

CFA: Trans-Asian Indigeneity/ Summer Institute at Penn State in June 2017

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Call for Applications: Penn State Asian Studies Summer Institute (Special Topic: "Trans-Asian Indigeneity")

Penn State Asian Studies Summer Institute:

"Trans-Asian Indigeneity"

Penn State University invites applicants for its annual Asian Studies Summer Institute, to be held June 18-24, 2017. This year's Institute, directed by Neal Keating, Pasang Yangjee Sherpa and Charlotte Eubanks, focuses on the topic of "Trans-Asian Indigeneity."

Institute participants spend a week reading and thinking about the annual theme, as well as significant time workshopping their work in progress. Particularly strong work may be considered for publication in the "Indigeneity" special issue of *Verge: Studies in Global Asias* (<http://www.upress.umn.edu/journal-division/journals/verge-studies-in-global-asias>).

Penn State will provide a graduated travel stipend (USD 400 from the East Coast, 600 from the Midwest, 800 from the West Coast; USD 1000 from Europe; USD 1350 from Asia). We will also cover the costs of housing and most meals for the week of the Institute.

Applicants must have completed their PhDs between August 2012 and 2017, or be advanced graduate students who are completing their dissertations.

On the theme:

We invite applications from the Humanities, Arts and Sciences—anthropology, environmental studies, history, political ecology, geography, art and literature—that examine "Indigeneity" as a protean concept and lived reality in Asia, Asian America, and Asian diasporic communities across the globe. We are especially interested in attending to the concept's travels between Asian and western settler societies, or those following the movement's historical concurrence with the rise of neoliberal

political economy and the onset of massive anthropogenic environmental change. Marking the ten-year anniversary of the UN General Assembly adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we explore the possibilities of strengthening collective indigenous identities that are not antithetical to state sovereignty and citizenry, but nonetheless challenge the status quo of nation-states and finance capital to make political space for “other” peoples with collective human rights that are now recognized in international law. We are also interested in the current historical, political and ecological moment, and the growing realization of planetary limits to unchecked economic growth. New forms of human organization are becoming imaginable, and Indigeneity may be among the most sustainable of these. We encourage applications that connect discourses of 'Asian' indigeneities with the larger planetary flows of capital and people.

To apply, please send the following documents in a single PDF file to verge@psu.edu by March 15, 2017.

1. A cover letter (up to 2pp) outlining your current career/research stage, and articulating a connection to the Institute theme.
2. A sample of your current work (10-20 pp). This need not be the piece you plan to workshop over the summer. It should nonetheless give the review committee some sense of your current and future work.
3. A current c.v.
4. Advanced graduate students must also include a letter from the dissertation adviser on academic progress and status. (This may be sent under separate cover, rather than as a part of the single PDF file for items 1-3.)

Decisions will be made by the first week of April 2017. Other inquiries regarding the Summer Institute may be directed to Charlotte Eubanks (cde13@psu.edu).

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