

THE LANGUAGE QUARTERLY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE YALE-NUS LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

"A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE IS A DIFFERENT VISION OF LIFE."

- FEDERICO FELLINI



This is the second issue of the language 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.



MEET YOUR LANGUAGE PEER TUTOR:

Suyeon Lee '21, Major: Global Affairs



Image provided by Suyeon Lee

"Hi everyone, Su here. I have been working as a Spanish peer tutor for the past three years. I am grateful for the amazing people I met through tutoring and being able to help them on their journey to learn Spanish! If you have any questions about learning a new language, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us :) "

LANGUAGE PORTFOLIO PROJECT

- This research-based project will help you understand the language learning process better while you organize and reflect upon the various experiences that you go through on your way to mastering another language: courses, internships, trips, tutoring, etc. Through regular engagement with your language portfolio, you will build connections between diverse elements of your language learning experience, develop a public-facing language dossier, and map specific items onto language standards to benchmark your learning progress.
- Learn more about the project and its components [here](#).



**Language
Passport**



**Language
Biography**



**Language
Dossier**

FEATURED STUDENT: Joshua Tee' 22, Major: Literature



Image provided by Joshua Tee

As a young boy who was home-schooled throughout his stay in Indonesia, Joshua Tee started to independently pick up Bahasa through comics, without any formal training or English translations.

Majoring in Literature, Joshua is currently taking 3 language courses: Ancient Greek and Spanish at Yale-NUS College, and Bahasa Indonesia at the NUS Centre for Language Studies. Besides working towards the rigorous requirements for graduate school, his passion to pursue these foreign languages also allows him to fulfil his personal goals, for example, to read the Bible in one of its original languages.

Joshua consistently engages with these languages in various ways: through the weekly conversations with his language peer tutors in Bahasa Indonesia and Spanish as well as practicing independently during his spare time. He realizes that learning a new language is "a different way to learn about the world" and encourages others to try it.

FOREIGN FILMS @ THE LIBRARY: M by Fritz Lang

Language: German

Genre: Film noir/Mystery/Thriller. Duration: 110 minutes. Year: 1931.

M is a classic film noir about a mysterious psychopathic child murderer. Dubbed the birth of the psychological thriller, M explores the mean streets of Great Depression-era Germany, revealing the madness and distrust of the state in the 1930s.

With a chaser marking an M on the murderer's coat in chalk, this film explores how chaos can easily spread in society. The sense of the inevitability of M's mental madness makes us sympathise with the murderer, creating a pandemonium that has us doubting the lines between right and wrong. The presence of the murderer makes everyone suspicious of each other, while a distrust of the repressive state police works alongside a scarily efficient criminal underworld. This is reflective of the chaos generated by sharp economic decline in this era, demonstrating the film's predictive powers of the horrors that would soon begin in 1930s Germany.



Trailer: [here](#)

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

Library Call Number: PN1997 M

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SHORTS AND TRIVIA NIGHT (Diversity Week)



If you attended our foreign language film screening and trivia night, thank you!
If you missed it, here are the list of films we screened:

- ♦ [We love our clients \(Italian\)](#)
- ♦ [Shkizein \(French\)](#)
- ♦ [And so We put Goldfish in the Pool \(Japanese\)](#)

LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS



Aruzhan Shalabayeva' 24
Languages: Russian, English, and Kazakh



Ruella Che Xinrui' 21
Languages: English, Mandarin, some French, and a bit of Spanish



So Kuon' 21
Languages: Khmer, English, and a bit of French

MODULE REGISTRATION AY21-22 S1

Date	Activities
8-14 Mar (Week 8)	Module advising and planning exercise*
21 Jun - 2 Jul (Tentative)	Round 0 - Module Registration
22-26 Jul (Tentative)	Round 1 - Module Registration
29 Jul - 2 Aug (Tentative)	Round 2 - Module Registration
5 Aug (Tentative)	Round 3 - Module Registration

*This exercise (aka MPE) will help determine the modules to be mounted in Round 0. If you intend to overload, indicate it at this point. Also, if you would like to take an NUS CLS module, use this opportunity to let Registry know.

Language Ambassador Info Sessions

The language ambassadors are finalizing the dates for a couple of language Info Sessions. More details available soon on the Languages website and social media platforms.

Tips on NUS CLS Modules

- ♦ Check the CLS website to see if you need to take a placement test
- ♦ Indicate your interest in taking a CLS module as early as possible
- ♦ If you are planning to overload, notify Registry during the MPE
- ♦ Talk to friends who have taken CLS modules to learn about workload, teaching style, course expectations, etc.

CIPE SUMMER LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES

Update on Summer 2021 Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yale-NUS will only support online study abroad programmes or local programmes in Singapore for Summer 2021.

Learn more about these language opportunities:

- ♦ [Summer Language Scholarship](#)
- ♦ [Chinese Language Scholarship](#)
- ♦ [Spanish Language Scholarship](#)

EVENTS & OTHER RESOURCES

- ♦ New Language Peer Tutors
- ♦ Tones Issue # 9 Submissions by **21 Feb**
- ♦ Language Learning @ Yale-NUS 2020 [Video](#)
- ♦ Language Fair 20-21 [Website](#)
- ♦ Additional information on the [Languages Website](#)