



ERCCT Newsletter

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ERCCT to become CCK Overseas Center

The European Research Center Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT), established in 2008 by an agreement between the University of Tübingen and the Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, will become a CCK Foundation Overseas Center this year; one of only four such centers worldwide. This decision, taken by the Board of Directors of the CCK Foundation after a thorough review of the ERCCT's performance over the last years, is a milestone for the long-term promotion of European Taiwan Studies and the education of young Taiwan scholars at Ph.D. and postdoc level.

A corresponding agreement between the University of Tübingen and the CCK Foundation will be signed at the occasion of a symposium in Tübingen in early July (see below). With its new status officially granted by July 1st, the ERCCT has taken a major step to secure the continuation of its work in promoting postgraduate social science research on Taiwan and fostering academic dialogue and exchange between European and Taiwanese scholars.

ERCCT to offer Research Fellowships

Beginning in autumn 2014, the ERCCT, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan), will continue its Research Fellowship Program for doctoral and post-doctoral students specializing in social science-based research on contemporary Taiwan. The scholarship grant, which will be awarded once every year, will comprise a monthly allowance of 1000.- € for a maximum of three years, plus a round-trip air ticket to Taiwan. Successful applicants will also be provided with office space at the ERCCT, and will partake in the academic activities of our center.

Details of the scholarship program will soon be announced on our website.

ERCCT winner of the 2013 French Taiwanese Cultural Award

The ERCCT is honored and delighted to receive the 2013 French Taiwanese Cultural Award, which is granted annually by the Paris-based [Fondation Culturelle Franco-Taiwanaise de l'Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques](#) to individuals or institutions who have made a substantial contribution to the understanding and spread of Taiwanese culture. The price money of 25.000 Euros will contribute to financing the numerous ERCCT activities and programs, and will be presented during a ceremony in October in Paris, attended by Taiwan's Minister of Culture, Long Ying-Tai 龍應台, and ERCCT director Prof. Gunter Schubert.

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You can now use your favorite social network to link up with the ERCCT. You can follow our social network account by [Facebook \(CCKF.ERCCT\)](#), [Google+\(CCKF.ERCCT\)](#), [Twitter\(CCKF ERCCT\)](#) to receive the latest news, which will be directly posted to your account. In the lower section of every article, you can also find the icons of the different social networks, and post the article manually. You are welcome to share the news with your friends!

Visitors to our Center

Prof. Dr. [Chen Yi-Kai](#) 陳怡凱 (National Cheng Kung University, Department of Law), and Prof. Dr. [Hsueh Chih-Jen](#) 薛智仁 (National Taiwan University, Department of Law) visited the ERCCT during the summer semester break 2013.

In the winter term 2013/14, we again had the pleasure of welcoming a number of visitors to our center, who held public talks on their latest work for our researchers and students:



Dr. [Chen Yu-Wen](#) 陳玉文 (Department of Government, University College Cork, Ireland)

Dr. [Chen Chih-Jou Jay](#) 陳志柔 (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)



Dr. [Jens Damm](#) 達嚴思 (Graduate Institute of Taiwan Studies, Chang Jung University)

Dr. [Ann Heylen](#) 賀安娟 (Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature, NTTU)



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Our Visiting Fellows

Two successful applicants to our Visiting Fellowship Programme were visiting the ERCCT in January and February this year:

[Hsu Che-Wei](#) 許哲瑋 (Department of Law, National Taiwan University)

[Fan Hsiu-Yu](#) 范秀羽 (U.C. Berkeley School of Law)

The application deadline for the coming summer term (April-July, 2014) has already expired, and the Visiting Fellows for this term have been selected:

Ms. Chang I-wen 張懿文 (University of California at Los Angeles, Department of World Arts and Cultures/Dance)

Mr. Yin Jun 殷俊 (Institute of China & Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University).

Congratulations to the successful applicants, and we are looking forward to welcoming them in Tübingen soon.

If you wish to visit the ERCCT on a one-month Visiting Fellowship, please refer to the [visiting fellowship programme](#) on our website.

Coming Up...

Spotlight Taiwan - Cultural Week in Tübingen, July 7-15

To celebrate the new status of the ERCCT as a CCK Overseas Center, the ERCCT will organize a "Spotlight Taiwan" Week in Tübingen from July 7-15. We will host a wide array of Taiwan-related events and activities, including a series of Taiwanese films in one of Tübingen's major movie theaters; public readings by Taiwanese authors; public talks on various aspects of Taiwan's art and culture; artistic performances, and much more. Please refer to our [website](#) or follow us on [facebook](#) for the latest news.

Miscellaneous

Our Research Fellow [Luo Kai-Ling](#) 羅凱凌 and our long-term Visiting Fellow Prof. [Chung Chi](#) 鍾騏 have both concluded their respective one-year stays at the ERCCT, and returned to Taiwan. We hope that Ms. Luo and Prof. Chung have enjoyed their stay here, and we hope to see them again soon.

[Lara Momesso](#), our former Research Fellow and present Associate Fellow, has received a research scholarship from the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We congratulate Ms. Momesso on this impressive achievement, and wish her all the best for her future research and career.

Our Associate Fellow Dr. [Wang Hung-jen](#) 王宏仁 has taken up a new position as Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science and Graduate Institute of Political Economy, National Cheng Kung University. We wish Dr. Wang all the best for his future academic career.

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