

TORONTO



March 15–18, Toronto, Canada



2012

Association for Asian Studies  
Annual Conference



# conference program highlights

- 382 panels covering a wide range of disciplines in the following areas: China, Japan, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Korea, and Border-Crossing/Interarea
- Special selected panels highlighting Border-Crossing and Social Sciences
- The popular Presidential Panel

## **Presidential Panel** *The Persistence of the Peasant*, Saturday, March 17, 2:15 pm

The aim of this presidential roundtable is to explore the fact that across East, Southeast, and South Asia, peasants just won't go away. Although the shrinking of the peasantry has long been predicted by modernization theory and by many of its successors and critics, the peasant remains intrinsic to contemporary (and historical) state and non-state projects: as object of reform, economic resource, reserve army of labor, index of social tension, environmental actor, and source of alternative political imaginaries. This roundtable will bring together five distinguished scholars crossing disciplinary and geographical boundaries to comment on the persistence of the peasant and to engage with each other's presentations.

**Chair:** Gail B. Hershat, *University of California, Santa Cruz*

### **Discussants:**

- Bina Agarwal, *Delhi University*
- Haroon Akram-Lodhi, *Trent University*
- Tania Li, *University of Toronto*
- Kevin O'Brien, *University of California, Berkeley*
- A. B. Shamsul, *The National University of Malaysia*

## special events

### **GRADUATE STUDENT RECEPTION**, Thursday, March 15, 9:30 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to network with your fellow students. Socialize with your peers and enjoy complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

### **MEMBER RECEPTION**, Friday, March 16, 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend this fun-filled evening open to all conference attendees, members, and non-members alike. Immediately following the Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony, this is your opportunity to catch up with friends, meet and network with fellow Asianists, and enjoy drinks and appetizers before exploring all that Toronto has to offer.

### **FILM SCREENINGS**, Thursday, March 15–Saturday, March 17 (*Schedule TBD*)

Are you looking for new films to show in class, interested in the new topics being covered in the latest Asian studies focused documentaries, or do you just need a break from attending panel sessions? Visit the AAS Film Expo in the Sheraton showing 20 films covering all areas of China, Japan, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Korea, and Inner Asia.

Register today at [www.asian-studies.org/Conference](http://www.asian-studies.org/Conference)

# speaker highlights

**THURSDAY**, March 15, 6:15 pm

**DAI JINHUA**

“After the Post-Cold War”

Dai Jinhua is Founder and Director of the Center for Contemporary Cultural Studies and Film Studies at Beijing University, where she is also Professor of Chinese Literature and Language. With Meng Yue, she wrote the 1989 *Emerging on the Horizon of History*, one of the first pieces of feminist scholarship published in reform-era China. Her work as a film scholar and cultural critic calls attention to the social problems and inequalities that have arisen since the 1980s and that are reflected in a wide range of cultural productions, both elite and popular. Dai Jinhua is concerned with developing the intellectual tools (including a re-invigorated critique from the left) to address these increasingly entrenched inequalities, as well as calling attention to their entanglement with a global economy. Her innovative critical approaches to literature, film, and popular culture include attention to feminism, revisionist histories, and the import of China's place in the world today. Dai Jinhua's publications include *Film Theory and Criticism*, *Gendering China*, and *Scenery in the Fog: Chinese Cinema Culture 1978-1988*.



**FRIDAY**, March 16, 5:30 pm

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & AWARDS CEREMONY**

**AAS President: Gail B. Hershatter**

Gail Hershatter is Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her books include *The Workers of Tianjin, 1900-1949* (1986), *Personal Voices: Chinese Women in the 1980s* (with Emily Honig, 1988), *Dangerous Pleasures: Prostitution and Modernity in Twentieth-Century Shanghai* (1997), *Women in China's Long Twentieth Century* (2007), and *The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past* (2011).

The AAS Awards ceremony will immediately precede the Presidential Address.

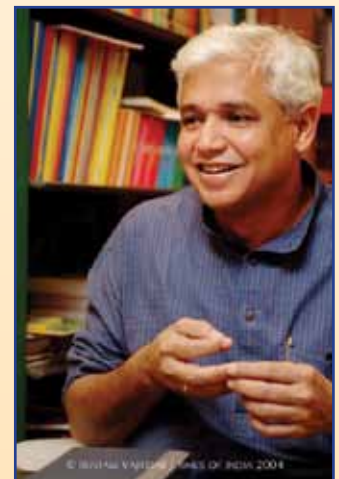


**SATURDAY**, March 17, 6:45 pm

**AMITAV GHOSH**

“China and the Making of Modern India”

Amitav Ghosh was born in Calcutta and grew up in India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. He is the author of one book of non-fiction, a collection of essays, and seven novels, of which the most recent is *River of Smoke*. His books have won many prizes in India and Europe, and he has been awarded honorary degrees by the Sorbonne, Paris, and by Queens College, New York. He divides his time between Brooklyn, Goa, and Kolkata.



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# registration

Pre-Registration is NOW OPEN and closes on February 15, 2012. On-site rates apply thereafter.

