

# Seeking a Future for East Asia's Past:

A Workshop on Sinographic Sphere  
Studies



In the early twentieth century, East Asia's traditional Sinographic Sphere broke apart. What is the future of its legacy in the early twenty-first century? This workshop will present a day of visionary brainstorming with students and scholars articulating the future of their mission to recapture the region's shared past in a divisive present.

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**SPEAKERS**

- Victor Mair** (keynote speaker) (*University of Pennsylvania*)
- Wiebke Denecke** (*Boston University*)
- Matthew Fraleigh** (*Brandeis University*)
- Terry Kawashima** (*University of Massachusetts, Boston*)
- Ross King** (*University of British Columbia*)
- Jeffrey Niedermaier** (*Yale University*)
- Si Nae Park** (*Harvard University*)
- Brian Steininger** (*Princeton University*)
- Keith Taylor** (*Cornell University*)
- Xin Wei** (*BU, Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow*)
- Min Jung You** (*Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul*)

**Program**

- Friday, April 27**
- 8:30 am: Registration
- 8:45 am: WELCOME  
**Wiebke Denecke**
- 9-9:45 am: KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
**Victor Mair:** “Sinographic Sphere Studies: Problems, Prospects, and Priorities”
- 9:45-11:30 am: SESSION 1  
Conceptualizing “East Asia”: Master Narratives, Terminologies, Translation Issues
- 11:30 am COFFEE BREAK
- 11:45 am-1:30 pm SESSION 2  
Hot Spots in the Study of “East Asia:” Past, Present, Future
- 1:30-2:30 pm LUNCH
- 2:30-4:15 pm SESSION 3  
Academic Study of “East Asia:” Institutional Realities, Obstacles, Opportunities
- 4:15-4:30 pm COFFEE BREAK
- 4:30-6:15 pm SESSION 4  
Teaching and Communicating “East Asia:” Pedagogy, Publishing and the Public Sphere
- 6:15 CLOSING REMARKS

