The Indiana University East Asian Studies Center is proud to announce that we will be hosting our third Joint Consortium National Dissertation Workshop (Consortium: University of California in Los Angeles, University of Southern California, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Indiana University) with a special focus on “Modern East Asia” at Indiana University Bloomington on June 23, 2017. We invite all doctoral students and masters students working on theses or planning to continue their studies in the humanities, social studies, and fine arts whose area of research falls within East Asia to apply. Students at any stage of their dissertation preparations are encouraged to attend, share 15-30 page writing samples (dissertation chapters or partial chapters), and trade feedback with other students and mentors. Participants are required to fund their own travel to Indiana University, as well as some meals. The East Asian Studies Center will provide materials, some meals, and one night of lodging.

The workshop will be led by three mentors Dr. Michael Robinson, Professor Emeritus of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University; Dr. Mariko Tamanoi, Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles; and Dr. Fei Hsien Wang, Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University, who focus on modern Korea, Japan, and China, respectively. The participants will begin to or continue to work on their dissertation and thesis under the guidance of the mentors above. The workshop aims to provide an intellectual platform for a multidisciplinary perspective for East Asian Studies. Participants and mentors will engage in intellectual discussion to provide feedback and review their project.

Though all interested graduate students are encouraged to apply, preference is given to full-time doctoral students who have drafted a dissertation research proposal. Participants are expected to come to the workshop having read and commented on the chapters provided by the other participants.

The application deadline is: April 10, 2017

Application materials consist of three items:
1. A current CV
2. A 4-6-page double-spaced dissertation proposal (including a description of the specific issues being addressed, the intellectual approach, and the materials being studied)
3. A letter of support from a faculty member

Applications should be submitted as .pdf documents to easc@indiana.edu.