## Conference Registration Rates

	Pre-Registration 9/14/11–2/15/12	On-Site Rates 3/15/12–3/18/12
Member	\$125	\$150
Non-Member	\$255	\$280
Student Member	\$55	\$70
Student Non-Member	\$75	\$90
Retired (Members Only)	\$95	\$120

Visit the AAS Registration information page to learn more:  
[www.asian-studies.org/conference](http://www.asian-studies.org/conference)

### What is included with your conference registration fee?

- Admission to all AAS Panel Sessions
- Admission to Keynote Addresses
- Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony
- AAS Member Reception (open to all attendees)\*
- Graduate Student Reception (graduate students only)\*
- Film Screenings
- Conference Program & Tote Bag

\*Complimentary drink and hors d'oeuvres

# conference hotel

In the center of the business and entertainment districts, the **Sheraton Centre Toronto** is connected to PATH, a 16-mile underground network of shops and services and is only steps from the Eaton Centre shopping mall and the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The Association for Asian Studies negotiated conference rates are:  
CAN \$199 – Single/Double      CAN \$239 - Triple

*Cut-off date for AAS special negotiated conference rate is February 15, 2012.*

**BOOK NOW!!!** Visit the AAS Conference/Hotel website for additional information, room rates and to book rooms.  
[www.asian-studies.org/Conference/Hotel.htm](http://www.asian-studies.org/Conference/Hotel.htm)

## Hotel Features & Amenities

- 5 fine & casual dining restaurants
- Custom-designed Sweet Sleeper Beds®
- 24-hour complimentary Fitness Centre
- In-lobby wired business centre
- In-room wired Internet service
- Toronto's largest year-round indoor/outdoor heated hotel pool
- City and Lakeview rooms

## Walk To Major Attractions

- CN Tower (1.6 km/1.0 miles)
- Eaton Centre (0.1 km/0.1 miles)
- Art Gallery of Ontario (0.4 km/0.3 miles)
- Hockey Hall of Fame (0.6 km/0.4 miles)



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# AAS 2012 Annual Conference

This Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) is scheduled to convene March 15–18, 2012 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The AAS, formed in 1941, is a scholarly, non-political, non-profit, professional association open to all persons interested in Asia and the study of Asia. The AAS is the largest organization of its kind, with over 8,000 members worldwide representing all the regions and countries of Asia and all academic disciplines. Each year the Annual Conference of the AAS brings together the largest group of scholars to share and exchange new and exciting research.

The 2012 Annual Conference is expected to attract over 3,000 scholars and participants from all over the world. This diverse group of attendees will include university professors, students, librarians, independent scholars and hundreds of exhibitors, all in a joint effort to bring new research, products, and information to the specialty of Asian Studies.

**Members and Non-members are welcome and invited to attend!**

## Schedule-at-a-Glance

*(times are subject to change)*

### Thursday, March 15

10:00 am – 9:00 pm	Registration open
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Panel Sessions ( <i>newly added time slot</i> )
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm	Keynote Address #1
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Panel Sessions
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Graduate Student Reception
9:30 pm – 12:00 am	Affiliate Receptions

### Friday, March 16

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration open
8:30 am – 5:15 pm	Panel Sessions
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Exhibit Hall open
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Member Reception
7:00 pm – 12:00 am	Affiliate Receptions

### Saturday, March 17

7:30 am – 7:00 pm	Registration open
8:00 am – 6:30 pm	Panel Sessions
10:00 am – 7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall open
6:45 pm – 7:45 pm	Keynote Address #2
6:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Panel Sessions ( <i>newly added time slot</i> )
8:45 pm – 12:00 am	Affiliate Receptions

### Sunday, March 18

7:30 am – 12:30 pm	Registration open
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall open
8:00 am – 12:15 pm	Panel Sessions
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Panel Sessions ( <i>newly added time slot</i> )



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## exhibits

Looking for the latest books, journals, publications, and other educational resources covering all areas of Asian Studies? The AAS Annual Conference holds a book exhibition offering conference attendees the opportunity to purchase publications and/or enjoy personal contact with publisher representatives.

Here is a partial list of exhibitors. For a full list of 2012 exhibitors please go to the AAS website.

American Association for Teachers of Japanese  
Association for Asian Studies  
Berkshire Publishing Group  
Brill  
Cambria Press  
Cambridge University Press  
China Classics  
China Data Center  
Chinese University Press  
Columbia University Press  
Cornell University Press  
Dragonsource International Ltd.  
Duke University Press  
Ethnic Art Foundation  
Hackett Publishing Company  
Harvard University Press  
Indiana University Press  
Japan Center for Michigan Universities  
Japan Publications Trading Co., Inc.  
JPT America, Inc.  
Kinokuniya Bookstores  
Korea Economic Institute

M.E. Sharpe  
MerwinAsia  
NIAS Press  
Nichimy Corporation  
Oxford University Press  
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Routledge  
Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group  
Stanford University Press  
SUNY Press  
Tuttle Publishing  
University of California Press  
University of Chicago Press  
University of Hawaii  
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University of Michigan,  
Center for Japanese Studies Publications  
University of Minnesota  
University of Washington Press  
Yagi Bookstores, Ltd.  
and many, many more!!!!

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