

An introduction to the UTAS collection - China, Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan and Singapore

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The University of Tasmania (UTAS) has implemented a plan of internationalising the curriculum by including more international perspectives or examples throughout all the faculties. Librarians have been working with academics to ensure the collection contains more resources that are relevant to the university's strategic goals. For example, although the collection now holds material that relate to Singapore and early childhood education or education reforms in China, they may be the only resource or one of few that relate to a similar topic.

The Law collection has for a significant period of time endeavoured to cover a number of international jurisdictions. The collection includes monographs, journals or law reports that relate to Singapore, Japan, China, Taiwan.

The Asian history collection is spread across 3 campuses with the majority of the collection based in the Morris Miller Library - 8482 titles, Launceston Campus Library - 2084 titles, and Cradle Coast Campus - 14 titles.

The Asian Studies program, currently teach or research in the broad areas of

- Contemporary Culture and Cultural Studies
- Ethnicity and Diasporic Communities
- Food Studies
- Gender and Sexuality
- Literary and Translation Studies
- National and Regional Politics
- Nationalism and Identity in Asia
- Second/Foreign Language Acquisition



Photo: Scott Wylie standing in front of the Asian history section holding some books written by lecturers at UTAS.

Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, China, Taiwan and Myanmar are covered in one or more of these areas.

UTAS offers language majors in Chinese, Japanese and Indonesian. The language and literature collection predominately covers literature from these three countries (in original language or translation). The collection has a few titles covering Korean and Singaporean literature

Although the collection is modest in size the library has been responsive to the needs of academics in regards to teaching and research.

The Tasmanian Asian Institute endeavours to;

build coalitions and partnerships of expertise within the university and across in Tasmania addresses a richer understanding of the region. The Institute can access university expertise that includes languages and culture, business, agricultural science, law, health science and marine and maritime science, all of which represent critical needs and challenges for the region. The Institute will support the university's presence in Asia to attract more of the best students from the region to Tasmania and send the best Tasmanian students into Asia.

The creation of the Asian Institute may also benefit the collection, as academics from around the university as well as their partnerships could help identify areas for future collection development. There may be opportunities to collaborate and share resources as well as provide extra funding for new areas of research.