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York Centre for Asian Research

YCAR Update for 15 May 2024

YCAR News

Critical Malaya Studies at YCAR

The Critical Malaya Studies Research Group cordially invites scholars and practitioners working on Malaysia-Singapore through critical perspectives, including, but not limited to, feminist, queer, decolonial, Marxist, abolitionist, ecological, and crip perspectives.

The group is a research collective and forum engaging graduate students, academics, and global practitioners committed to producing alternative knowledge beyond dominant, Western, and Eurocentric perspectives on/from/in Malaysia and Singapore.

Spotlighting diverse, underrepresented themes and voices, the collective brings critical and interdisciplinary conversations on Malaysia-Singapore and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

Follow us [@criticalmalaya](#) on social media or at [this link](#) for upcoming events.

For more questions or potential collaborations, please get in touch with [Zhi Ming Sim](#).



2024 YCAR Professional Development Fund (YPDF) recipients

Congratulations to our Graduate Associates who received funding in support of their professional development activities from the YCAR Professional Development Fund .

- Hana Shams Ahmed (Social Anthropology)
- Arpita Bajpeyi (Dance)
- Lu Cai (Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies)
- Kenneth Cardenas (Geography)
- Bonita Das Bhatia (Human Resource Management)
- Andrew Fuyarchuk (Social and Political Thought)
- Jasmine Gui (English)
- Laraib Khan (Humanities)
- Amelia Madueno (Sociology)
- Geneviève Minville (Geography)
- Manchari Paranthahan (Education)
- Shyam Patel (Education)
- Ayesha Shahid (Geography)
- Zhi Ming Sim (Political Science)
- Ritika Tantora (Sociology)
- Sabika Zaidi (Geography)

YCAR's Professional Development Fund subsidizes relevant expenses for YCAR Graduate Associates to present their scholarly or creative work. The next deadline for the YPDF is 27 January 2025 for activities occurring six months before and six months after the deadline.

[More information on eligibility or to apply is available at this link.](#)

YCAR joins Inya Institute network

We are pleased to announce that YCAR is now an institutional member of the [Inya Institute](#).

As an institutional member, YCAR Associates have access to library and research facilities at the Inya Institute, assistance in contacting Myanmar researchers, and support and advice for conducting research on Myanmar and its diasporas.

The Inya Institute is an active member of the Southeast Asian and Myanmar Studies' academic community and the member centre for Myanmar of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC).

Despite Myanmar's current multidimensional crisis, the Inya Institute continues to operate in Yangon providing educational and training opportunities to Myanmar students, supporting scholarship by Myanmar and international researchers in Myanmar and in third countries, and offering language learning opportunities for those interested in Myanmar's linguistic diversity.

Associates' News and Publications (alphabetically)

- Faculty Associate [Thomas Klassen](#)'s (Public Policy and Administration) co-edited book about the aging populations and shifts in the labour market in South Korea has achieved a rare feat: being translated and published in China. [Korea's Retirement Predicament: The Ageing Tiger](#), which Klassen co-edited with Yunjeong Yang, a colleague in Korea, studies a defining feature of the 21st century in many countries: more older people, fewer younger people. [Read the YFile story at this link.](#)
- Graduate Associate [Mallory MacDonnell](#) (Geography) and Faculty Associate [Peter Vandergeest](#) (EUC) | "Fisher experience on distant water fishing vessels: the implications of variation by vessel type for employment standards" | *Maritime Studies* | This research was funded by the SSHRC via the Work at Sea project, which is hosted by YCAR.
- Faculty Associate [Yvonne Su](#) (Equity Studies) | "Setting the record straight on refugee claims by international students" | *The Conversation*

Recent YCAR and KORE Events

The China Studies Group was launched on 23 April 2024, providing an opportunity for York scholars working on the region to network and learn about upcoming opportunities.



Q.Zha photograph

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The Korean Office for Research and Education (KORE) and YCAR recently co-presented two events focused on Korea. [This include a screening of 'Reset' \(2022, dir. Bae Min\)](#) and [a talk by Heewon Kim](#) (Arizona State University). Professor Kim's talk extended a poignant critique about the ways in which the state and state-sanctioned violence has proactively created a new underclass, legitimized by the law and legal systems. 'Reset' looks at South Korea's worst maritime disaster and asks why the rescue of our children and people was neglected on the fateful day the *Sewol* sank.



