



Season's Greetings

Another year has passed, and the ERCCT has been more active than ever. Our team is grateful for all the support that the center has enjoyed from visiting scholars and students from all over the world who have spent time in Tübingen, shared their ongoing research with our resident fellows, and 'spread the gospel' of our work in their respective institutions. We wish all our friends and colleagues a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

NEWS

Assistant Professor of Modern Taiwan Studies

The University of Tübingen has created the position of Assistant Professor of Modern Taiwan Studies, the first of its kind in Europe. It is co-financed by the university and Taiwan's Ministry of Education for an initial period of six years and may be extended upon positive evaluation. The new professor is expected to start teaching April 2018, at the beginning of the summer term. He or she will also serve as the ERCCT's co-director, helping to develop further the center's activities and outreach.

New MOU with NCCU's College of Social Sciences

The ERCCT and the National Chengchi University's College of Social Sciences have signed a new cooperation agreement to strengthen mutual academic exchange and cooperation. The agreement covers the college's different departments and graduate institutes. It continues a partnership between both sides that now has a 10-year history, with many NCCU scholars and graduate students having visited Tübingen over the years.

Young Scholars Workshop 2017

The fifth Young Scholars Workshop took place in Freudenstadt and Tübingen between 2 and 7 July, 2017. The CCKF-ERCCT again invited a dozen young European and Taiwanese scholars to discuss their research projects with leading Taiwan scholars Prof. Chen Lu-Huei, Prof. Yang Wanying, Prof. Hu Shao-hua and Prof. Sasa Istenic as well as with ERCCT director Prof. Gunter Schubert and ERCCT Fellows. Under the headline "Taiwan in the Global Arena", topics covered Cross-Strait Issues, Taiwan and Japan, the New Southbound Policy, Taiwan's Security Issues and East and Southeast Asia's Island Conflicts. Academic exchange was accompanied with some touristic activities, such as the visit to the beautiful Hohenzollern castle south of Tübingen (pictured).



GUESTS

Our Visiting Scholars (Winter Term 2016/17)

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

Prof. Lin Rui-hua 林瑞華, from the School of Public Economics and Administration at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, stayed at the ERCCT from 27 October to 1 November 2017. During her stay, she gave a talk entitled "Reunion with the Old Folks: The Intergroup Contact between Taiwanese and Chinese in Mainland China" (30 October 2017).





Prof. Lee Chia-wen 李佳玟, based at the Department of Law, National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan, was with us from 23 October to 22 November 2017. Her two talks were entitled "Taiwan's Death Penalty in Local-Global Dynamics" (9 November 2017) and "Conscience and Convenience: Taiwan's Rocky Road to Adopting the Adversarial System in Criminal Procedure" (17 November 2017).



Prof. Chen Lu-huei 陳陸輝, from the Election Study Center and the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taiwan, visited the ERCCT from 2 to 29 July 2017. During his stay as a Visiting Scholar, he presented a book project titled "Cross-Strait Relations and Electoral Politics in Taiwan" (14 July 2017) and gave a talk with the title "Emotions and Electoral Politics in Taiwan" (18 July 2018).



Prof. Yang Wan-Ying 楊婉瑩, from the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taipei, was with us between 10 June and 9 July 2017. In her two talks, Yang lectured on "When Identity Clashes with Interest: the China Complex in Taiwan" (22 June 2017) and on "The Gender Value Differences across the Taiwan Strait" (30 July 2017).



Our Visiting Fellows (Summer Term 2017)

Dr. Tseng Yi-Tsui 曾倚萃

Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
6 to 29 July 2017

Project: "Norm and Discourse of Sustainable Development for China" (presented on 21 July 2017)

Mr. Ye Xiaodi 葉曉迪

Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan
2 to 29 July 2017

Project: "China's Rising and its Evolutionary Interest Narrative: Power Structure and Transition Perspective" (presented on 28 July 2017)

See [Visiting Fellow Programme](#) for future application details on the program.



Short Term Resident Fellows

Summer Term 2017

Ms. Huang Huitzu 黄慧慈

Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources University of Freiburg

6 March to 30 June

Project: "Decentralized Energy in Shaping Regional Economy" (presented on 5 May 2017)

Dr. Tatiana Komarova

Taiwan Central Asia Cultural and Economic Association

29 May to 28 June

Project: "Taiwan role in Asia-Pacific chessboard: Political dialogue and economic cooperation among main actors of the region" (presented on 23 June 2017)

Dr. Mon Ya-Feng 毛雅芬

International Institute for Cultural Studies, National Chiao Tung University

27 April to 3 August

Project: "The Moving Image & The Affective Economy of Knowledge" (presented on 12 May 2017)

Winter Term 2017/18

Monika Arnoštová 朱丹景

Renmin University of China

November 2017 to April 2018

Project: "The impact on overtime work on leisure time as well as the cultural life of Beijing white-collar workers"

Guo Sheng-Ping 郭勝平

Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, Canada

21 November 2017 to 10 February 2018

Project: "Mandate of Heaven: The Bread of Life Christian Church (Ling Liang Tang 靈糧堂) as Indigenous Chinese Christianity in the Global Landscape (1942-2017)."

