

Virtual Chinese Culture Day 2021

Live-streaming from China, Taipei, Boston, and Honolulu

中国文化日
中國文化日

Thursday, February 11, 2021
12:00-5:00 p.m HST



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New Year's Eve in the U.S.
New Year's Day in Asia



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Early registration is encouraged.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Many Chinese teachers will give extra credit upon receiving the participant list!

Welcome! 歡迎! 欢迎!

This season we welcome the long-awaited arrival of what we hope will prove to be a friendly, gentler Year of the Ox — after the devastation wreaked by the ferocious Rat of yesteryear. The pandemic that wiped out face-to-face interactions has forced us to adapt to new ways of communication online. Amid an era of growing U.S.-China tension, it is easy to look across the Pacific and see only competitors or enemies. However, those of us who embrace the interplay of American and Chinese cultures work optimistically and tirelessly to cultivate — and restore — a relationship underscored by mutual respect, understanding, and trust.

In years past, our Chinese Culture Days were celebratory, festive events bringing together about 400 students, teachers, and community members. This year, however, as no in-person gatherings are possible, we have transitioned our event to be fully virtual, with guest speakers live-streaming from across an ocean and two continents. We hope this event serves as a reminder that we do not have to be adversaries; rather, through civil discourse and open-mindedness, we hope to set aside our differences in our journey onward.

May the arrival of the Ox usher in a new beginning for you and your loved ones. Please join us and we hope you enjoy the presentations we have planned for you.

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2021: Year of the Ox

The Ox is the second of all zodiac animals. In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hardworking and honest, are attributed to it.

They are seen as honest and earnest. They are low key and never look for praise or to be the center of attention. This often hides their talent, but they'll gain recognition through their hard work. They believe that everyone should do what's asked for them and stay within their bounds. Though they are kind, it's difficult for them to understand persuasion using pathos. Rarely losing their temper, they think logically and make great leaders. For more info on Chinese zodiac, see <https://chinesenewyear.net/zodiac/>

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Chinese Culture Day Program



Session 1 12:00-1:00 p.m. HST

Going Viral In China: An American Comedian's Journey in the Middle Kingdom

Mr. Jesse Appell 艾杰西
SPEAKER

Dr. Cynthia Ning
UH Center for Chinese Studies
MODERATOR

Mr. Jesse Appell is a Chinese/English bilingual comedian from Boston who spent 8 years in Beijing performing Xiangsheng, standup, and improv comedy. He is a Fulbright alum, apprentice of Master Ding Guangquan, and was a cast member and writer on a Chinese knockoff version of Saturday Night Live. He will share his story of moving to China to apprentice to a Chinese master comedian, becoming a founding member of the Chinese stand-up comedy scene, and his journey to over 2 million followers on Chinese Tik Tok. The event will be in English, with featured subtitled comedy videos. **Joining from Boston.**



Session 2 1:00-2:00 p.m. HST

My Journey through a Changing China—A Conversation with Yue-Sai Kan

Ms. Yue-Sai Kan 靳羽西
SPEAKER

Prof. Yun Peng
UH Dept. of EALL
MODERATOR

Ms. Yue-Sai Kan is an Emmy Award winning television host and producer, successful entrepreneur, fashion icon, bestselling author and humanitarian. People magazine called her "the most famous woman in China," and Time magazine proclaimed her "the Queen of the Middle Kingdom." Ms. Kan is currently in Honolulu, where she lives part-time. She will discuss her life-long journey in promoting U.S.-China cultural exchanges. **Joining from Honolulu.**



Session 3 2:00-3:00 p.m. HST

Geography: A Key to Understanding China

Prof. Zheng Zhai 翟峥
Beijing Foreign Studies University
SPEAKER

Prof. Ming-Bao Yue
UH Dept. of EALL
MODERATOR

Have you wondered why the Chinese built the Great Wall? Why is there such economic disparity across regions in China? Why does China boast so many distinctly different cuisines? Is it true that the Chinese may not understand each other if they speak their own local dialects? If you are curious about the answers to these questions and more, join Prof. Zhai to embark on an exciting virtual journey to China! **Joining from Langfang, Hebei.**



Session 4 3:00-4:00 p.m. HST

Suzhou: The Garden in Chinese Culture

Prof. Liulin Zhang 张榴琳
Suzhou University, UH Alumna
SPEAKER

Prof. Li Jiang
UH Dept. of EALL
MODERATOR

Historically, Suzhou was synonymous with high culture and elegance, and generations of artists, scholars, writers and members of the high society in China were drawn by its exquisite art forms and the delicate beauty of its gardens.

Today, Prof. Zhang takes us on a journey starting with Shantang Jie (山塘街), the picturesque canal side street with a history of more than a thousand years. **Joining from Suzhou.**



Session 5 4:00-5:00 p.m. HST

The Lunar New Year in Taipei

Ms. Shu-Yu Huang 黄书郁
PhD student, UH Dept. of EALL
SPEAKER

Prof. Haidan Wang
UH Dept. of EALL
MODERATOR

A Daoist temple is the religious center of Taiwan. Traditionally, Taiwanese people visit local temples on January 1st of the lunar calendar, to pray for good luck for the new year. In this presentation, Ms. Huang will take you on a virtual tour to the temples that members of her family visit. She will introduce you to interesting customs, such as drawing fortune sticks, lighting lanterns, and pacifying Taisui. **Joining from Taipei.**

A Happy Niú 牛 Year to All!

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