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GREETINGS

ERCCT Director Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert

Dear colleagues and friends of the ERCCT,

since early 2020 our center has been in crisis mode. Online teaching and communication dominates everyday life at Tübingen University, and all academic activities have moved online. ERCCT visiting fellows and scholars have had to suspend their travel plans and our office facilities were left deserted for most of the last 15 months. It has been a challenge for everybody. However, as you can see in this newsletter, we have done what we can to keep our spirits high and pursue our mission of promoting Taiwan studies against the odds. Though we hope things get back to normal by the coming autumn term, the pandemic has taught us that going online is not all that bad. It makes it easier to access and “recruit” Taiwan scholars from around the world to participate in our activities, and setting up an online lecture brings in many more people than would be joining offline – and from many more countries. Even after the crisis passes, we will likely continue to take advantage of online formats for promoting the internationalisation of the ERCCT and Taiwan studies. However, personal contact remains most important.

Please remain supportive of the ERCCT and come to Tübingen! We are just as highly motivated to serve you in post-pandemic times as we were before the crisis.



NEWS FROM THE CENTER

Taiwan Online Colloquium in the Winter Term 2020/21

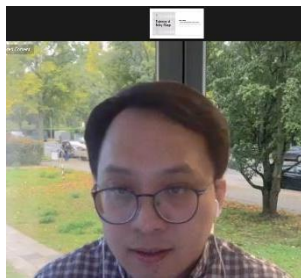
Given the current circumstances, the Taiwan Colloquium became an online series over the winter term. Organized by Junior Professor Tseng Yu-chin, the CCKF-ERCCT welcomed distinguished experts from the Taiwan Studies field with a wide range of topics.



Nov. 16, 2020

Prof. Kerim Friedman (Department of Ethnic Relations and Cultures, National Dong Hwa University in Taiwan)

Space, Time, and Indigeneity in Contemporary Taiwanese Documentary Film
(in conjunction with the Taiwan Documentary Film Festival)



Dec. 7, 2020

Zhu Yifei (Ph.D. candidate at Graduate School of East Asian Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)

Developmentalism Across the Strait: An Institutional Explanation of Taiwan's Economic Policy toward China between 1990 and 2016



Dec. 14. 2020

Prof. Cheng Chenching (Assistant Professor in the Department of Journalism & Communication, Centre for Asian Studies, Chu Hai College of Higher Education, Hong Kong)

Nostalgia in Four Rhymes: The Changes of Nostalgic Narratives in Taiwan's Popular Music from Teresa Teng to Lo Da-Yu





Jan. 11, 2021

Prof. Hsu Chieh (Global Asia Research Center,
National Taiwan University, Taiwan)



*The (Early) Experiences of Highly Skilled Taiwanese and
Chinese "Wives" in Germany*



Jan. 18, 2021

Prof. Lee Po-han (Assistant Professor, Global
Health Program, National Taiwan University)

*Solidarity with whom? Repositioning Taiwan beyond
the WHO's epidemiological (inter)nationalism*



Feb. 1, 2021

Dr. Zhan Min-xu (Assistant Professor of Taiwan
Literature and Transnational Cultural Studies,
National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan)



Taiwan Literature from a Global South Perspective



Feb. 8, 2021

Dr. Beatrice Zani (Post-doctoral researcher at
Tuebingen University (CCKF-ERCCT); Research
Associate at TRIANGLE, ENS Lyon)

*Women Migrants in Southern China and in Taiwan.
Mobilities, Digital Economies, and Emotions*





Feb. 15, 2021

Gwennaël Gaffric (Assistant Professor of Chinese Language and Literature at the Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, France)



Taiwan Literature at the Era of Anthropocene



Feb. 22, 2021

Tseng Hsun-hui (Assistant Professor in the Department of Taiwanese Literature, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan)