A. Kim photograph



L. Hae photograph

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Interim Director [Qiang Zha](#) (Education) and Faculty Associate [Patrick Alcedo](#) (Dance) with Kyle Finbow during filming of a video on YCAR and its contributions to the York community. The video will be released later this month.



Photographs provided to YCAR

YCAR and KORE Co-presented Events

Until May 24 | Where are you from? Korean painter Eun Kyong Lee's solo exhibition | Gales Gallery | KORE co-

[More Info](#)

May 26 | Screening of 'She's in Jail' (2024) | **In person**

[Registration Link](#)

York and Community Events of Interest

May | Hot Docs Asian Heritage Month programming | **In person**

[More Info](#)

May 17-25 | Reply 2000, an interactive exhibit helping the Canadian public better understand the monumental impact of the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis on the memories and lives of South Koreans and its under-examined impact on the experiences and immigration stories of Korean Canadians. Click "More Info" for more information or RSVP for the launch event (May 17)

[More Info](#)

May 22 | Voices of the World: Stories of Triumph, Tragedy, and Compassion | Annual Asian Heritage Month Concert | **In person**

[Registration Link](#)

May 22 | Grant information session for SSHRC Partnership Development Grant, Fall 2024 submission deadline | **Virtual**

[Registration Link](#)

May 25 | Seasons, with the Toronto Chinese Orchestra; Pre-concert talk with Conductor Jonathan Wong and Composer-in-residence Matthew van Driel

[More Info](#)

[Registration Link](#)

May 28 | SSHRC Connection Grant Information Sessions | **Virtual**

[Registration Link](#)

11:00 to 13:00 (event number: 2340 636 0553; Event password: CG_May24)

YCAR Opportunities

China Insights Fund | Deadline: May 27



China Insights Fund

The CIF focuses on, stimulates, supports research activities on and fosters engagement between China and the world. In the context of this funding opportunity, the term "China" is inclusive of all Chinese-speaking economies.

The CIF supports short term projects and initiatives with a keen interest in themes related to:

- Imperial, modern and contemporary China
- China and its relationships with the global community, including Canada
- China and the Indo-Pacific area as a region
- Chinese Diaspora in Canada

In 2024, priority will be placed on initiatives focusing on reimagining China studies and the studies related to Chinese diaspora in Canada.

Funding for:

- Workshop, Symposium or Conference
- International Research/Teaching Collaboration
- Research Project
- Graduate Student Field Research

Application Deadline:

- May 27, 2024

For more information, or to apply:

<https://www.yorku.ca/research/ycar/china-insights-fund/>

The China Insights Fund (CIF) at the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) is made possible through the generous support of the Asian Business and Management Program (ABMP).

Asian Business and Management Program | **York Centre for Asian Research**

The China Insights Fund (CIF) at the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) is made possible through the generous support of the Asian Business and Management Program (ABMP). Established in 2019 and launched as the Canada-China Initiatives Fund, the CIF has been envisioned to refocus on, stimulate and support research activity as well as foster engagement between China and the world. In the context of this funding opportunity, the term "China" is inclusive of all Chinese-speaking economies.

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- c. China and the Indo-Pacific area as a region
- d. Chinese Diaspora in Canada

**In 2024, priority will be placed on initiatives focusing on reimagining China studies and the studies related to Chinese diaspora in Canada, including, but not limited to, training future China studies scholars, networking Canadian scholars in this field, and the experiences of Chinese students in academic settings.

The eligible activities include:

Activities	Who is Eligible
Workshop, Symposium, or Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · York University faculty members · Full-time, domestic or international graduate students enrolled at York University · YCAR Associates
Research Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · York University faculty members · YCAR Associates
International Research/ Teaching Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · York University faculty members · Full-time, domestic or international graduate students enrolled at York University · YCAR Associates
Graduate Student Field Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Full-time, domestic or international graduate students enrolled at York University

The CIF-YCAR Committee is responsible for the Fund and adjudicates applications. Annually, up to two applications will be funded for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$20,000 per application, depending on the type of application and the project budget.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a comprehensive report at the end of the one-year funding period as well as present their findings and experiences, offering a platform for knowledge dissemination and fostering a community of collaborative scholarship.

