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Founded more than eighty years ago through the generosity of the estate of Charles M. Hall, the Harvard-Yenching Institute is an independent foundation dedicated to advancing higher education in Asia in the humanities and social sciences, with special attention to the study of Asian culture. Located on the campus of Harvard University, the Institute currently enjoys partnerships with more than fifty universities and research centers in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Thailand. We support doctoral scholarships, visiting fellowships, academic publications, advanced training programs, conferences and other scholarly initiatives—in Asia, at Harvard University, and elsewhere—intended to promote graduate and post-graduate research in Asian studies and to increase scholarly communication among Asian scholars and between them and their counterparts in other regions of the world. To learn more both about us and about Asia, we invite you to visit our new website, www.harvard-yenching.org.

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History

Harvard-Yenching Institute

The Harvard-Yenching Institute (HYI) was founded in 1928 with funding provided solely from the estate of Charles M. Hall, the inventor of a process for refining aluminum and the founder of the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA).



Charles Martin Hall

Although the Institute has close ties with Harvard University, it is a legally and fiscally independent public charitable trust. Mr. Hall's charge to the trustees of his estate was to promote higher education in Asia and to that end the trustees of his estate partnered with Harvard University in order to fulfill the Harvard-Yenching Institute's mission as stated in its Articles of Incorporation, "to conduct and provide research, instruction and publication in the culture of China and/or elsewhere in Continental Asia and Japan and/or Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe, by founding, developing, supporting, maintaining and/or conducting one or more educational institutions and/or by supporting in whole or in part, co-operating with or joining or affiliating with other institutions now in existence or hereafter formed..."

In the 1930s, the Institute supported the development of what became the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard and founded the Harvard-Yenching Library as well as the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*. During the 1930s and 1940s, the Institute also provided support directly to the Fukien, Lingnan, Nanjing, Shantung Christian and West China Union Universities in China as well as Allahabad Agricultural Institute in India.

Since the 1950s, the Institute's core activity has been to offer fellowships for overseas study and research to younger doctoral and post-doctoral scholars at leading East and Southeast Asian universities in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Although the Institute has a special commitment to promoting the study of Asian culture, its support is not limited to that field. To date over 1000 faculty from Asia have received Institute fellowships and over 300 doctoral students have received their degrees with Institute support. In addition to providing fellowships, the Institute supports publications through Harvard's Monograph Series as well as overseas publications in Chinese and Vietnamese, conferences, workshops and training programs.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute has a nine-member Board of Directors, consisting of three each representing Harvard University and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and three independent members with significant experience in Asia. In addition, a HYI Faculty Advisory Committee functions as an informal advisory group to the Director, offering general advice on Institute operations and academic directions.

Since its founding, HYI has had seven directors, each a member of the faculty of Harvard University.

Serge Elisséeff
1930-1955

Edwin O. Reischauer
1955-1963

John Pelzel
1963-1975

Albert Craig
1975-1988

Patrick Hanan
1988-1996

TU Weiming
1996-2008

Elizabeth J. Perry
2008-



Harvard-Yenching Library

Although as an organized library it dates back only to 1928, the collection can trace its beginnings back to 1879, when Chinese was first offered as part of Harvard University's regular curriculum. In that year a group of Bostonians engaged in the China trade invited Ge Kunhua (戈鯤化), a Chinese scholar from the city of Ningbo in Zhejiang Province, to give instruction in Chinese at Harvard. The small collection of books that was bought for his courses, the first acquisitions in any East Asian language at the Harvard College Library, marked the beginning of a Chinese collection.

The Harvard-Yenching Library is the largest university library for East Asian research in the Western world.

A Japanese collection was similarly launched in 1914 when two Japanese professors, Hattori Unokichi (服部宇之吉) and Anesaki Masaharu (姉崎正治), both of Tokyo Imperial University, came to lecture at Harvard and donated several important groups of Japanese publications on Sinology and Buddhism to the Harvard College Library. In 1928 these two collections, then consisting of 4,526 volumes in Chinese and 1,668 volumes in Japanese, were transferred from Widener Library to the newly established Chinese-Japanese Library of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which had itself been independently incorporated that year in Massachusetts. Dr. A. Kaiming Ch'iu (裘開明), a renowned bibliophile and then a Harvard Ph.D. candidate, who had begun cataloging the collections a year before, was appointed librarian of the Chinese-Japanese Library.

