

## **PAAS 400: ADVANCED RESEARCH SEMINAR**

This is the “capstone” course in the Pacific and Asian Studies programme, which brings together final-year students majoring in the Department. The course is designed to accommodate those with specializations in any of the humanities and social science disciplines represented in the Department, and concentrations on China, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia. Before taking PAAS 400, students should have taken PAAS 100 & 200 and at least one of PAAS 300, 301, 302, & 304, plus upper-level courses on their disciplinary specialization and region of interest; they will be expected to draw on that disciplinary and area experience in this course.

One key objective of this course is to provide an opportunity for in-depth analysis of texts and the construction of clear rhetorical arguments. The end product of the course consists of a presentation and a written paper. Students will present their research findings in panels at one of a series of on-line symposia to be held in the final three weeks of term. The final assignment required from each of the participants is a research paper that is interesting, original, theoretically rigorous, methodologically sound, and immaculately presented.