See [Short Term Resident Fellow Programme](#) for application details on the program.



TÜBINGEN RESEARCH NOTES

Lee Yi-Ching 李宜卿 is a Ph.D. candidate from the Department of Political Science at the National Taiwan University, who is currently staying at the ERCCT for her Ph.D. project until February 2018. Her dissertation is about energy transition and local government system/local governance in comparative perspective between Germany and Taiwan. The research focuses on the transition in the energy sector, especially in the development of renewables, and examines why and how this transition could happen under the local conditions in Germany and Taiwan by looking into the active role of the local governments.



From now on, cities and local level governments could be more important actors on climate and energy issues. In response to the climate change and energy transition process, cities and local level governments gradually become a hub that links these global issues with local actions, therefore, it is meaningful to examine and re-define the role that local governments could play in this changing process. On the other hand, in the German case, for example, as a form of local public service in energy provision, municipalities and municipal utilities (Stadtwerke) play a key role during this transition.

Through case studies, this research aims to explore and address the following issues: What are the existing institutional arrangements for the local governments to deal with energy provision issues (which are part of local public service)? What strategies do local governments take for the development of renewables at city/ local level, and what challenges are they faced with? Furthermore, this research seeks to bring a more understanding to whether local government systems and governmental models contribute to (or not) the local energy transition process.

Currently (as a Ph.D. candidate), Lee is doing her fieldwork on the topic in Germany. She received her BA at the Department of Law, National Taipei University, and her MA at the Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University. Her research interests include energy and climate change policy, energy law, and governance issues. Lee has won a scholarship of the DAAD Sandwich program to support her current stay in Tübingen.



PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Guo, Sheng-Ping. "Lineage Patterns of Conversion in the Late Ming Dynasty: Matteo Ricci and His Colleagues' Christian Faith Accommodating in a Confucian Land." In Francesco Guardiani, Gaozheng Zhang, and Salvatore Bancheri, eds., *Italy and China: Centuries of Dialogue* (Florence, Italy: Franco Cesati Editore, 2017), 33-55.

Luo, Kai Ling. 2017. "Does Public Participation Increase Stakeholders' Efficacy? A Case Study of the National Health Insurance Committee". *Journal of Public Administration*, Vol. 53: 25-77.

Luo, Kai Ling. 2017. "Who Calls the Shots? A Case Study of Stakeholders Participation in the Taiwanese National Health Insurance Committee". *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly*, Vol. 14(3).

Schubert, Gunter, Lin, Ruihua and Tseng, Jean Yu-chen. (2017) Are Taiwanese Entrepreneurs a Strategic Group? Reassessing Taishang Political Agency across the Taiwan Strait. *Asian Survey* 57(5), 856-884.

Sia, Ek-hong Ljavakaw (forthcoming, June 2018). "Crafting Aboriginal Nations: The Presbyterian Church and the Imagination of the Aboriginal National Subject". *Asian Studies Review*.

Tseng, Yu-chin (Forthcoming Dec 2017). "Should I stay or should I go? Migration trajectories of Chinese-Taiwanese couples in third countries." In: *Asia and Pacific Migration Journal*.

Talks and Conference Papers by CCKF-ERCCT Staff and Fellows

Beckershoff, André. "Social Forces in the Re-Making of Cross Strait Relations – Capitalist Development and Hegemonic Contestation in Taiwan". Talk held at the "Spotlight on Taiwan Studies" conference, 22 September 2017, SOAS, London.

Luo, Kai Ling. 2017. "The Influences of Policy Participation on Taiwanese Politics in Tsai's Era". Paper presented at the 2017 Roundtable Workshop on Taiwan's Democratization, Nottingham, UK.

Schubert, Gunter / Zhivkov, Sascha. „Steering the Economy by New Pilot Free Trade Zones: Observations from Fujian". Paper presented at the ASC annual meeting, University of Cologne, 1-2 December, 2017.

