



NEWS

ERCCT Funding as CCKF Overseas Center Extended Five More Years

Very good news for the ERCCT arrived at the beginning of 2019. The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange's Board of Directors has decided to continue funding of the ERCCT as an CCK Foundation Overseas Center, a decision that speaks to the quality of our work. Glad and grateful, the CCKF-ERCCT team looks forward to continue promotion of postgraduate social science research on contemporary Taiwan and academic exchange between Taiwan and Europe.

The CCKF-ERCCT at the Third World Congress of Taiwan Studies

The Third World Congress of Taiwan Studies was held at Academia Sinica in Taipei from Sept. 6-8. The overarching concern of this gathering of some 150 Taiwan scholars from all over the world was a critical assessment of the relevance of Taiwan Studies in the contemporary social sciences and the humanities.

In a special session, CCKF-ERCCT Director, Prof. Gunter Schubert offered his thoughts on the future trajectory of the Taiwan Studies field. He also reported on the work of the CCKF-ERCCT and on its different programmes. The congress participants also engaged in intense discussions on a "Manifesto for the Further Development and Entrenchment of Taiwan Studies within Global Academia (outside Taiwan)" which had been drafted and signed by 21 renowned and emerging Taiwan scholars at the occasion of a workshop held at the CCKF-ERCCT in mid-June to celebrate its 10th anniversary. The manifesto suggests the establishment of a TAIWAN FOUNDATION as a public agency in Taiwan to pool government funding to incentivize the creation of faculty positions for Taiwan scholars at universities outside Taiwan. It has been brought to the attention of Taiwan's government agencies. Hopefully, more systematic discussion between Taiwan scholars and the Taiwan government on the issues raised by the Manifesto will follow after Taiwan's national elections in January 2020.



CCKF-ERCCT Hosted the 13th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

Between 24 and 25 November, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted its 13th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival, this time in cooperation with Arsenal Kinos Tuebingen who provided a wonderful venue.

Saturday, 24 November, was dedicated to the work of our guest, film director Tseng Wen-chen 曾文珍, who presented three documentaries from her rich oeuvre: firstly, "What Makes Love Last" 長情的告白 (2015), a documentary about carers for the elderly in Taipei, made for a very strong start, depicting with much warmth and empathy the everyday struggles of these dedicated people. Next was "Dream Hair Salon" 夢想美髮店 (2011) about female marriage immigrants and how they cope with an array of practical and emotional difficulties in order to build up their new lives in Taiwan. Finally, we screened "Spring: The Story of Hsu Chin-yu" 春天—許金玉的故事 (2002) about the life of a victim of the White Terror, Hsu Chin-yu, who was imprisoned for 15 years, yet stayed true to her ideals, remaining an activist until very old age. The audience took the opportunity to enter into a lively discussion with director Tseng, thereby learning a lot about the background and the making of each film.

Sunday's program continued the focus on the White Terror with a screening of the 1995 feature film "Super Citizen Ko" by Wan Jen, telling the story of Ko I-Sheng, who had been imprisoned for 16 years in his youth, but lives to old age, remorseful about the execution of his friend, whose name he had told under torture.





GUESTS

Our Visiting Scholars (August 2018-March 2019)

In the past term, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of distinguished visiting scholars who engaged with our fellows and presented their ongoing research ([link](#) to the program). We thank everyone for coming and hope for continued exchange.

Prof. Hsu Yue-dian from the Department of Law at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from August 2 to September 6, 2019, working on his research and publication projects in the field of cultural and educational law of Taiwan.



Prof. Jonathan Sullivan, Director of China Programs at Asia Research Institute from the University of Nottingham has been a frequent visitor and collaborator of CCKF-ERCCT over the years. In his most recent stay, he gave two lectures on the grand Taiwan Elite Communication and Behavior Study project (8 January) as well as on “What’s new about the New Southbound Policy? 25 years of talking about ‘going south’” (10 January).





Dr. Tsai Hui-Ju 蔡蕙如, at the time visiting fellow at the Mercator Institute of China Studies, Berlin, visited Tübingen to give a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Her topic was "An Anthropology of Taishang: Cross-Strait business, identity, and politics".



