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The *European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan* (ERCCT) is jointly sponsored by the *Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange* and *Eberhard Karls University Tübingen*. It was inaugurated in June 2008 at a symposium that brought together Europe's most renowned Taiwan scholars. The Center serves as a platform for doctoral and postdoctoral social science research on contemporary Taiwan and for promoting academic dialogue and cooperation between Europe and Taiwan. Good progress has been made towards institutionalizing the ERCCT and enhancing its standing in the scholarly community. This has been acknowledged by the *Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation* through a promotion of the ERCCT to one of only four CCKF Overseas Centers in July 2014. The center's official appellation thus changed to *European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan – A CCK Foundation Overseas Center* (CCKF-ERCCT). In addition to recruiting and hosting long-term and short-term research fellows and inviting a considerable number of established scholars to join the ERCCT as associate fellows, the Center's main activities have been focused on

- inviting young talent from Europe and Taiwan, at both Ph.D. and postdoctoral levels, to visit and work at the Center on a long-term or short-term basis as research fellows;
- assisting research fellows in developing their projects and helping them to organize fieldwork in Taiwan;
- organizing public lectures and workshops on contemporary Taiwan held by well-known experts and emerging scholars from both Europe and Taiwan;
- expanding the Center's international network by establishing links to renowned partner institutions in Taiwan;
- promoting the idea and mission of the Center by giving presentations at different European and Taiwanese universities;
- providing the international scholarly community with information on the Center's multifaceted activities.¹

The international feedback which the ERCCT has received over the last twelve years has been consistently positive, encouraging those involved in its daily operations to work even harder to ensure its continuing success.

¹ For detailed information on the ERCCT's idea and concept, see *The European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan. Idea – Concept – Activities*, accessible at: <https://www.ercct.uni-tuebingen.de>

ERCCT Lectures and Seminars

Prof. Ho Ming-Sho from the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University stayed at the ERCCT from July 3 to 30, 2026, and delivered a public lecture on July 17, titled “From Streets to Ballots: Civic Society Mobilization in Taiwan’s Bluebird Action and Recall Campaigns”, and presented the research and ideas for his next book in the Taiwan Colloquium on July 20. The presentation was titled “*Making Reforms in Taiwan: Social Movements, Political Parties, and the Logic of Coalition Building*”.

Dr. Sarah Liu who is affiliated with the University of Edinburgh’s Department of Politics and International Relations and visited Tübingen from June 19 to July 20, 2026, gave a public lecture entitled “In the same uniform but a forever outsider? Women in Taiwan’s national defense” on June 22, and presented her research project “Feeling for the nation: Women soldiers’ affective citizenship in the Taiwan military” at the Taiwan Colloquium on June 26.

Dr. Chang Chuan-Hsien, Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Political Science of Academia Sinica, stayed in Tübingen from January 21 to February 9, 2026, as an ERCCT Visiting Scholar, and gave a presentation on his current project – “Changing Sides and Changing Minds: an Examination of Public Expectations of the Legislative Yuan” – in the Taiwan Colloquium of January 26. On February 4, he held a public lecture entitled “Taiwanese Citizens’ Assessments of the Likelihood of War”.

Dr. Jonathan Sullivan from the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham, and also an ERCCT Associate Fellow, visited the ERCCT from January 7 to 14, 2026, as part of the Visiting Scholars Program. He gave a public lecture titled “Balancing support for Taiwan and relations with the PRC: the UK’s experience” on January 8. On January 12, Dr. Sullivan presented his current research project at the Taiwan Colloquium under the title “Influencer Politics: 館長 and the Evolution of Political Communication in Taiwan.”

Prof. Gordon Cheung from the School of Government and International Affairs at the University of Durham stayed at the ERCCT as Visiting Scholar from June 16 to 30, 2025. On June 18, Prof. Cheung gave a public lecture at the ERCCT, speaking about ‘Chinese Ethnic Food-Enterprises in the UK: Socio-economic Changes vs. Entrepreneurial Resilience after the Pandemic’. This was followed by his presentation in the Taiwan Colloquium of his latest research titled ‘From Cold War Island to Museum of Peace?: Kinmen in Cross-Strait Relations.’

