



Tübingen Delegation Visited Taiwan's Ministry of Education

A delegation from Tübingen University led by the university's president, Prof. Dr. Bernd Engler, visited the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China on 2 March, 2016 to exchange ideas on future cooperation. The MOE does support Tübingen University's Department of Chinese and Korean Studies and the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (CCKF-ERCCT) in different projects since long. During the visit, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Chair of Greater China Studies and the CCKF-ERCCT's current director, reported on the results of ongoing jointly conducted projects and highlighted new areas where mutual cooperation is possible.

During their visit in Taiwan, which lasted from 28 February to 4 March, 2016, a cooperation agreement between Tübingen University and National Cheng Kung University, located in southern Taiwan, was signed. NCKU's Department of Political Science and Law and the CCKF-ERCCT have been partners for some years already – so a university-level agreement to promote more and wider exchange between both universities is built on solid ground.

Moreover, the delegation visited National Taiwan University (NTU) on 3 March, 2016 to discuss new cooperative research initiatives, particularly in the natural sciences. National Taiwan University is a partner of Tübingen University. Both sides also appreciated the close relations between the CCKF-ERCCT and various NTU institutions. Specific cooperation agreements were signed between the CCKF-ERCCT and the College of Social Sciences, the Department of Political Science and the Department of Sociology in 2008. In 2011, another agreement was signed between the CCKF-ERCCT and NTU's College of Law.





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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”. 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.

Check [our website](#) for photos!

Japanese-Taiwanese Delegation Visited Tuebingen and the ERCCT

On 24 November, 2015, for the first time ever a delegation of Japanese Scholars visited the CCKF-ERCCT: Prof. Yamazaki Naoya 山崎直也 (Faculty of Foreign Languages at Teikyo University, Tokyo), Prof. Hsu Chiao-ching 徐筱菁 (Graduate School of Culture and Education Law at National Taipei University of Education), Prof. Ishizuka Jin 石塚迅 (Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences at the University of Yamanashi), Prof. Sugawara Yasunori 菅原寧格 (Faculty of Law at Hokkai-Gakuen University, Sapporo), and Prof. Morimoto Taku 森元拓 (Faculty of Education and Anthropology at the University of Yamanashi) were interested in the development of Greater China Studies in Europe in general and of Taiwan Studies in particular.

The delegation convened with Prof. Schubert, Managing Director Stefan Braig and CCKF-ERCCT Resident Fellows André Beckershoff, Chen Li-yi 陳立儀 and Sia Ek-hong 謝易宏 to learn about how the CCKF-ERCCT works and which programs it runs. Moreover, Prof. Yamazaki and Prof. Schubert discussed the possibilities for promoting more academic dialogue and exchange between Taiwan Studies scholars in Japan and Europe.



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Our Visiting Scholars (Winter Term 2015/16)

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



A former political activist, [Dr. Linda Arrigo](#) now works as an independent researcher. She 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” and “A Critical History of the Taiwan Independence Movement”.

[Prof. Dr. Maté Szabó](#) from the Department of Political Science at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, stayed with us 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 Nov).



[Dr. Chen Te-sheng](#) (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 Taiwan colloquium.



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[Dr. Paul Katz](#) (Institute of Modern History at Academia Sinica, Taipei) stayed at the center between 3 and 9 December, 2015. He gave two talks on "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".



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

Public Talks

The following additional public lectures were held at the CCKF-ERCCT in the winter term 2015/16:

- 25 November, 2015: [Dr. Simona A. Grano](#) (Department of Sinology at the University of Zürich):
Environmental Governance in Taiwan: A New Generation of Activists and Stakeholders
- 28 January, 2016: [Professor Ann Heylen](#) (Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at the National Taiwan Normal University)
Spatial Humanities Going Dutch: Historical Mapping of 17th-Century Formosa Manuscripts



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Our Visiting Fellows (Winter Term 2015/16)

Two successful applicants to our Visiting Fellows Programme have been visiting the CCKF-ERCCT during the 2015/16 winter term, and presented their ongoing research projects:

- [Dr. Lee Yi-li 李怡俐](#) (College of Law, National Taiwan University) from 29 October to 7 December, 2015 (Project: "Reexamining Transitional Justice in Taiwan: A Lost Opportunity?")
- [Rangga Aditya Elias](#) (National Cheng Chi University, International and Pacific Studies Programme) from 13 January to 13 February, 2016 (Project: "Taiwanese-Indonesian Relations")

See [Visiting Fellow Programme](#) for application details.

Apply for Our New Short Term Resident Fellow Programme

Starting from October 2016, the CCKF-ERCCT runs a new **Short Term Resident Fellow Programme**: Two Ph.D. students or postdoc researchers from Europe and Taiwan are invited each year to join the centre in Tübingen for a period between six months and one year.

Invited fellows will be granted a monthly allowance of EUR 350, basic health insurance, and a one time travel grant of EUR 500. They will be provided with office space and enjoy the opportunity to discuss projects and exchange ideas with CCKF-ERCCT Fellows and Visiting Scholars working at the centre.