Sia, Ek-hong Ljavakaw. "On the Paradoxical Effect of Democratization in the Making of the Taiwanese Nation-State". Paper presented at the International Roundtable Workshop on The Pattern of Taiwan's Democratization, at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, 22-23 June. Published on Taiwan Sentinel: <https://sentinel.tw/paradoxical-effects-demo-tw/>



Tamburo, Elisa. "Authoritarianism in the Living Room: politics, senses and everyday life in Taiwan's military villages (1946-1990)". Paper presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) 20-23 July 2017, Chiang-Mai, Thailand.

Tamburo, Elisa. "Moving House: Facing Urban Relocation as a Displaced Community". Talk at the Centre of Taiwan Studies SOAS, University of London, 5th of November 2017.

Tseng, Yu-chin. "Should I stay or should I go? Migration trajectories of Chinese-Taiwanese couples in third countries". Rethinking Transnationalism in the Global World: Contested State, Society, Border and the People in between, University of Portsmouth.

Tseng, Yu-chin. "Cross-cultural couples in transnational era: citizenship by strategic marriage and intimacy". Citizenship and Identity Workshop of European Consortium for Political Research, University of Portsmouth.

Tseng, Yu-chin, "Mixed intimacy between foes: rapprochement of Chinese-Taiwanese couples in Europe." Power, Intimacy and the State - Mixed Families in Europe and Beyond, University of Amsterdam.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: 'Martial Law: New Literature from Taiwan'

On Monday, 23 October 2017, the ERCCT, in cooperation with the Deutsch-Chinesische Gesellschaft e.V. - Freunde Taiwans, hosted the launch of an anthology of newly translated Taiwanese literature entitled "Kriegsrecht - Neue Literatur aus Taiwan" (Martial Law: New Literature from Taiwan). In one of Tübingen's most popular cafés, the editor, Dr. Thilo Diefenbach (Berlin), read and commented on sections from the translations of stories from the early times of Taiwan's martial law era to the year 2016, before entering a very insightful discussion with Taiwan's highest diplomatic representative in Germany, Prof. Dr. Shieh Jhy-Wey, himself a prominent scholar of literature. The book, published with prestigious publishing house Iudicium, is a milestone on the way of bringing Taiwanese literature to German readers.

12th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

On November 3 - 4, 2017, the ERCCT celebrated its twelfth Taiwan Documentary Film Festival. The programme this time, though, focused not only on documentary films but also included historical feature films.

The first day was dedicated to the work of our guest, director Wu Mi-sen, who presented his 2003 documentary on an old mainlander veteran in Taipei (Experimental Taiwanese 月球學園); a 2005 film on the use of corporeal punishment in Taiwan's education system (救命人 Twilight Zone); and "西藏



臺北 Tibet, Taipei" (2008), a documentary on the life of exiled Tibetans. The 2015 feature film "很久沒有敬我了你 Kara-Orchestra" about Puyuma tribal musicians entering the stage of National Concert Hall in Taipei completed the evening.

On the second day, the programme consisted of feature films from the Taiwan Film Institute, brought to Europe by a collaborative project of 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 us for the festival to give a very informative introduction on the historical context of Taiwan's earliest commercial cinema on Saturday morning, before presenting 1. "天字一號 The Best Secret Agent" (1964); 2. "地獄新娘 The Bride Who Has Returned from Hell" (1965); and 3. "危險的青春 Dangerous Youth" (1969).

COMING UP...

New Visiting Fellows (Winter Term 2017/18)

Dr. Nee Shih-Chieh, postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute of Political Science of National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, is scheduled to visit the ERCCT between January 8 and February 10, 2018.

Visiting Fellow Programme Summer Semester 2018

For the summer semester 2018 (runs April 16 to July 28, 2018) we will invite two Taiwanese Ph.D. or Postdoc students to come to Tübingen and join the center for one month. The successful applicant will be granted a living stipend of 500 EUR, free accommodation, insurance provided by the CCKF-ERCCT, and a round trip air ticket (economy class, up to € 1250). During their stay in Tübingen, Visiting Fellows will take part in the centre's activities, most notably the Taiwan Colloquium, and present their on-going Ph.D. or Postdoc research to the other fellows. For more information about the programme please see this [link](#).

Young Scholars Workshop 2018

We will continue our Young Scholars Workshop series in 2018. Under the headline "Taiwan's New South Bound policy: Building Strength and Overcoming Weakness", the Workshop will be held from July 8 to 8 July, 2018, giving young emerging scholars the opportunity to present their research to an international audience, get to know the ERCCT and Tübingen University, and make new friends among the community of Taiwan scholars.

Applications for this workshop are welcome now. The application deadline is 15 March 2018. Please refer to [this link](#) for further details.



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