With financial support from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the expert bibliographical knowledge of Dr. Ch'iu, and the assistance of Yenching University Library in Peking, the library's collections grew rapidly. At the end of its first decade the library's holdings amounted to more than 110,000 volumes—18 times the original size. Although the library first collected only in Chinese and Japanese, with the major emphasis on the humanities, subsequent expansion in Harvard's East Asian curriculum led to a similar expansion in the library's scope. Tibetan, Mongolian, and Manchu publications were added, as were Western-language monographs and journals. A Korean collection was inaugurated in 1951, and a Vietnamese collection was added in 1973. Social science publications were given increased attention in the post-World War II years, and collecting in this area has been greatly accelerated since the mid-1960s. Thus, the once predominantly humanistic collection has gradually evolved into a research library that encompasses East Asian materials in all of the academic disciplines, including, to some extent, the natural and applied sciences.

In 1965 the name Chinese-Japanese Library of the Harvard-Yenching Institute was changed to Harvard-Yenching Library in order to reflect more accurately the expanded nature of the library's collections. The management of the library, which had been under the Harvard-Yenching Institute from the beginning, was transferred in 1976 to the Harvard College Library.

Fellowship Programs

The Harvard-Yenching Institute has several fellowship programs that bring scholars from Asia to conduct research at Harvard University, to participate in special training programs, or to attend graduate school at Harvard University as well as other universities in the U.S. and abroad.

The Institute does not accept individual applications, and cannot provide sponsorship for individuals who wish to come to Harvard with their own funding. All of our scholars are chosen through a competitive selection process. Several of our programs are open only to individuals at one of our partner institutions in Asia. Interested individuals should contact their International or Foreign Affairs Office for information or to apply.



Our regularly updated website, www.harvard-yenching.org, contains information about application forms, deadlines and fellowship terms and conditions, along with profiles of current and former HYI-affiliated scholars.



HYI Fellowship Programs

Program	Length	Stipend	Eligibility
Visiting Scholar	11 months	Yes	Applicant must be nominated by one of our partner institutions in Asia*
Coordinate Researcher	3 to 9 months	Yes	Applicant must be nominated by, and must conduct research with, a Harvard faculty member; priority is given to invitees based at institutions in Asia
Associate	3 months to 1 year	No	Program is limited to past Yenching Institute grantees
Visiting Fellow	1.5 years	Yes	Applicant must be nominated by one of our partner institutions in Asia*
RSEA M.A.	2 years	Yes	Applicant must be nominated by a department in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard. Nominees must be from Asia—US citizens and permanent residents are not eligible
Doctoral Scholar	3.5 years	Yes	Applicant must be nominated by one of our partner institutions in Asia*

Research Programs

VISITING SCHOLAR

A program for younger faculty members in the humanities and social sciences to undertake research at Harvard University. Those pursuing Asian post-doctoral and comparative studies are especially welcome.

Eligibility: Applicant must be nominated by one of our partner institutions in Asia.*

Length: 11 months

Stipend: Yes

COORDINATE RESEARCHER

A program in which Harvard faculty members nominate a distinguished scholar to work on a collaborative research project in Asian Studies.

Eligibility: Applicant must be nominated by, and must conduct joint research with, a Harvard faculty member or senior librarian. Priority is given to invitees based at institutions in Asia.

Length: 3 to 9 months

Stipend: Yes

ASSOCIATE

A program exclusively for past HYI affiliates to return to Harvard, with their own funding, to conduct new or additional research in their respective fields.

Eligibility: Program is limited to past Yenching Institute grantees.

Length: 3 months to 1 year

Stipend: No

Graduate Student Programs

VISITING FELLOW

Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences from our partner universities in Asia come to Harvard for 1.5 years of dissertation research.