Interested applicants should **submit an academic CV, an exposé of their Ph.D. or postdoc research project of no longer than 10 pages**, and a letter of recommendation by a professor of the institution where they are enrolled / affiliated. Please also state the intended duration of your stay. All application materials should be sent in electronic form to:

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Deadlines: 15 July, 2016 (Winter Semester 2016/2017) // 15 February, 2017 (Summer Semester 2017)



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CCKF-ERCCT Fellowship 2016: Now Open for Applications

In 2016 the CCKF-ERCCT again awards a **Research Fellowship** from October, comprising a **monthly grant of 1000 Euro and expenses for a round trip air ticket to Taiwan (up to 1,200 Euro)** for a talented and highly qualified postgraduate (doctoral candidate or postdoc) from Europe, or Taiwanese postdoc based in Europe, who specialises in the fields of Taiwanese politics, society, law, economics, or cross-strait relations. Applicants must be European doctoral students or European postdocs based at European or Taiwanese universities or Taiwanese postdocs based in Europe, and should apply with a project that is at an early stage. Applicants whose research is in a more advanced state, i.e. who have been working on their project for more than one year, are not eligible to apply.

The successful grantee automatically becomes a CCKF-ERCCT Research Fellow. She or he is required to stay at the CCKF-ERCCT for at least one year to take part in its programme and activities and to spend a substantial time in Taiwan for fieldwork where she or he will be hosted by one of the CCKF-ERCCT partner institutions. German language skills are *not* mandatory. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter, CV and copies of your academic degrees in addition to a research proposal of no more than 10 pages which describes your project and highlights its academic relevance. A bibliography containing recent publications most relevant to your specific research field (not more than 50 titles) should be added to the proposal.

The CCKF-ERCCT Fellowship 2016 is granted starting October, 2016, the position can be taken up until mid-November. **The application deadline is 31 May, 2016.**

All applications should be directed by e-mail, to:

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For further information on the programme, please refer to our website or contact Stefan Braig.



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Young Scholars Workshop 2016

The fourth “Young Scholars workshop” hosted by the CCKF-ERCCT will be held from 26 June to 3 July, 2016. All papers related to Taiwan and cross-strait relations are welcome. 12 Ph.D. students (3rd year and above) and postdocs of the social sciences working on Taiwan-related projects are invited to submit their application. Selected applicants will be fully refunded for transport and accommodation expenses. After the conclusion of the workshop, each participant must submit a paper based on his/her workshop presentation, which will be published in the CCKF-ERCCT Online Paper Series.

Interested candidates are invited to send their CV and an outline of their research project (5-6 pages) until 30 March, 2016 to:

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Film “Almost Home Taiwan”

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

Coming up...

On 20 April, 2016, the CCKF-ERCCT will host a special event for everyone interested in Taiwan and Taiwanese movies: At 8 PM ([Arsenal cinema](#)), we will show Wawa no Cidal (太陽的孩子, Children of the Sun), an award-winning film which was very successful in Taiwanese cinemas in 2015. The movie will be in Chinese (English subtitles). Both directors, Cheng Yu-chieh 鄭有傑 and Lekal Sumi 勒嘎·舒米, will be with us, and discuss their film with the audience!



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New Publications at the CCKF-ERCCT

Gunter Schubert (Ed.), *Taiwan and the 'China Impact'. Challenges and Opportunities*, London-New York: Routledge, 2016.

---- Facing the Dragon and Riding the Tiger: assessing the mainland Taishang as an 'impact factor' in cross-Strait relations, in: Gunter Schubert (Ed.), *Taiwan and the 'China Impact': Challenges and Opportunities*, London-New York, Routledge, 2016, 91-109.

Kailing Luo, *Administrative Delegation or Public Participation? The Case Study of National Health Insurance Committee in Taiwan*, PhD dissertation, Taipei, Taiwan, 2016.

Sia Ek-hong Ljavakaw, "Crafting the Taiwanese Nation: Exclusivist and Inclusivist Theses of the Post-war Taiwanese Nationalism", *Berliner China-Hefte/Chinese History and Society* 47, 2016.

Sia Ek-hong Ljavakaw, 台灣基督長老教會 150 年政教關係史 ["The History of Church-State Relations of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan"], paper presented at the workshop for "The 150-year History of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan", Taipei, 2 February 2016.

Sia Ek-hong Ljavakaw, "When Weak Communities Meet Strong NGOs: Collaborative Governances in the Post-Disaster Reconstruction", in Astrid Lipinsky (Ed.), *Taiwan's Civil Movements* (Vienna Taiwan Studies Series Volume 2), forthcoming.

Sia Ek-hong Ljavakaw, "Crafting Aboriginal Nations: The Presbyterian Church and the Imagination of the Aboriginal National Subject", paper presented at the "TSP 2015 Annual Conference: In Search of New Perspectives, Methods and Finer Factors of Identity Formation - From East Asia to the World", St Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK, 4-5 September 2015.

Sia Ek-hong Ljavakaw (Trans.), 第一次非暴力抗爭就上手 ["*How Nonviolent Struggle Works*"], authored by Gene Sharp], Taipei: The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, 2015.



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