Asian Languages and Cultures

FACULTY
Asian Languages and Cultures is home to nearly twenty faculty whose research and teaching specialties cover a wide range of subject areas, including: medical humanities in India; the Hindu roots of yoga; inflecting contemporary mindfulness practice with insights from Tibetan Buddhism; human rights in Thailand; Chinese ghost stories, traditional Sinology, and mathematically inflected Chinese philology; sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, and pragmatics in Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, and Indonesian; critical reading of late-Heian tale fiction, early modern Japanese comedic narratives, and haiku; and manga, anime, and Japanese counterculture.

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