Work Report
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The *European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan* (ERCCT) is jointly sponsored by the *Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange* and *Eberhard Karls University Tübingen*. It was inaugurated in June 2008 at a symposium that brought together Europe’s most renowned Taiwan scholars. The Center serves as a platform for doctoral and postdoctoral social science research on contemporary Taiwan and for promoting academic dialogue and cooperation between Europe and Taiwan. Good progress has been made towards institutionalizing the ERCCT and enhancing its standing in the scholarly community. This has been acknowledged by the *Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation* through a promotion of the ERCCT to one of only four CCKF Overseas Centers in July 2014. The center’s official appellation thus changed to European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan – A CCK Foundation Overseas Center (CCKF-ERCCT). In addition to recruiting and hosting long-term and short-term research fellows and inviting a considerable number of established scholars to join the ERCCT as associate fellows, the Center’s main activities have been focused on

- inviting young talent from Europe and Taiwan, at both Ph.D. and postdoctoral levels, to visit and work at the Center on a long-term or short-term basis as research fellows;
- assisting research fellows in developing their projects and helping them to organize fieldwork in Taiwan;
- organizing public lectures and workshops on contemporary Taiwan held by well-known experts and emerging scholars from both Europe and Taiwan;
- expanding the Center’s international network by establishing links to renowned partner institutions in Taiwan;
- promoting the idea and mission of the Center by giving presentations at different European and Taiwanese universities;
- providing the international scholarly community with information on the Center’s multifaceted activities.¹

The international feedback which the ERCCT has received over the last eight years has been consistently positive, encouraging those involved in its daily operations to work even harder to ensure its continuing success.

¹ For detailed information on the ERCCT’s idea and concept, see The European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan. Idea – Concept – Activities, accessible at: [https://www.ercct.uni-tuebingen.de](https://www.ercct.uni-tuebingen.de)
ERCCT Lectures and Seminars

Prof. Yu-bin Chiu from the Department of Social Development at National Pingtung University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from July 8 to 26, 2019. Under the headline of “Ways of Returning Home: Indigenous Youths, Jobs, and the Revitalisation of Tribal Communities”, Prof. Chiu presented his latest research project to research fellows in the Taiwan Colloquium on Monday, July 22. He also gave a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT, titled “New Youth Labour Activism in’ Taiwan after 2014 Sunflower Movement” on Thursday, July 25.

Prof. Shu-Hui Lin from the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University visited the CCKF-ERCCT on July 17, 2019, and gave a public talk on the topic of “Experience Difference: The Metaphor of Travelogues during Taiwan’s Martial Law Period (1949-1987)”.

Prof. Jou-Juo Chu from the Department of Labor Relations at National Chung-Cheng University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 28 to July 27, 2019. Prof. Chu gave a public lecture on Wednesday, July 10, titled “Decoding the Chinese Socialist Market Economy: From Experiences of Expatriate Taiwanese Firms” and gave the presentation “What Kinds of Legal Consciousness are there? On the Labor Disputes of the Expatriate Taiwanese Firms in Mainland China” in a Taiwan Colloquium on Monday, July 15.

Prof. Pei-Chia Lan from the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 15, 2019. She presented her research project on global parenting under the title “Childrearing as Global Security Strategies: Comparing Middle-class Parenting in Taiwan and Immigrant America” in the Taiwan Colloquium on Thursday, June 27. On Thursday, July 11, Prof. Lan gave a public lecture on “Raising Global Families: Parenting, Immigration and Class in Taiwan”.

Dr. Michelle Tsai Hui-Ju, 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 talk was titled “An Anthropology of Taishang: Cross-Strait business, identity, and politics.”

Dr. Liza Wing Man Kam from the Department of East Asian Studies at Georg-August Universität Göttingen gave a public talk that was titled “Obscured History, Romanticized Memory: Commodification of the Japanese Colonial Past in Taiwan with Urban Heritage in Hengchun as Case Study” at the ERCCT on Thursday, January 24, 2019.
Prof. Jonathan Sullivan, Director of China Programs at the Asia Research Institute and Associate Professor at the School of Politics and IR at the University of Nottingham, visited the ERCCT from January 7 to 10, 2019. On Tuesday, January 8, he presented “Taiwan Elite Communication and Behavior Study (TECBS) – A research agenda” in the Taiwan Colloquium and on Thursday, January 10, Prof. Sullivan gave a public lecture on ‘What’s new about the New Southbound Policy? 25 years of talking about “going south”’.

Prof. Emerson Niou from the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences at Duke University, North Carolina, stayed at the center from June 18 to July 15, 2018. On June 28, he gave a public lecture on “The China Factor in Taiwanese Politics”. On Friday, June 29, he presented his ongoing research project titled “How is Taiwan different from other small states in international politics?” – to CCKF-ERCCT-Fellows in a Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Kuo-Ming Lin from the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 16 to 28, 2018. In a public talk on July 23, Prof. Lin lectured on “A Tale of Two Villages: Practice of Participatory Budgeting in Taiwan”. He also presented his ongoing research on experiments with participatory budgeting in Taiwan in a presentation titled “Institutionalizing Participatory Budgeting in Taipei City” during a Taiwan Colloquium on Friday, July 27.


Prof. Chia-Wen Lee from the Department of Law at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from October 23 to November 22, 2017. On Thursday, November 9, she held a public lecture entitled “Taiwan’s Death Penalty in Local-Global Dynamics”, and on Friday, November 17, she presented her current research project, “Conscience and Convenience: Taiwan’s Rocky Road to Adopting the Adversarial System in Criminal Procedure”, at a session of the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Rui-hua Lin from the School of Public Economics and Administration, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from October 28 to No-
November 1, 2017, and gave a public lecture on Monday, October 30. The title of her talk was “Reunion with the Old Folks: The Intergroup Contact between Taiwanese and Chinese in Mainland China”.

Prof. Lu-Huei Chen from the Department of Political Science at National Chengchi University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT on July 2-29, 2017, and presented his book project “Cross-Strait Relations and Electoral Politics in Taiwan” to the ERCCT Fellows during a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on Friday, July 14. Prof. Chen also gave a public lecture, entitled “Emotions and Electoral Politics in Taiwan”, on Tuesday, July 18.

Prof. Wan-Ying Yang from the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 10 to July 9, 2017. Prof. Yang held a public lecture entitled “When Identity Clashes with Interest: the China Complex in Taiwan” on Thursday, June 22, and presented her ongoing research project, “The Gender Value Differences across the Taiwan Strait”, at the Taiwan Colloquium on Friday, June 30.

Prof. Chien Shiu-Shen from the Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei was with us February 1 to 22, 2017. In a public lecture on February 7, Prof. Chien lectured on “Understanding Post-Socialist Authoritarian Local / Environmental China in Transition: A Party-State Perspective”. In a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on February 10, 2017, Prof. Chien introduced his research project on “Taiwan Investment and China Local Government - the Case of Kunshan” to the CCKF-ERCCT Fellows.

Prof. Maté Szabó from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, returned once again to the CCKF-ERCCT, stayed from November 14 to 18, 2016, and gave a public talk on November 15, 2016, on the topic: “Can the Control Yuan develop into an Ombuds-Institution and a National Human Rights Institution for Taiwan?”

Prof. Hong-zen Wang from Department of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaoshiung, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from October 20 to November 15, 2016. He has held a public lecture on the topic of “Global Production Chains and Labour Control: Taiwanese capital in Vietnam” on November 3 and presented his research project “Flames of war in alienated place: Taiwanese factory labour regime in Vietnam” in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on November 11, 2016.

Prof. Kuo Cheng-tian from the Political Science Department and Graduate Institute of Religious Studies of National Chengchi University, Taipei, stayed at the ERCCT between

**Prof. Shen Cen-chu** from the Graduate Institute of National Affairs and Public Policy at Taichung’s National Chung Hsing University visited the 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 July 12, 2016.

**Prof. Huang Chang-Ling** from National Taiwan University's Department of Political Science gave a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT on June 24, 2016, entitled "Remembering Dictators: The Politics of Bronze Statues in South Korea and Taiwan". She stayed at the center between June 23, 2016 and July 3, 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: "Political Economy of Cross-Strait Relations: is Beijing’s patronage policy on Taiwanese business sustainable?"

**Prof. Ann Heylen** from the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at the National Taiwan Normal University lectured on “Spatial Humanities Going Dutch: Historical Mapping of 17th-Century Formosa Manuscripts” on January 28, 2016.

**Dr. Chen Te-sheng** from the Institute of International Relations at National Chengchi University, Taipei visited the CCKF-ERCCT from 2-15 December, 2015. He presented his project "Institutional Innovation and Economic Cooperation: A Case Study of Cross-strait Economic Development" in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on 10 December, 2015.

**Dr. Paul Katz** from the Institute of Modern History at Academia Sinica, Taipei stayed at the center between 3 and 9 December, 2015. He gave two talks entitled "State and Local Society in Colonial Taiwan: The Ta-pa-ni Incident of 1915" and "Religious Life in Western Hunan during the Modern Era: Some Preliminary Observations" respectively.

**Dr. Simona A. Grano** from the Department of Sinology at the University of Zürich gave a public talk on “Environmental Governance in Taiwan: A New Generation of Activists and Stakeholders” on November 25, 2015.

**Prof. Szabó Maté** from the Department of Political Science at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from 16-20 November, 2015, and held talks on
the “Sunflower Movement under Western Eyes: From the Perspective of Social Movement Research” (17 Nov), and on “Transition to Democracy: Taiwan/South East Asia – Hungary/Eastern Europe: A Comparison” (19 November, 2015).

**Dr. Linda Arrigo**, independent researcher, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from 2-7 November, 2015 and lectured on “Understanding Combined – Understanding of the Democratic Movement and the Advance of Feminism in Taiwan” on 3 November, and on the topic of “A Critical History of the Taiwan Independence Movement”, 5 November 2015.

**Prof. Hsu Tzong-li** from the College of Law at National Taiwan University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 29 to July 26, 2015. Prof. Hsu gave a public lecture entitled “The Legal Relationship between the two Sides of the Taiwan Strait - From the Perspective of Taiwan's Constitution” on July 7, and he also made an intriguing presentation in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium held July 10.

**Dr. Leung Wing-Fai** from the University College Cork, Ireland, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 13 to 28, 2015. On June 18, 2015 she held a public lecture entitled “A Tech Sector in Transition: Taiwan’s Internet and Mobile Start-up Ecosystem”. She also took part as a discussant in the Young Scholars’ Workshop 2015.

**Prof. Sun Mine-ping** from the School of Journalism at the College of Communication of National Chengchi University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 1 to 15, 2015. On June 11, she gave a public lecture entitled “Citizen Journalism: Local Voices and Social Actions in Taiwan” and she also presented her research in the Taiwan Colloquium on June 9.

