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Faculty of Arts
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Friday 21 November

Registration Opens

08:30 | Room 2.40

Welcoming Remarks

09:00–09:15 | Room A | 2.56

Halina Zawiszová and František Kratochvíl

Keynote Speech

09:15–10:15 | Room A | 2.56

Monika Arnez: *Making Truths: How Technologies Shape What We Believe*

Break

10:15–10:30

Session 1A Contested Truths in Colonial Regimes and Discourses

10:30–12:30 | Room A | 2.56

- *Truths about 'opening' Asia*, Ferenc Takó (Eötvös Loránd University)
- *Competing Truths and Colonial Technologies: Economic Knowledge, Governance, and Social Memory in Japanese-Occupied Manchuria*, Yue Cui (University of Leeds)
- *Colonial Student Writers on the Tram: Korean Women's Engagement with Seoul's Public Transportation, 1935–1939*, Nathan Tillman (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)
- *The Conquest of Samarkand by the Russian Empire in 1868: colonial and indigenous discourses*, Azim Malikov (Palacký University Olomouc)

Session 1B Political Tensions in Asia

10:30–12:00 | Room B | 2.43

- *Towards a Neo-New Order? Reassessing Embedded Authoritarian Legacies in Indonesia's Democratic Regression*, Tomáš Petrů (Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- *Political Scandal in Japan*, Igor Prusa (Ambis University Prague)
- *All in the Family: Political Dynasties and The Failed Fantasies of Electoral Democracy in the Philippines*, Raimondo Neironi (Università di Cagliari)

Session 1C Truths and Tensions in Japanese History

10:30–12:30 | Room C | 2.44

- *Historical Truth and Diplomatic Fiction: Rethinking Hostage Exchange, Marriage Alliances, and Tributes in ancient Japan-Korea Relations*, Marianna Lázár (Károli Gáspár University)
- *Tensions under the surface: 14th century Japan in the Kūgenikkushū diary*, Vít Ulman (Palacký University Olomouc)

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- *Tension and Dialectic Displacement in Japanese Historical Narrative: Reconsidering Kiso Yoshinakaron in a Framework of Universalization*, Damaso Ferreiro Posse (University of Tsukuba)
- *Tensions among Japanese Mathematicians of the Edo Period*, Tomáš Vitvar (Charles University)

Session 1D Teaching and Learning Languages

10:30–12:00 | Room D | 2.64

- *Tensions of Desire, Anxiety, and Identity in Japanese Language Education*, Giordano Stocchi (Università di Napoli "L'Orientale")
- *The Roles of Audiobook Co-Production as a Tool for Japanese and Thai Students Learning and Cultural Exchange*, Oradol Kaewprasert (University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce); Sunisa Wittayapanyanon Saito (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies); Anencha Klinkesorn (University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce)
- *A Study on Interpersonal Communication between Czechs and Taiwanese in the Context of Second Language Teaching*, Michaela Zahradníková, Yixuan Jandová Chen (Palacký University Olomouc) (Alternative Format)

Session 1E Student Session: Politics and International Relations

10:30–12:30 | Room E | 2.65

- *Adults in the Loop: The Impact of the Russian-Ukrainian War on Diplomatic Relations Between the EU and Indonesia*, David Broul, Antonín Nenutil (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Digital Populism in Taiwan: Nature, Causes, and Media Strategies – A Comparative Study of Han Kuo-yu and Ko Wen-je*, Chenxi Shen (City University of Hong Kong)
- *Ideational Challenges to the US-Led Order: The Case of China's Soft Power in Pakistan*, Shirin Naseer (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Decoding China's Reactions to Contemporary Nuclear Tensions*, Shoval Ben Yair (Reichman University)

Lunch Break

12:00–13:30 | Rooms 2.40, 2.42

Session 2A Truths, Tensions, and Technologies in Medical Anthropology

13:30–14:30 | Room A | 2.56

- *Diasporic Dissonance: Chinese Women Navigating Culture, Labor, and Belonging*, Helen Hess (University of Zurich)
- *Between Systems: Navigating Healthcare as a Russian Migrant in China*, Ekaterina Ryzhova, Natalia Ryzhova (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *CANCELLED: Indigenous Knowledge and the Cultural Use of Natural Psychoactive Substances in East and Southeast Asia*, Kateřina Šamajová, Natálie Kubičínová (Palacký University Olomouc)

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Session 2B Studies in Language

13:30–14:30 | Room B | 2.43

- *CANCELLED: Menu Mysteries: Navigating the Tension Between Language and Culture in Gastronomy*, Isaac Yue (University of Hong Kong)
- *Translation of Chinese and Latvian Classics with the help of AI Tools*, Agita Baltgalve (University of Latvia)
- *Creating Romance or Conflict? Reactions to Hybridized Honorifics in Korean*, Youngran Bastanova Kwak (Palacký University Olomouc)

