In this newsletter, we are casting a spotlight on our most recent winners of the Book Prize—the 2023 Frei and Ann Notehelfer Shoyu Club City of Yokohama Book Prize: and MJHA Dissertation Prize, to be awarded in early 2024 to a book with a copyright date of 2022 and a dissertation with a copyright date of 2022 or 2023.

The IUC is proud to have so many alumni making valuable contributions in diverse fields, from the arts, social sciences, technology, to international relations. Below is a small sampling of IUC alumni projects that have won recent IUC Book Prizes.

Chisato Shida, PhD, Assistant Professor of International Studies at the University of Washington

Chisato Shida, PhD, Assistant Professor of International Studies at the University of Washington, is one of the IUC alumni who has contributed significantly to the field of international relations. Shida's work focuses on Japan's role in the Asia-Pacific region, and she has published extensively on Japanese foreign policy and international trade. In 2022, Shida won the IUC Book Prize for her book, *Japan's Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: The Role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*. The book provides a comprehensive analysis of Japan's foreign policy decisions and their implications for regional stability.

Wen Chen, PhD

Wen Chen, PhD, is one of the IUC alumni who has contributed significantly to the field of digital humanities. Chen's work focuses on the intersection of technology and culture, and she has published extensively on the role of digital games in shaping cultural identity. In 2022, Chen won the IUC Book Prize for her book, *FAILING FORWARD FROM FANDOM TO FINANCE*. The book provides a comprehensive analysis of the global gaming industry and its impact on society.

The IUC maintains two social media accounts specifically for alumni networking and community-building. Follow us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/IUCJapan) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/IUCJapan).

The IUC newsletter is published quarterly, and we encourage you to submit suggestions for future issues. If you have any questions, please contact Jemma Gallagher (iucjapan@stanford.edu).

Thanks for reading the IUC Newsletter. Join us at our next event! The IUC Happy Hour Tokyo Committee invites you to celebrate Summer 2023 with other IUC alumni. The event will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at 6:30 PM at [Location]. RSVP today by sending an email to iucjapan@stanford.edu.

Congratulations to everyone who presented at the recent IUC alumni event. The event was a great success, and we look forward to seeing more alumni share their experiences and ideas with each other.

The IUC is proud to have 21 alumni as DJI Alumni Fellows. These alumni are working on cutting-edge projects that are changing the world. If you are interested in applying for the fellowship, please visit our website for more information. The IUC is also proud to have approximately 3,000 alumni, many of whom occupy positions of leadership in their respective fields.

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