**Prof. Lee Zong-Rong**, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from May 18 to 24, 2015. Prof. Lee gave a public lecture on “Kinship, Class and Political Cohesion among Business Elites in Taiwan” on May 19 and presented the backgrounds and methodological intricacies of the respective research in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on May 22.

**Dr. Astrid Lipinsky** from the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology at the University of Vienna stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from January 22 to February 12, 2015. She gave a public talk on “Taiwans Frauenbewegung in China: die Rolle der Kontakte über die Taiwanstraße” (Taiwan’s women’s movement in China: the role of cross-strait contacts) on February 5, 2015 and she presented her research in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on February 9.

**Prof. Wang Jenn-Hwan** from the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at National Chengchi University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from November 8 to December 19, 2014. During his stay Prof. Wang held a Taiwan Colloquium on November 28 on the
methodological aspects of the research project, had introduced the audience to in his public lecture of November 27, entitled “The Paradox of Small Hydropower: Local Government and Environmental Governance in China”. On December 4 Prof. Wang gave another public talk, the topic of which was “The Transformation of the Taiwanese Developmental State and its Role in the Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry”.

Prof. Hsu Yue-Dian from the Department of Law and the Graduate Institute of Law in Science and Technology at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from August 1, 2014 to January 15, 2015. On November 13, 2015, Prof. Hsu held a public lecture entitled “Die Religionsfreiheit und die Staatliche Neutralität in Taiwan” (Freedom of Religion and State Neutrality in Taiwan). For his stay at the ERCCT Prof. Hsu was granted a stipend by the German Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation.

Prof. Kung Yen-liang from the Faculty of Public Administration at National Chengchi University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 23, 2014, and gave a public lecture on “China’s Forest Stewardship Council” on July 17.

Prof. Wu Teh-mei from the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 23, 2014, and gave a talk on “Marketization of the Urban Water Sector in China: An Embedded Neoliberal Perspective” on July 17.

Prof. Shih Chih-yu from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 25 to 28, 2014, giving a lecture on “The Will of the Weak to Confront the Strong: Theoretical Implications from a Taiwan Poll” on June 25.

Prof. Alex Tan from the Political Science Department at University of Canterbury, New Zealand, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 19 to July 29, 2014. He held a public lecture entitled “Hard habit to break: Organizational Learning of the KMT in Democratic Taiwan” on June 18 and a second one on “Tipping the Scale: PLA’s Modernization and Cross-Straits Relations” on June 24.

Prof. Ann Heylen, Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, and also an ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from February 1 to February 8, 2014. She gave a public lecture on February 6th on „Contextualizing a Seventeenth Century Dutch Manuscript for Academic Publishing: Kerkboek van Formosa (1643-1649)“. 

Prof. Chung Chi from the Institutum Iurisprudentiae at Academia Sinica, Taipei, spent his sabbatical at the CCKF-ERCCT from February 19, 2013, to February 18, 2014. Among
other, he gave a public lecture on “The Bilateral Investment Treaty between China and Taiwan and Its Historical Background” on January 24, 2014.

Prof. Jens Damm, from the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Studies, Chang Jung University, and also an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from January 16 to March 16, 2014 and gave a public lecture on “Cross-Strait Cyberspace: Between Public Sphere and Nationalist Battleground” on January 17.

Prof. Jonathan Sullivan from the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham, and an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from Dec. 16 to 20, 2013, giving a public lecture on Dec. 19 on “The Rise and Fall of President Ma: Implications for Cross-Strait relations.”

Prof. Chen Chih-Jou, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from Dec. 16 to 18, 2013, speaking on “Survival Strategies, Workers’ Protests, and Labor Institutions of Taiwanese Businesses in China” on December 17.

Dr. Chen Yu-Wen, Department of Government, University College Cork, Ireland, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from Dec 1 to 20, 2013, and gave a public lecture on “Liberalized Aviation Policy in Greater China and Its Implications on Residents in Kinmen” on December 10.

Prof. Fan Yun, Department and Graduate Institute of Sociology, National Taiwan University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from July 21 to July 24, 2013, and gave a public lecture on July entitled “Linking Activists to Changing Political Structures: Social Movements in Taiwan’s Democratic Transition, 1980s-1990s.”

Prof. Hsiao Nai-Yi, Department of Public Administration at National Chengchi University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 2 to July 27, 2013, and held a public talk on the topic of “Electronic Governance in Taiwan – Practice & Research” on July 9. Further, Prof. Hsiao held a Taiwan Colloquium on July 12, which was attended by researchers from the CCKF-ERCCT.

Prof. Chao Yung-mao, Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 25 to July 24, 2013. His public lecture on July 16 was entitled “An Assessment of Local Politics and Its Prospect in Taiwan”.

Prof. Hwang Jau-Yuan, Associate Dean at the College of Law at National Taiwan University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 25, 2013. His public lecture “Transitional Justice and Constitutional Changes in Taiwan” was held on July 4.

Prof. Chao Chien-Min, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, National Chengchi University, and Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council, was visiting the CCKF-
ERCCT from June 16 to July 15, 2013. On June 20, he gave a public lecture on “Cross Strait Relations and Prospects for the Future”.

**Prof. Tang Shao-cheng**, Institute of International Relations, National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 13 to June 14, 2013, holding a public lecture on June 13: “Structure & Essence of the Relations between Taiwan and China”.

**Prof. Ting Arthur Jen-Fang**, Department of Political Science and Graduate Institute of Political Economy, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from May 17 to June 1, 2013, and gave a public lecture on May 29, entitled, “The State on the Ground: Recent Development of Civil Societies in Taiwan, China, and Japan”.

**Prof. Chen Mumin**, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from April 25 to May 17, 2013, and on May 7, gave a public lecture entitled, “Engaging or Resisting the Giant Neighbor: Recent Debates between KMT and DPP on the Mainland Policy”.

**Dr. Mikael Mattlin**, Finnish Institute of International Relations, came to the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from January 7 to January 10, 2013, and on Tuesday, January 8 gave an intriguing public lecture entitled, “On the Gradual Political Transformation of a One-Party System”, based on his book, “Policitized Society: The Long Shadow of Taiwan’s One-Party Legacy”.

**Prof. Chung Chi**, Assistant Research Professor at the Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica, arrived at the CCKF-ERCCT on February 16, staying as a long term visiting scholar for one year until February 16, 2014.

**Prof. Joseph Cheng Yuk-shek**, City University of Hong Kong, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 16 to July 22, 2012. On July 17, Prof. Cheng gave a public lecture entitled, “The Taiwan Presidential Elections and the Implications for Cross-Strait Relations”, and then presented a research paper at the Taiwan Colloquium on July 19, entitled, “Traditions in Chinese Foreign Policy”.

**Prof. Wu Chung-Li**, Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica, Taipei, stayed on until June 30, 2012 as an CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Scholar after taking part in the *China Impact Seminar* (see below). On June 26, Prof. Wu gave a public lecture on the topic of the “Change and Continuity of Taiwan’s Political Parties”.

**Prof. Chen Chih-Jou**, Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, Taipei, also stayed on after taking part in the *China Impact Seminar* (see below). On June 25, 2012, he gave a
public lecture entitled, “Rising Popular Protests and Riots in China: Findings from News Data”.

Dr. Lee Shin Ming, Institute of International Relations, National Cheng Chi University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from April 21 to May 23, 2012. He gave a public lecture on May 3 on the topic of the “ECFA-Implications of Cross-Strait Economic Liberation, Second Detente or Not”, and then presented his research project, “Inside Trading Prevention - A New Perspective Creating a Fair Game for Developing Nations” at a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on May 10. He also gave a second public lecture on May 21, entitled, “China’s Leading Role over the ASEAN Economies - A Comparative Study on Germany’s Influence in the EU”.

Dr. Winnie King, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Bristol and the British Inter-University China Centre, an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, visited the Centre from February 2 to February 4, 2012. During her stay, she gave a public lecture on "Institutionalization and Regularization - the Sino-Taiwanese Economic Cooperation Frame-work Agreement and the Crowding out of the Non-state Actor” (February 2) and presented one of her research projects, entitled “Greater China: Nature, Scope and Lessons” at the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Ann Heylen, National Taiwan Normal University’s Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature, visited the CCKF-ERCCT as an associate fellow from January 31 to February 3, 2012, and gave a public lecture entitled, “Exploring Heritage Trajectories in Taiwan: The 17th Century”.

Dr. Günter Schucher from the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies in Hamburg, an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, visited the Centre from January 25 to January 28, 2012. He gave a public lecture entitled, “Taiwan’s 2012 Elections – Strategies and Results” on January 26 and on the following day, presented one of his current research projects on education and labour markets in Taiwan and China at the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Christopher R. Hughes, Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, came to Tübingen as an CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Scholar from December 15 to December 17, 2011. Prof. Hughes gave a public lecture on “The Elections in Taiwan: Can Democratization Be a Force for International Stability”. On December 16, he also presented an ongoing research project under the working title of “Assessing the US Commitment to Taiwan from the Perspective of International Regime Theory” at the Taiwan Colloquium.
Prof. Thomas Heberer, Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen, gave a public lecture on November 14, 2011, under the title “Modell China – ein Auslaufmodell?” (The China Model – A Model in Demise?).


Dr. Linda Gail Arrigo, College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Taipei Medical University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from October 11 to October 14, 2011. She gave a public lecture on October 13 on the topic of “Historical Studies and Political Winds in Taiwan”, and followed this, at the Taiwan Colloquium on October 14, with a presentation based on her views of scientific practice and theory.

Prof. Shih Chih-yu, Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 17 to July 20, 2011. In a public lecture, Prof. Shih, who is also a CCKF-ERCCT advisor, talked about “China Studies in Taiwan: Encountering and Choice of Postcolonial Scholarship”.

Prof. Leng Tse-kang, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 20 to June 27, 2011. He gave a public lecture on “Continuity and Change of Cross-Strait Relations” and presented an ongoing research project, entitled, “The Paradigm of Developmental State Revisited: The Case of Taiwan and China”, during a Taiwan colloquium.

Prof. Tang Chih-chieh, Institute of Sociology at the Academia Sinica, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from June 2 to June 9, 2011. Prof. Tang, who is also a CCKF-ERCCT advisor, gave a public lecture on “Literatization vs. Civilization: A Preliminary Comparison of the Development of Sport in China and the West with a Focus on Violence”. He also gave a presentation, at the Taiwan Colloquium, which showed how his approach to historical sociology can help us to understand Taiwan’s political development since 1945.

Dr. Christian Göbel, Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lunds Universitet, Sweden, as well as a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from May 13 to May 29, 2011. He gave a public lecture under the heading,
“Has Electoral System Change Improved Taiwan’s Democracy?” and presented a field research project on Taiwanese local factions, at the Taiwan Colloquium.