Eligibility: Applicant must be nominated by one of our partner institutions in Asia.*

Length: 1.5 years

Stipend: Yes

HYI & REGIONAL STUDIES— EAST ASIA

A grant supporting two years of coursework and study in the RSEA Master's Program at Harvard University, plus 1.5 more years if admitted to a Ph.D. program at Harvard or other suitable university.

Eligibility: Applicant must be nominated by a department in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard. Nominees must be from Asia—US citizens and permanent residents are not eligible.

Length: 2 years

Stipend: Yes

DOCTORAL SCHOLAR

A grant supporting 3.5 years of overseas Ph.D. coursework and study for junior faculty at our partner institutions. Candidates must apply directly to the admission offices of the universities of their choice. Previous grantees have attended universities in the U.S., Europe and Australia.

Eligibility: Applicant must be nominated by one of our partner institutions in Asia.*

Length: 3.5 years

Stipend: Yes



Alumni Profiles

To date over a thousand faculty from Asia have received Institute fellowships and over 300 doctoral scholars have received their degrees with Institute support. Over the past several decades, HYI affiliates have organized alumni conferences throughout East and Southeast Asia. Below are profiles of several former HYI scholars and grantees.



HONG DOO-SEUNG

Seoul National University, Korea

Visiting Scholar, 1987-1988

Hong Doo-Seung is a professor of sociology at Seoul National University. He served as president of the Korean Sociological Association in 2008. Dr. Hong's recent publications include *The Korean Middle Classes* (Seoul National University Press, 2005) and *Socioeconomic Changes in North Korea* (coauthored, Seoul National University Press, 2007). He is now working on a monograph tentatively entitled "High Society, Low Society."

**MENG HUIYING****Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China**

Visiting Scholar, 1991-1992

Dr. Meng Huiying is a professor at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Her teaching areas include shamanism, anthropology of religion and folklore, and her present research projects include "Shamanism of the World" and "The Indigenous Religions and Cultures of China." She has published eleven books and over 120 papers, including *Shamanism in the Northern Nationalities of China, A Study of the Manchu Shaman's Handbooks* and *Shamanism in the Yi nationality*.

**KITTI PRASERTSUK****Thammasat University, Thailand**

Doctoral Scholar, 1996-2001

Dr. Prasertsuk is currently the Associate Dean for International Affairs at Thammasat University, and in November 2008 organized a HYI Alum Thailand Seminar and networking party in Bangkok. His recent publications include "Thailand in 2008" (*Asian Survey*, Jan./Feb. 2009) and "Teaching International Relations in Thailand: Status and Prospect" (*International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, 2009). Currently Dr. Prasertsuk is completing research on "Japan's roles in East Asian Regionalism." Among his international activities, last year he gave talks in Egypt and Kuwait, and this year will participate in the Korea-ASEAN Conference in Seoul along with giving talks on Thai politics at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich.

**LE THI LIEN****Institute of Archaeology, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam**

Visiting Fellow, 1998-2000; Coordinate Researcher, 2006-2007

Dr. Le Thi Lien's recent studies focus on the iconography of Buddhist and Hindu art and the ancient script on archaeological artifacts of the Oc Eo culture in southern Vietnam. She is also interested in cultural exchanges and interaction in the early historical period between Vietnam, Southeast Asia and the civilizations of India and China. Results of her research have been presented at the Conference on Early Indian Influences in Southeast Asia: Reflections on cross-cultural movements (Singapore, Nov. 2007); the International Conference on "Archaeology of Vietnam—Laos—Cambodia: Towards Sustainable Cooperation" (Hanoi, December 2007); the Fourth Worldwide Conference of the SEAA (Beijing, June 2008); and the Second Scientific Conference on the Cat Tien site (Da Lat, December 2008). In 2008, working as a National Officer for Culture in the UNESCO-Hanoi office, Dr. Le focused on the promotion of capacity building in research, and the protection and development of cultural heritages in Vietnam.