Dr. James Lee from the Institute of European and American Studies at Academia Sinica stayed in Tübingen from April 17 to May 17, 2025. On April 28, he spoke in the Taiwan Colloquium to present his research project on 'Deterrence and the One-China Policy', and on May 7, he gave a public lecture on 'Deterrence and the Status Quo in the Taiwan Strait'.

Prof. Hsia Hsiao-Chuan from the Graduate Institute of Social Work at National Chengchi University visited Tübingen from January 30 to February 10, 2025, and held a public lecture - 'The Tug of War over Multiculturalism: a reflection on the politics of ethnicities and the dialectic process of empowering marriage migrants in Taiwan' - on Wednesday, February 5, following the presentation of her research project titled 'From "Social Problems" to "Social Assets": Geopolitics, Discursive Shifts in Children of Southeast Asian Marriage Migrants, and Mother-Child Dyadic Citizenship in Taiwan' made in the Taiwan Colloquium on February 3, 2025.

Prof. Weng Lu-Chung from the Department of Political Science at Sam Houston State University stayed at the ERCCT from December 1 to 20, 2024. On December 4, he gave a public lecture titled 'The Myth of War in the Taiwan Strait: Can Beijing, Taipei and Washington solve the Yizhou Dilemma?', comparing the political structure of China during the period of the Three Kingdoms to the current relations between the U.S., the PRC, and Taiwan, before reporting on the result of elite interviews in each of the three. In addition, Prof. Weng presented his recent research under the title 'Strategic Reassurances and Deteriorating Ambiguity: Stabilizing the Taiwan Strait Détente' in the Taiwan Colloquium on December 9.

Dr. Alexandre Gandil from UBM, D2iA / Sciences Po, CERI, Paris, and an ERCCT Short-Term Resident Fellow during the summer semester 2024 (cf. below), reported on the experience of taking part in the *2024 European Opinion Leaders Delegation*. Dr. Gandil had been invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to visit Taipei as part of this delegation tour from June 16 to 21, 2024. In his report, which included opportunities to meet and talk to functionaries of Taiwanese government agencies, think tanks, political parties and EU funded institutions, Dr. Gandil summarized some main points of the talks held in Taipei, shared the impressions that some of the interlocutors made on him, and interestingly reflected on what may have been expected from delegation members by the Taiwan side.

Prof. Tseng Yen-fen from the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University visited Tübingen from June 16 to 28, 2024. As an ERCCT Visiting Scholar, Prof. Tseng first held a public lecture on June 19, speaking about an 'Increase in Immigration without Settlement: How Taiwan Skills-based Immigration Policy Institutionalizes Temporariness of

Skilled Migrants'. On June 20, she contributed to the Taiwan Colloquium presenting her research project 'Settlement Intention Among White-Collar Migrants in Taiwan'.

Prof. Yu-Ling Huang from the Department of Humanities and Social Medicine at National Cheng Kung University participated in the Visiting Scholar Program from June 7 to July 4, 2024. On June 10, she presented her research project 'Gender, Culture, and Reproductive Medicine: Comparative Research of Regulatory Logics, Clinical Care, and (Non)Anonymity Donation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies' in the Taiwan Colloquium, going deep into analyzing the logic behind the regulation of cell-donation in Taiwan. Addressing the a wider audience at Tübingen University, Prof. Huang on June 12 then also gave a public lecture titled 'A Sociological Analysis of Egg Donation Regulation and Experiences in Taiwan'.

Dr. Lorenzo Andolfatto, Senior Researcher of the Human Geography Research Unit at the University of Fribourg's Department of Geosciences, came to Tübingen on to present his latest research on the history of National Parks in Taiwan in the Taiwan Colloquium. His talk, titled 'In between Nature and the Nation: Defining National Parks in Taiwan, 1933-1972', was based on extensive archival research and delved into the history of employing national parks for nation building in Taiwan since the Japanese colonial era.

Dr. André Beckershoff, an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow based in Münster gave a talk titled 'The Dialectics of Hegemony and Resistance in the Re-Making of China-Taiwan Relations' in the Taiwan Colloquium on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. This time the colloquium was co-hosted with the section of political economy of the Institute of Political Science's Prof. Hans-Jürgen Bieling. In his talk, Dr. Beckershoff applied a Gramscian analysis to make sense of the development of protest movements against the hegemonic project of Taiwan's economic and political opening vis-a-vis the PRC since the mid-2000s.