**Dr. Shih Fang-long**, London School of Economics and Political Science, gave two lectures, one on “Area Studies and Comparative Perspective: Theorizing Connectivity” and the other, on “Social Memory and Political Trauma: Recognizing the Subject” - during her visit to the CCKF-ERCCT from May 2-May 6, 2011.

**Prof. Robert Ash**, Department of Economics and Department of Financial and Management Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in the latter half of April 2011 to give two public lectures, the first on “The Role of Agriculture in Taiwan’s Post 1945 Economic Transformation” and the second, on “Cross-Strait Economic Relations: Trade and FDI”.

**Prof. Tang Ching-Ping**, Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from January 17 to February 13, 2011. He gave two public lectures, one on “Modernization and Conservation by Aboriginal Communities: The Case of the Tao and the Atayal in Taiwan”, and a second, on “Sustainable Development in Taiwan’s Aboriginal Communities”. He also presented his current research at the Taiwan Colloquium under the heading, “Democratization and Environmental Movements in Taiwan”.

**Prof. Ann Heylen**, Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature, National Taiwan Normal University and concurrently Director of the International Taiwan Studies Center at NTNU, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in early July 2010 to give a public lecture on “‘Brievenboek, Kerkboek van Formosa, 23 januari 1642-4 maart 1660’ - A Systematic Source Reading”. Prof. Heylen is also a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow.

**Prof. Lee Chien-liang**, Institutum Iurisprudentiae at Academia Sinica, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 3 to August 2, 2010. During his stay, he introduced an ongoing research project on “Verfassungsauslegung und Grundrechtsschutz” (Constitutional Interpretation and Protection of Basic Rights) at a Taiwan Colloquium and held a public lecture on “Demokratisierung, Gewaltenteilung und Staatlichkeit. Eine verfassungsrechtliche Betrachtung der politischen Entwicklung in Taiwan” (Democratisation, Separation of Powers, and Statehood. A Consideration of Taiwan’s Political Development from the Perspective of Constitutional Law).

**Prof. Shen Tung** from the Graduate Institute of Musicology at National Taiwan University visited the CCKF-ERCCT in mid-June 2010 and gave a public lecture on, “A historical
Overview of the Dissemination of Popular Songs from Shanghai to Taipei in the 20th Century".

Prof. Chang Mao-Kuei, Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in May/June 2010. He delivered two public lectures, entitled: 1) “Studies and Findings about Nationalism in Taiwan and Social Movement”; and 2) “Social Movement Studies in Taiwan”. He also talked about his ongoing research on Taiwan’s mainlanders (waishengren) at a Taiwan Colloquium. Prof. Chang is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Chang Ya-chung, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University. During his stay at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar in June/July 2010, Prof. Ya-Chung Chang presented an ongoing research project at a Taiwan Colloquium that dealt with issues related to cross-strait integration and gave a public lecture entitled, “Political Positioning of Both Sides of the Taiwan Straits”, Prof. Chang is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Gordon C.K. Cheung, School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham, presented an ongoing research project on “Shanghai and Taipei as International Financial Centres and the Next Phase of the Economic Rise of China” at a Taiwan Colloquium and gave a public lecture entitled, “To Be or Not to Be Chinese: The Construction of Liminal Citizenship of the Taiwanese” in February 2010. Prof. Cheung is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Steve Tsang, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, gave a public lecture on “Taiwan’s Relations with China: Is a New Framework Being Formed?” During his visit to Tübingen in December 2009, he also introduced his current research on “Why Chiang Kai-shek Succeeded in Taiwan but Failed in China” to the CCKF-ERCCT Fellows at a Taiwan Colloquium. Prof. Tseng is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Chen Yi-kai, Department of Law and Institute of Law in Science and Technology, National Cheng Kung University, gave a lecture on the “Transfer of Western-style Democracy to the Chinese World” in December 2009.

Dr. Chang Bi-Yu, Taiwan Studies Centre at London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, London, gave two lectures, one on “Culture and the State – Culture Building in Taiwan (I)” and one entitled “Education and Ideology – Culture Building in Taiwan (II)” during her visit to the CCKF-ERCCT in November 2009.

Mr. Malte Kaeding, M.A., Department of Government and International Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University, gave a public lecture on “Changing Hong Kong: Democratization,
Taiwanization, or Mainlandization” in July 2009. Mr. Kaeding is also a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Research Fellow.

Prof. Yang Yung-nane, Department of Political Sciences at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, gave a public lecture on “Environmental Policy on Chemical Pollution in Taiwan – the An-Shun Plant Case” in June 2009.

Dr. Ming-Yeh T. Rawnsley, Institute of Communication Studies at the University of Leeds, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in June 2009. She gave a public lecture on “Cinema, Identity and Resistance in Taiwan: Hou Hsiao-hsien’s ‘A City of Sadness’” and presented a series of new Taiwanese short films. Dr. Rawnsley is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Shih Chih-yu, Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from April to May 2009, and gave two public lectures: “China Studies that Defend China: The Chinese Civil War Remnant in My Past Writings and Reflections on Taiwanese Politics after the 2008 Presidential Elections”. He also introduced his current research on “Thinking China: Global Economy of China Studies” during a CCKF-ERCCT Taiwan Colloquium. Prof. Shih is a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Tseng Yen-fen, Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University, lectured on “Middle Class Migration from Taiwan to China: Processes and Consequences”. She also presented her current research on ”治理遷移中國的台灣人: 雙重身分？新公民?” (New Citizens or Dual Members? Governing Membership Status of Taiwanese Migrants in China) at an ERCCT Taiwan Colloquium in February 2009. Prof. Tseng is a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Dr. Dafydd Fell, Taiwan Studies Centre at London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, held a two-day seminar on “Taiwan's Government and Politics” in February 2009. Dr. Fell is a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Dr. Fan Cheng, Faculty of Economics at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg gave a public lecture on “Taiwan's Economic Change since the 1980s” in January 2009. Dr. Fan is a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Research Fellow.


Dr. Lee Chun-Yi, School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham, gave a public lecture on “Taiwanese Businessmen's Interaction with Local Chinese Governments” in November 2008. Dr. Lee is also a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Research Fellow.
**Prof. Hu Taili** Institute of Ethnology at Academia Sinica, held two public lectures in November 2008, each in combination with the screening of one of her documentary films: “The Cultural Contact of the Yami/Dawu People and the Outside World” and “The Interpretation of Saisiat Pasta’ay Songs and Ritual”.

**Prof. Keng Shu** Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Cheng Chi University, held a two-day seminar on “Cross-strait Relations and the Question of Integration” in June 2008. Prof. Keng is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

These events were all highly successful; they were well-attended and inspired fruitful and lively discussions among the respective audiences.

### Establishing Links with ERCCT Partner Institutions

In order to further promote the CCKF-ERCCT’s idea and mission among Taiwan scholars and to establish a broad network of relations with high-ranking academic institutions in Taiwan, the Director of the Center, Prof. Gunter Schubert, has given talks at various Taiwanese universities, e.g. at the **Taiwan Study Center of National Cheng Chi University** in Taipei, at the **Graduate Institute of International Relations of National Chung Hsing University** in Taichung, at the **College of Social Sciences of National Cheng Kung University** in Tainan (all November 2008); at the **Institute of Political Science of National Sun Yat-sen University** in Kaohsiung (September 2009); at the Institute of Sociology at **National Sun Yat-sen University** in Kaohsiung; at the **Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University** (March 2010); at the **College of Law of National Taiwan University** and at the **Graduate Institute of Development Studies of National Cheng Chi University** (March 2011); at the **Department of Political Science of National Cheng Chi University** (September 2011); at the **Taiwan Studies Center of National Cheng Chi University** and again at the **Department of Political Science of National Taiwan University** (both April 2012); at the **College of Social Sciences of National Cheng Kung University** and at the **Institute of Political Science of National Sun Yat-sen University** (both May 2012). Prof. Schubert pays regular visits to the CCKF-ERCCT’s partner institutions when he is staying in Taiwan. Since its founding in June 2008, the CCKF-ERCCT signed special cooperation agreements with

- the **Institute of Political Science**, the **Institute of Sociology** and the **Institutum Iurisprudentiae** at Academia Sinica, Taipei
• the College of Social Sciences, the College of Law, the Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology, and the Global Asia Research Center at National Taiwan University, Taipei

• the College of Social Sciences, the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, the Taiwan Studies Center, the Graduate Institute of Development Studies, and the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei

• the Graduate Institute of International Politics at National Chung Hsing University, Taichung

• the College of Social Sciences, the Department of Political Science and the Department of Law and Institute of Law in Science and Technology at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan

• the College of Social Sciences, the Institute of Sociology, and the Institute of Political Science at National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung

Current and Past ERCCT Research Fellows

ERCCT Research Fellows are enrolled as Ph.D. students either at the University of Tübingen or at any other European university. They are selected according to the quality of their academic credentials and their research projects. ERCCT Research Fellows are provided with office space at ERCCT headquarters and are expected to participate in the Taiwan Colloquium which is held regularly during the academic term. They are strongly encouraged to conduct fieldwork in Taiwan and are affiliated to one of the ERCCT partner institutions during these visits. ERCCT Research Fellows are expected to conclude their dissertation projects within four years and the Center helps them to approach international publishing houses for reviews and the eventual publication of their work.

Dr. Stefan Fleischauer, Mr. Mark Gessat and Mr. Björn Alexander Lindemann joined the ERCCT in the academic year 2008/2009. After one year of preparatory work in Tübingen, they started their fieldwork in Taiwan as ERCCT Visiting Fellows and were affiliated to one
of the ERCCT partner institutions during that time: the Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica and the Departments of Political Science and Sociology at National Taiwan University. In April and May 2011, they returned to ERCCT headquarters in Tübingen. Dr. Fleischauer then joined the ERCCT team as a Co-Managing Director. Mr. Lindemann received a Ph.D. in February 2013 after successfully defending his thesis on “Cross-Strait Relations and International Organizations: Taiwan’s Participation in IGOs in the Context of Its Relationship with China, 2002-2011”. He then left the ERCCT to take on a position as Division Chief in the China Office of the German Chamber of Trade in Tianjin.

Mr. Hung-jen Wang joined the ERCCT in October 2009, after leaving Cornell University, in the US. He was awarded his Ph.D. in July 2012 after successfully defending his thesis on, “The Rise of China and Chinese International Relations (IR) Scholarship”. Dr. Wang has taken on a position of Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan, in January 2014.

Mr. Jyh-shyang Sheu joined the ERCCT in January 2010 after graduating from National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan. He has stayed in Taiwan on several occasions to carry out fieldwork, being affiliated to the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow. He wrote up and submitted his thesis in July 2017.