**TAKAHIRO NAKAJIMA****University of Tokyo, Japan**

Visiting Scholar, 2004-2005

Dr. Takahiro Nakajima has been working at the Center for Philosophy at the University of Tokyo for several years, where his major research field is Chinese Philosophy. In 2007, he published two books on Chinese Philosophy—*The Chinese Turn in Philosophy*, and *The Reverberation of Chinese Philosophy: Language and Politics*. Currently, Dr. Nakajima is preparing to publish a book on Zhuangzi. At the same time, he is interested in broadening his academic focus to include Japanese Philosophy. In this regard, he has joined two projects—"Sourcebook in Japanese Philosophy" at Nanzan University and "Key Texts of Japanese Philosophy", run by Vrin, a French publishing company.

**MIKA MARUMOTO****Yonsei University, Korea**

Visiting Fellow, 2006-2008

Mika Marumoto, a development consultant and former visiting fellow at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, completed her dissertation *The Road Not Yet Taken: North Korea's Economic Transformation and the Role of China* (Yonsei University 2007) based on research conducted at Harvard. Related publications include "North Korea and the China Model" (Korea Economic Institute 2008). Mika is currently managing a project evaluating statistical databases on North Korea, drawing on the expertise of a range of practitioners in the United States, South Korea and China. She has also been engaged in translation projects, covering topics including individual accounts of World War II experiences and post-war reconciliation.

**XU PEI****Sichuan University, China**

Visiting Fellow, 2006-2008

Xu Pei is currently a lecturer at the School of Literature and Journalism at Sichuan University, specializing in visual cultural studies. The title of his doctoral dissertation is *Image and Modernity—A Study of the Visual Culture in Chinese Modern Pictorials, 1884-1937*. He is currently working on a research project for the Ministry of Education in China which concerns visual representation in the mass media of modern China. Dr. Xu has published three papers during the last two years, including "Landscape and its Representation in Early Modern Chinese Pictorials".

Publications & Projects

HJAS and HYI Monograph Series

HARVARD JOURNAL OF ASIATIC STUDIES

Founded in 1936 under the auspices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies (HJAS)* has without interruption pursued its mission to disseminate original, outstanding research and book reviews on the humanities in Asia, focusing at present on the areas of China, Japan, Korea, and Inner Asia. As scholarship has evolved, so has this Journal, but always while holding constant its commitment to serve authors and readers alike through the careful selection and editing of its contents. A semi-annual publication appearing in June and December, *HJAS* has institutional and individual subscribers in roughly forty countries. The Editor is Joanna Handlin Smith, author of *The Art of Doing Good: Charity in Late Ming China*.



HJAS Editor Joanna Handlin Smith

For a complete run of back issues online, with a five-year moving wall, see JSTOR (www.jstor.org). Starting with Volume 69 (2009), issues are also available through Project MUSE (muse.jhu.edu). For more information, please visit www.hjas.org.

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE MONOGRAPH SERIES

Overseen by the Asia Center Publications Program, the Harvard-Yenching Institute Monograph Series consists of over 60 titles. Recent publications include *The Sage Learning of Liu Zhi: Islamic Thought in Confucian Terms*, by Sachiko Murata, William C. Chittick and Tu Weiming, with a foreword by Seyyed Hossein Nasr (2009); *Lost Soul: "Confucianism" in Contemporary Chinese Academic Discourse*, by John Makeham (2008); and *Beacon Fire and Shooting Star: The Literary Culture of the Liang (502-577)*, by Xiaofei Tian.

For more information, please visit www.fas.harvard.edu/~asiactr/publications/pubs.htm

HYI Support for Publications

The Institute is a supporter of the following independently published journals and books in China:

CHINESE PUBLICATION SERIES

Title (English)	Title (Chinese)	Editor(s)	Publication	Frequency
SDX and HYI Academic Series	三联哈佛燕京学术丛书	Sun Xiaolin and Zeng Cheng	Since 1997	6-8 titles per year
<i>Yenching Journal</i>	燕京學報	Xu Pingfang	Since 1997	Biannual
<i>China Scholarship</i>	中國學術	Liu Dong	Since 2000	Biannual
<i>History of Chinese Philosophy</i>	中國哲學史	Chen Jing	Since 2000	Quarterly

VIETNAMESE PUBLICATION SERIES

Responding to the urgent need for an interdisciplinary, high-quality, peer-reviewed and independent academic publication in Vietnam, the Harvard-Yenching Institute now supports a scholarly series that concentrates on various disciplines of the humanities and social sciences. The first three-year plan of the series includes volumes on anthropology, literature, sociology, history and archeology, philosophy and religion, and cultural studies. Six books (2 per year) dedicated to these disciplines will be printed in Vietnamese. The first book in anthropology, *The Transformation of Religions and Religious Beliefs in Vietnam Today*, came out in November 2008.



