Call for Doctoral Candidate Papers

to participate in the

Winter Doctoral Workshop, 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. The purpose of the workshop is to advance dissertation drafts and allow participants to receive feedback from faculty and fellow students, laying the foundation for future collaborative exchanges between promising young scholars from Taiwan and the United States.

Projects should concern one of the following regions: East Asia, Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, or the Asia Pacific. We are interested in research that examines the political, economic, social, and cultural transformation of Asia. We are also interested in research that addresses the challenges brought by the transformation of Asia. In addition, the workshop will provide opportunity for sharing and discussing experiences and strategies for paper writing and publication.

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

Time: January 12-17, 2015
Place: National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

Framework:

The workshop will consist of three parts. The main part will be presentations on working drafts of dissertations. Participants will present a chapter of their dissertation to the entire group and they will discuss the theoretical and/or conceptual foundations of their work. The second part of
the workshop, in between the presentations, will be lectures by academics from the US and Taiwan on their latest research or ideas about the direction of East Asian studies. The third part of the workshop involves group discussion on research methods, writing skills, and publication strategies. Participants will be organized into small groups, depending on the applicant pool, to intensively exchange ideas and experiences about writing and publication. This aims to further academic professionalization for young scholars engaged in cross-cultural research and communication. There is also plan for participants to engage in guided visits around Taiwan.

The workshop will take place at National Chengchi University in Taiwan, and doctoral students from 12 Taiwanese research universities will participate. Professors from Taiwanese and American universities will also attend. English will be 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 at the Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley by 5 pm on November 14, 2014. Applications should be emailed to Martin Backstrom, IEAS Associate Director, at backstrom@berkeley.edu. Questions about the program may also be addressed to him by email or phone (510-642-2815). 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.