Dr. Liza Wing Man Kam 甘詠雯 from the Department of East Asian Studies at Georg-August University, Göttingen, on 24 January, 2019 gave a very interesting public lecture on Japanese colonial era architectural relics and how they are appropriated or neglected by Taiwanese local society's memory making, titled: "Obscured history, romanticised memory: commodification of the Japanese colonial past in Taiwan with urban heritage in Hengchun as case study".





Our Visiting Fellows (Winter Term 2018/19)

In the CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Fellow Programme, we invite two Ph.D. students or post-doctoral fellows from our Partner Institutions to come to Tübingen for one month. During their stay, they present and discuss their research with the CCKF-ERCCT Fellows and take part in other CCKF-ERCCT activities. Participants in the winter term of 2018/2019 were:

Kung Hsiao-pei 龔小蓓

Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University
January 14 to February 9, 2019

Project: A Legal Phenomenological Reflection on the Talum Suqluman case



Jhou Sih-ting 周思廷

Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University
26 November to 24 December, 2018

Project: Is corruption related to gender? Research on Corruption Cognition of Public Servants



If you are interested in submitting an application, see [Visiting Fellow Programme](#) for future application details on the program.



Our Short Term Resident Fellows

Summer Term 2019

Mark Henderson

National Cheng Chi University, Taiwan

April to September 2019

PhD Project: Local Foreign Direct Investment Policy: The Case of Taiwan's Major Cities



Winter Term 2018/2019

Kwan Chung Yin 關仲然

SOAS, University of London

December 2018-November 2019

PhD Project: The Mechanism of Party-Movement Relations: The Relationship between DPP and social movements after 2008



Liu Ya-chun 劉雅郡

University of Nottingham

November 2018-October 2019

Postdoctoral research project: Decoding 'Transitional Justice' in Chinese-Speaking Contexts: Languages, Cultures and Societies



If interested, check our [Short Term Resident Fellow Programme](#) for application details on the program.



TUEBINGEN RESEARCH NOTE

Tommy Chung-yin KWAN is currently a Short-Term Resident Fellow at CCKF-ERCCT, University of Tübingen. He is a PhD candidate in the Department of Politics and International Studies at SOAS, University of London. His thesis is looking at the relationship between political party and social movement through cases in Taiwan.

The interaction between political parties and social movements is always a challenging task for scholars to articulate. It is a dynamic interaction and there is only a “fuzzy and permeable boundary” between political parties and social movements. It is hard to have a sharp distinction between them. The research aims at articulating the relationship as well as identifying the mechanism of cooperation between political parties and social movements in Taiwan, by especially focusing on DPP and the Sunflower Movement. Activists were distancing themselves from DPP during the movement. How did DPP work with the social movement activists? If not, why DPP, as the then opposition party, failed to connect with the Sunflower Movement? In fact, even though DPP had won the 2016 elections, the civil society lost trust to the DPP government almost immediately after Tsai assumed office. This project is in part an attempt to articulate the development of party-movement relation in Taiwan, the other part an attempt to theorize the mechanism of how the political parties and social movements operate and work together.

Besides academic research, Tommy is also a burgeoning cultural leader from Hong Kong. He is a regular contributor at *Ming Pao* (a Hong Kong newspaper) and *BBC World Service* (Chinese), sharing cultural critiques and observations. His academic book reviews are published in renowned journals such as *China Quarterly* and *China Information*.

In his first book, *Learnings from Solitude* 《孤獨課》 published by the Reading Times, the leading publisher in the Traditional Chinese market including Taiwan and Hong Kong. A Simplified Chinese version will be published in the mainland China in June, by the Imaginist, one of the most influential and visionary publishing house in China. *Learnings from Solitude* is a collection of prose on Tommy’s cultural observations when he studied abroad.



PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Gunter Schubert. The State of the Field of Global Taiwan Studies Institutions: A Time for Optimism or Pessimism? – Response to Dafydd Fell, in: *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, Vol. 1, No. 2, 2018, 380-382.

Gunter Schubert. Linking the Taiwan Studies and China Studies Fields: How to Argue for the Faculty Recruitment of Taiwan Scholars at Western Universities, in: *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* (with responses from [Saša Istenič](#), Thomas B. Gold and Margaret Hillenbrand), Vol. 1, No. 1, 2018, 193-208.