Mr. André Beckershoff joined the Center in April 2010 after graduating from the University of Münster. In May 2011 he went to Taiwan to carry out fieldwork in Taiwan, being affiliated to the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow. He came back in April 2012 to write up his Ph.D. thesis.

Ms. Lara Momesso, at the time a Ph.D. student at SOAS, U.K., joined the ERCCT in April 2011 and conducted fieldwork as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow affiliated to the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University. In November 2011, Mrs. Momesso returned to ERCCT headquarters, wrote up and submitted her Ph.D. thesis in September 2013. She is now a lecturer in Asia Pacific Studies at the University of Central Lancashire, Deputy Director of the Northern Institute of Taiwan Studies and Co-Deputy Director of the Centre of Migration Diaspora and Exile at the University of Central Lancashire.

Mr. Li-yi Chen, who is also a member of the ERCCT support team, became a Research Fellow at the ERCCT in late 2010. He has conducted fieldwork in Taiwan in 2012. In March 2016, he returned to Taiwan to take up a position as lecturer at the Department of Labour Relations at Chinese Culture University, Taipei, and write up his thesis.
Mr. Igor Rogelja, a Ph.D. student at SOAS, U.K., joined the ERCCT in June 2012. He conducted fieldwork in August 2012 and returned to Tübingen in November 2013 to write up his Ph.D. thesis, for which he received his PhD in Political Science and Government from the SOAS in 2014.

Mr. Ek-hong Sia graduated from the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University and joined the ERCCT in February 2013. In June 2018, he returned to Taipei to write up his thesis.

Ms. Elisa Tamburo, a Ph.D. student at SOAS, U.K., joined the ERCCT in November 2014 as grantee of the ERCCT Fellowship 2014. She went to Taiwan to conduct fieldwork in March 2014 as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow affiliated to the Department of Sociology at Academia Sinica and returned to the CCKF-ERCCT in March 2017 to write up her thesis.

Dr. Yu-chin Tseng, hitherto a postdoctoral researcher from the Department of Sociology, University of Essex, won the ERCCT Fellowship of 2015 and joined the center in November of that year. She stayed in Tübingen as ERCCT Resident Fellow until September 2017. In April 2018 she joined the University of Tübingen’s Department of Chinese Studies as Assistant Professor of Modern Taiwan Studies.

Dr. Désirée Remmert won the ERCCT Fellowship of 2016 after finishing her Ph.D. at the Department of Anthropology at London School of Economics and Political Science. She joined the ERCCT in October 2016 and went to Taiwan in January 2017 for an extended period of field research. After leaving the ERCCT, Dr. Remmert has been a Postdoc in Anthropology at the London School of Economics and works as an Associate Consultant at C Space London.

Mr. Sascha Zhivkov graduated from the M.A. programme East Asian Politics and Society at the University of Tübingen and joined the CCFK-ERCCT in March 2016. He is also a member of the ERCCT team.

ERCCT Associate Fellows

The Centre has invited thirteen emerging and senior Taiwan scholars to join the ERCCT as Associate Research Fellows.
ERCCT Research Fellowship

The Taiwan (R.O.C.) Ministry of Education granted six ERCCT Research Fellowships between 2009 and 2012, based on a MoU signed between the ERCCT and the MOE in late 2009. Doctoral fellowships were granted for two years, with the option of extension for one further year following a positive evaluation of the student’s work report. Postdoctoral fellowships were granted for a period of two years only. The program has been renewed with a second MOU signed in June 2014. The following scholars were granted ERCCT Fellowships:

Prof. Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Hong Kong Baptist University
Dr. Jens Damm, Chang Jung Christian University, Tainan
Dr. Cheng Fan, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
Prof. Christian Göbel, University of Vienna
Dr. Ann Heylen, National Taiwan Normal University
Dr. Malte Kaeding, University of Surrey
Dr. Winnie King, University of Bristol
Dr. Chun-yi Lee, University of Nottingham
Dr. Mikael Mattlin, Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki
Dr. Lara Momesso, University of Plymouth
Dr. Frank Muyard, French Center for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC)
Dr. Günter Schucher, German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg
Dr. Jonathan Sullivan, University of Nottingham
Prof. Hung-jen Wang, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan
Dr. Paul Joseph Lim, Taipei
Dr. Simona Alba Grano, Department of Sinology, University of Zürich
• Dr. Stefan Fleischauer (post-doctoral) for his project on *Non-State Negotiations between China and Taiwan: On the Road to European-Style Integration?*

• Mr. Mark Gessat (Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tübingen) for his project on *Religious Environmentalism in Taiwan: A Case Study of Current Anti-global-warming Campaigns and Movements."

• Mr. Björn Alexander Lindemann (Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tübingen.) for his project on *Cross-Strait Relations and International Organizations: Taiwan's Participation in IGOs in the Context of Its Relationship with China, 2002-2011.*

• Mr. André Beckershoff (Ph.D. candidate at the University of Münster) for his project on *The Transnationalization of Cross-Strait Relations. Emerging Structure and Dynamics of a Regional Hegemonic Project.*

• Ms. Lara Momesso (Ph.D. candidate at SOAS) for her project on *Agents across ‘Chinas’: Cross-Strait Marriage Migrants’ Personal and Collective Strategies.*

• Mr. Igor Rogelja (Ph.D. candidate at SOAS) for his project on *Production of Space in China and Taiwan: Towards a Convergence of Urban Space in Greater China.*

• Dr. Yu-Chin Tseng (postdoctoral teaching fellow at the University Essex) for her research project *Mixed Marriages between People from formerly Conflicting Countries/Regions.*

• Ms. Elisa Tamburo (Ph.D. candidate at SOAS) for her project on *The body on the Move: Movement, Ageing and the Ends of Life in Contemporary Taiwan.*

• Dr. Désirée Remmert (postdoctoral research fellow) for her research project *Fate and the Life Course -An Intergenerational Comparison of the Impact of Notions of Fate, Choice and Agency on Subjective Well-Being among Urban Taiwanese.*

**ERCCT Visiting Fellow Program**

A short-term **Visiting Fellow Program** was launched in early 2011. Under this scheme, a return air-ticket and a one-month stipend is offered for up to two Ph.D. students or post-doctoral students from the ERCCT’s partner institutions in Taiwan or for highly qualified
Taiwanese students who are enrolled in European Universities during each academic term. The program is co-sponsored by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. Up to the present time, the following visiting fellows have stayed in Tübingen:

**Summer term 2019:**
Huang Chia-Yuan, Department of Geography, University College London
Liu Chien-Chih, College of Law, National Cheng Chi University

**Winter term 2018/2019:**
Kung Hsiao-pei, Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University
Jhou Sih-Ting, Ph.D. student from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University

**Summer term 2018:**
Liu Kuo-yi, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of National Development and Mainland China Studies, Chinese Culture University
Chen Wei-Ren, Ph.D. candidate at the College of Law, National Taiwan University

**Winter term 2017/2018:**
Dr. Nee Sheejay, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung

**Summer term 2017:**
Ye Xiaodi, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University
Dr. Tseng Yi-tsu, postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung

**Winter term 2016/2017:**
Dr. Yueh-Ching Chen, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Political Science at National Sun Yat-Sen University.
Chang Ti-han, Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Transtextual and Transcultural Studies, Université de Lyon III, Jean Moulin, Lyon

**Summer term 2016:**
Liu Yining, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of Sociology, National Taiwan University, Taipei

Dr. Hsia Chuan-Wei, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei

Winter term 2015/16:
Dr. Lee Yi-li, postdoctoral fellow at the College of Law, National Taiwan University, Taipei
Rangga Aditya Elias, Ph.D. candidate from the National Cheng Chi University, Taipei

Summer term 2015:
Ian Rowen, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado and visiting fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
Yi-Ching Lee, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Taipei

Winter term 2014/15
Chou Muyi, Ph.D. candidate at Humboldt University, Berlin
Keng Kim-Yung, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei

Summer term 2014
Francis Yin, Ph. D. candidate at the Institute of China & Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University
Chang I-Wen, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of World Art and Cultures/Dance, University of California, Los Angeles

Summer term 2013:
Juan Hsiao-mei, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Winter term 2013/14
Fan Hsiu-yu, doctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkley, School of Law.
Hsu Che-wei, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Law, National Taiwan University.
Winter term 2012/2013:

Chen Yi-Ling, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of East Asia Studies, National Cheng Chi University

Tsai Pei-Lun, Ph.D. candidate at the School of Law, University of Nottingham

Winter term 2011/12:

Chang Tung-chia, Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Law, National Taiwan University

Dr. Chen Bo-Yu, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi-University

Summer term 2012:

Liao Bin-Jou, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University

Liu Tai-Ting, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of International Relations, National Chung Hsing University

Summer term 2011:

Sia Ek-hong, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, National Cheng Chi University

ERCCT Short-Term Resident Fellow Program

The ERCCT launched a Short-Term Resident Fellow Program in 2016. Under this scheme, the center offers a monthly allowance and a support grant for travel expenses for up to two Ph.D. or post-doctoral fellows from Europe or Taiwan per semester. Up to now, the following Short-Term Resident Fellows have stayed in Tübingen:

Dr. Mark Henderson, postdoctoral fellow from the programme of Asia Pacific Studies at National Cheng Chi University, April to August 2019

Kwan Chung Yin, Ph.D. student from SOAS, London, December 2018 to August 2019

Liu Ya-chun, Ph.D. candidate from the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, University of Nottingham, November 2018 to October 2019

PD Dr. Sascha Klotzbücher, postdoctoral researcher at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna, June to July 2018.
Beatrice Zani, Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Lyon II University, TRIANGLE UMR 5206 Laboratory, Lyon, France, April to August 2018.

Guo Sheng-Ping, Ph.D. candidate from the Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, November 2017 to February 2018

Monika Arnoštová, Ph.D. candidate at the School of Sociology & Population Studies at Renmin University of China, November 2017 to September 2018

Dr. Mon Ya-Feng, postdoctoral research fellow at the International Institute for Cultural Studies, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan, April to August 2017

Dr. Tatiana Komarova, representative in Russia for the Taiwan Central Asia Cultural and Economic Association, June 2017

Huang Hui-tzu, Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Freiburg, March to June 2017

Huang Kai-shen, Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University, November 2016 to February 2017

Other Activities

Seventh Young Scholars Workshop

The seventh CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop 2019 was held from July 1 to 5 at Hotel Fritz Lauterbad in Freudenstadt, a venue formerly associated with Tübingen University located in the Black Forest. Nine young scholars from Taiwan and Europe had been selected from a large number of applicants to present and discuss their research, with 21 scholars taking part in the academic part of the programme in Freudenstadt.

