

THE LANGUAGE QUARTERLY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE YALE-NUS LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

"A SPECIAL KIND OF BEAUTY EXISTS WHICH IS BORN IN LANGUAGE, OF LANGUAGE, AND FOR LANGUAGE."

- GASTON BACHELARD

This is the fifth issue of the language publication brought to you by the student Language Ambassadors. Twice a semester we share with you language resources available at Yale-NUS and beyond. We 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.

MODULE REGISTRATION AY21-22 S2

Date	Round
7-9 Dec	Round 0 - Module Registration
29-30 Dec	Round 1 - Module Registration
3-4 Jan	Round 2 - Module Registration
6-7 Jan	Round 3 - Module Registration

(2.5MC ILSR submission deadline: End of Instructional Week 1)

Tips on Language Modules at Yale-NUS and NUS CLS

<https://modreg.yale-nus.edu.sg> - <https://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/>
<https://nusmods.com/>

- Make use of Round 0 to bid for a popular class.
- If you would like to overload with a language, discuss it with upperclass students and your AD asap. Then notify Registry.
- Visit NUSMods to see what your schedule could look like.
- Check the CLS website for placement information.
- Indicate your interest in taking a CLS module as early as possible.
- Talk to friends who have taken CLS modules to learn about workload, teaching style, course expectations, etc.

MEET YOUR LANGUAGE PEER TUTOR:

SEAN ANG '23

"Hello! I'm Sean, born and raised here in Singapore, and I've been a Chinese peer tutor for two semesters. As someone who used to have my fair share of trouble picking up Chinese, I empathise strongly with my peers who are picking up the language, and I really enjoy helping them learn.

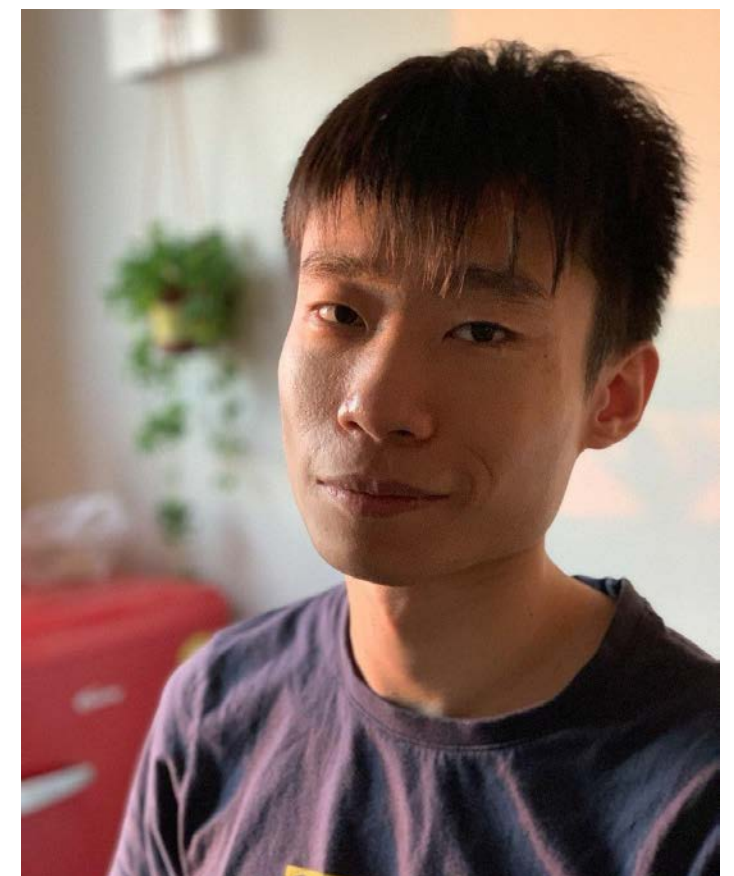


Image provided by Sean Ang

I always learn so much in the process too, so I look forward to helping more of my peers and friends navigate the challenging but extremely rewarding experience of learning Chinese!"

Want to be a peer tutor next semester? Email languages@yale-nus.edu.sg or visit our website!

FEATURED LANGUAGE STUDENT: DESIREE FREEMAN '24, Major: Anthropology



Image provided by Desiree Freeman

Prior to coming to Yale-NUS, Desiree had taken up basic French classes in high school. She had really enjoyed her classes and wanted to continue learning the language. She fell in love with French culture, especially with its cuisine - she loves to cook, and she really enjoys the emphasis the French put on cooking with quality ingredients.

This will be Desiree's second semester taking French, and it has been one of her most rewarding yet challenging classes. She sometimes struggles with speaking the language, but what has helped her overcome her fear was going for Yale-NUS' language tutoring sessions, where she learnt to hone her speaking abilities and became more confident with her spoken French. She hopes to continue learning French in the semesters to come, and to go on a language exchange program over the summer next year.

FOREIGN FILMS @ THE YALE-NUS LIBRARY:

AKIRA KUROSAWA'S RASHOMON

Language: Japanese

Genre: Psychological Thriller/Crime

Duration: 88 minutes

Year: 1950

Awards: The Golden Lion; Blue Ribbon Award; Honorary Academy Award

In September 1951, the Venice Film Festival awarded its top prize, the Golden Lion, to *Rashomon*, by a little-known Japanese director, Akira Kurosawa. Immediately, the film and its maker became international sensations. It is easy to see why, given its dynamic cinematic technique, sensationalistic story, intense musical score, and tantalizing if schematic structure of flashbacks contradicting one another. The title quickly entered the English language and became shorthand for the relativity of truth: "the Rashomon effect," invoked to indicate how witnesses to the same event may see it differently.

You can borrow a DVD copy of *Rashomon* from the Yale-NUS Library. Give it a try and practice some Japanese along the way.



Trailer: [here](#)

Read more: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)

Library Call Number: PN1997 Ras DVD

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- On 5 October, Yale-NUS hosted Dr. Rebecca Oxford, a renowned language educator, as part of the **Language Speaker Series**. Dr. Oxford spoke to students, faculty, and external guests on different types of peace and ways to promote peace-building in language teaching. Attendees engaged in peace-making scenarios and came out with a better understanding of conflict and resolving it through communication that can be incorporated into language instruction.
- On 2 November, Yale-NUS hosted a panel discussion featuring scholars and experts delving into the historical significance of the Spanish trade route between Manila and Acapulco, where Asian merchandise and luxurious goods were traded across the Pacific. Access the recording [here](#).
- The Language Ambassadors ran a series of workshops on the Language Portfolio. Language students learned how to develop their Dossiers and ways to further enhance their overall Portfolio. See two amazing student Dossiers: **Josh** and **Fredrika**.

EVENTS & OTHER RESOURCES

- Check out the Yale-NUS [library](#) for resources on language proficiency exams for various languages.
- Find additional information on the [Languages Website](#) or reach out to the Language Ambassadors.
- Language tables are currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. We hope to bring them back next semester!



Join our **Languages@Yale-NUS Telegram channel** by scanning this QR code to stay up to date with language-related happenings on campus, tips, and other relevant information!

LANGUAGE FAIR 2021-22



Earlier this semester, the Language Ambassadors organized the Language Fair - an annual event to answer the questions of all language learners at Yale-NUS, current and prospective. The attending students asked questions about module registration, overloading with a language, and taking a course at NUS CLS, among other queries.

If you would like to learn about language learning at Yale-NUS, please do not hesitate to contact the Language Ambassadors or visit the Languages website at <https://languages.yale-nus.edu.sg/>.

The Language Ambassadors are organizing another **language information session** on Wednesday morning, **17 Nov**, in the Elm Patio. More details soon.

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