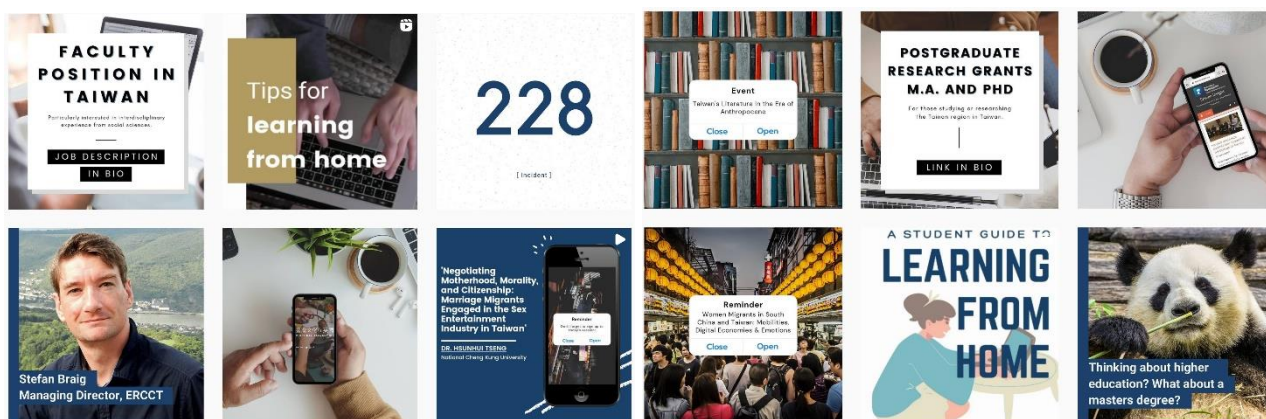
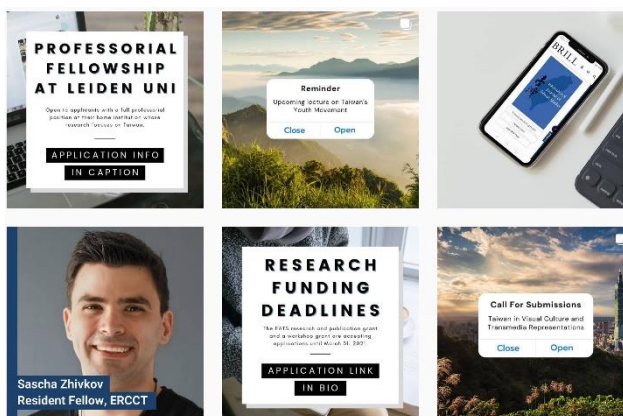
Motherhood and Moral Economy: The Art of Negotiation of Marriage Migrants Engaged in the Sex Entertainment Industry in Taiwan



New Social Media Presence

The ERCCT has created a brand-new social media presence in the last couple of months. We post regular updates to all of our events and programmes as well as share interesting news from the Taiwan Studies community. We are thankful for the support given by those of you already well established across the platforms, without which we could never have hoped to get off the ground.

Make sure to follow us on  [Facebook](#),  [Twitter](#), Facebook and  [Instagram](#). Get a glimpse of our recent content below.





TUEBINGEN RESEARCH NOTES

Dr. Beatrice Zani at the CCKF-ERCCT

Dr Beatrice Zani is a postdoctoral researcher at the ERCCT, she holds a PhD in sociology from Lyon 2 University (2019). Her dissertation, entitled: 'Mobilities, translocal economies and emotional modernity. From the factory to digital platforms, between China and Taiwan', investigated the link between mobility, emotion, ICT and digital platforms through the study of Chinese migrant women's pluri-mobilities between China and Taiwan.¹ She recently received the Lyon 2 Lumière University Dissertation Award (April 2021) and the Young Author's award from the journal *Sociologie du travail* (March 2021).



Beatrice has been a Teach@Tuebingen fellow since October 2020. She teaches several BA and MA classes about migration and globalisation in East-Asia and China and Taiwan's economy and society.

At the ERCCT, she has been finalising her first monograph: *Women migrants in Southern China and in Taiwan. Mobilities, digital economies and emotion* (Routledge, forthcoming). She is also currently involved in an ongoing research project entitled: 'Connected migrants and digital trade. An ethnographic exploration of mobility, entrepreneurship and capitalism from and to Taiwan'. This project investigates Chinese and South-East Asian digital diasporas' transnational e-entrepreneurship, which connects Taiwan to Chinese and South-East Asian global capitalistic sites. It explores the changing nature of our global economic system and the emergence of new poles of global capitalism which are growing increasingly Asia-oriented. Beatrice is also in charge of organising the ERCCT Taiwan Colloquium for the Summer term 2021.

¹ Supervised by prof. Laurence Roulleau Berger, CNRS-ENS Lyon, and Professor H-H. Michael Hsiao, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica



Two ERCCT Fellows Completed their PhD Studies

Two of our CCKF-ERCCT Resident Fellows recently graduated. Miss Elisa Tamburo received her PhD from SOAS, London, after recently defending her dissertation on “Moving House: Place, Time and the Politics of Urban Relocation in a Taipei Military Village”. Chen Li-Yi was granted a PhD from the Department of Political Science at the University of Tübingen after defending his dissertation on "The Political Participation of Taiwan's Labour. Public Perception and Legitimation" in March 2021. We warmly congratulate both and wish them all the best for their future.