Dr. Stefan Fleischauer organized the workshop into four panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait and cross-border Issues

Chen Rong Rosalie (Department of Psychology, NTU), “Political Ideology and International Relations in Taiwan”
Liu Hui-chun (Department of Geography, University College London), "Making Money and Everyday Geopolitics: Cross-border ‘Talent Fostering’ in Urban China"


Panel 2: Taiwan Society and Social Movements

Fu Wei-che (Institute of Sociology, NTHU), "Land and Democracy: Land Expropriations, Protests, and Votes in Taiwan Democracy Transiting Process"

Chen Wei-ping (Department of Sociology, EHESS), “Fabricating ‘Parisian seduction’ in Taiwan. A sociological view of cultural fantasy as intimate commodities”

Kao Tzu-Yi (Graduate Institute of Sociology, NTU), “Prosperous Coffee Shops in Semi-Periphery Taiwan: Taste, Crafts, and Service Encounter”

Panel 3: Climate Change and Energy Politics

Chen Mi-lan (School of Governance, Technical University of Munich), “Altruism or Self-interest? Understanding the Voluntary Climate Policy Making in Taiwan”

Dr. Huang Hui-Tzu (LIFT Program, Ministry of Science and Technology), “Citizens’ Power Plants in Taiwan: Driving Forces from Bottom-up and Top-Down”

Panel 4: Best of the Rest (ERCCT Visiting and Short-Term Resident Fellows)

Liu Ya-chun (ERCCT STR Fellow), “Translating Transitional Justice into Chinese-speaking contexts”


Evening Session
On the evening of Tuesday, July 2, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Prof. Lan Pei-Chia, and Prof. Chu Jou-Juo held a round table discussion on the topic Taiwan’s Presidential Elections and Populism.

Sixth Young Scholars Workshop

The sixth CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop 2018 was held from July 2 to 8, at the State Center of Civic Education Haus auf der Alb, Bad Urach, a venue affiliated to the State Agency for Civic Education of Baden-Württemberg. The Center received numerous applications for the workshop, with twelve young scholars from Europe and Taiwan being invited to present their research to the 26 scholars who attended this workshop in four panels.

Panel 1: New Southbound Policy and International Student Exchange

Dr. Hsiaping Lan (China University of Political Science and Law), “The “The Road Map to Close the Skill Gap in Taiwan and ASEAN Countries – A Perspective of Education Benchmarking”

Hsien-ming Lin (National Sun Yat-sen University), “The Motivations and Strategies of New Southbound Policy Countries’ Students for Studying and Working in Taiwan”

Yu-hsien Sung (National Sun Yat-sen University), “A Study on Exploring the Attitudes and Considering Factors of Taiwanese Students for Studying in New Southbound Policy Countries”


Ker-wei Chien (University of Essex), “Promoting Overseas Chinese Nationalism in Filipinos’ Taiwan’s Educational Practices in Philippine-Chinese Schools”

Panel 2: Civil Liberties and Protest Movements

Dr. Jaw-nian Huang (Tamkang University), “The Political Economy of Press Freedom: The Paradox of Taiwan versus China.”

Dr. Li-ning Chen (National Taiwan Normal University), “Occupy Democracy? Body Politics in Street Protests – Analyze 2014 Sunflower Movement and Hong Kong Umbrella Movement”

Panel 3: Taiwan Topics

Mark Henderson (National Chengchi University), “Local Foreign Direct Investment Policy: The Case of Taiwan’s Major Cities”

Dr. Che-liang Wu (National Tsing Hua University), “Politics of Memoriscapes: War Commemoration in the Post-War Era in Taiwan”

Panel 4: Best of the Rest


Kuo-yu Liu (Chinese Culture University, presenting as CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Fellow), “The Issue of Refugees in Global Governance”

Evening Session

On the evening of Tuesday, July 3, Prof. Schubert conveyed and discussed a presentation by Prof. Dr. Michael Hsin-Huang Hsiao on the design, purpose and implementation of Taiwan’s New South Bound Policy.

Fifth Young Scholars Workshop

The CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop 2017 was held on July 2-8, at the Hotel Zollernblick in Freudenstadt, a venue associated with Tübingen University located in the Black Forest. The Center received numerous applications for the workshop, with 11 young scholars from Europe and Taiwan being invited to present their research for the 27 scholars who attended this workshop. Dr. Stefan Fleischauer organized the workshop into five panels:
Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues


Dr. Lara Momesso (Centre for European and International Studies Research, Portsmouth University), “An Emotional and Material Account of Borders: the Case of Mainland Spouses in Kinmen Island”

Huang Chia-Yuan (University College London, Department of Geography), “Global Mobility of Talents: Taiwanese Highly Skilled Migrant Workers in Shanghai and Singapore”

Panel 2: Taiwan and Japan

Dr. Hsiao Agnes Ling-yu (University of Cambridge, Faculty of Human, Social, and Political Sciences), “Rethinking the Idea of Reconciliation – Taiwan’s competing Transitional Justice Discourses in the post-Cold War era”

Dr. Yu Hsin-lun (School of Ethnology and Sociology, Inner Mongolia University), “The Fantasies of the Colonized: A Lacanian Perspective on Anti-colonial Cultural Movements in Taiwan (1921-1945)”

Panel 3: Taiwan in the International Arena

Dr. Hu Shaohua (Wagner College, Government and Politics Department), “Taiwan and Wallerstein’s World-systems Perspective”

Dr. Saša Istenič (University of Ljubljana, Department of Asian and African Studies), “Tsai’s New Foreign Policy in Relation to International Space”

Panel 4: Taiwan and Southeast-Asia

Dr. Chiou Yi-hung Eric (National Chiao Tung University, Center for General Education), “Analysis of the Strategic Competition and Cooperation between Taiwan’s ‘New South-bound Policy’ and China’s ‘One Belt, One Road”
Pitut Pramuji (National Chengchi University, Department of Asia Pacific Studies), “Indonesian Domestic Workers in Taiwan: An International Migration and Workers Rights Perspectives”

Dr. Hsueh Chia-Ming Neil (UC Berkley, Center for Studies in Higher Education), “The International Student Mobility between Taiwan and ASEAN Countries—The Past and Future”

Luh Nyoman Ratih Wagiswari Kabinawa (Bina Nusantara University, International Relations Department), “How Does Indonesia Benefit from Taiwan New Southbound Policy?”

Panel 5: Best of the Rest

Raoul Bunskoek (National Taiwan University, Department of Political Science), “Embedded Impasse in the South China Sea: Intellectual Incapacity of Neoliberalism and Neorealism to See Beyond the China Threat”

Hiyane Ryota (National Taiwan University, Department of Political Science), “Influence of Domestic and External Factors on ROC Policy toward the Ryukyu Islands: The Dispute over Ryukyu Sovereignty (1943-1972)”


Evening Session

On the evening of Monday, July 3, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Dr. Saša Istenič, Dr. Shaohua Hu, and Sia Ek-hong held a round table discussion on the topic of developments in Taiwan one year into the administration of President Tsai Ing-wen.

Fourth Young Scholars Workshop

The 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 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 ERCCT’s website. The young scholars also were able to enjoy profound commentary by the CCKF-ERCCT director Prof. Gunter Schubert and 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 to take part in the annual Taiwan Documentary Film Festival.

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues, Morning Session
Chair: Stefan Fleischauer

Wenger, Josh (NTU, Graduate Institute of National Development): “Cross-Strait Political Negotiation: Background and Exploration of the Prenegotiation Approach”

Dr. Tang, Yen-chen (NTU, Department of Political Science): “Guns and Votes: The Logic behind China’s Military Exercises in Taiwan’s Presidential Elections”

Wang, Qin (NTU, Institute of National Development): “China: New Patron of Taiwan’s Local Factions? The Transition of Taiwan’s Patron-Client System”

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues, Afternoon Session
Chair: Stefan Braig

Tseng Yu-Chen (I-Shou University, Department of Public Policy and Management): “The Political Implications of Cross-Strait Youth Contacts”

Tsai, Michelle (University of Cambridge, Division of Social Anthropology): “Cross-strait Capitalism and Identity Politics”

Panel 2: Taiwan Issues, Morning Session
Chair: André Beckershoff
Wu Shianghau (School of Business, Macau University of Science and Technology): “The Analysis of Taiwanese People’s Satisfaction with the Government Based on Bayesian Quantile Regression and Rough Set Classification”

Dr. Wahn, I-liang (NCCU, Center for China Studies): “Trusting, Qualification, and sustainable Consumption in Alternative Food Networks in Taiwan (and China)”

Dr. Lee, Ling-yee (Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology): “Behind the Book Publishing Miracle of Taiwan: An Analysis of Bookdistribution Systems and Commerce Circuits of Publishing in Taiwan”

Panel 2: Taiwan Issues, Afternoon Session
Chair: Sascha Zhivkov

Tsai, Huiju (National Sun Yat-sen University, Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies): “Service Sector in Taiwan: An Overview”

Dr. Hsia, Chuan-Wei (Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology): “The Genealogy of Neoliberalism in Taiwan: A Neo-Polanyian Approach”

Evening Session

Prof. Gunter Schubert, Prof. Huang Chang-Ling: Round Table Discussion: Recent Developments in Taiwan and Impacts for cross-Strait Relations

Panel 3: Best of the Rest
Chair: Sia Ek-hong

Prof. Huang Chang-Ling (Dept. of Political Science, National Taiwan University): “Reserved for Whom? The Electoral Impact of Gender Quotas in Taiwan”

van Bekhoven, Jeroen (NTU, College of Law): “The Incomplete Makeover: Securing Indigenous People’s Rights to Land and Selfgovernment in Taiwan”
Yu, Yi-wen (School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University): “To change or not to change: A survey of collective identity and political belief among mainland spouses in Taiwan”

Participants were encouraged to revise and re-submit their papers by October 15, 2016. The articles will again be published online on our ERCCT website, publications section.

Third Young Scholars Workshop

The ERCCT held the third Young Scholars Workshop from June 21 – 28, 2015. Hotel Zollernblick in Freudenstadt was chosen again as locality of the event.

Ten young scholars from Taiwan and Europe had been selected from a large number of applicants to present and discuss their research, with 20 scholars taking part in the academic part of the programme in Freudenstadt.

A debate about the achievements and shortcomings of the Ma Ying-jeou presidency enlivened the workshop programme, with a fictitious blue and green team of two persons each exchanging arguments.

The workshop was organized into four panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Relations and Social Resistance
Karvelyte, Kristina (University of Leeds, School of Media and Communication): “Staging a Global Creative City in Greater China: A Case Study of Taipei, Shanghai and Hong Kong”

Dr. Hsueh, Alex Chienwu (IPSAS, Academia Sinica): “How May the 2014 Sunflower Movement Reshape the Future Cross-Strait Relations?”

