

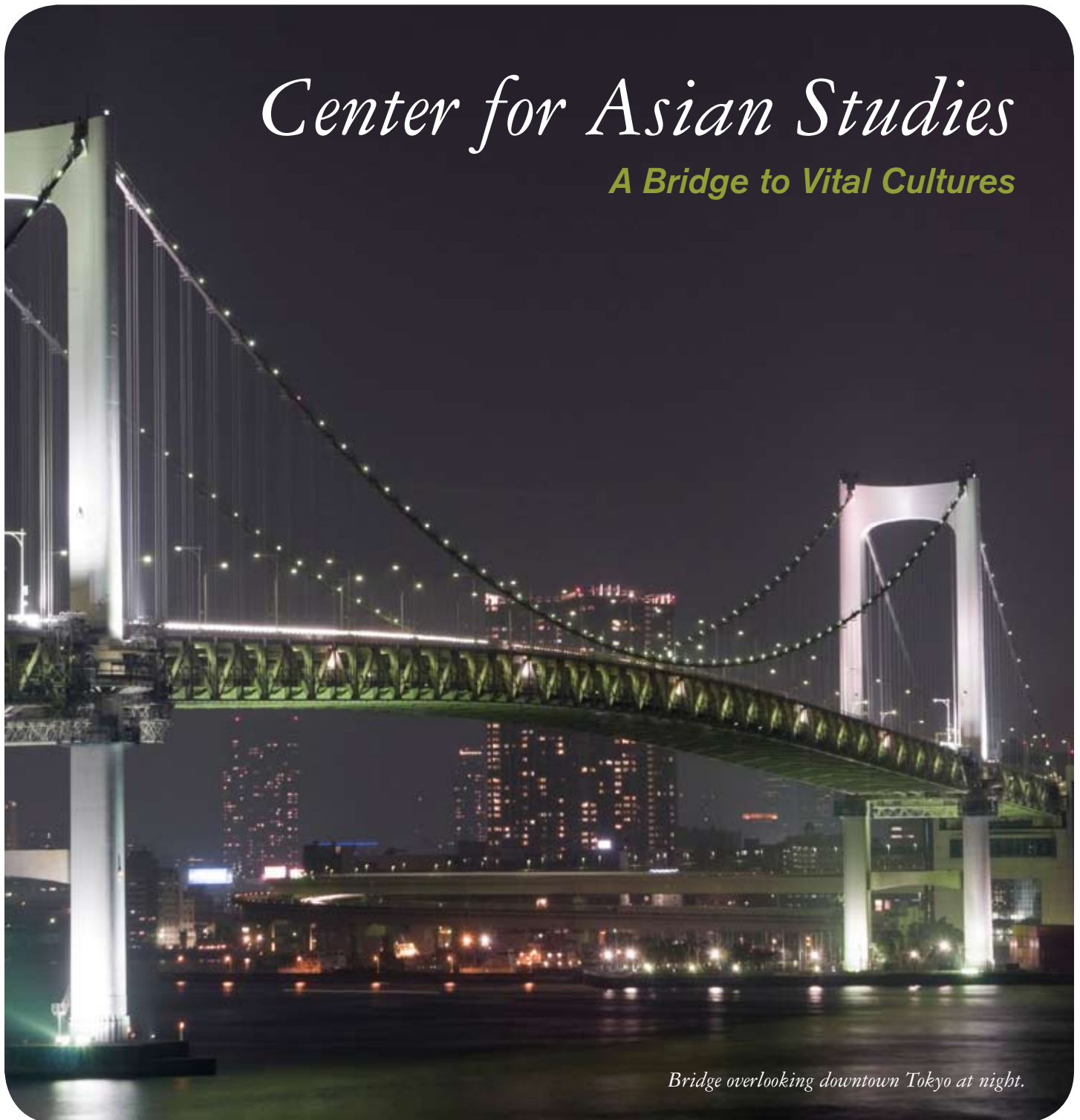
*Creating Futures*

University of Colorado *Boulder*



# *Center for Asian Studies*

*A Bridge to Vital Cultures*



*Bridge overlooking downtown Tokyo at night.*



Four billion people live in Asia—and the continent’s population, economic impact, and political influence are growing rapidly. For CU-Boulder to truly prepare students and local citizens for a world in which Asia will play an increasing role, it must provide connections to the languages, cultures, and issues that will affect the way we live tomorrow.