Talks and Conference Papers by CCKF-ERCCT Staff and Fellows

Gunter Schubert. Taiwan – The Chinese Challenge. Presentation given at the occasion of the Freiburg China Talks, University of Freiburg, 8 November 2018.

Ek-hong Ljavakaw Sia. Taiwan Reinvented: The Coevolution of Taiwanese and Aboriginal Nationalisms and Its impact on Making Taiwan “Oceanic” Again. Paper presented at the 5th East Asian Conference for Young Sociologists, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 19-20 February, 2019.

Ek-hong Ljavakaw Sia. Make Taiwan Pacific Again: The Making of Indigenous Identity and Its Impact on Shaping Taiwanese Identity. Paper presented at the 1st Hebrew Taiwan Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 28-29 November, 2018.

Ek-hong Ljavakaw Sia. Taiwan’s International Status. Keynote speech given at the Youth Pre-Meeting of the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum, jointly held by Council for World Mission (CWM), World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT), Presbyterian Bible College, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 27 November, 2018. See here: <https://reurl.cc/l9O1d>

Tseng Yu-chin. ‘Moulding a Desired Wife: Marriage Migrants and the Framing of the Ideal Citizen in Taiwan’, *The Invisible Within: Actors, Relationships and Activities in Chinese Migrant Families*, University of Central Lancashire, 18 November, 2018.



OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Tango – Taiwan: concert in cooperation with Hohaiyan Cultural Association

On November 30, 2018, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a concert by Twango, a Latin American-East Asian music ensemble consisting of Taiwanese band leader Wu Ruei-Ran 吳睿然, Japanese violinist Asayama Kaoru, Uruguayan bass player and singer Felipe Medina, and Argentinian pianist Diego Collatti. The concert was organised in cooperation with Mrs. Tsai Tsai-Wei of Hohaiyan e.V. 好海洋藝術, a cultural association for the promotion of Taiwanese performing arts in Germany.

The programme of the evening was entitled El Otro Fin del Mundo 世界的另一個盡頭 and featured Tangos and arrangements of Taiwanese and Latin American traditional songs.

Two new staff members at the CCKF-ERCCT

Two student research assistants are now working with us at the CCKF-ERCCT. We warmly welcome administrative support **Mario Hauter** who studies in the M.A. programme on East Asian Politics and Society. Further, **Kelly Chen** 陳品臻 has been with us for several months working on the upcoming relaunch of our website (stay tuned!).





COMING UP...

Visiting Fellow Programme, Winter Term 2019-2020

For the winter semester 2019 – 2020 we will invite two Taiwanese Ph.D. or Postdoc students to visit and work at the CCKF-ERCCT for one month. Deadline for applications is **15 August 2019**.

The successful applicant will be granted a living stipend of 500 EUR, free accommodation, insurance provided by the CCKF-ERCCT, and a round trip air ticket (economy class, up to € 1250). During their stay in Tübingen, Visiting Fellows will take part in the centre's activities, most notably the Taiwan Colloquium, and present their on-going Ph.D. or Postdoc research to the other fellows.

For more information about the programme please see this [link](#).

Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme, Winter Term 2019-2020

The CCKF-ERCCT regularly invites Ph.D. students or postdoc researchers from Europe and Taiwan under the Short-Term Resident Fellows Programme for a period between three and six months. Invited fellows will be granted a monthly allowance of EUR 350, basic health insurance, and a one time travel grant of EUR 500. Anyone interested in joining us under this programme from the winter semester 2019-2020 onwards, please submit your application no later than **31 July 2019**.

For more information about the programme please see this [link](#).

Seventh Young Scholars Workshop (30 June - 7 July, 2019)

The ERCCT will hold a workshop for emerging young scholars in the social sciences from 30 June to 7 July, 2019.

Participants will be Ph.D. students (3rd year and above) and postdocs. We are looking forward to welcome the successful applicants in Tübingen very soon! They will present their social science research on contemporary Taiwan and cross-Strait relations with CCK-ERCCT staff and a number of guest scholars.



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