

CEAL Plenary Panel

“The Future of Foreign Language Collections in Transformational Times: What is at Stake?”

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Grand ballroom Salon A/B of the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

The panel will include five speakers. Professor Peter Bol from Harvard University will begin by addressing the needs of the academic community and the roles he sees libraries playing in supporting teaching and research. He will also address how digital resources are changing teaching and research and what role collaboration with other institutions (for example, libraries in China) can play.

Thomas C. Leonard, Past President of the Association for Research Libraries and Kenneth and Dorothy Hill University Librarian, University of California, Berkeley, will speak about how foreign language collections have made America what it is today - a magnet for global studies and scholarly endeavor. He will also examine the impact of recent developments such as mass digitization on foreign language collections in North America's largest research libraries.

Deborah Jakubs, the Rita DiGiallonardo Holloway University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs at Duke University, will address the roles of foreign language collections in meeting the expectations of the academy as well as the challenges, risks and strategies, not only from her perspective as a former Latin American studies librarian but also as a current library director. Building on her history with the Global Resources Program, she will address collaboration and its role.

Peter Zhou, Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library and Assistant University Librarian at the University of California, Berkeley, and Richard Richie, Curator, Southeast Asian Collection, Yale University, will report on an environmental scan of changes currently underway in the East, South and Southeast Asian library communities, whether in response to the budgetary challenges faced by most universities or in response to changes in scholarship and information delivery