

## Why not A-B-C?

### What ever happened to the alphabet in East Asia?



What is it about the alphabet in the west and the “character” writing systems of many East Asian countries that makes them all work effectively, yet look so different? How different in fact are they, and how did they get that way?

These are a few of the basic questions that will be discussed in this talk in order to understand how writing systems came about and how they work in the modern world.

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Kane Hall

Reception to follow