Prof. Shu-Hui Lin from the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages, and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from January 9 to February 9, 2024. On January 11, she gave a public lecture titled "Discourses in Taiwan Travel Literature during the Cold War Era", in which authors such as Tseng Hsu-Pai, Chen Ji-Ying, Lin Hai-Yin, and Yin Hai-Kuang and the literature they made out of their visits to the US during the cold war were portrayed and analyzed. In the Taiwan Colloquium on January 25, she presented her current research project on "Cross-cultural Dynamics and Applications of Taiwan Travel Literature". By introducing the work of contemporary authors like Dadelavan Ibau, Shao-Hua Liu, and Syaman Rapongan Prof. Lin showed how literature can serve as means to heal trauma and reconstruct identity.

Dr. Qing Di from Taipei who joined the CCKF-ERCCT as a Short-Term Resident Fellow from July to December 2023 and, speaking on the topic of 'Transcultural Exploration of Taiko: A Comparative Aesthetics Study between Europe and Taiwan,' presented his current research project at the Taiwan Colloquium on November 30, 2023. Dr. Di captivated the audience with colorful illustrations and samples of Taiko culture mainly from Taiwan and Europe. In conclusion, he elevated his findings to a theoretical level by presenting a model of an infinite transcultural process loop derived from his exploration of different Taiko cultures.

Dr. Jyh-Shyang Sheu, Research Fellow at the Institute of National Defense and Security Research in Taipei gave a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT on November 27, 2023. In his talk, which was titled 'Grey zone activities and asymmetric warfare - Taiwan's defense dilemma', Dr. Sheu analyzed the problem of how Taiwan can most effectively deal with the potential military threats from larger powers and the PLA's constant military provocations which remain below the threshold of direct violent confrontation, nevertheless present some level of threat and are therefore aptly termed 'grey zone activities'.

Prof. Alexander Tan from the Political Science Department of the School of Language, Social and Political Sciences at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, took part in the Visiting Scholars Programme from November 2 to December 11, 2023, and presented his paper 'Taiwan: The Party System of a Young Consolidated Democracy' in a public talk on November 9. Reflecting on the effects of various factors as the 2004/2005 change of the voting system to the Legislative Yuan and the 2017 Political Party Law on the party system, and in turn of the party system on Taiwan's overall democratic development, the findings are going to be published in 2024 as a chapter in an Oxford University Press volume edited by Thomas Poguntke. Prof. Tan also presented his current research project "Taiwanese Youth Voting for Taiwan: Studying Identity Formation in Taiwanese Youth and its Impact on Voting Patterns in Taiwan" in the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Lee Po-Han from the Global Health Program, also associated with the Institute of Health Policy and Management and the Institute of Health Behaviours and Community Sciences at National Taiwan University stayed at the ERCCT from 2 to 29 July, 2023, and held a public talk on 27 July, titled "What's beneath 'I'd rather not'? Disabled sexualities and crisp ambivalence".

Prof. Anne Sokolsky from the East Asian Studies Programme at Denison University (Ohio) visited the ERCCT from 1 to 31 July, 2023, and on 3 July presented her research

project “A Taiwanese Girl 臺灣の少女’ (1944): Imperialization, Language Education, and Woman's Voice in Japanese Ruled Taiwan” in the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Chen Yi-Ling from the School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies/Geography at the University of Wyoming presented her research on the development of social housing policy in the Taiwan Colloquium on Thursday, June 22, 2023, titling her talk “Globalizing Taipei to Refencing European Cities: Referencing as a politicalizing strategy in Taiwan’s urban development”. Prof. Chen stayed in Tübingen from 10 to 25 June.

Prof. Shen Hsiu-Hua from the Institute of Sociology at National Tsing Hua University visited the ERCCT from 11 May to 9 June, 2023. During her stay she gave a public titled “Infrastructuring Youth: the Chinese Government's Mobilization of Taiwanese Young People” on 25 May. In the Taiwan Colloquium, she followed up with a presentation of her research project presented under the headline “Kinmen as a Shifting Border” on Monday, 5 June.

Dr. Jens Damm, Acting Professor of Modern Chinese Studies at Albert-Ludwigs-University and ERCCT Associate Fellow, held a public lecture about “Contested and Negotiated Discourses: LGBTQI Issues in Taiwan’s Media” on Thursday, 11 May, 2023,

Director Gunter Schubert revisited Taiwan's difficult relation with the notions of ‘China’ and ‘nation’ in a public talk he gave on Thursday, February 9, 2023, titled "The Taiwan predicament revisited - Geopolitics, national identity and the 'China threat'".

