

# CALL FOR APPLICANTS: GLOBAL ASIAs AND JAPAN STUDIES CYBER CHATS

APRIL 24, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM EST | 8:00-10:00 AM TOKYO TIME  
JUNE 13, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM EST | 8:00-10:00 AM TOKYO TIME

In early 2023, the **Global Asias Initiative (GAI)** is kicking off a three-year collaboration with **Japan Foundation New York (JFNY)** aimed at creating a network of junior scholars between the United States and Japan. The collaboration will involve a Cyber Chats series in spring 2023, a year-long early career networking project designed to cultivate substantial engagement between scholars in the US and Japan, participation in the Global Asias 7 conference (spring 2025), and eventually a publication in *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*.

To build a conversation about Global Asias and Japan Studies and to identify potential applicants for the early career networking project, we are excited to launch a new Cyber Chats series. For these two Cyber Chats (on “**Challenges and Opportunities for Global Asias Approaches to Japan Studies**” and “**Migration, Identity, and Diasporas at the Intersection of Japan Studies and Global Asias**”) JFNY partners with *Verge: Studies in Global Asias* and the GAI to continue developing the conceptual horizons and institutional possibilities of Global Asias scholarship. As always, we aim to bring scholars working with Global Asias approaches, topics, and orientations into conversation to identify some of the opportunities and challenges inherent in this emerging multidisciplinary knowledge formation.

Note: For this Cyber Chat series, participants can be based anywhere. However, applicants to the early career scholars networking project, which is funded by JFNY, must be based either in the United States or in Japan. These online conversations are being scheduled at a time that is accessible to scholars located in both countries.

GLOBAL ASIAs CYBER CHAT 1

# “CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLOBAL ASIAs APPROACHES TO JAPAN STUDIES”

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

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Academic disciplines — like Japan Studies — come with their own methodologies, assumptions, canons, and lineages of received wisdom. Thinking across disciplines — such as is required by multidisciplinary approaches like Global Asias — requires deep listening, some relinquishment of expertise, and an openness to ways of thinking otherwise.

- How does the concept of Global Asias encourage you to navigate the epistemic expectations of, and generate alternatives to, the disciplinarity of Japan Studies?
- What are some of the challenges/obstacles in Japan Studies to enacting Global Asias scholarship using interdisciplinary, or multidisciplinary, approaches?
- What kinds of tools and resources need to be developed to address the challenges/conflicts/disagreements that inevitably arise as part of Global Asias as a collaborative scholarly enterprise related to Japan Studies?

GAI will provide all Cyber Chat participants with a year-long Project Muse subscription to *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*, so that they can become more familiar with the field.

We would love to be in conversation with you and look forward to using these Cyber Chats to create collaborative spaces for people to think through these issues together. **This is an open format conversation via zoom but to limit the size of the group we will use an application process. Applications due by Monday, April 3, 2023** and can be submitted here: <https://bit.ly/spring2023cyberchat>

GLOBAL ASIAs CYBER CHAT 2

# "MIGRATION, IDENTITY, AND DIASPORAS AT THE INTERSECTION OF JAPAN STUDIES AND GLOBAL ASIAs"

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

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As an archipelago, the Japanese islands have been a site of cultural exchange and migration for centuries, resulting in complex identities and cultural flows. On the one hand, people who trace their heritage to the Japanese islands have created diasporic communities around the globe. Some of these diasporas stem from Japanese laborers who traveled to the Americas and others have their origins in the displacements of 20th century warfare. On the other hand, there are sizable ethnic, regional, or linguistic minority populations within Japan.

- How does putting Japan in this larger, transregional, and multiethnic context open possibilities for collaboration in your own research?
- What are some of the challenges or obstacles to working on questions of migration, identity, and diaspora in the field of Japan Studies?
- How might an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach, such as Global Asias, enable new directions or new connections in your research?

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