Routledge Handbook on Contemporary Taiwan Published

Under the editorship of Prof. Gunter Schubert, the Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Taiwan has been published in June 2016. This is a fascinating volume with 34 chapters on all aspects of modern and contemporary Taiwanese politics and society, uniting renowned Taiwan scholars from all over the world. The handbook will hopefully be a source for both experts and newcomers in the Taiwan studies field for many years to come.
Young Scholars Workshop 2016

The CCKF-ERCCT held its fourth Young Scholars Workshop between 26 June and 2 July, 2016. More than twenty young talents from Taiwan and Europe were invited and presented their PhD or post-doc research projects in order to discuss them with CCKF-ERCCT Fellows. Once again the event took place at Hotel Zollernblick in Freudenstadt. The topics covered a wide variety of social sciences and cultural studies and will be published in the publications section of the CCKF-ERCCT’s website. Young scholars also were able to enjoy profound commentary by CCKF-ERCCT director Prof. Gunter Schubert, NTU’s Prof. Huang Chang-ling, and Dr. Yu Yi-wen (at the time) from Shanghai Jiaotong University (now Zhejiang University). Schubert and Huang also held a roundtable discussion on Taiwan’s political future after Tsai Ing-Wen’s election victory in early 2016. Participants also had the chance to explore Freudenstadt, Tuebingen, and attended the annual Taiwan Documentary Film Festival after the workshop.
Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2016

The Eleventh Taiwan Documentary Film Festival took place on July 1-2, 2016 in Tübingen. This year’s edition featured seven documentary films that shed light on important personalities of Taiwan’s recent political history. The selection of documentaries covered, among others, the lives and achievements of the revolutionary Su Beng, the rights activist Cheng Nan-Jung and former President Lee Teng-hui. Further films documented the social struggles of Taiwan’s vibrant civil society, such as in the field of environmental protection. Guest Filmmakers Chen Lih-Kuei 陳麗貴 and Lee Yung-Chuan 李泳泉 were present on both days, and discussed their work with the audience. The feature film Parking 停車 by Chung Mong-hong 鍾孟宏 was also shown on Friday night, July 1.
The New CCKF-ERCCT Team

While two longstanding members of the CCKF-ERCCT team have left us, there was also an addition to our staff.

**Chen Li-Yi** has worked at the center since its founding in 2008 and was in charge of administering all our electronic and technical facilities as well as support to our guests, besides doing his Ph.D.. With his loyal and devoted manner he made for an ideal colleague and we want to express our sincerest gratitude for the contributions he made to the CCKF-ERCCT.

**Dr. Stefan Fleischauer**, the CCKF-ERCCT Co-Director, also has taken a new job path. However, he still organized this year’s Young Scholars Workshop brilliantly as always, and he will stay connected to the center in many ways.

**Sascha Zhivkov** is the latest addition to the team. Besides pursuing his PhD project “The Future of Foreign Direct Investment in the Context of the Changing Chinese Growth Model”, he is a Research Assistant and Junior Lecturer at the Chair of Greater China Studies at the University of Tuebingen. Outside of the manifold daily operations at the center, he is also responsible for editing the newsletter you are reading now.
Our Visiting Scholars (Summer Term 2016)

In the past term, we had the pleasure to welcome a number of distinguished visiting scholars who engaged with our fellows and presented their ongoing research (link) to the program.

**Prof. Kuo Cheng-tian** from the Political Science Department and Graduate Institute of Religious Studies of National Chengchi University, Taipei stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT between July 11 and 15, 2016. Prof. Kuo lectured on "New Religious Nationalism in Chinese Societies" on July 14, 2016.

**Prof. Shen Cen-chu** from the Graduate Institute of National Affairs and Public Policy at Taichung's National Chung Hsing University visited the CCKF-ERCCT between July 1, 2016 and August 31, 2016. He held a talk on "Die Politik von Taiwans neuer Staatspräsidentin Tsai Ing-wen [The Policies of Taiwan's New President Tsai Ing-wen]" on 12 July, 2016, and presented a research project on the theoretical framing of macro-economic developments in East Asia on July 25, 2016.