Prof. Wu Ying-Chu from the Department of Public Administration at Tamkang University, who visited the ERCCT from January 16 to February 6, 2023, gave a talk on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the Taiwan Colloquium putting into focus the "Umwandlung der verfassungsrechtlichen Stellung der politischen Parteien in Taiwan – vom Verfassungsentwurf in Jahr 1936 bis zur Verfassungsauslegung Nr. 793 im Jahr 2020 [Change of the constitutional position of political parties in Taiwan - from the constitutional draft of 1936 to the interpretation No. 793 in 2020]". On January 26, she followed up with a public talk entitled “Das Verhältnis zwischen politischen Parteien und Abgeordneten - Ausgehend vom Rotationsprinzip in Deutschland zur Überprüfung der Verfassungsauslegung Nr. 331 des Justiz-Yuan in Taiwan” [The Relationship between Political Parties and Members of Parliament - Based on the Rotation Principle in Germany to Review the Constitutional Interpretation No. 331 of the Judicial Yuan in Taiwan].

Prof. Jonathan Sullivan from the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham held a Ph.D. dialogue at the ERCCT open to all Ph.D. and also master students from the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (AOI) on Monday, De-

ember 19, 2022. Under the headline ‚Making your way in Asian Studies – From PhD to profession[s]‘, Prof. Sullivan gave advice on career planning for Ph.D. students. He also presented a paper on Thursday, December 16, in the ERCCT’s Taiwan Colloquium: “Time matters in the Taiwan Strait”.

Prof. Ann Heylen from the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University, and also an ERCCT Associate Fellow, visited Tübingen from November 24 to 28, 2022. On November 24 she gave a public talk on "Featuring Formosa: Historical narration and semantic prosody in newspaper corpora".

Karoline Buchner from the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, presented an empirical chapter, at this occasion titled 'Of "Quiet Medical Revolutions" and "Foreign Meddling": Covering Chinese Medicine in Taiwan Panorama' of her Ph.D. project to ERCCT Fellows in the Taiwan Colloquium on 17 November 2022.

Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault, postdoctoral research fellow at the ERCCT, gave a talk titled “From the Quest for Beauty to Fat-Shaming: Gender, Body, and the Politics of Desirability in Contemporary Taiwan” on July 28, 2022.

Dr. Isabelle Cheng from the School of Area Studies, History, Politics, and Literature at the University of Portsmouth stayed at the ERCCT as a Visiting Scholar from July 4 to August 3, 2022, and gave a talk titled “To Flee is to be ‘Free’? Irregular Migrant Farm Workers in Taiwan before and during the Pandemic” on July 21, 2022.

Dr. Leon Kunz from the Center for Taiwan Studies at the University of Texas at Austin held a public talk on the topic of “Space, Leadership, and Organization: Comparing the Sunflower and Umbrella Movements” at the ERCCT on June 27, 2022.

Dr. Valentina Gamberi from the Research Center on Material Culture at the Fund for Ethnology Leiden held a talk, titled “Sacred Power as Spirituality Polluted: a Taiwanese Perspective on Sacred Waste” on February 7, 2022.

Dr. Sirma Altun, Ph.D. from the Department of Geography at the University of Sydney, now lecturer at the Faculty of Political Sciences of Ankara University, held a public talk December 6, 2021, on “Global, Creative or Smart: City Branding Practices in Taipei in the 2000s”.

Hung Yi-ling, Ph.D. student at Wageningen University, presented her research project on food practices as embodiments of transnational live on July 19, 2021. She titled her talk

“Through Artistic Food Projects to Talk about Transnational Living Experience: Taiwanese in the Netherlands”.

Alexandre Gandil from the Centre for International Studies (CERI) at the Paris Institute of Political Science (SciencesPo) held a public talk in the Taiwan Colloquium on Monday, July 12, 2021 presenting his research on “Re-Mapping the Taiwan Strait: Putting the ‘(Mainland) China / Taiwan’ Framework to the Test Through the Lens of Kinmen”.

Linh Le-Phuong from the Institute of Media Studies at KU Leuven gave a talk titled “Female Migration to Taiwan in Vietnamese Online Media: Changing Representation, Changing Society?” in the Taiwan Colloquium on July 5, 2021.

