



EARL panel:

Beyond the Object: Studying East Asia

For much of the modern era, East Asia was studied as an object, a distant land that was explained away through Eurocentric frameworks developed elsewhere in the service of empire. That arrangement is now coming undone. The region's social, cultural, economic, political and technological transformations have not only unsettled the post-Second World War order but have also challenged the assumption that ideas and innovation flow in only one direction. Once treated a peripheral, East Asian societies are now generating tensions, models and ideas that the world must reckon with.

Hosted in cooperation with the East Asia Research Lab (EARL), this panel invites doctoral students and early-career academics to present their ongoing research. We welcome contributions in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Politics and Economics – regional order, global order, arms races, developmental models, ideological developments, policy studies, regional cooperation.
- Sociology and Anthropology – social change, nationalism, cultural identity, civil society, digital ethnography.
- Language and Culture – texts, translations and cultural expressions as objects and sources of study.
- Philosophy and Thought – traditions of thought and their regional and global relations.

We especially welcome work that interrogates the methodologies through which East Asia is studied, rather than simply applying generic methodologies to the area of study.