Session 2C The Truths and Tensions Produced by Vietnamese Migration Industry (Part 1) (Organized Panel)

13:30–15:00 | Room C | 2.44

- *From Debt-Financed Migration to the Quest for a 'Good Life on Credit': The Interplay of Debt and Migration in Vietnam*, Nicolas Lainez (French Research Institute for Sustainable Development)
- *Someone else's dreams before yours: discourse about financing labour migration on social media in Vietnam*, Le Phuong Linh (Fulbright University Vietnam)
- *Gendered tensions and technologies in the nail salon: male Vietnamese manicurists in the UK*, Seb Rumsby (University of Birmingham)

Session 2D Czech Association of Contemporary Asian Studies Meeting (1)

13:00–15:50 | Room D | 2.64

- 13:00–13:05 *Welcome speech*, Martina Varkočková (Metropolitan University Prague), Lukáš Laš (University of Ostrava)
- 13:05–13:50 *Book promotion: Ukrajina mimo Západ [Ukraine outside the West]*, Slavomír Horák (Charles University), Lukáš Laš (University of Ostrava)
- 14:00–14:50 *Book promotion: Encyclopedia Tyrannica [A Research Guide to Authoritarianism]*, Jeroen Van den Bosh (Adam Mickiewicz University), Slavomír Horák (Charles University), Lukáš Laš (University of Ostrava)
- 15:00–15:50 CACAS Assembly

Session 2E Student Session: Linguistics (1)

13:30–15:00 | Room E | 2.65

- *Reduplication in Singlish*, Valerie Madeova; Joanna Sio (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Beauty of Language in Four Characters: Study of Chengyu in Literary Translations into Spanish*, Jiayue Lyu (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona)
- *The process and challenges of translating Korean webtoons into Czech*, Eliška Karbanová (Palacký University Olomouc)

Coffee Break

15:00–15:30 | Rooms 2.40, 2.42

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Session 3A Ethnographies of Truths, Tensions, and Technologies

15:30–17:00 | Room A | 2.56

- *Views from above; views from below – The emotional politics of non-military drone practices, two cases from Malaysia and Thailand*, Monika Arnez (Palacký University Olomouc), Irene Stengs (VU Amsterdam)
- *Plastic waste, digital media, and the pandemic: Shifting worlds and values of the circular economy in Indonesia*, Lukas Fort (University of Copenhagen)
- *Performing the Anthropocene: Perspectives from China and Taiwan*, Maciej Szatkowski (Nicolaus Copernicus University)

Session 3C The Truths and Tensions Produced by Vietnamese Migration Industry (Part 2) (Organized Panel)

15:30–17:00 | Room C | 2.44

- *Becoming 'Proper Vietnamese': Language and Cultural Socialization of Young Vietnamese Children in the Czech Republic*, Mai Thi Thu (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *The influence of third parties on partner choice of second generation Vietnamese in the Czech Republic*, Pham Thu Huong (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Vietnamese Society and its Diaspora: The Interplay between the Sociocultural Normative Discourses in Vietnam and Vietnamese Diaspora Living in the Czech Republic*, Filip Kraus (Palacký University Olomouc)

Session 3D Czech Association of Contemporary Asian Studies Meeting (2)

16:00–17:00 | Room D | 2.64

- *Session on publishing*, moderated by Richard Turcsanyi (Palacký University Olomouc)

Session 3E Student Session: Linguistics (2)

15:30–17:00 | Room E | 2.65

- *The categorization(s) of Vietnamese spelling variations in computer-mediated communication*, Marcin Nowacki (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan)
- *Unlocking Korean Through Hanja*, Kristina Folvarcna (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Lists and Co-speech Gesture in Japanese*, Sofie Ljuboňka (Charles University)

Free Walking City Tour

17:15–18:15 | Guide: Jana Švábová

- Register at the Registration Desk

Saturday 22 November

Session 4A Economic and Political Strategies

9:00–10:30 | Room A | 2.56

- *Bridging the Research Divide: Platform Economy and the Future of Work Policy in Asia's Middle Income Countries*, Viddy Ranawijaya (University of Erfurt)
- *The Artificial Intelligence Ecosystem in China. Policies, Actors, and Applications to Strategic Sectors*, Marco Bonaglia (Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa)
- *Tensions and Potentials of Regional Environmental Collaboration Manifestations in East Asia*, Aysun Uyar Makibayashi (Doshisha University)