Sheu, Jyh-Shyang (ERCCT): "External or Internal? Cross-Strait Relations in the Late 1990s"
Dr. Shen, Ming-cong (NSYSU, Institute of Political Science): “China is not my Motherland? On the Nationalism of Taiwan’s Sunflower Movement and Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement”

Rowen, Ian (Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology): “Tourism as a Territorial Strategy in Taiwan and China”

Panel 2: Taiwanese Identity
Dr. Shiho, Maehara (Kyushu University, Research Center for Korean Studies): “Taiwanese Identity in the Lee Teng-hui Era”

Wilson, Kimberly (University of Maryland-College Park, Department of Government and Politics): “Party Politics and National Identity in Taiwan’s Territorial and Maritime Claims”

Louzon, Victor (Sciences Po): “The February 28th in Taiwan, Last Battle of the Sino-Japanese War?”

Panel 3: Environment and Energy
Huang, Hui-tzu (University of Freiburg, Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources): “Energy Prosumers - The Rising Motives for Autonomous Energy in Taiwan”

Jaarsveldt, Leon van (NCCU): “Environmental Frame Alignment: Diverging Environmental Values in China, United States, and Taiwan”

Lee Yi-ching (NTU): “Renewable Energy Issues and Implementation of City in Taiwan: A Case of Kaohsiung”

Panel 4: Labor, Business and Marginalized Groups
Welcker, Anselma Faustina (NCCU): “Indonesian Runaway Workers in Taiwan: Incompatible Policy between Taipei and Jakarta”

Chen, Li-yi (ERCCT): “Changing Today - for a Different Future? The Political Participation of Taiwan’s Labor”

Chen, Ian Tsung-yen (NCCU, Asia-Pacific Studies): “Taiwan’s Implementation of Basel Accords: A Political Pressure Model”
Participants were encouraged to revise and re-submit their papers by October 15, 2015. The articles have again been published online on our ERCCT website, publications section.

Second Young Scholars Workshop

After the resounding success of the first Young Scholars Workshop, the ERCCT held the Second Young Scholars Workshop from June 25-30, 2013. The locality chosen for this year’s workshop was Freudenstadt, another venue associated with Tübingen University and located in the Black Forest.

The applications for this year’s event even exceeded last year’s numbers, which was an encouraging indication that the workshop had been well received and established within the academic community of young emerging scholars. From the large number of applications, twelve young scholars from both Europe and Asia were invited to present their research, with a total of 25 scholars attending this workshop.

As a special event, we invited our visiting scholars residing in Tübingen at that time to visit the workshop for a “Round Table” discussion on the future of cross-Strait relations on the evening of Thursday, June 28: Prof. Chao, Chien-min (Graduate Institute of Development (NCCU) and Deputy Minister MAC), Prof. Chao, Yung-mao (Dean of the College of Social Sciences at National Taiwan University), Prof. Chung Chi, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica), Prof. Huang, Jau-yuan (Associate Dean at the College of Law, National Taiwan University). All scholars kindly agreed to attend, and held a lively and engaging discussion with the workshop’s participants.

The workshop was organized into five panels:

Panel 1: Taiwan issues I – Identity and Nationalism

Cheng, Isabelle (University of Portsmouth): Immigration and Nation: How Immigration Laws Redraw the Border and Boundary of the Nation-State of Taiwan

Sia Ek-hong (ERCCT): China Factors and the Evolution of Taiwanese Nationalism

Kalmova, Anna (Moscow State University): Taiwanese Identity – Main Factors of its Shaping and Maintaining (1945 to Date)

Panel 2: Taiwan issues II – Financial Matters
Chin, Kok Fay (National Cheng Kung University): The Political Economy of Financial Liberalization in Taiwan

Hsu, Flora (Higher Education Department of Ministry of Education): Analyzing Choices of University Autonomy in Asia - A Case Study of Faculties’ Pay in Taiwan

Panel 3: China Issues

Yu, Xiao Chelsea (National University of Singapore): Pollution as Smokescreen: Pollution-induced Contention in Liushuan Village of Zhejiang Province

Altun, Sirma (METU, Ankara): Neoliberal Transformation in China in the 1980s and the 1990s

Chou, Mu-Yi (Humboldt University of Berlin): The CCP’s Reform Strategy on the Innovative Management of Social Organizations: A Case Study on Beijing

Panel 4: The Broadcasting

Lee, Claire Seungeun (National University of Singapore): China’s International Broadcasting in the Neighborhood as its Soft Power Seeking: Who know it, who consume it and how they perceive


Panel 5: Taiwan in Comparison

Weatherall, Mark (NTU): Political Competition and the Institutionalization of the Party System Following Democratization: Comparing South Korea and Taiwan

Chiao, Yuan-ming (University of Kassel): Discourse Framing and the Formation of Trade Policy vis-à-vis Antagonizing States: Comparing the Role of Parties and Corporate Actors in Germany, South Korea and Taiwan

Chang, I-Wen (University of California at Los Angeles): Flirting with Global Citizenship: Constructing Identity through Salsa Practice in Taiwan

The articles resulting from the workshop are available online on the ERCCT Online Paper Series at http://www.ercct.uni-tuebingen.de/AdTXP/index.php?id=567
First ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop

Co-sponsored by Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the ERCCT held its first Young Scholar’s Workshop in Tübingen from June 26 to July 1, 2012, bringing together 22 Ph.D. and postdoctoral students from different European and Taiwanese universities. The aim of the workshop was to give these emerging young scholars the opportunity to present their research to an international audience, engage in scholarly debate on topics related to both theory and methodology, and to fine-tune the theoretical framework of their respective research projects. Participants were selected after a thorough screening process. The projects were presented at five panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues

Lin Rui-hwa 林瑞華 (NCCU): Class Base of Inter-Group Contacts: The Social Assimilation of Taiwanese Sojourners in China

André Beckershoff (ERCCT): The Transnationalization of the Taiwan Strait – Social Forces in the Re-Making of Cross-Strait Relations

Sun Shao-cheng 孫紹正 (Tamkang University): President Ma Ying-Jeou’s Strategies to Promote ECFA in Taiwan

Panel 2: Migration

Fang I-Chieh 方怡潔 (LSE): Growing Up and Becoming Independent: An Ethnographic Study of New Generation Migrant Workers in China

Ho, Thi Thanh Nga (NCKU): Space, Landscape and Cultural Identity of Vietnamese Immigrants in Taiwan – Case Study in Tainan

Panel 3: Taiwan Studies

Igor Rogelja (SOAS, ERCCT): Production of Space in China and Taiwan: Towards a Convergence of Urban Space in Greater China

Chiang Ling-ching 江凌青 (University of Leicester): Back to the Village and Gaze at the City: Representational Modes of the City in the 2000s Taiwan Cinema

Stephanie Wang 王振瑜 (Beida): The Importance of Influences of Family Memory in Shaping Taiwan People’s Identity

Lin Chun-Wei Daniel 林俊偉 (Loughborough University): A Democratic Experiment with Public Service Broadcasting: Lessons from the Taiwanese Experience
Panel 4: Environmental Issues

Simona Grano (Zürich University): Environmental Governance in Taiwan: Multiple Levels of Interaction

Shih Yi-jen 施奕任 (NCCU): Global Warming and the Politics of Climate Change in Taiwan

Panel 5: China Issues

Edward Griffith (University of Leeds): Deconstructing China’s Response to the Yasukuni Shrine Issue: Towards an IR-grounded Theory of Sino-Japanese Relations

Jiří Mertl (University of West Bohemia): Is the Chinese Regime on the Road to Transformation? View from the Perspective of Utilitarian Model of Governance and Governmentality

Chang Yong Tarco 張喁 (NCCU): The Contouring the Migrating IT Industry - The Challenges and Strategies of Taiwanese Businessmen in China

Other participants were Lara Momesso (SOAS, ERCCT), Liu Tai-Ting (National Chung Hsing University, Taichung) and Liao Bin-Jou (NTU, Dept. of Political Sciences), both of whom, at that time, were staying at the ERCCT as visiting fellows, Prof. Gunter Schubert (ERCCT Director), Dr. Stefan Fleischauer (ERCCT), and Stefan Braig (ERCCT).

The articles resulting from the workshop are available online on the ERCCT Online Paper Series at http://www.ercct.uni-Tübingen.de/AdTXP/index.php?id=442.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

The Taiwan Documentary Film Festival has been organized by the Chair of Greater China Studies, University of Tübingen, since 2006. In 2009, this event was taken over by the ERCCT, which has hosted the festivals every year since then.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2018

On November 24 and 25, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted the 13th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival in cooperation with Arsenal Kinos Tübingen, who provided the venue.
Saturday, November 24, was dedicated to the work of our guest, film director Tseng Wen-chen 曾文珍, who presented three documentaries: "What Makes Love Last" 長情的告白 (2015), a documentary about caregivers for the elderly in Taipei; "Dream Hair Salon" 夢想美髮店 (2011) about female marriage immigrants in Taiwan and the ways in which they cope with practical and emotional difficulties in building their new lives in Taiwan; and "Spring: The Story of Hsu Chin-yu" 春天 — 許金玉的故事 (2002) about the life of a White Terror victim, Hsu Chin-yu, who was imprisoned for 15 years, yet remained loyal to her ideals and an activist until very old age.

The director held a successful Q and A session to discuss screened films with the audience.

Sunday's program continued the focus on the White Terror with a screening of the 1995 feature film "Super Citizen Ko" by Wan Jen.

**Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2017**

On November 3 to 4, the CCKF-ERCCT celebrated the twelfth Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (TDFF). The programme focused on not only documentary films but also included historical feature films.

Friday, November 3, was dedicated to the work of our guest, Film Director Wu Mi-sen 吳米森, who presented the following works: 1) His 2003 documentary on an old mainland veteran in Taipei who longed for his home in Hebei province and was excited to make the acquaintance of a man claiming to be the legendary war hero, secret agent Changjiang No.1 （月球學園 Experimental Taiwanese）; 2) His 2005 film on the use of corporal punishment in Taiwan's education system and the damage this frequently causes （“救命人 Twilight Zone”）; and 3) “西藏臺北 Tibet, Taipei” (2008), a documentary on the life of exiled Tibetans in Taiwan, India, and the United States. After a reception, Director Wu’s 2015 movie about Puyuma tribal musicians making their way onto the stage of the National Concert Hall in Taipei (“很久沒有敬我了你 Kara-Orchestra”) completed the evening.