## Rapid Progress

In just a decade, the Center for Asian Studies has moved CU-Boulder to the forefront of research and teaching about Asia. Through its programs, research, and advocacy:

- **CU-Boulder’s Asian language offerings have nearly doubled** and new courses have been developed in art history, geography, political science, and other disciplines
- **More Asian resources are available to all**, as Norlin Library’s Asian holdings have increased markedly, and the Center’s web site becomes an ever-more vital and convenient hub for activities, discussion, and scholarship relating to Asia
- **Dozens of free annual events draw scholars and presenters from all over the world**, and immerse students and community members in Asian arts, economics, politics, and more
- **CU-Boulder students have more chances to study abroad**, while fellowships and scholarships increase opportunity to focus on Asia and Asian students’ ability to study at the university



- **K-12 teachers give students nationwide a head start**, thanks to our summer institutes, study abroad programs, and online resources for educators
- **All of the university’s departments benefit** from the collaborations, research, and communication fostered by the Center—helping CU-Boulder meet a key strategic goal of becoming a “global crossroads”
- **In short, Asia now has a home in Colorado**



These successes indicate why the U.S. Department of Education named us one of just three National Resource Centers for Asian Studies. With your support, we’ll progress further and faster toward educating Americans about this vital region, and supporting the research that will enhance understanding between cultures.

## You can support:

- **Fellowships and Scholarships:** Fellowships enable the best and brightest CU-Boulder graduate students to engage in trailblazing research about Asia in numerous disciplines. Fellowship funding also attracts top international students, which benefits the CU-Boulder community as a whole. And scholarships help undergraduate students gain firsthand knowledge of Asia by supporting their studies here and abroad.
- **Faculty/Staff Leadership:** An endowed chair will enable the best possible support to ensure continued excellence in stewardship and administration of the Center for Asian Studies. **Contributions to the Asian Studies Advancement Fund** help faculty attend conferences, pursue interdisciplinary research, and develop Asia-themed courses that introduce students to new issues and ideas.
- **Technology:** To share our activities with the campus community and beyond, we aim to enhance our online and multimedia offerings of Center activities and research. You can support video capabilities and archival resources that will reach audiences worldwide.



- **Language Endowment:** Asian languages—including Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean and Tibetan—are important offerings for the university. Endowing courses in these languages will ensure their continued presence in the CU-Boulder curriculum, regardless of year-to-year enrollment flows.
- **Student Prize:** By honoring outstanding achievement in Asian Studies, we will be able to attract and motivate promising young minds to pursue work in this important area.
- **Building:** A new building will allow us to bring together the Center for Asian Studies, the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, and the Asian Library Collection—enhancing collaboration between these units, and making programs more accessible to the public.



*“Receiving a fellowship from CAS has helped me bring my Arabic skills to the advanced level. Proficiency in Arabic is essential in understanding the social and religious ideologies that I will address in my dissertation. I hope my present and future work sheds light on common stereotypes of Muslim women being associated with religious fanaticism or with being silenced behind the veil.”*



**Susanne Stadlbauer**  
Fellowship student, 2008-09



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## Help Fortify Our Future

As the foremost resource for Asia-focused research, cultural events, and programming in the Rocky Mountain West, we're increasingly relied upon for education, research, and outreach within and beyond CU-Boulder. Your support will allow more students, researchers, and community members to benefit from the Center's work.

We have the people and the vision to make this happen. All we need is your support. Join us on this vital endeavor.

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A generous gift from The Tang Fund will endow a summer faculty-led course in China and neighboring countries starting in 2010, giving students an up-close perspective on once-distant cultures.

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