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Projects

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES

The Harvard-Yenching Institute is committed to its tradition of serving as a resource for Asian scholars. Therefore, in addition to its scholarship programs, the Institute regularly supports scholarly work, advanced training programs and conferences in Asia. These projects help to make basic reference materials available to researchers and encourage further research in Asia.

Recent projects or events supported by the Institute include a series of conferences on Confucianism in Vietnam, the Nanjing University-Harvard-Yenching Forum for Dialogue between Chinese and Islamic Civilizations, and the Guodian Bamboo Strips project.

ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FIELD DEVELOPMENT

The Advanced Training Program is a new initiative undertaken by the Harvard-Yenching Institute, in which a small group of promising young Asian scholars in the humanities and social sciences are selected and brought together at Harvard as visiting scholars or visiting fellows. They work closely with eminent scholars at Harvard and other major universities in the United States, and join academic activities organized by the academic community at large. The program aims to increase scholars' knowledge of new work in their field and to foster collaborative work as a community. The first two years of this training program focus on Comparative Literature, led by Professor Stephen Owen in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University.



Comparative and World Literature Training Program scholars with Professor Stephen Owen

Events

Seminar Series and Conferences

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Each year the Harvard-Yenching Institute sponsors or co-sponsors conferences and workshops on the humanities and social sciences, with a particular focus on Asian culture, both at Harvard and at academic institutions in Asia. Recent events at Harvard include *The Chinese Art of Enlivenment: A Symposium*, *Historical Dialogue and Reconciliation in East Asia: Recent Practice and Future Prospects*, and *A Structured Conversation on the Humanities at Leading East Asian Universities*.

For the latest event listings, please visit our website, www.harvard-yenching.org

SEMINAR SERIES

In addition to holding conferences and workshops open to the public, the Institute's scholars regularly run intra-Institute academic events, including weekly seminars and lunchtime talks. Each scholar is asked to lead one such event during his or her stay. These seminars provide the opportunity for scholarly exchange and promote an academic community within the Institute.



Director Elizabeth J. Perry gives a lunch talk for HYI scholars



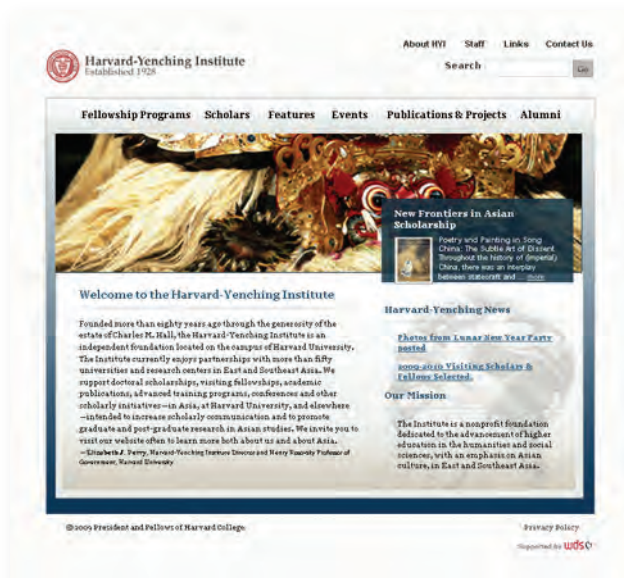
Visiting scholars enjoy an autumn visit to Plimoth Plantation

HYI Scholar Life

LIFE IN BOSTON

While the focus of HYI's fellowship programs is on academic research, the programs also offer scholars the opportunity to become familiar with Cambridge and the city of Boston. To help integrate scholars into the community at large, the Institute runs a series of social activities each year, including a boat tour of Boston and trips to nearby cultural sites in New England. The Institute also holds celebrations for many American and Asian holidays, including Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Lunar New Year.