The CIF is offered annually and we are now accepting applications for the **Monday, 27 May 2024** deadline. All applicants will be informed of the adjudication results by 14 June 2024.

Let's build bridges of knowledge and collaboration together.

[More information, including application form links, at this link.](#)

YCAR Research Collaboration Fellowship | Deadline: June 3

The YCAR Research Collaboration Fellowship is aimed to promote intensive collaboration between a Faculty Associate of the Centre and a research collaborator at another research institution (university, NGO, etc.). The fellowship provides support for a collaborator, usually from Asia, to visit Toronto for the specific purpose of jointly working on a research proposal, project or publication.

The fellowship provides up to a maximum of C\$15,000 in reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the research collaborator. Visiting researcher will usually spend one to three months in Toronto. YCAR provides the visitor with a desk and library access for the Fellowship's duration. Preference may be given to applicants with existing collaborations at the time of application.

Applications for a proposed visitor in the 2024–25 academic year are accepted until Monday, 03 June 2024 at 16:00 EDT and should be submitted by the YCAR Faculty Associate making the nomination, not the proposed visitor.

A complete application consists of:

- 1) Current CV of both the Applicant and Research Collaborator
- 2) A two-page document (word or PDF) that includes the following:
 - statement outlining the proposed collaborative work
 - details of the planned output that will result from the Fellowship
 - timeline of the proposed visit and output

This opportunity will be adjudicated by YCAR's Awards Committee.

[The application form is available at this link.](#)

[More information at this link.](#)

YCAR is seeking a summer Research Assistant | Deadline: May 31

The York Centre for Asian Research is seeking a responsible, self-motivated and enthusiastic graduate student to support planning the Centre's activities in 2024–25.

The position will run from 01 June to 31 August 2024, with the possibility of renewal.

Applicants should be enrolled full-time and be able to dedicate at least 10 hours per week. Hours will vary and the position requires the successful applicant to be available outside of regular office hours for events and other activities. The rate of pay for this position is C\$26/hour.

Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Organize and host two lecture series on South Asia and Climate Dystopia ensuring proper arrangements are made

- Liaison with graduate associates, GDAS coordinator and administrator to organize workshops with the speaker/s
- Create content related to the lecture series and workshop for publicity and social media purposes

We are looking for someone who is familiar with the YorkU environment, and who values attention to detail. Experience with organizing academic events is an asset.

Interested students should submit a CV and letter detailing their interest and experience to the attention of Director Shubhra Gururani to ycar@yorku.ca by 31 May 2024.

Other Opportunities

York's Global Research Excellence (GRE) Seed Fund supports investigator-led collaborations that have targeted outcomes while also affording York research teams the ability to take risks and the versatility to work with leading universities, industry, government agencies, IGOs and NGOs from across the world.

- STREAM A: Strategic partnership exploration and development (up to C\$30,000);
- STREAM B: Towards 20230: Advancing Multilateralism (Up to C\$15,000)

Deadline: Rolling

[More information at this link.](#)

The **Mitacs Globalink Research Internship (GRI)** for summer 2025. GRI pairs faculty in Canada with international undergrads for 12-week research projects from May to October 2025.

Deadline for faculty submissions: 04 June 2024 at 13:00 PT

[More information at this link.](#)

[Submit your project at this link.](#)

Funding Bold Ideas for Youth Mental Health in 12 countries

Funder: Being

Objectives: Being's funding is guided by specific country priorities determined through [locally-driven country analyses and consultations](#) with youth, policymakers, local organizations, and mental health experts in our 12 countries. We are looking to fund bold prevention and promotion ideas that address the early drivers of mental health and wellbeing for the most underserved 10- to 24-year-olds.

Applications accepted: 01 May to 26 June 2024

[More information at this link.](#)

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

Summary: The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will positively contribute to the country's economic, social and research-based growth. Objective: attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent, both nationally and internationally; develop their leadership potential; position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow. The Banting program is unique in its emphasis on the "synergy" between the applicant and the host institution—that is, the close and unique alignment of the supervisor's research, the applicant's research, and the institution's strategic priorities. This "synergy" should therefore guide both the prospective supervisor's choice of candidate and the nomination package's points of emphasis.