**Dr. Yu Yi-Wen** from the School of International and Public Affairs at Shanghai Jiaotong University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT between June 17, 2016 and July 3, 2016. She presented a recently published journal article on June 23, 2016: "Political Economy of Cross-Strait Relations: is Beijing’s Patronage Policy on Taiwanese Business Sustainable?"

**Prof. Huang Chang-Ling** from National Taiwan University’s Department of Political Science stayed at the center between 23 June 23 and 2 July, 2016. She lectured on "Remembering Dictators: The Politics of Bronze Statues in South Korea and Taiwan" on 24 June, 2016.
Book Launch


Film Screening Wawa no Cidal

On April 20, 2016, the CCKF-ERRCT hosted a screening of award-winning film Wawa no Cidal (太陽的孩子, *Children of the Sun*) by Cheng Yu-chieh 鄭有傑 and Lekal Sumi 勒嘎·舒米 in the Arsenal cinema,
Tuebingen. Both directors were also present and engaged in a lively Q & A with the audience in the fully packed cinema.

Our Visiting Fellows (Summer Term 2016)

- Dr. Jean Yu-Chen Tseng 曾于蓁
  (Department of Public Policy and Management, I-Shou University, Taiwan)
  23 June to 23 July, 2016
  Project: “The Political Implications of Cross-Strait Youth Contacts”

- Dr. Hsia Chuan-Wei 夏傳位
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(Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)  
26 June to 26 July, 2016  
Project: “The Generalalogy of Neoliberalism in Taiwan: A Neo-Polanyian Approach”

- Liu Yining 劉怡寧  
(Graduate Institute of Sociology, National Taiwan University)  
21 May to 19 June, 2016  
PhD project: "Framing the cultural interpretation of 'Oldness': The contribution of Taiwan Humanistic Buddhism in the aging society"

Liu Yining used the chance to present in the Taiwan Colloquium, receiving valuable feedback for their dissertation and post-doc projects. Dr. Hsia and Dr. Tseng both took part in the Young Scholars Workshop, presenting their current research in this format.

See Visiting Fellow Programme for application details.

New Short Term Resident Fellow Programme

As indicated in our last newsletter, our new Short Term Resident Fellow Programme will kick off this winter term with its first two successful applicants.

The programme pursues the objective of promoting and facilitating postgraduate social science research on contemporary Taiwan and scholarly co-operation between Europe and Taiwan.

Two Ph.D. students or postdoc researchers from Europe and Taiwan are invited each year to join the centre in Tübingen for a period between six months and one year.
Invited fellows will be granted a monthly allowance of EUR 350, basic health insurance, and a one time travel grant of EUR 500. They will be provided with office space and enjoy the opportunity to discuss projects and exchange ideas with ERCCT Fellows and Visiting Scholars working at the ERCCT.

See Short Term Resident Fellow Programme for application details.

The first candidate for our new Short Term Resident Fellow Programme has been selected. Hui-Tzu Huang (Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources University of Freiburg) will be with us soon, advancing her research and discussing it with the CCKF-ERCCT.

Coming up…

The selection of applicants for the Visiting Fellow Programme in the winter semester of 2016/2017 has been finalized and we may announce that and Ms Chang Ti-Han (張迪涵) from the Institute of Transcultural and Transtextual Studies at Université Lyon III Jean Moulin (France) will visit the CCKF-ERCCT from October 17 to November 13, 2016. After that, Dr. Chen Yueh-Ching (陳月卿), from the Institute of Political Science at National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, will visit the CCKF-ERCCT from November 22 to December 23, 2016.

New Publications at the CCKF-ERCCT


Sia Ek-hong Ljavakaw, “Crafting Aboriginal Nations: The Presbyterian Church and the Imagination of the Aboriginal National Subject”, paper presented at Joint East Asian Studies Conference (JEAS), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom, September 7-9, 2016, and at the Annual Conference of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology: Anthropology, Ethnicity and Ethnic Studies, College of Liberal Arts, National Taiwan University, Taipei, September 10-11, 2016.

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