On Saturday, November 4, the programme consisted of feature films from the Taiwan Film Institute, brought to Europe as part of a collaborative project by EATS General Secretary Dr. Ming-Yeh Rawnsley (SOAS) and Professor Chris Berry (King’s College London) on “Taiwan’s Lost Commercial Cinema”. Dr. Rawnsley herself visited the CCKF-ERCCT for the festival to give an introduction to the historical contexts of Taiwan’s earliest commercial cinema, before the screening of the following films: 1) “天字一號 The Best Secret Agent”
(1964), which tells the tragic love story of secret agents in Shanghai during anti-Japanese resistance in World War II; 2) “地獄新娘 The Bride Who Has Returned from Hell” (1965), about a mysterious murder case in a rich Taichung family, and 3) “危險的青春 Dangerous Youth” (1969), the somewhat tragic and moralizing story about the relationship of a deliveryman, who dreams of easy wealth, and a young girl trying to escape life as a waitress in her mother’s noodle shop.

**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.

**Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2015**

The Tenth TDFF was held June 26 to 27. The programme was centered on the work of Shen Ko-shang, who attend the event as invited guest director. He showed and discussed “The Pigeon Game” 賽鴿風雲, “Baseball Boys” 野球孩子, “Fading” 小城 and “A Rolling Stone” 築巢人. Furthermore, Yang Li-chou’s “Bridge Over Troubled Waters” 抑一條河 and Ching Yu-Ching’s “Civil Disobedience” were also shown. Feature film of the year was a modern classic of Taiwanese cinema: “The Terrorizers” 恐怖分子 by Edward Yang.

**Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2014**

The Ninth TDFF was held on July 12th as part of the Spotlight Taiwan Program 2014 (see below).
Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2013

The Eighth TDFF was held from June 28 to 29. Featuring documentary film maker Tsai Tsung-lung 蔡崇隆 as special guest, the focus of this year’s festival was the food-safety issue on Taiwan, as well as the re-thinking of social topics and social justice in contemporary Taiwan. Mr. Tsai, who is a famous independent reporter, presented three documentaries, followed by a lively discussion with the audience. His other works were also shown by previous TDFF such as “Immigrant Brides I - My Imported Wife2 我的強娜威” and “Immigrant Brides II - My Imported Bride” 黑仔討老婆 in TDFF 2007; and “Behind the Miracle” 奇蹟背後 in TDFF 2009. Further films shown included works by Nguyen Kim-Hong 阮金紅 and Huang Hsin-Yao 黃信堯. The movie Chocolate Rap 巧克力重擊 was the feature film of the year.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2012

The Seventh TDFF was held on Friday and Saturday, July 13 - July 14, with a fascinating program focused on the era of the White Terror, but also featuring documentaries on the building of Taiwan identity, and the history of the fourth nuclear power plant project, in addition to the fictional drama “No puedo vivir sin ti” (2009) by Leon Dai (戴立忍). The invited guest director, on this occasion, was Mrs. Chen Li-kuei, who, accompanied by her husband, presented “Shimmering Moonlight - 暗暝月光─台灣舞蹈先驅蔡瑞月”, "Lost Youth - 青春祭 — 綠洲山莊的故事”, “A Burning Mission--Rescue the Political Prisoners of Taiwan - 火線任務─臺灣政治犯救援錄” and “Dear Taiwan - 好國好民”.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2011

The Sixth TDFF took place on Friday and Saturday, May 20 - May 21, and this again presented together a harmonious ensemble of intriguing documentaries and one fictional film. One special guest was the Taiwanese documentary film director and producer, Chung Chuan (鍾權), whose two-part documentary, “The Affair of Three Cities”, opened the festival program. After the screening of other documentary films by He Chaoti (My fancy High Heels / 我愛高跟鞋) and Kuo Liang-yin (Shonenko - Emerald Horizon / 綠的海平線), the festival concluded with a showing of Chung’s more recent documentary, “The Chai-Wan Match-up” (我們) and an exciting in-depth discussion. Friday evening was rendered even more interesting by the fiction movie, “Orzboys” by Yang Ya-che (楊雅喆).
Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2010

The Fifth TDFF was held from June 25 - June 26 and featured the renowned filmmaker and producer, Mayaw Biho, who presented and discussed his films “What’s your name” (請問芳名), “National park or national bandits” (國家共匪), and “Malakacaway” (馬拉卡照酒). The program also featured “How long is the Road?” (路有多遠) by the famous Taiwanese film director, Tang Shiang-chu 湯湘竹, and “The moment run through” (走過千年) by Pinlin Yabu. For the first time, a fiction movie was also included in the program: Cape No. 7 (海角七號) by Teh-sheng Wei.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2009

On 15 May/16 May 2009, the ERCCT held the Fourth Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (TDFF). At the opening ceremony of the Festival, the R.O.C.’s Ambassador to the FRG, Dr. Wu-lien Wei, addressed the participants. He also met Prof. Bernd Engler, the President of Tübingen University, on this occasion. This year’s festival featured Mrs. Chao-Ti Ho (賀照緹), who presented and discussed her films “The Gangster's God” (炸神明), “El Salvador Journal” (薩爾瓦多日記) and “County Road 184” (縣道184之東).

Spotlight Taiwan Program 2014

Funded by the Ministry of Culture’s Spotlight Taiwan program, the ERCCT organized a week of Taiwan culture to present a taste of the islands rich cultural diversity to the local public in Tübingen. The program ran from July 7 to 15, 2014 and consisted mainly of four categories of cultural and academic events, namely a Taiwan Literature Reading Series, a Modern Taiwan Cinema Series, academic lectures and the 9th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival, in addition to a solemn opening ceremony, photography exhibition, a musical concert, and Taiwanese lunch at the student refectory.

Spotlight Taiwan Events

Opening Ceremony

The program of the opening ceremony, held on Monday, July 7th, 5 to 7:30 p.m., featured welcoming remarks by the president and vice-chancellor of Tübingen University, Prof. Dr. Bernd Engler, by Taipei's representative in the Federal Republic of Germany, Ms. Agnes
Hwa-Yue Chen, and by CCKF-ERCCT director Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert. A keynote speech was given by eminent Sinologist and translator Prof. Dr. Peter Hoffmann.

**Modern Taiwan Cinema Series**

The program featured the following films:

- The Rice Bomber, Cho Li 2014 Two screenings
- GF*BF, Yang Ya-che 2012 One screening
- Au Revoir Taipei, Arvin Chen 2010 Two screenings
- Seven Days in Heaven, Wang Yu-Lin, Liu Tzu-Chieh Two screenings
- Monga, Doze Niu 2010 Two screenings
- Warriors of the Rainbow, Wei Te-sheng 2011 Two screenings
- KANO, Umin Boya 2014 One screening
- Eat Drink Man Woman, Lee Ang 1994 Two screenings
- Three Times, Hou Hsiao-hsien 2005 One screening

Special guest was Umin Boya (馬志翔), who presented *Warriors of the Rainbow: Seediq Bale* as one of its main actors and *KANO*, which he directed himself. After the screening of KANO the audience discussed with Umin Boya on his work.

**The 9th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival**

The program, which was integrated into the Taiwan Spotlight Week, featured the following films:

- The Long Godbye, Yang Li-chou 2010
- Time for Dancing, Hung Hung 2009
- Baseball Boys, Shen Ko-Shang, Liao Ching-yao 2009
Taiwan Literature Reading Series

Guest author of the first event (July 8) in this series was Tzu-chieh LIU (劉梓潔). She read from her famous novel Seven Days in Heaven 父後七日, while Prof. Peter Hoffmann read from his German language translation. The event was organized in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Peter Hoffmann and the owner of book store Rosalux, Mrs. Ulrike Dahmen.

Guest author of the second event (July 9) in this series was Yao-ming KAN (甘耀明). He read from his anthology "Stories from the Funeral" 8 to 10 p.m. at the bookstore RosaLux, the german translation again being presented by Prof. Peter Hoffmann.

Academic Lectures

The program featured the following lectures:

Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert, July 9th: Taiwans Demokratie und die chinesische Herausforderung – Rückblick und Ausblick (Taiwan’s Democracy and the Chinese Challenge: retrospection and prospects), July 9th

Prof. Dr. Peter Hoffmann, July 10th: Zwischen Multikulturalität und Suche nach Identität – einige Bemerkungen zur Geschichte der taiwanischen Literatur (Between Multiculturality and the Search for Identity: some remarks on the history of Taiwanese literature)

I-Wen Chang, July 11th: Choreographing Diversity and Identity: the new generation of contemporary dance in Taiwan. The event also included the presentation of a solo choreography by Ms. Chang.

Dr Ming-Yeh T. Rawnsley, July 15th: Cultural Representation of Identities in Eat, Drink, Man, Woman

Photography Exhibition

The photography exhibition, running July 7th to 15th, was entitled “Licht und Schatten zwischen den Epochen: Fotos von Teng Nan-kuang (1907-1971)” (Light and Shadow between the Epochs: photos by Teng Nan-kuang) and dedicated to the work of the pioneer of Taiwanese photography, Mr. Teng Nan-kuang. It featured 26 large-scale prints of works by Teng Nan-kuang, showing life, work, and public space in Taiwan during the era of Japa-
nese colonization and the early stages after the handover. Each photography was accompanied by a signboard explaining its content.

**Concert**

The Taiwanese band *A Moving Sound* gave a concert on July 10th. The program featured songs mostly composed by the band manager and bass player, Scott Prairie, in a modern-traditional fusion style.

**Taiwanese Food at Student Refectory**

From Monday, July 7th, to Thursday, July 10th, the student refectory offered a Taiwanese lunch box menu, that was well received (and digested) by Tübingen students.

**Musical Concerts**

On November 30, 2018, the 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.

On February 11, 2018, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a chamber music concert by Trio Piazzolla and Taiwanese flutist Chung-Shen CHEN. Under the headline "Magic Flutes of East and West", the troupe performed arrangements of western classical pieces alongside several traditional Chinese pieces of music. A vivid introduction of classical Chinese flutes preceded the concert itself.

On December 2, 2016, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a chamber musical concert by Katharina Foung, (Piano), Yu-Shih Yu (Cello), Natalia Karpova (Piano), Shih-Cheng Yu (Flute), and Han-Lin Liang (Violin) in cooperation with Mrs. Tsai Tsai-Wei of Hohaiyan e.V., a Munich-based cultural organization for the promotion of Taiwanese performing arts in Germany.
The programme featured compositions by modern and contemporary Taiwanese composers as well as by western composers.

The ERCCT hosted a concert jointly played by the Chin Yuan Orchestra from Taipei and the Trio Piazzolla from Heidelberg under the heading of “Tango meets Taiwan” on January 25, 2014.

**Book Launch**


**Individual Film Screenings**

*“Our Youth in Taiwan” – Fu Yue*

On June 17, 2019, the CCKF-ERCCT screened the documentary film “Our Youth in Taiwan” by Taiwanese documentary film maker Fu Yue, who won the prestigious Golden Horse Award for Best Documentary with it in 2018. The director herself as well as the head of the Taipei Representative Office in Germany, Prof. Shieh Jyh-Wey, took part in the event to discuss the film’s message with the audience.