York University Letter of Intent deadline for the 2024–25 cycle: 09 July 2024

[More information at this link.](#)

Virtual Language Institute to study a SEA language not available at your university + Language Tuition Awards

Summary: With support from the Henry Luce Foundation, The Southeast East Asian Language Council (SEALC) and The Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian Studies (GETSEA) consortia award financial assistance to students who incur tuition fees when studying a Southeast Asian language via synchronous distance learning during the academic year at an institution other than their home institution. This award is intended to facilitate cross-institutional collaboration and increase access to Southeast Asian language instruction.

Eligibility: Requires that the course is credit-bearing at a North American institution and that the applicant is a full-time student at a North American institution. Priority will be given to graduate students, but all are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: 12 July 2024

[More information at this link](#)

Early Researcher Award

Funder: Government of Ontario

Summary: The Early Researcher Award (ERA) program helps promising, recently-appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams of undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants, associates, and technicians. The goal of the program is to improve Ontario's ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent.

The Early Researcher Awards is open to all disciplines. The funds are to be used over a period of five years to fund eligible expenses for a research team.

Value: Each award is a maximum of \$100,000 and must be matched by an additional \$50,000 from the researcher's Faculty or the private sector. In addition, up to \$40,000 will be provided to the researcher's Faculty by the Ministry for indirect costs.

Agency Deadline: 25 July 2024

[More information at this link.](#)

Grant: **Engaged Research Grants Program**

Funder: The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

Objectives: support research partnerships that empower those who have historically been the subjects of anthropological research, rather than researchers themselves; bring together scholars and their interlocutors in an effort to expand anthropological knowledge, combat inequality, and help communities flourish; support projects that will make a significant contribution to anthropological conversations through collaboration and engagement

Eligibility: Scholars at varying levels of training in anthropology and related disciplines (including faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, and doctoral students).

Value: \$25,000

Agency deadline: 01 August 2024

[More information at this link.](#)

Call for submission | Workshop on AI Governance in Global Dynamics | Deadline: June 15

The AI Governance in Global Dynamics at the Crossroads of Geopolitics and Technopolitics workshop is scheduled for 12–13 September 2024 at York University, organized by Wenhong Chen (University of Texas Austin) and Muyang Li (York University).

Artificial Intelligence (AI) holds transformative potential but also raises concerns about surveillance, data ethics, social inclusion, digital colonialism, and national security. Globally, there is unanimous agreement on the necessity of AI governance, yet there are significant differences in approaches to regulating AI. While the U.S., the E.U., and China are establishing regulatory frameworks, Oceania, South America, and Africa are also crafting their distinctive AI governance policies. Divergent AI regulatory strategies reflect differing perceptions and imaginaries of AI's social impacts and distinct technopolitical and geopolitical considerations. These regulatory approaches, influenced by the shifting dynamics of geopolitics and technopolitics, will play a critical role in shaping the global trajectory of AI. Hence, exploring the development of this global regulatory network and the interplay between the core and emerging regions presents a rich and timely research area.

This workshop aims to foster a holistic and comparative understanding of AI governance, emphasizing the role of geopolitical and technopolitical dynamics in shaping regulatory landscapes. We invite scholars from different backgrounds, including but not limited to sociology, communication and media studies, international relations, and area studies, to submit 500-word abstracts of their work and participate in a two-day workshop around these issues. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- What are the perceived risks and opportunities of AI that drive regulations in various nation states and/or regions? What values do they aim to promote through the regulatory approach?
- How do nation state governments balance the potential benefits and risks of AI in their regulation?
- How do geopolitical considerations shape the policies and regulatory approach toward AI?
- How are regulatory frameworks being diffused, adapted, or redefined across countries and regions?
- What role do power dynamics between nation-states and major global tech corporations play in AI governance?
- What unique roles can Canada and other Asian Pacific countries play in the future of AI, considering their current policy and AI ecosystem?

Timeline

- 15 June 2024 500-word Abstract due
- 15 July 2024 Notification of Accepted Abstracts
- 12–13 Sept. 2024 Workshop at York University

After the workshop, selected participants will be further invited to submit their complete manuscripts to a journal special issue. A small stipend may be offered to cover part of the travel and accommodation expenses of selected participants.

This workshop is presented with support from the University of Texas at Austin and York Centre for Asian Research.

Please submit your 500 word abstract to [Wenhong Chen](#) and [Muyang Li](#) by 15 June 2024.

[The call is also available at this link.](#)



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