Session 4B Truths and Social Tensions in South Asia

8:30–10:30 | Room B | 2.43

- *Counting Backwards? Caste Census, OBC Politics, and the Struggle for Representation in North India*, Jiří Krejčík (Metropolitan University Prague)
- *Soft Tongues, Strong Words: Gendered and Classed Truths in the Urdu-Hindi Divide in Medieval North India*, Astik Mukherjee (Presidency University)
- *Dependency on Native Brokers in Migration from the Indian Subcontinent from Colonial Times to the Present: The Case of Dālāl(s) in Bangladesh*, Zbynek Mucha (Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- *Sacred Truths and Social Tensions: Spirituality, Gender Performance, and the Politics of Hijra Identity in Pakistan*, Hyder Ali (Supreme Court of Pakistan)

Session 4C Truths and Tensions in Japanese Arts and Media

9:00–10:30 | Room C | 2.44

- *CANCELLED: Hidden in Plain Sight: Utagawa Kuniyoshi and the Visual Politics of Late Edo Japan*, Adéla Tůmová (Národní muzeum)
- *Navigating Cultural Tensions: Zainichi Korean Portrayals in Late 20th Century Japanese Film*, Eugenio De Angelis (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
- *Invisible Violence and Remembered Bodies: Reiko Shimizu's The Top Secret and Yasuo Kazuki's Siberia Series*, Mami Fujiwara (Yamaguchi University)
- *Human Participation in Digital Justice System: Exploring the Concept of "Human in the Loop" in Psycho Pass (2013)*, Phuong Pham (Independent Scholar)

Session 4D Gender, Identity, and the Corporeal in Asia (Book Launch and Roundtable)

8:30–10:00 | Room D | 2.64

- *Embodied Entanglements: Gender, Identity, and the Corporeal in Asia* (Olomouc Asian Studies, Vol. 3), Halina Zawiszová, Giorgio Strafella, Martin Lavička (Palacký University Olomouc); participating authors: Keiko Aiba, Liudmila Bredikhina, Marianna Lázár, Daniela Licandro, Novidayanti, Verita Sriratana, Giorgio Strafella, Christine Vial Kayser, Fengyuan Zhen (Alternative Format)

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Session 4E Student Session: Space, Time, and Societies

8:30–10:30 | Room E | 2.65

- *Electrifying Inequality: Power, Progress, and Privilege in Travancore through the Lens of Oridathu*, Grace Johns (Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit)
- *A Legacy of Isolation – Quantifying Socio-Economic Disparities between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Areas of Taiwan*, Petra Nepozitkova (National Chengchi University)
- *Historical Narratives and Digital Media in Shaping Chinese Tourism at Lake Baikal*, Iuliia Koreshkova (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Looking for God: The Journey of Becoming a New Person through Faith in God in Contemporary Hanoi*, Tuyen Van Le (Palacký University Olomouc)

Coffee Break

10:30–11:00 | Rooms 2.40, 2.42

Session 5A Geopolitics

11:00–13:00 | Room A | 2.56

- *Resistance, Resonance, and Reciprocity: A Trilateral Agency Framework*, James locovozzi (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *U.S. Coast Guard Diplomacy and Vietnam–U.S. Maritime Security Cooperation in Addressing Sea Level Rise and Ocean Current Shifts: A Climate Geopolitics Perspective*, Van Sang Nguyen (The University of Danang)
- *Hedging in Southeast Asia: Central and Eastern Europe's Role in Mitigating Regional Tensions*, Alfred Gerstl (Central European Institute of Asian Studies)
- *Green Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia: the scrutiny and policy implications*, Elzbieta Pron (University of Silesia in Katowice, Institute of Political Science)

Session 5B Forms of Surveillance and Restraints in Asia

11:00–12:30 | Room B | 2.43

- *The Daily Burden and the securitization of migration: Lived Experiences of Rohingyas in South Asia*, Monika Verma (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Governing Through Grids and Mobile Apps: Digital Platforms and the Management of Interethnic Relations in Xinjiang*, Alessia Orazzo (Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University)
- *CANCELLED: Harmony or Dystopia? Realities on the ground in XUAR, methodology, epistemology and ethics*, Rune Steenberg (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Anti-communism, anti-intellectualism and censorship practices in claims on North Korean human rights: Tracing general patterns through one recent example*, Martin Weiser (Free University Berlin)

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Session 5C Re-discovery of Japan in East Central Europe after 1945 (Organized Panel)

11:00–13:00 | Room C | 2.44

- *Perceptions of Japan through literary translations: "progressive" society?*, Mária Ildikó Farkas (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church of Hungary)
- *A "kabuki play" as a tool of implicit criticism in Communist Hungary*, Petra Doma (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church of Hungary)
- *Introducing Japanese martial arts: philosophy in question*, Angelika Pataki-Tóth (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church of Hungary)
- *The effects of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics on the perceptions of Japan*, Noémi Szabó (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church of Hungary)

Session 5E Student Session: Linguistics (3)

