News, updates, and upcoming events

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Japanese Conversation Hour

Recurring Event, Every Friday
Begins January 29, 4:00-5:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

Every Friday, Japanese majors, minors, and friends meet via Zoom for a Japanese conversation hour from 4 to 5PM. Even if you are not confident enough to speak, feel free to drop by and listen! A variety of topics related to Japanese culture, our daily lives, and stories will be shared. This is a fun, judgement-free environment, so don't be afraid to participate.

There will occasionally be activities such as watching movies, folding origami, or learning
Chinese Language & Culture
Hangout Series: Meet & Greet + Show & Tell

February 5th, 5:00-6:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

Get to know majors/minors, and new students in our language courses!

Learn about study abroad programs, alternatives, fellowships, summer opportunities, new courses, and other news in Chinese Language and Culture.

Image source: @UPSChinese

Japanese Movie Series: A Silent Voice

February 16th, 6:00-8:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

After transferring to a new school, Shoko Nishiyama informs her class that she is deaf, and soon becomes the target of severe bullying by Shoya and his friends. After their teacher points out Shoya as the main culprit, he becomes the new target for bullying and is ostracized for the remainder of his school career. When Shoko and Shoya are reunited years later, Shoya desperately tries to redeem himself and to regain Shoko's trust.

Image source: DinocoZero on Deviantart
Celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year, Kahoot Game Night

February 12th, 5:00-6:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

Join UPSChinese faculty and students for an evening of Kahoot games! Winners and participants will be awarded with lots of fun, cultural knowledge as well as authentic snacks as prizes.

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Japanese American Day of Remembrance

February 17, 6:00-7:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

On Feb. 19, 1942, Executive Order 9066 authorized the United States military to conduct a mandatory evacuation of Japanese Americans on the West Coast. In Washington state, nearly 13,000 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in incarceration camps for the duration of World War II.

Dr. Lisa Hoffman's and Dr. Mary Hanneman's newly published book, Becoming Nisei, shares stories of growing up in Japanese American Tacoma before the incarceration.

Organized by the Office of Intercultural Engagement.

Image source: Office of Intercultural Engagement

Conversation with Puget Sound Alum Nitai Deitel '12

February 26, 5:00-6:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

A Politics and Government major with a concentration in International Relations, a minor in Chinese and an interdisciplinary emphasis in Asian Studies, Nitai studied abroad at Tunghai University and Beijing Foreign Studies University. Nitai spent the majority of the past decade in China, first at IES Beijing helping American college students
adapt and thrive during their study-abroad experience, then moving on to work at The Hutong, Beijing's premier cultural education center. Nitai currently works as a Senior Program Officer at the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations where he focuses on the Committee's Next Generation and Subnational programming initiatives.

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Follow the Asian Studies Instagram for more frequent updates regarding events. Asian Studies faculty members, Chinese and Japanese majors and minors, and Asian Studies minors will also be featured.

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