Call For Papers: Winter Doctoral Workshop

Time: January 12-20, 2013
Place: National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

The Institute of East Asian Studies is accepting applications for participation in a week-long, intensive, dissertation writing workshop for doctoral candidates in the Social Sciences and the Humanities. Projects should concern one of the following regions: East Asia, Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, or the Asia Pacific. The purpose of the workshop is to advance dissertation drafts and allow participants to receive feedback from faculty and fellow students, while laying the foundation for future collaborative exchanges between promising young scholars from Taiwan and the United States.

Room and board will be provided on National Chengchi University campus. Round-trip, economy class airfare for successful applicants will be funded by the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley through a grant from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education.

Framework:
The first part of the workshop will consist of presentations on working drafts and sources. Participants will present drafts of approximately 40-60 pages, along with a sample of relevant source materials, to the entire group. Each presenter will also act as a discussant. During the second part of the workshop, participants will be organized into small groups clustered around time period, topic, or discipline, depending on the applicant pool. Small group discussions will give participants the opportunity to intensively review dissertation source materials, as well as to further consider the theoretical and/or conceptual foundations of their work. There is also the potential for participants to engage in guided or individual research while in Taiwan.

The workshop will take place at National Chengchi University in Taiwan, and doctoral students from Chengchi and 12 other Taiwanese research universities will participate. Professors from Taiwanese and American universities will attend. English will serve as the official language of the conference, though individual panels may be conducted fully or in part in Chinese, Japanese, Korean or other East and Southeast Asian languages.

Eligibility and Application Guidelines:
Applicants must be doctoral candidates with at least one chapter of their dissertation completed and ready for credible presentation and constructive feedback. While applicants may be on the job market, historians should note the potential scheduling conflict with the AHA annual meeting.

Required Application Materials:

- A cover sheet that includes the applicant’s name, department, email address, phone number, dissertation title, and major professor.
- Curriculum Vitae.
• A one page proposal, single spaced, that clearly addresses the state of the dissertation.
• A letter of support from one’s major professor is optional but will help in the event that there are more applicants than spaces in the workshop.

Procedures:
Application materials are due via email to Charlotte Cowden (ccowden@berkeley.edu) at the Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley by 5 pm on September 15, 2012. Questions about the program may also be addressed to her by email or phone (510-643-5256). Applications should be submitted in a single PDF file in the order listed above. Invited participants will be asked to submit papers and selected primary sources by December 15, 2012. Materials will then be circulated to discussants. The Institute expects to nominate 6-8 Berkeley students in total.