A New ERCCT Resident Fellow

Ms. Judy Lee 李爾雅 will be joining us in Tübingen as an ERCCT Resident Fellow. Judy arrived on April 10, 2021 and she will start working on her Ph.D. project on how contact tracing as a measure of epidemic control might affect perceptions of democratic governance during the current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

The ERCCT team wishes her a good start and a successful time in Tübingen!

For more on Ms. Lee, click [here](#).





UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Zani, Beatrice. 2021 (forthcoming). *Women Migrants in Southern China and in Taiwan. Mobilities, Digital Economies and Emotions*. Oxton and New York. Routledge.

Forthcoming in Autumn 2021

Hidden inside a suitcase, invisible to border controls, an orange, fluorescent bra made in a textile factory in Southern China crosses the Strait and arrives in Taiwan. There, it wanders and circulates, on translocal physical and digital circuits, and, eventually, travels back to its place of fabrication in China. Based on multi-sited ethnographic research in China and Taiwan, including over one hundred interviews, this book follows the social life of this bra and explores the mobility of its producers: Chinese women who move from the countryside to the city, their marriage-migration to Taiwan and, eventually, re-migration to China post-divorce. With close attention to the link between migration, emotion, and ICT, the author considers the development of digital social networks, solidarity practices, and e-entrepreneurship by women to undo a condition of subalternity along their multiple mobilities. It elucidates the complex morphology of contemporary mobilities, shaped by ever-changing processes of local territorialisation and global connectedness. Following both women and the objects they commercialise, as well as the emotions they construct, this volume examines the making of novel digital, commercial and emotional geographies of interconnection between China and Taiwan, and the multiple forms that globalisation and capitalism can take.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

CCKF-ERCCT Hosted the 15th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

Due to the pandemic, the 15th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (TDFF) was held online for the first time between 13 and 22 November, 2020. With the documentary films on the life of present day Taiwan aboriginals kindly provided by the *Taiwan Film and Audiovisual Institute*, the digital nature of the event allowed registered participants to stream the works at their own pace. This was framed by a topical introduction titled *Space, Time, and Indigeneity in Contemporary Taiwanese Documentary Film* by Prof. Kerim Friedman, and joint online discussions with one of the directors and Ayatal activist, Pilin Yapu 比令 亞布. The showcased films included

土地到哪裡去了? Where Has the Land Gone? - Pilin Yapu 1997, 34 min.

彩虹的故事 Stories of the Rainbow - Pilin Yapu 1998, 55 min.

靈山 The Mountain - Su Hung-En 2015, 73 min.

回家 Coming Home - Huang Shu-mei 2018, 99 min.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visiting Fellow Programme, Winter Term 2021-2022

Ph.D students or postdoctoral fellows from our Taiwanese partner institutions are now welcome to apply for the CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Fellow Programme for the coming winter term 2021-2022. Each year, the ERCCT invites up to 4 fellows to work at the Center as Visiting Fellows for one month. We offer a stipend of 500 € for living expenses and a free round trip air ticket (of up to € 1,250.-), we pay for the accommodation (and help to find it) and insurance for the time spent in Tübingen. We provide office space and most importantly thorough opportunities to discuss your research in our center. Applications can now be submitted until June 30, 2021.

For more information about the programme please see this [link](#) or write to the ERCCT Managing Director Stefan Braig (stefan.braig@uni-tuebingen.de).

Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme, Winter Term 2021-2022

Applications to the Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme, October 2021 to March 2022 period, are open until June 15, 2021! In this programme, we welcome Ph.D. or postdoc researchers to join the CCKF-ERCCT for a period of between three and six months and grant them a monthly stipend of 350 EUR plus a 500 EUR travel grant. We hope that, by then, the pandemic should be under control in Germany with most people having received vaccinations.

For more information on how to apply please visit [our website](#) or write an e-mail to stefan.braig@uni-tuebingen.de



Digital European Taiwanese Connectivity Workshop

On July 9 and 10, 2021, the CCKF-ERCCT will host a smaller version of the Europe-Taiwan Young Scholars Workshop online. The programme will feature the presentation of research projects by four young scholars who have already confirmed participation, as well as a session on publication strategies in western social science journals for young Taiwan scholars, and a public roundtable with established scholars debating the question “Is Taiwan society ready to face a belligerent China”?

The workshop is open to the interested Taiwan studies public to take part in the discussions. Information on registration will be available on the ERCCT website’s [activities section](#).

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