*“Wawa no Cidal“ – Cheng Yu-Chieh, Lekal Sumi*

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. Both directors were also present and engaged in a lively Q & A with the audience.

*“Almost Home Taiwan” – Victoria Linchong*
On November 26, 2015, the CCKF-ERCCT screened the documentary film "Almost Home Taiwan" by actor, screenwriter, and filmmaker Victoria Linchong 林錦維春 from New York. The film drew a large audience and inspired a lively discussion on questions of Taiwanese history, politics, and society.

"The Sunflower Occupation" – Chou Shih-Lun

In cooperation with the 330 Taiwan Freedom and Justice Action Alliance the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a screening of Taiwanese documentary film maker Chou Shih-Lun's 周世倫 work about the Sunflower social movement, which rocked Taiwan last spring, "太陽，不遠 - 時代的共同記憶" (The Sunflower Occupation) in Tübingen on February 1st, at film theatre Kino Arsenal. Film director Chou Shi-Lun was present and CCKF-ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schubert chaired the event, which also comprised a discussion between the director and the audience.

Conferences and Workshops

CCKF-ERCCT Anniversary Symposium on the Future of Global Taiwan Studies

In celebration of its 10th Anniversary, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a Symposium on the Future of Taiwan Studies: the next steps to take on Friday and Saturday, June 22/23, 2018, at the Castle of Hohentübingen.

Participants included renowned Taiwan Scholars from both the humanities and social sciences.

After welcoming remarks from Professor Bernd Engler, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tübingen, Professor Jyh-Wey Shieh, head of the Taipei Representative Office to the Federal Republic of Germany in Berlin, and Professor Yeong-chin Su, representative of the European Regional Committee of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, CCKF-ERCCT Director, Prof. Gunter Schubert, offered a retrospective on the achievements of the center in its 10 years of promoting Taiwan Studies at the University of Tübingen.
Dr. Tseng Yu-chin, who was appointed to the position of Assistant Professor of Modern Taiwan Studies at the Department of Chinese Studies in April 2018 and concurrently serves as CCKF-ERCCT Co-Director, presented her vision of furthering Taiwan Studies in Tübingen and beyond at the symposium with a talk on “The Imaginations of Taiwan: How to Contest the Ambivalence of Taiwan Studies”.

As South Korea has been successful in promoting Korean Studies worldwide as well as at the University of Tübingen, Prof. Dr. You Jae Lee from the Department of Korean Studies at the University of Tübingen discussed South Korean Institutional Enhancement Programs and Cooperation Experiences.

Following were a number of position papers presented by our external guests: Professor Jonathan Sullivan from the University of Nottingham spoke on “Mainstreaming Taiwan Studies: Making the Case for a New Field”, Professor Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao from Academia Sinica reported on “Retrospect and Prospect for Taiwan Studies in Taiwan and in the World”, Professor Shelley Rigger from Davidson College reflected on “Liberating Taiwan from the Social Sciences”, and Professor Thomas B. Gold from the University of California, Berkeley, raised (and answered) the question “Is the Trump Disruption Providing an Opening for Taiwan Studies in the U.S.?”

The symposium continued on Saturday with the fifth position paper presented by Prof. Gunter Schubert, who shared his vision on “Strategizing the Recruitment of Taiwan Scholars at Western Universities.

Finally, the symposium concluded with the discussion of a draft document for a “Manifesto on the Future of Taiwan Studies”, which was presented at the 3rd World Congress of Taiwan Studies in September.

Symposium in celebration of the inauguration of the ERCCT as an CCK Foundation Overseas Center

In celebration of the inauguration of the ERCCT as an CCK Foundation Overseas Center a Symposium was held on the Castle of Hohentübingen on Monday, July 14th, 2014. The event culminated in the signing of a new agreement signed between the CCK Foundation, represented by its president Prof. Yun-han Chu, and Tübingen University, represented by its president Prof. Bernd Engler, by which they establish the ERCCT as a CCK Foundation Overseas Center at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.
List of invited participants (non-Tübingen based, in alphabetical order):

**Allio, Fiorella** (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris): “New Trends in the Study of Taiwanese Anthropology”

**Cheung, Gordon** (School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham): “Looking ahead: How Taiwan will face China”

**Chu, Yun-han** (President CCK Foundation; Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University; Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica): “Taiwan's Soft Power in Cross-Strait Relations”

**Gold, Thomas B.** (Sociology Department, University of California, Berkeley): “New Trends in the Study of Taiwan’s Society”

**Mengin, Françoise** (Centre d’études de relations internationals): “A political reading of cross-strait integration”

**Rawnsley, Gary** (Department of International Politics, University of Aberystwith): “New Trends in the Study of Cross-Strait Relations: A Public Diplomacy Perspective”

**Sullivan, Jonathan** (School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham): “New Trends in the Study of Taiwan’s Domestic Politics”

**Wang, Hung-jen** (Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan): “Current U.S. Perspectives on Taiwan”

*International Workshop “Assessing the Presidency of Ma Ying-jeou”*

In collaboration with the China Policy Institute at the University of Nottingham, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted an international two day-workshop titled "Assessing the Presidency of Ma Ying-jeou" on 12-13 December, 2015. Renowned scholars from Taiwan and Europe discussed the developments of the past eight years from a variety of angles. The papers and discussions covered the political, economic and social changes and challenges that marked the Ma era since the Presidential elections in 2008.
The paper presentations incited intensive debates. Central themes included Taiwan's relationship with the People's Republic of China, party change and the transformation of civil society before and after the “Sunflower Movement”.

List of Participants (in alphabetical order):


**Chen Chih-jou** (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “Love or Bread: Public Opinion on the Cross-Strait Dilemma during the Ma Ying-jeou Era”

**Chen Mu-min** (GIIS, NCHU): “Managing Territorial Nationalism in the South and East China Seas: Taiwan’s Approach”

**Ho Ming-sho** (Dep. of Sociology, NTU): “The Sunflower Movement and the State: Civic Responses and Challenges to the Ma-administration”

**Huang Kwei-bo** (DoD, NCCU): “More or Less 'International Space’ for Taiwan?”


**Liao Da chi** (Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan): “Taiwanese Nationalism in the Age of Cross-Strait Integration - Predominance and Pragmatism”

**Lin Cheng-yi** (Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica): “Cross-Strait Détente? The Evolution of the US-Taiwan-China Triangle”

**Pacey, Scott** (School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham) participated as discussant

**Rawnsley, Gary** (Aberystwyth University): “Taiwan’s Soft Power and Public Diplomacy During Ma Ying-jeou’s Presidency”

**Schubert, Gunter** (Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Tuebingen): “The DPP's China Policy before and during the Ma Ying-jiu Era”

**Tsang, Steve** (Head of School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham) participated as discussant

**Tung Chen-yuan** (GIDS, NCCU): “Opportunities and Pitfalls of Cross-Strait Economic Integration: Taiwan after the ECFA”

The contributions to this workshop will be revised and published as an edited volume by CCKF-ERCCT Fellow André Beckershoff and CCKF-ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schubert.
Workshop on “The China Impact on Taiwan”

From June 21 to June 25, 2012 the ERCCT hosted a workshop on “The China Impact on Taiwan”, which was organized in cooperation with the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica and took place at Hohentübingen Castle, Tübingen.

The aim of this workshop was to delineate the new research field of “China Impact Studies” by exploring different dimensions of China’s influence on Taiwan as this has evolved over the last 20 years. Renowned Taiwan scholars (both political scientists and sociologists) from Taiwan, Europe and the United States were invited to present their respective views on the topic. A total of 16 presentations were given over the course of this three-day workshop, each of which was followed by in-depth discussions.

List of Participants (in alphabetical order):

**Cabestan, Jean-Pierre** (Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University): “Cross-strait Integration and Taiwan’s New Security Challenges”

**Chen, Chih-jou 陳志柔** (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “The Social Bases of China-Related Policies in Taiwan: Class, Gender and Partisan Identity”

**Deng, Jianbang 鄧建邦** (Graduate Institute of Futures Studies, Tamkang University): “Immigration Policy in Taiwan Facing Challenges: Citizenship Arrangement for Families of Taiwanese Expatriates with Chinese Spouses”

**Fan, Yun 范雲** (Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University): “Is ‘Taiwanese Consensus’ Possible? A Civil Society Perspective”

**Fell, Dafydd** (Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS): “Marketing China/Mainland Policy: Cross-Strait Economic Integration through the Lens of Election Advertising”


**Lin, Jih-wen 林繼文** (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica): “The PRC as a Player in Taiwan’s Domestic Competition”

**Lin, Ping 林平** (Department of Political Science, National Chung Cheng University): “Imagined Mobility and the Image of China: Taiwanese College Students in China”
Lin, Thung-hong 林宗弘 (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “Cross-strait Trade and Class Cleavages in Taiwan”

Rigger, Shelley (Political Science Department, Davidson College): “The China Impact in Taiwan’s Generational Politics”

Schubert, Gunter (Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Tübingen): “The Taishang as a Cross-strait Linkage Community: Preliminary Observations Concerning their Political Mindset and Agency”

Tseng, Yen-fen 曾嬿芬 (Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University): “Merry-Go-Round? Taiwanese Skilled Migration to China”

Tung, Han-pu 童涵浦 (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Cheng Chi University): “Signaling Peace: A Theory of ECFA and Peace Dividend Beyond the Taiwan Strait”

Wu, Nai-the 吳乃德 (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “Nationalism in Taiwan: Political Impacts and Theoretical Implications”

The contributions to this workshop have been revised and published as an edited volume by CCKF-ERCCT Fellow André Beckershoff and CCKF-ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schubert: Assessing the Presidency of Ma Ying-jiu in Taiwan: Hopeful Beginning, Hopeless End? Oxon and New York: Routledge 2018.

EATS Conference 2010

From April 8-10, 2010 the ERCCT hosted the 7th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS). The conference took place in the tower of Hohentübingen Castle, where some 80 participants were welcomed by Prof. Stephanie Gropper, Vice President of the University; Prof. Jörn Staecher, Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences; Ambassador Dr. Wei Wu-lien, Head of the Taipeh Representative Office in Berlin; Prof. Lin Wen-Cheng from the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy; and Prof. Gunter Schubert in his capacity as ERCCT Director. This was followed by two keynote speeches by Prof. Chou Wan-yao from National Taiwan University’s Department of History and Prof. Thomas B. Gold from the Department of Sociology at the University of California in Berke-
ley on the “Global State of Taiwan Studies”. During the following two days, 37 speakers from Europe, Taiwan and North America presented their latest research in 11 panels, covering topics related to Taiwan literature, language policies, nativization, gender studies, domestic politics and economic integration across the Taiwan Strait. The 7th conference was of particular significance for EATS inasmuch as the association became a legal unit, formally registered in Tübingen at the seat of the ERCCT.