



ERCCT Newsletter

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ERCCT established as CCK Overseas Center

The European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT) was promoted to the status of a CCK Foundation Overseas Center - one of only four such centers worldwide - on July 14th this year. This encouraging development is a milestone for the long-term promotion of European Taiwan Studies and the education of young Taiwan scholars at Ph.D. and postdoc level.

In celebration of this occasion, the newly baptized CCKF-ERCCT held a [symposium](#) on July 14, 2014 at the Castle of Hohentübingen. The event was attended by renowned Taiwan scholars from all over Europe and the US. During the inauguration ceremony, the CCK Foundation, represented by its president Prof. Yun-han Chu, and the University of Tübingen, represented by university president and vice-chancellor Prof. Bernd Engler, signed a new agreement, thereby establishing the ERCCT as a CCK Foundation Overseas Center at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.

“Spotlight Taiwan” Week at Tübingen

During the week surrounding the inauguration ceremony, the ERCCT organized a [“Spotlight Taiwan”](#) Week from July 7 to 15, 2014, featuring a wide array of cultural events, public lectures, music and dance performances, and an extensive screening of [Taiwanese movies](#) in one of Tübingen’s major movie theatres. The “Spotlight Taiwan”, which also included Taiwanese food being served at the university’s students’ refectory, was met with overwhelming positive response.

One of our special guests included Taiwanese director and actor [Umin Boya](#) 馬志翔, who seized the opportunity to introduce his box office hit [“Warriors of the Rainbow”](#), as well as his latest movie [“Kano”](#), which had its European premiere in Tübingen.

New ERCCT Research Fellowship: Ms. Elisa Tamburo

The ERCCT Research Fellowship 2014 has been awarded to [Ms. Elisa Tamburo](#) from Italy, who is affiliated to the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. Ms. Tamburo will stay in Tübingen until early 2015 before heading to Taiwan for fieldwork. We are most delighted to welcome her as a new member to our team, and wish her a most pleasant and productive stay at the ERCCT.

Please stay tuned to our [website](#) to apply for the 2015 Research Fellowship. Applications will be accepted soon.

ERCCT receives price of the 2013 French Taiwanese Cultural Award

On September 29, ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schubert received the Prize of the [French-Taiwanese Cultural Foundation](#) on behalf of the ERCCT. The Prize is granted annually to individuals or institutions with a significant contribution to the development of relations and the understanding between Europe and Taiwan. The Prize money of 25.000 Euro will help the ERCCT to fund its numerous activities in the realm of European-Taiwanese academic dialogue.

Visitors to our Center

We had the pleasure to welcome a number of distinguished visitors since April, who have come to the ERCCT as visiting scholars since the beginning of the summer term, intensively communicating with our fellows and presenting their current research:

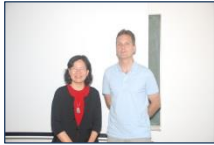


[Prof. Alex Tan](#) 陳永福 (Political Science Department at University of Canterbury, New Zealand), June 13 - 29, 2014

[Prof. Shih Chih-Yu](#) 石之瑜 (National Taiwan University), June 25 - 28, 2014



[Prof. Ming-Yeh Tsai Rawnsley](#) 蔡明燁 (SOAS, University of London), July 4–18, 2014



[Prof. Wu Te-Mei](#) 吳德美 (National Cheng-Chi University), June 24 – July 23, 2014

[Prof. Yen Liang-Kung](#) 顏良恭 (National Cheng-Chi University), June 24 – July 23, 2014



[Prof. Hsu Yue-Dian](#) 許育典 (Department of Law and Graduate Institute of Law in Science and Technology, National Cheng Kung University), Aug. 1, 2014 – Jan. 15

[Prof. Wang Jenn-Hwan](#) 王振寰 (Institute of International Relations, National Cheng-Chi University), Nov. 8 – Dec. 19.



Please follow this [link](#) for more information on our Visiting Scholars program

Our Visiting Fellows

Two successful applicants to our Visiting Fellowship Programme have been visiting the ERCCT in November and December this year:

[Ms. Chou Mu-Yi](#) (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica), and

[Mr. Keng Kim-Yung](#) (Graduate Institute of Development Studies, National Cheng Chi University)

Applications for the coming summer term (April-July, 2015) [have been posted](#) and are accepted until February 15th, 2015. If you wish to visit the ERCCT on a one-month Fellowship as a visiting scholar, please refer to the [visiting fellow programme](#) for further details.

New Cooperation

The ERCCT and the China Policy Institute (CPI) at the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham, have agreed on a long-term cooperation. As a first step, both institutions run a joint edition of blogs discussing the November '9-in-1 local elections' on the [CPI's website](#). In the future, the ERCCT and the CPI will host joint workshops on Taiwan-related issues with the first of these events scheduled for the second half of 2015.

New JoCCA Taiwan Special Edition

Another Taiwan special edition has been published jointly by the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and the ERCCT in the Journal of Current Chinese Affairs' latest edition (vol. 43, no. 3). It focuses on "Continuity and Change in Policies in Taiwan" and is guest-edited by ERCCT associate fellow Ming-yeh T. Rawnsley. All articles are available via open access and can be uploaded from the [JoCCA's website](#).

Miscellaneous

The ERCCT Team is delighted to pass our congratulations to our Permanent Fellow [Igor Rogelja](#) from the School of Oriental and African Studies, who has successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on "Spatial Production of Urban Creative Spaces in Taiwanese and Chinese Cities in London" on Wednesday, October 10th.

ERCCT moves to a new location

Towards the end of the year, the ERCCT will move to new headquarters at Keplerstraße 2, 72074 Tübingen. This much-anticipated change of location will provide the center with more office space in a spacious renovated building close by and bring it together with the Department of Chinese and Korean Studies' Chair of Greater China Studies. Hence, there will be more interchange between the center's fellows and the department's students taking courses on contemporary Taiwan.

Young Scholars Workshop 2015

After a one-year gap in 2014, which was due to the "Spotlight Taiwan" Week, the ERCCT will continue its yearly Young Scholars Workshops in 2015. The workshop will be held from June 21 to 28, giving young emerging scholars the opportunity to present their research to an international audience, come to know the ERCCT and Tübingen University, watch the Taiwan Documentary Film Festival and, last but not least, make new friends among the community of Taiwan scholars.

Applications for this workshop are welcome now. The application deadline is February 15, 2015. Please refer to [this link](#) for further details.

Follow the ERCCT on your favorite social network

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

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