: Jan 29

YCAR's Professional Development Fund subsidizes relevant experiences for its Graduate Associates to present their scholarly or creative work. Amounts awarded will range from \$50 to \$500 with the expectation that they will be used in conjunction with other awards. The next deadline is **Monday, 29 January 2023 by 16:00 EST** for activities taking place six months before and six months after the deadline.

[More Info](#)

Opportunity | Graduate awards offered by the York Centre for Asian Research | Deadline: Feb 5

YCAR is accepting applications for awards for students whose research relates to Asia or Asian diasporas. **Awards to support research, fieldwork travel and language training have a deadline of Monday, 05 February 2024 at 16:00 EST**

- Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Award for Research in East or Southeast Asia (One award, value: \$1,000)
- David Wurfel Award for Philippine Studies (One award, value: \$1,500)—open to undergraduates
- Dr Sangdeok Woo and Mrs. Kwisoon Lim Woo Memorial Graduate Award (One award, value: \$12,500)
- N. Sivalingam Award in Tamil Studies (One award, value: \$2,000)
- The Nirvan Bhavan Graduate Fellowship for Research on India and the Indian Diaspora (One award, value: \$6,500)
- Penny and John Van Esterik Award or Graduate Research on Southeast Asia
- Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award (Number of awards and value: Based on applications submitted)
- Vivienne Poy Hakka Graduate Research Award (One award, value: \$5,000)
- YCAR Language Award (Number of awards and value: Based on applications submitted)
- Young-Rahn Woo Memorial Graduate Award (One award, value: \$12,500)

[more info](#)

Opportunity | Knowledge and innovation for supporting teacher professional development, agency, and well-being | Deadline: Jan 15

IDRC and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) are pleased to invite proposals for applied research projects that generate and mobilize evidence in support of contextualizing and scaling the impact of promising or proven innovative approaches to strengthen teacher professional development, agency, and well-being, in GPE partner countries. This funding opportunity is open to either individual organizations or consortia of up to three organizations working in Global Partnership for Education partner countries.

[More Info](#)

Call for Papers | Canadian South Asian Studies Association Third Annual Meeting | Deadline: Dec 15

Canadian South Asian Studies Association/Association canadienne des études sud-asiatiques (CSASA-ACESA), will hold its third annual meeting on June 15–17, 2024, at McGill University, Montreal, as part of the Federation's Annual Congress, Canada's largest academic gathering (June 12-24). This year, the format will encompass entirely in person panels/roundtables as well as online and hybrid sessions. Submissions should be sent to: csasa.acesa@gmail.com

[More Info](#)

Call for submissions | YU-WRITE: Journal of Graduate Student Research in Education | Deadline: 29 December 2023, at 23:59 EST.

The YU-WRITE: Journal of Graduate Student Research in Education is calling for papers, inspiring book/film/art reviews, and creative works for our 2024 open-call issue. Our Open-Call issue doesn't have a specific theme, rather this issue is aimed to showcase current research from students. Please see our website for submission details.

YU-WRITE is a student-run, non-profit, open-access journal aiming to spotlight graduate students' research in education. It was founded in 2022 at York University's Faculty of Education, aiming to support the writing development of graduate students at York University and beyond. The journal accepts papers from graduate students in any institution nationally and internationally working within the field of education. For more information: journal.yuwrite@gmail.com

[Submission Details](#)



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