

**TITLE:** “The Asia Foundation and Cold War Culture: Methods, Sources, and Histories,”

This invitation-only workshop will showcase ongoing research dealing with The Asia Foundation, a non-governmental organization founded as the Committee for a Free Asia in 1951 and focused in its early years on cultural activities, education, and social development. Four scholars working on various aspects of the Foundation’s early activities – including the promotion of film production, literary conferences, and Buddhist studies – in the context of post-World War II development and the “Cultural Cold War” in Asia. The purpose of the workshop is to exchange knowledge and experiences about working with the Asia Foundation archives and other relevant sources to explore themes of history and culture in postwar Asia and US-Asian relations in the Cold War era.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Charles Armstrong, Columbia University  
Laura Harrington, Boston University  
Christina Klein, Boston College  
Sangjoon Lee, Nanyang Technical University, Singapore

**AGENDA:**

9:30 – 10:00 Breakfast and introductions

10:00 – 12:00 Presentations and discussion

Charles Armstrong, “Foundations of ‘Free Asia’”

Tina Klein, “Cold War Cosmopolitanism: The Asia Foundation and 1950s  
Korean Cinema ”

Sangjoon Lee, “The Asia Foundation’s Motion Picture Project and the Cultural  
Cold War in Asia”

Laura Harrington, “TAF and Buddhist Studies”

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Wrap-up discussion: sources, problems, future directions