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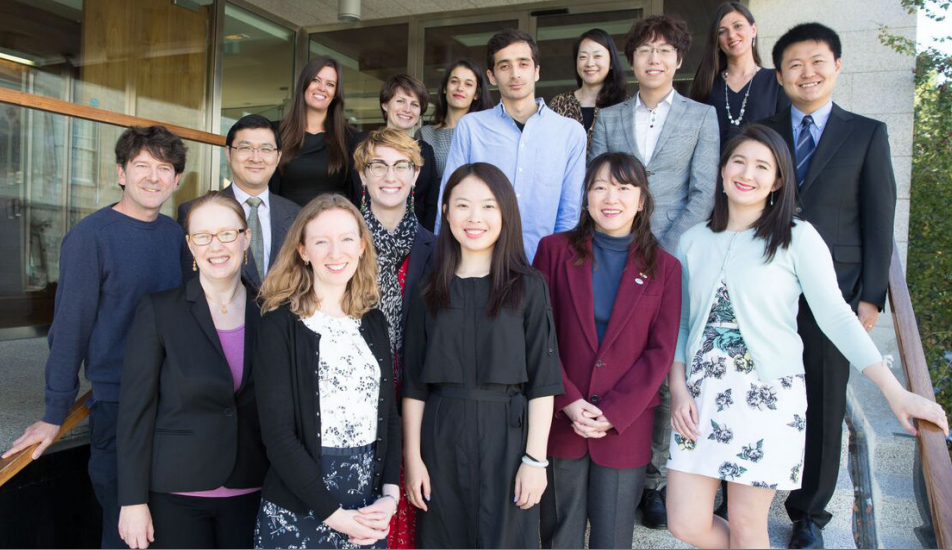
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The University of Dublin

# Trinity Centre for Asian Studies

To advance knowledge of Asia  
through interdisciplinary teaching,  
research and engagement





## Introducing the Trinity Centre for Asian Studies

By 2050, it is expected that more than half of the world's capital will be generated within the continent of Asia. Asian Studies as a field of serious study cannot be ignored in a university that seeks to play a role on the global stage. The interlocking historical legacies, geopolitical issues and economic forces of Asia, home to two-thirds of the world's population, make the study of contemporary Asia a vital part of a modern university education.

Trinity is a place where academics do not shy away from major challenges, but where, in this Asian Century, we can tackle them through critical analysis and bold thinking. Trinity's engagement with Asia began over 250 years ago, with the founding in 1762 of a Chair in Oriental Languages. Our aim today is to equip our graduates with the skills necessary not just to work in Asia or with Asian companies and employers, but to thrive – to be fully equipped to understand all the complexities of Asian societies, and to be able to move flexibly, with agility and reciprocal understanding. Asian Studies is part of the distinctive educational opportunity we offer here in Trinity.



**Professor Lorna Carson**  
Director, Trinity Centre for Asian Studies

Lorna Carson is Associate Professor in Applied Linguistics and Fellow of Trinity College Dublin. She is the President of the Irish Association for Applied Linguistics. She holds a B.A. (Mod.), M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Trinity College Dublin, and M.A. from the College of Europe, Belgium. Her research investigates urban multilingualism and language education in contexts of population diversity and mobility.

## Our activities include:

### Teaching

- Two-year taught Master's degree in Chinese Studies with Study Abroad semester
- Undergraduate modules in Contemporary Asian Studies
- Japanese, Korean, Mandarin and Cantonese language programmes for all Trinity students.
- Extramural language programmes in Asian languages for the general public

### Research

- Postgraduate supervision for Master's, Doctoral and Postdoctoral research
- International collaborative research projects

### Engagement

- Asian Studies Public Lecture Series and Lunchtime Seminar Series
- Academic conferences, symposia, workshops and exhibitions
- Internships, visiting scholar programmes and summer camps



*"The M.Phil in Chinese Studies has been one of the best experiences of my life. I was fascinated by the idea of doing a Master's on such a contemporary area in a university with such history and reputation. Our department pulses with the energy of doing something ambitious, unique and new."*

**Barbara Lecis,**  
M.Phil in Chinese Studies

# Trinity College Dublin

Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's leading university renowned for the high quality of its education and the calibre of its graduates such as writer Jonathan Swift, philosophers George Berkeley and Edmund Burke, mathematician William Rowan Hamilton, playwright Oscar Wilde and former President of Ireland and current Chancellor of the University of Dublin, Mary Robinson. Trinity is also proud of its three Nobel Prize winners – physicist Ernest Walton, playwright Samuel Beckett and 2015 Nobel Laureate in Medicine William Campbell. Over the past four centuries, Trinity graduates have played a leading role on the world stage, and our university continues to educate innovative and independent thinkers with the critical skills that are so necessary in our society.

## Supporting the Trinity Centre for Asian Studies

Support for the Trinity Centre for Asian Studies will help us to achieve the goal of growing the Centre's research, teaching and outreach, and to increase the impact of our scholarship.

For example, the M.Phil. in Chinese Studies has been enabled through philanthropic support for an Associate Professorship in Chinese Studies. We have also received support that has enabled us to award scholarships to postgraduates in Chinese Studies.

The Trinity Centre for Asian Studies is keen to expand its activities in the coming years. If you are interested in finding out more about the Centre or if you would like information on how to get involved as a supporter, please contact:

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