Prof. Eric Cheung from the Department of Cultural Resources and Leisure Industries at National Taitung University presented his research project on cross-strait trade (failures) in the ERCCT Taiwan Colloquium on Monday, June 28. His presentation was titled “The Bony Milkfish Road: Cross-Strait Trade, Seafood Cultures, and Quality-Taste (Mis-)Punctuation”.

Dr. Magdaléna Rychetská from the Department of Chinese Studies at Masaryk University, Brno, gave a presentation on the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan titled “A Transnational Perspective: Can Research of the Presbyterian Church Enrich Our Understanding of Cross-Strait Studies?” on June 21, 2021.

Dr Lev Nachmann, the Hou Family Postdoctoral Fellow at the Harvard Fairbank Center, gave a talk on June 7, 2021, to present his research regarding political parties in contested states under the title “Everything in Moderation: The DPP’s Role in Taiwan’s Post-Sunflower Movement-Party Formation.”

Dr. Julia Marinaccio from the Department of Foreign Languages (Chinese Studies) at the University of Bergen, Norway, held a public talk on May 17, 2021, titled “The Taiwanese Emigrant Electorate: Studying Transnational Political Mobilization in the Context of Cross-Strait Relations.”

Dr. Dafydd Fell from the Center of Taiwan Studies at SOAS presented his new book “Taiwan’s Green Parties: Alternative Politics in Taiwan” in an ERCCT book launch session on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Prof. Tseng Hsun-Hui from the Department of Taiwan Literature at National Cheng Kung University gave a lecture on “Motherhood and the Moral Economy: The Art of Negotiation

of Marriage Migrants Engaged in the Sex Entertainment Industry in Taiwan” on February 22, 2021.

Dr. Gwennaël Gaffric from the University Jean Moulin Lyon III held a public talk on February 15, 2021, on “Taiwan Literature in the Era of the Anthropocene.”

Dr. Beatrice Zani, visiting postdoctoral researcher at the ERCCT, on Monday, February 8, 2021, publicly presented her research project on “Women Migrants in Southern China and in Taiwan: Mobilities, Digital Economies, and Emotions.”

Prof. Zhan Min-xu from the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Literature and Transnational Cultural Studies at National Chung Hsing University gave a talk on February 1, 2021, speaking on “Taiwan Literature from a Southern Perspective.”

Prof. Lee Po-Han from the Global Health Programme of National Taiwan University's College of Public Health held a public lecture on January 18, 2021. His topic was “Solidarity with whom? Repositioning Taiwan beyond the WHO's epidemiological (inter)nationalism”.

Prof. Hsu Chieh from the Global Asia Research Center at National Taiwan University gave a public talk on January 11, 2021, entitled “The Path to Occupation: the (Early) Experiences of Highly Skilled Taiwanese and Chinese ‘Wives’ in Germany.”

Prof. Cheng Chen Ching from the Department of Journalism and Communication at Chu Hui College of Higher Education, Hong Kong, gave a public talk (online) to present “Nostalgia in Four Rhymes: the Changes of Nostalgic Narratives in Taiwan’s Popular Music from Teresa Teng to Lo Da-Yu” on December 14, 2020.

Yifei Zhu, Ph.D. candidate at Graduate School of East Asian Studies at Freie Universität Berlin presented his Ph.D. research project on December 7, 2020. His presentation was titled “Developmentalism Across the Strait: An Institutional Explanation of Taiwan’s Economic Policy toward China between 1990 and 2016”.

Prof. Chris Berry from King’s College London gave a talk on Taiwanese movies titled “Modernity, Gender, Sexuality: Social Values in *Taiyupian*” on June 24, 2020.

Prof. Hsin-Chin Hsieh from the Graduate Institute of Taiwanese Culture at National Taipei University of Education stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from January 27 to February 9, 2020. On Monday, February 3, Prof. Hsieh presented an ongoing research project under the title “Visualizing Migration: Family, Intimacy and Gender Politics of Southeast Asian Marriage Migrants in Contemporary Taiwan Cinema” in the Taiwan Colloquium, in addition

to public lecture, “Worlding Taiwan: Migration, Transnationality and Contemporary Cultural Production”, she held on Thursday, February 6.

