***Asian Masculinities in a Globalizing World***

**Objectives**

Being a man in today’s Asian society comes with various expectations from the nation, society, religion, and jobs. However, there has been a lack of scholarly research on men and masculinities within the field of gender studies, as men are often seen as the universal, normative subject. While there is a growing body of work on male homosexuality in the Asian context, the study of heteronormative masculinities remains unexplored. To bridge this gap in knowledge, a workshop has been organized to bring together scholars to address key issues related to masculinities in Asia.

The workshop aims to compare hegemonic masculinity in Asia with a Western context and explore how sub-national, national, regional, and global notions of masculinities interact within the Asian context and in transnational space. Masculinities are culturally exalted, and the workshop attempts to understand how they are redefined and reconstructed in a globalizing world. The workshop covers various aspects of masculinities in Asia, including Buddhist masculinity, media representations, sexual commodification, and industrial and professional constructions of masculinity.

The workshop takes into account the broad context of nation, transnationalism, and neoliberalism while also considering the specificities of Asia and beyond. By exploring various aspects of masculinities in Asia, the workshop aims to contribute to the field of men and masculinities in Asia, which has yet to be sufficiently explored.

**Program**

10am-12pm

**Session I: Performance of Masculinine in the Glocalized Asia**

Ward Keeler, Professor, University of Texas at Austin

“*Autonomy and Attachment in Burman Buddhist Masculinity*”

Matthew Kohrman, Associate Professor, Standford University

*“Smokey Tussles: New thoughts on the history of tobacco, read through its biopolitical, masculinized and pharmakonic past, from the mid-Atlantic to Mao’s China”*

Mathangi Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India

“*Nehru’s men: Masculinity, modernity and worldliness in an Indian industrial township*”

Evan T. Kioko, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Reischauer Institute, Harvard University

“*Fatherhood Movement in Contemporary Japan*”

Discussant – Christine Yano, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Lunch Break – 12.00-13.00

13.00pm-14.30 pm

**Session II: Transnational Masculinities in Asia and Beyond**

Stevan McKay, Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz

“*Asian Masculinity? Transnational Asian Seafarers Making Sense of Manhood*”

Wei Wei, Professor, Harvard-Yenching Visiting Scholar, East China Normal University, China

“*Negotiating Chinese Transnational Masculinity in the Age of Rising China*”

Amporn Jirattikorn, Associate Professor, Harvard-Yenching Visiting Scholar, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

“*Straight Masculinity in a Queer Space: Experiences of Shan Male Migrant Sex Workers in Thailand”*

Discussant – Louisa Schein, Rutgers University

14.30-15.00 – Coffee Break

15:00pm-16:30 pm

**Masculinities in Asian Cultural Space**

Christine Yano, Professor, University of Hawaii at Manoa

“*Templates of Masculinity in Japanese Popular Song: Enka and Its Discontents*”

Dredge Kang, Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego

“*Thai Masculinity and the Korean Wave*”

Takeshi Matsui, Professor, Harvard-Yenching Visiting Scholar, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

“*Masculinity in Japanese Restaurants in the US*”

Discussant – Ward Keeler, University of Texas at Austin