



NEWS

"Promotion tour" at ERCCT Partner Institutions

Between 9-17 April, 2017, Prof. Gunter Schubert visited the College of Social Sciences at National Cheng Kung-University (Tainan), the Department of Sociology and the Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-Sen University (Kaohsiung), the Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University (Taichung) and the College of Social Sciences at National Chengchi University (Taipei), all of which are ERCCT partners. In March, Prof. Gunter Schubert talked to students and faculty at the College of Social Sciences at National Taiwan University. He reported on recent developments at the ERCCT and introduced the center's different visiting programmes to students and faculty of the respective institutions. His information attracted much positive feedback by the audiences. In fact, the number of visitors at the ERCCT has constantly increased over years, confirming the center's significance as a hub for academic dialogue between Taiwan and Europe.



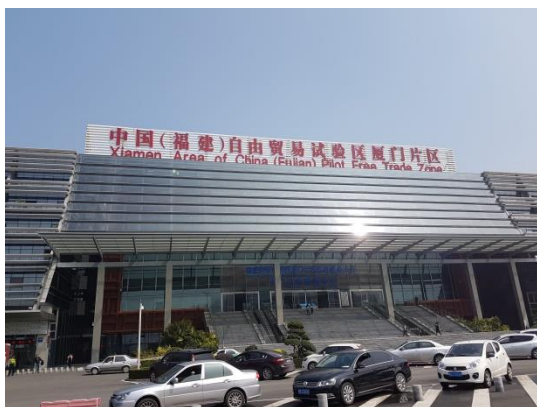


Dr. Luo Kailing Wins TPSA Annual Award and Scholarship

Our Research Fellow Dr. Luo Kai-ling 羅凱凌 won the Annual Award of the Taiwan Political Science Association in the category of political theory for her paper "Committee Governance: first exploration and analysis of the categories of government departmental committees"! Since January 2017, she also has a scholarship in the Postdoctoral Research Abroad Program from the Ministry of Science and Technology in Taiwan. We congratulate Kai-ling for these outstanding achievements!

CCKF-ERCCT staff fieldwork trip to China (Fujian) Pilot Free Trade Zone

Between 18 March and 8 April 2017, CCKF-ERCCT director Prof. Gunter Schubert and Fellow Sascha Zhivkov went on a joint fieldwork trip to investigate the China (Fujian) Pilot Free Trade Zone. Economic reform is at the heart of Xi Jinping's political agenda, with the Pilot Free Trade Zones being a core component of this process. However, while 11 Pilot Free Trade Zones now exist throughout China, western knowledge on the zones is still sparse and they remain hardly understood. With the Fujian Pilot Free Trade Zone specifically directed at attracting Taiwanese investment, it is an excellent destination for CCKF-ERCCT staff, linking up our research interests in Taiwanese entrepreneurs (Taishang), central and local government relations in China and China's search for a new economic model. Interviews with cadres and Taiwanese investors were conducted in Fuzhou, Pingtan and Xiamen. Research is generously supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The trip was only possible thanks to the incredible support and hospitality by Prof. Wang Liping, director of the Research Center of the China (Fujian) Pilot Free Trade Zone and his staff. A second trip is planned for the autumn of 2017.



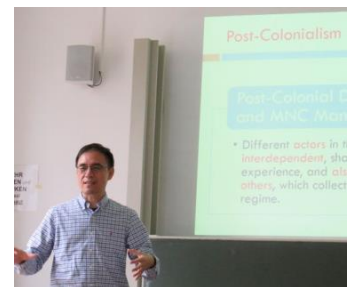


GUESTS

Our Visiting Scholars (Winter Term 2016/17)

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

Prof. Wang Hong-zen 王宏仁 from the Department of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaoshiung stayed at the center between 20 October and 15 November 2016. He held two talks: “Global production chains and labour control: Taiwanese capital in Vietnam” (3 November, 2016) and “Small signals from the alienated land: labour regimes in Taiwanese factories in Vietnam” (11 November 2016).



Prof. Chien Shih-Shen 簡旭伸, who is from the Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei, was with us between 1 and 22 February 2017. In his two talks, Chien lectured on “Understanding Post-Socialist Authoritarian Local / Environmental China in Transition: A Party-State Perspective” (7 February 2017) and on “Taiwan Investment and China Local Government - the Case of Kunshan” (10 February 2017).



As a past Visiting Scholar, **Prof. Szabó Maté** from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, returned once again to the ERCCT and gave a public talk on 15 November, 2016, on the topic: "Can the Control Yuan develop into an Ombuds-Institution and a National Human Rights Institution for Taiwan?"





Lee Yi-Ching carries out DAAD-supported research at CCKF-ERCCT

Ms. Lee Yi-Ching 李宜卿 from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University has won a research grant of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) sandwich model program and chose the ERCCT to carry out her research on regenerative energies policy in comparison between Germany and Taiwan. She already gave us a first talk on her research on 3 February 2017. Yi-Ching will stay until September 2017. We wish her a pleasant time with us.