Dr. Lara Momesso, Lecturer in Asia Pacific Studies at the University of Central Lancashire, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from December 15 to 19, 2019. She gave a public lecture, entitled “Allying with patriarchy: the role of Taiwanese husbands in shaping marriage migrants’ civic activism in Taiwan” on Tuesday, December 17.

Prof. Yu-bin Chiu from the Department of Social Development at National Pingtung University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from July 8 to 26, 2019. Under the headline of “Ways of Returning Home: Indigenous Youths, Jobs, and the Revitalisation of Tribal Communities”, Prof. Chiu presented his latest research project to research fellows in the Taiwan Colloquium on Monday, July 22. He also gave a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT, titled “New Youth Labour Activism in Taiwan after 2014 Sunflower Movement” on Thursday, July 25.

Prof. Shu-Hui Lin from the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University visited the CCKF-ERCCT on July 17, 2019, and gave a public talk on the topic of “Experience Difference: The Metaphor of Travelogues during Taiwan's Martial Law Period (1949-1987).”

Prof. Jou-Juo Chu from the Department of Labor Relations at National Chung-Cheng University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 28 to July 27, 2019. Prof. Chu gave a public lecture on Wednesday, July 10, titled “Decoding the Chinese Socialist Market Economy: From Experiences of Expatriate Taiwanese Firms” and gave the presentation “What Kinds of Legal Consciousness are there? On the Labor Disputes of the Expatriate Taiwanese Firms in Mainland China” in a Taiwan Colloquium on Monday, July 15.

Prof. Pei-Chia Lan from the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 15, 2019. She presented her research project on global parenting under the title “Childrearing as Global Security Strategies: Comparing Middle-class Parenting in Taiwan and Immigrant America” in the Taiwan Colloquium on Thursday, June 27. On Thursday, July 11, Prof. Lan gave a public lecture on “Raising Global Families: Parenting, Immigration and Class in Taiwan”.

Dr. Michelle Tsai Hui-Ju, visiting fellow at the Mercator Institute of China Studies, Berlin, visited Tübingen to give a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Her talk was titled “An Anthropology of Taishang: Cross-Strait business, identity, and politics.”

Dr. Liza Wing Man Kam from the Department of East Asian Studies at Georg-August Universität Göttingen gave a public talk that was titled “Obscured History, Romanticized Memory: Commodification of the Japanese Colonial Past in Taiwan with Urban Heritage in Hengchun as Case Study” at the ERCCT on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Prof. Jonathan Sullivan, Director of China Programs at the Asia Research Institute and Associate Professor at the School of Politics and IR at the University of Nottingham, visited the ERCCT from January 7 to 10, 2019. On Tuesday, January 8, he presented “Taiwan Elite Communication and Behavior Study (TECBS) – A research agenda” in the Taiwan Colloquium and on Thursday, January 10, Prof. Sullivan gave a public lecture on ‘What’s new about the New Southbound Policy? 25 years of talking about “going south”’.

Prof. Emerson Niou from the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences at Duke University, North Carolina, stayed at the center from June 18 to July 15, 2018. On June 28, he gave a public lecture on “The China Factor in Taiwanese Politics”. On Friday, June 29, he presented his ongoing research project titled “How is Taiwan different from other small states in international politics?” – to CCKF-ERCCT-Fellows in a Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Kuo-Ming Lin from the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 16 to 28, 2018. In a public talk on July 23, Prof. Lin lectured on “A Tale of Two Villages: Practice of Participatory Budgeting in Taiwan”. He also presented his ongoing research on experiments with participatory budgeting in Taiwan in a presentation titled “Institutionalizing Participatory Budgeting in Taipei City” during a Taiwan Colloquium on Friday, July 27.

Prof. Don-Yun Chen from the Department of Public Administration, National Chengchi University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from January 17 to 31, 2018. On January 25, he gave a public talk on the topic: “The Institutional Reconciliation of Public Administration and Democracy in Taiwan: In Pursuit of Neutrality, Cost Containment, and Professional Symmetry”. On Friday, January 26, Prof. Chen presented a research project, entitled “Who Wants and Who Can Become Public Servants in Taiwan? Empirical Observations from the Third Taiwan Government Bureaucrats Survey, TGBS III”, to ERCCT Fellows in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Chia-Wen Lee from the Department of Law at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from October 23 to November 22, 2017. On Thursday, November 9, she held a public lecture entitled “Taiwan’s Death Penalty in Local-Global Dynamics”, and on Friday, November 17, she presented her current research project, “Con-

science and Convenience: Taiwan's Rocky Road to Adopting the Adversarial System in Criminal Procedure", at a session of the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Rui-hua Lin from the School of Public Economics and Administration, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from October 28 to November 1, 2017, and gave a public lecture on Monday, October 30. The title of her talk was "Reunion with the Old Folks: The Intergroup Contact between Taiwanese and Chinese in Mainland China".

