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## Welcome

Boston University and the Committee of the Conference on East Asia welcome you to the second annual Boston University Conference on East Asia (BUCEA)!

The Conference on East Asia focuses on Political, Historical, Cultural, Economic, Social, and Anthropological topics in Modern East Asia with the purpose of providing an informal forum within which students can present academic works to noted scholars in the field. Graduate students, undergraduate students, and researchers focusing in both Political Science and International Relations took the lead in establishing the conference, inviting those participants whose submissions best represent diverse disciplines within the conference theme, "Evolving East Asia."

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Finally, the conference organizers extend our thanks to this year's BUCEA participants, whose significant academic contributions are the core of this conference. It is our genuine hope that you share in our deep enthusiasm for our chosen field of study and that you will find this conference to be not only productive but also an enjoyable endeavor.

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