Our Visiting Fellows (Winter Term 2016/17)

Chang Ti-han 張迪涵

Institute of Transtextual and Transcultural Studies, Université Lyon III Jean Moulin

17 October to 13 November 2016

Project: "The Role of the Ecological Other in Contesting Postcolonial Identity Politics: Postcolonial Eco-literature of J.M. Coetzee and Wu Ming-yi" (presented on 28 October 2016)

Dr. Chen Yueh-Ching 陳月卿

Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan

22 November to 23 December 2016

Project: "The Impact of Social Movements on Constitutional Systems - A Comparison between Taiwan and France" (presented on 16 December 2016)

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

Our Short Term Resident Fellow (Winter Term 2016/17)

Huang Kai-Shen 黃凱紳

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University

November 2016 to February 2017

Project: "Environmentalism and its Political Confrontations in Taiwan" (presented on 20 January 2017)

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



PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Beckershoff, André. 2017. "The Sunflower Movement. Origins, structures, and strategies of Taiwan's resistance against the 'Black Box'." In: Taiwan's Social Movements Under Ma Ying-jeou. From the Wild Strawberries to the Sunflowers, Ed. by Dafydd Fell. London: Routledge. pp 113-133.

Schubert, Gunter. 2016. Taiwan's Contribution to China's Economic Rise and Its Implications for Cross-Strait Integration. In: Steve Tsang (ed.), Taiwan's Impact on China. Why Soft Power Matters More Than Economic or Political Inputs, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 95-123.

Talks and Conference Papers by CCKF-ERCCT Staff and Fellows

Luo, Kailing. Governed by Committees: Exploratory Study on the Typology of Governmental Committees. Conference Paper presented at the TPSA Annual Conference 2016, ShihHsin University, Taipei.

Luo, Kailing. Who ist Boss? The Influence Evaluation of Stakeholders' Policy Participation. Conference Paper presented at the Workshop of Political Science 2016, National Taiwan University, Taipei.

Remmert, Desirée. "Fate and the Life Course - An International Comparison of the Impact of Notions of Fate, Choice and the Agency on Subjective Well-Being among Urban Taiwanese". Talk at the Greater China Studies Colloquium. Tübingen, 22 December 2016.

Sia, Ek-hong Ljavakaw. Colonial or not Colonial? Missionary Modes as Unholy Trinity and Discordant Troika in 17th and 19th Century Taiwan. Paper presented at the 14th Annual Conference of European Association of Taiwan Studies at the Department of Asian and North African Studies. Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy, 2-4 March 2017.

Sia, Ek-hong Ljavakaw. Crafting Aboriginal Nations: The Presbyterian Church and the Imagination of the Aboriginal National Subject. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Taiwanese Sociological Association. National Donghwa University, Hualien, Taiwan, 26-27 November 2016.

Tamburo, Elisa. "Material histories: an architectural semiotic analysis of Taiwan's military villages". Paper presented at the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS). Venice, Italy, 2-4 March 2017.

Tamburo, Elisa. "Anthropology of Moving House: the re-making of home among the mainlanders' diaspora in Taiwan". Paper presented at the 13th Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF). Göttingen, Germany, 26-30 March 2017.



Tseng, Yu-chin. "Should I Stay or Should I go? Migration Trajectories of Chinese-Taiwanese couples in third countries". Talk at the Greater China Studies Colloquium. Tübingen, 10 November 2016.

Zhivkov, Sascha. "Adaptation Strategies of Taiwanese Investment in the Context of a Changing Chinese Growth Model". Talk at the Greater China Studies Colloquium. Tübingen, 12 January 2017.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Hohaiyan Musical Concert

On 2 December, 2016, the ERCCT hosted a chamber musical concert by Katharina Foung, 馮孝慈 (Piano), Yu-Shih Yu 游適仔 (Cello), Natalia Karpova (Piano), Shih-Cheng Yu 劉士誠 (Flute), and Han-Lin Liang 梁涵琳 (Violin) in cooperation with Mrs. Tsai Tsai-Wei of Hohaiyan e.V. 好海洋藝術, a Munich-based cultural organisation for the promotion of Taiwanese performing arts in Germany.

The program featured compositions by modern and contemporary Taiwanese composers as well as by western composers. The CCKFC-ERCCT besides its academic activities will continue to support some selected events on Taiwan's culture.





COMING UP...

Young Scholars Workshop 2017

The fifth edition of the popular annual Young Scholars Workshop on “Taiwan in the Global Arena” is around the corner, taking place between 2 and 9 July 2017 in Freudenstadt and Tübingen. Candidates have already been selected, and we are looking forward to welcome 11 young scholarly talents from Asia and Europe to South Germany soon.

New Visiting Fellows (Summer Term 2017)

Dr. Tseng Yi-Tsui 曾倚萃, postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute of Political Science of National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, is scheduled to visit the ERCCT from 23 June to 21 July 2017, and **Mr. Ye Xiaodi** 葉曉迪 from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University will visit us between July 2 and 29. We are very much looking forward to their arrival.

New Short Term Resident Fellows (Summer Term 2017)

Three new Short Term Resident Fellows will be with us this summer. We most warmly welcome:

Ms. Huang Huitzu 黃慧慈 who has already arrived will stay until the end of June to finalize her Ph.D. project “Decentralized Energy in Shaping Regional Economy”.

Dr. Tatiana Komarova from the Taiwan Central Asia Cultural and Economic Association pursues a project entitled “Taiwan role in Asia-Pacific chessboard: Political dialogue and economic cooperation among main actors of the region”.

Dr. Mon Ya-Feng 毛雅芬, a postdoctoral research fellow from the International Institute for Cultural Studies at National Chiao Tung University, will advance work on her project “Technological Mysticism On the Moving Image as a Medium of Prophecy”.



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