Prof. Lu-Huei Chen from the Department of Political Science at National Chengchi University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT on July 2-29, 2017, and presented his book project "Cross-Strait Relations and Electoral Politics in Taiwan" to the ERCCT Fellows during a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on Friday, July 14. Prof. Chen also gave a public lecture, entitled "Emotions and Electoral Politics in Taiwan", on Tuesday, July 18.

Prof. Wan-Ying Yang from the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 10 to July 9, 2017. Prof. Yang held a public lecture entitled "When Identity Clashes with Interest: the China Complex in Taiwan" on Thursday, June 22, and presented her ongoing research project, "The Gender Value Differences across the Taiwan Strait", at the Taiwan Colloquium on Friday, June 30.

Prof. Chien Shiuh-Shen from the Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei was with us February 1 to 22, 2017. In a public lecture on February 7, Prof. Chien lectured on "Understanding Post-Socialist Authoritarian Local / Environmental China in Transition: A Party-State Perspective". In a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on February 10, 2017, Prof. Chien introduced his research project on "Taiwan Investment and China Local Government - the Case of Kunshan" to the CCKF-ERCCT Fellows.

Prof. Maté Szabó from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, returned once again to the CCKF-ERCCT, stayed from November 14 to 18, 2016, and gave a public talk on November 15, 2016, on the topic: "Can the Control Yuan develop into an Ombuds-Institution and a National Human Rights Institution for Taiwan?"

Prof. Hong-zen Wang from Department of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaoshiung, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from October 20 to November 15, 2016. He has held a public lecture on the topic of "Global Production Chains and Labour Control: Taiwanese capi-tal in Vietnam" on November 3 and presented his research project "Flames of

war in alienated place: Taiwanese factory labour regime in Vietnam” in a session of the Tai-wan Colloquium on November 11, 2016.

Prof. Kuo Cheng-tian from the Political Science Department and Graduate Institute of Religious Studies of National Chengchi University, Taipei, stayed at the ERCCT between July 11 and 15, 2016. He held a lecture entitled "New Religious Nationalism in Chinese Societies" on July 14, 2016.

Prof. Shen Cen-chu from the Graduate Institute of National Affairs and Public Policy at Taichung's National Chung Hsing University visited the ERCCT between July 1, 2016 and August 31, 2016. He held a talk on "Die Politik von Taiwans neuer Staatspräsidentin Tsai Ing-wen [The Policies of Taiwan's New President Tsai Ing-wen]" on July 12, 2016.

Prof. Huang Chang-Ling from National Taiwan University's Department of Political Science gave a public lecture at the CCKF-ERCCT on June 24, 2016, entitled "Remembering Dictators: The Politics of Bronze Statues in South Korea and Taiwan". She stayed at the center between June 23, 2016 and July 3, 2016.

Dr. Yu Yi-Wen from the School of International and Public Affairs at Shanghai Jiaotong University stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT between June 17, 2016 and July 3, 2016. She presented a recently published journal article on June 23, 2016: "Political Economy of Cross-Strait Relations: "Political Economy of Cross-Strait Relations: is Beijing's patronage policy on Taiwanese business sustainable?"

Prof. Ann Heylen from the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at the National Taiwan Normal University lectured on "Spatial Humanities Going Dutch: Historical Mapping of 17th-Century Formosa Manuscripts" on January 28, 2016.

Dr. Chen Te-sheng from the 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 session of the Taiwan Colloquium on 10 December, 2015.

Dr. Paul Katz from the Institute of Modern History at Academia Sinica, Taipei stayed at the center between 3 and 9 December, 2015. He gave two talks entitled "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" respectively.

Dr. Simona A. Grano from the Department of Sinology at the University of Zürich gave a public talk on “Environmental Governance in Taiwan: A New Generation of Activists and Stakeholders” on November 25, 2015.

