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Organizers:
Meagan Finlay and Hanne Deleu

Saturday May 18th

8-8:30
Coffee and Breakfast

8:30-8:45
Welcome by Meagan Finlay and Hanne Deleu

Panel 1: Creators and Viewers in Mediascapes

8:45-10:45
Moderator: Hanne Deleu
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

Continuities in the AI Wave: Automation, Alienation, and Speculation in K-Pop's Virtual Idols
Casey Coffee – Department of Film and Media Studies

NHK on Demand: Defining the Nation and National Identity in Virtual Space
Meagan Finlay – Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

The Neo-Colonial Gaze in Memories of Murder
Paul Kim – Department of Film and Media Studies

Ainu Neno An Ainu: Documentary Engagement and Subverting Ethnographic Record
Sabra Harris – Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

10:45-11:00

Break

**Panel 2: Inquiries in Chinese Literature from Late-Tang to the Late
Twentieth Century**

11:00-12:30

Moderator: Soohyun Lee

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Subversive Smiles: Eileen Chang's Transwriting Zone

Ursula D. Friedman – Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

Reconstructing Locality: Post-War Writings in the Ji Form in Early Southern Song China

Alice Du – Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

*Topographic Writings as Social Competence: A Late Tang (827-907) China Local Literati
Group's Literary Trainings and Poetry Exchange*

Xinci Fu – Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:30-3:00

Keynote Speaker Professor Yunte Huang

Imagining China in the Digital Age

English Department

Panel 3: Topics in East Asian Religions

3:00-5:00

Moderator: Daigengna Duoer

Department of Religious Studies

The American Daijingu of Los Angeles: Shinto in the Continental United States

Laura Snell – Department of Religious Studies

Monastic Sips and Social Scripts: Unveiling Tea's Role in Sculpting Gender in Mongolia

Udam Baoagudamu – Department of Religious Studies

Sound & Soteriology: Buddhist Perspectives on Auralty within the Śūraṅgama Sūtra
Kyle Kaplan – Department of Religious Studies

Deer Conservation: Kansai's Sacred Cervidae
Zachary Armine-Klein – Department of Religious Studies

Sunday May 19th

9-9:30
Coffee and Breakfast

Panel 4: Transnational Entanglements of Nationalism and Colonialism

9:30-11:30
Moderator: Natalya Rodriguez
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

Dinosaur-Infested Paradise Jungle: Colonial Lies Underpinning Exploitative Tourism in Okinawa
Nirupama Chandrasekhar – Department of History

People and Communities Involved in Metahistorical Discourses in Modern Japan
Tomoya Fujihara – Department of Religious Studies

Feminist Constitutionalism in Republican China: Rethinking Women's Rights, Collective Identity, and Eugenics, 1922-1946
Yu Liu – Department of History

Sanitizing Ideology: The Repatriation of Japanese Prisoners of War from the Soviet Union
Hayate Murayama – Department of History

11:30
Wrap-up

Noon
Box lunch for presenters