

THE LANGUAGE QUARTERLY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE YALE-NUS LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

"THE LIMITS OF MY LANGUAGE MEAN THE LIMITS OF MY WORLD."

-LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN

This is the first issue of a new publication brought to you by the student Language Ambassadors. Twice a semester we will share with you language resources available at Yale-NUS and beyond. We will highlight some of the information available on the Languages website and feature one of the student profiles we regularly post on the [Yale-NUS Language Exchange Facebook Group](#). If you have ideas or content suggestions, let us know at languages@yale-nus.edu.sg.



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Due to COVID-19, the Language Fair will take place online this semester. The Language Fair website will launch at the end of October with information on language study options and testimonials from past and present language students.

FEATURED STUDENT: Veronica Ann Long (Class of 2021), Major: Physical Sciences



Image provided by Veronica Long

After visiting a Spanish language table, Veronica settled on Spanish as the language for her - not only would it offer her the opportunity to work abroad, the language could also open up the world of Hispanic culture, allowing her to understand people in their own contexts.

Starting in her sophomore year, Veronica then studied Spanish for three semesters, including a summer in Seville on the Spanish Language Scholarship. Some memorable moments from her summer include the political and philosophical conversations with her host family about human rights and religious freedom. Her journey led her to a semester abroad in Chile at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, where the language of instruction is Spanish. Through these opportunities, Veronica observed tremendous growth in various aspects of her language skills and increased confidence working in a Spanish-speaking context.

While balancing the demands of senior year, Veronica has continued her exposure to Spanish by listening to podcasts and songs.

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So Kuon, Class of 2021

Languages: Khmer, English, and a bit of French



Ruella Che Xinrui, Class of 2021

Languages: English, Mandarin, some French, and a bit of Spanish



Ng Jun Jie, Class of 2022

Languages: English and Mandarin with some Korean and Spanish

FOREIGN FILMS @ THE LIBRARY: The President's Last Bang

Language: Korean (*Geuddae Geusaramdeul*)
Genre: Comedy. Duration: 104 minutes. Year: 2005

The President's Last Bang is a political satire depicting the hours before and after the assassination of Park Chung-hee, the third President of the Republic of Korea. Park was a significant figure in South Korean politics, honoured for the country's economic miracle in the 60s and 70s but derided for his authoritarian regime. Park was assassinated in 1979 by Kim Jae-gyu, the director of the Korean CIA, though his motivation was unclear.

The President's Last Bang is infused with dark humour about the assassination of the most polarising figure in contemporary South Korean history. The Last Bang has a double meaning: it can refer to Park as a womaniser or to his ultimate assassination. Yet he died not with a bang, but with a whimper. And alas, Kim was arrested without much fanfare. The movie is scurrilous and controversial, as it seeks to blend fact and fiction without delineating a boundary between the two. Park's son sued the production company after its release, but that too ended with a whimper.



Trailer: [here](#)
Library Call Number: PN1997.2

MANGO LANGUAGES via The LIBRARY



The Mango Languages website and App give you the opportunity to easily practice up to 70 different languages at the beginning and low intermediate levels. Try it today by visiting the [library website](#).

LANGUAGE LEARNING TIPS of The MONTH

- 1** Watch your favourite shows with subtitles in the language you are learning.
- 2** Listen to music and podcasts in the language you are learning.
- 3** Join a language table regardless of your proficiency level
- 4** Practice with the Language Peer Tutors in the language that you are studying.
- 5** Apply for CIPE language opportunities: Internships, language scholarships and semester abroad.

EVENTS & OTHER RESOURCES

- Language Fair 20-21 Website launching soon
- Module Registration Round 1 - **9 Nov, 9:00am**
- Contact the Japanese Society if interested in joining the Japanese Language Table
- CLS Japanese Placement Exam to take place in mid-December
- Additional information on the [Languages Website](#)

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