HYI Information



Website

Launched in early 2009, the new Harvard-Yenching Institute website covers all aspects of the Institute, including profiles of current scholars and fellows, fellowship program details and application forms, events and photos and alumni information. Updated on a weekly basis, the site is also a source for new scholarship in Asia. Visit us on the web at www.harvard-yenching.org.

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哈佛燕京學社創辦於1928年，其基金來自於查爾斯·馬丁·霍爾先生的慷慨捐贈。作為一家獨立的基金會，學社已有整整八十年的歷史。創辦至今，學社一直致力於資助和促進亞洲地區的高等院校和研究室的社會科學和人文科學領域的研究，並且始終以推進有關中國文化的學術研究為主。學社從屬於哈佛大學，八十年以來和中國大陸、香港、臺灣、日本、韓國、越南和泰國等國家和地區的五十多所重點大學和研究室保持著密切的學術合作和交流關係。學社設有多種獎學金項目，其中包括資助攻讀博士學位的研究生的獎學金專案、博士生論文研究專案、訪問學者專案。此外，我們也資助學術期刊和專題論文的出版，組織高級學術培訓專案，並舉辦學術會議以及其他形式的各類學術活動，從而最大程度地增進亞洲和哈佛大學以及美國其他高等院校的學者間的學術交流。歡迎大家訪問我們學社的網站 <www.harvard-yenching.org>，並進一步瞭解哈佛燕京學社以及相關的亞洲學術界的近況。

— 哈佛燕京學社社長、哈佛大學政治學系裴宜理教授

ハーバード燕京研究所は、80年以上前に、チャールズ M. ホール氏の寛大な遺産寄贈により創立されました。独立財団として、アジアにおける人文・社会科学分野での高等教育の発展に寄与することが設立趣旨であり、特に中国文化研究に重点が置かれました。本研究所は、ハーバード大学構内に所在し、中国、香港、台湾、日本、韓国、ベトナム、タイにおける50以上の大学や研究機関と提携しています。本研究所は、アジアやハーバード大学またその他の地域での、博士課程スカラーシップ、客員研究フェローシップ、学術文献出版、高等教育プログラム、学術会議、その他の学術面での研究活動を助成しています。その目的は、大学院課程や博士課程修了後のアジア研究を奨励し、アジア地域出身の研究者同士、またアジアと他の地域の研究者間の学術交流を深めることです。ハーバード燕京研究所の詳細とアジア研究の現況についてお知りになりたい方は、本研究所の新しいウェブサイトをご覧ください。(www.harvard-yenching.org)

— 엘리자베스 J. 페리:ハーバード燕京研究所長。ハーバード大学ヘンリー・ロソフスキー政治学科教授。

하버드 옌칭 연구소는 아시아 지역의 인문학과 사회과학, 특히 중국 문화 연구의 발전을 위해 80여 년 전 찰스 홀 가(家)의 후원으로 설립된 독립적인 기관입니다. 하버드 대학교 내에 위치하고 있는 본 연구소는 현재 중국, 홍콩, 대만, 일본, 한국, 베트남, 태국의 50여 개 대학 및 연구소들과 협력관계를 유지하고 있으며, 박사과정 연구 지원, 방문 학자 지원, 학술 간행물 발행, 학술 트레이닝 프로그램 및 컨퍼런스 주최 등 다양한 학술적 활동을 아시아 각국과 하버드 대학교, 그 외 여러 지역에서 펼치고 있습니다. 이러한 활동을 통해 하버드 옌칭 연구소는 아시아 지역에 관한 연구를 보다 진작시키는 한편, 아시아 지역의 학자들과 세계 전역의 학자들 사이의 활발한 학문적 교류를 도모하고 있습니다. 하버드 옌칭 연구소 또는 아시아 지역에 관해 더 알고 싶으신 분들은 저희 연구소의 새로운 홈페이지를 방문해 주시기 바랍니다.

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