11:00–12:30 | Room E | 2.65

- *Japanese psychomimes and their phonological characteristics*, Klára Březinová (Charles University)
- *How Southeast Asian Languages Challenge Metaphor Theories: A Case Study of Muna in Indonesia*, Rahmatan Idul (Leiden University); Marian Klammer (Leiden University); Aletta Dorst (Leiden University)
- *Lexical and Semantic Analysis of feitian (飛天): A Cross-Study of Buddhist Scriptures and Daoist Texts*, Wen Xueyu (Ghent University)

Lunch Break

13:00–14:00 | Rooms 2.40, 2.42

Session 6A Truths, Tensions, and Small-State Agency: Central Europe's Engagement with Taiwan (Organized Panel)

14:00–15:30 | Room A | 2.56

- *Discreet Diplomacy: Slovakia's Quiet Pivot Toward Taiwan in the 2020s*, Kristína Kironská (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Contesting Truths, Managing Tensions: Lessons from the Czech Senate's Taiwan Mission*, Renata Westlake (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Taiwan and the Czech Republic's Relationship Through the Lense of Its Soft Power Processes*, Klára Schwarzová (Palacký University Olomouc)

Session 6B Storytelling Technologies: Changing Landscapes and Mythologies in Southeast Asia (Organized Panel)

14:00–15:30 | Room B | 2.43

- *How to (Re)Build a Palace: Storytelling, Architecture and Monarchy in Jogja, 2025*, Jan Mrázek (National University of Singapore)
- *The River Tells a Different Story: Nrima (Acceptance) as Soft Resistance in Yogyakarta*, Preciosa De Joya (Singapore University of Social Sciences)

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- *Kensiu Cultural Storytelling amid Environmental Destructions*, Said Effendy Bin Said Iziddin (University of Cambridge)

Session 6C Multilayered Vernacularization of Civil Society, Democracy, and Nationalism in Vietnam (Organized Panel)

14:00–15:30 | Room C | 2.44

- *The Transplant and Localization of Civil Society as a Political Concept in Vietnam*, Thiem Bui (Malmö University, Stockholm Center for Global Asia)
- *Toward a Vietnamese Conception of Democracy*, Hong Do (Central European University)
- *The Power of Staying Put: Khmer Krom Epistemologies and the Politics of Rootedness in South Vietnam*, An Nguyen (University of Vienna, Ghent University)

Session 6E Student Session: Rebellion, Perseverance, and Dissent

14:00–15:30 | Room E | 2.65

- *Widowhood and Sectarian Power in the White Lotus Rebellion*, Pavel Brada (Charles University)
- *Contemporary Lengger Mask Dance and Its Perseverance in the Wonosobo Context*, Musokhib Musokhib (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *National Truths and Political Tensions: A Comparative Study of Dissent in Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan (1985–1992)*, Jan Brzobohatý (Palacký University Olomouc)

Coffee Break

15:30–16:00 | Rooms 2.40, 2.42

Session 7A Asia Seen from Europe

16:00–17:30 | Room A | 2.56

- *Pockets of positive attitudes towards China within the EU: The cases of Czechia, Latvia, and Greece*, Richard Turcsanyi (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Preliminary Study on the Portrayal of the Belt and Road Initiative in Slovak Periodicals*, Maria Istvanova (Slovak Academy of Sciences)
- *Cross-Cultural Human Capital Management: A Study of Polish-Japanese Enterprises and Central European Economic Power*, Olga Barbasiewicz (SWPS University)

Session 7B Poetry as Social Technology in Medieval East Asia (Organized Panel)

16:00–17:30 | Room B | 2.43

- *Framing the Feminine Poetic Persona: 'Truth' by Editorial Technologies and the Imperial Anthologies' Representations of Saikū no Nyōgo*, Samantha Audoly (University of Bologna)
- *Romance or Politics? Tensions Between Alternative Views of Life in Liu Yong's Erotic Song Lyrics*, Massimiliano Canale (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

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- *Historical Truths, Narrative Tensions: Reframing Poetry as Social Technology at the Koryŏ Court*, Dario Minguzzi (Sapienza University of Rome)

Session 7D Using VR in Teaching Chinese Classics (Workshop)

16:00–17:30 | Room D | 2.64

- *Using Collaborative Virtual Reality in Chinese Language Teaching*, Wei-lun Lu (Masaryk University) (Alternative Format)
- Register to reserve a VR headset: <https://forms.gle/cY4RiTkx6gRBFxnV6>

Session 7E Student Session: Arts and Media

16:00–17:30 | Room E | 2.65

- *From Assemblage to Archive: Posthuman Embodiment in the Work of Jeong Geumhyung*, Veronika Veselková (Palacký University Olomouc)
- *Cultural Tension: Japanese Architecture in Europe*, David Vaculík (Brno University of Technology)
- *Violence in South Korean High Schools: Representations in TV-Dramas*, Eva Svobodova (Palacký University Olomouc)