Prof. Szabó Maté from the Department of Political Science at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT 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 November, 2015).

Dr. Linda Arrigo, independent researcher, 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” on 3 November, and on the topic of “A Critical History of the Taiwan Independence Movement”, 5 November 2015.

Prof. Hsu Tzong-li from the College of Law at National Taiwan University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 29 to July 26, 2015. Prof. Hsu gave a public lecture entitled “The Legal Relationship between the two Sides of the Taiwan Strait - From the Perspective of Taiwan's Constitution” on July 7, and he also made a intriguing presentation in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium held July 10.

Dr. Leung Wing-Fai from the University College Cork, Ireland, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 13 to 28, 2015. On June 18, 2015 she held a public lecture entitled “A Tech Sector in Transition: Taiwan’s Internet and Mobile Start-up Eco-system”. She also took part as a discussant in the Young Scholars’ Workshop 2015.

Prof. Sun Mine-ping from the School of Journalism at the College of Communication of National Chengchi University visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 1 to 15, 2015. On June 11, she gave a public lecture entitled “Citizen Journalism: Local Voices and Social Actions in Taiwan” and she also presented her research in the Taiwan Colloquium on June 9.

Prof. Lee Zong-Rong, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from May 18 to 24, 2015. Prof. Lee gave a public lecture on “Kinship, Class and Political Cohesion among Business Elites in Taiwan” on May 19 and presented the backgrounds and methodological intricacies of the respective research in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on May 22.

Dr. Astrid Lipinsky from the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology at the University of Vienna stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from January 22 to February 12, 2015. She gave a public talk on “Taiwans Frauenbewegung in China: die Rolle der Kontakte über die Taiwanstraße” (Taiwan’s women’s movement in China: the role of cross-strait contacts) on

February 5, 2015 and she presented her research in a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on February 9.

Prof. Wang Jenn-Hwan from the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at National Chengchi University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from November 8 to December 19, 2014. During his stay Prof. Wang held a Taiwan Colloquium on November 28 on the methodological aspects of the research project, had introduced the audience to in his public lecture of November 27, entitled “The Paradox of Small Hydropower: Local Government and Environmental Governance in China”. On December 4 Prof. Wang gave another public talk, the topic of which was “The Transformation of the Taiwanese Developmental State and its Role in the Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry”.

Prof. Hsu Yue-Dian from the Department of Law and the Graduate Institute of Law in Science and Technology at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from August 1, 2014 to January 15, 2015. On November 13, 2015, Prof. Hsu held a public lecture entitled “Die Religionsfreiheit und die Staatliche Neutralität in Taiwan” (Freedom of Religion and State Neutrality in Taiwan). For his stay at the ERCCT Prof. Hsu was granted a stipend by the German Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation.

Prof. Kung Yen-liang from the Faculty of Public Administration at National Chengchi University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 23, 2014, and gave a public lecture on “China’s Forest Stewardship Council” on July 17.

Prof. Wu Teh-mei from the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 23, 2014, and gave a talk on “Marketization of the Urban Water Sector in China: An Embedded Neoliberal Perspective” on July 17.

Prof. Shih Chih-yu from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 25 to 28, 2014, giving a lecture on “The Will of the Weak to Confront the Strong: Theoretical Implications from a Taiwan Poll” on June 25.

Prof. Alex Tan from the Political Science Department at University of Canterbury, New Zealand, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 19 to July 29, 2014. He held a public lecture entitled “Hard habit to break: Organizational Learning of the KMT in Democratic Taiwan” on June 18 and a second one on “Tipping the Scale: PLA’s Modernization and Cross-Straits Relations” on June 24.

Prof. Ann Heylen, Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, and also an ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at

the CCKF-ERCCT from February 1 to February 8, 2014. She gave a public lecture on February 6th on „Contextualizing a Seventeenth Century Dutch Manuscript for Academic Publishing: Kerkboek van Formosa (1643-1649)“.

Prof. Chung Chi from the Institutum Iurisprudentiae at Academia Sinica, Taipei, spent his sabbatical at the CCKF-ERCCT from February 19, 2013, to February 18, 2014. Among other, he gave a public lecture on “The Bilateral Investment Treaty between China and Taiwan and Its Historical Background” on January 24, 2014.

Prof. Jens Damm, from the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Studies, Chang Jung University, and also an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from January 16 to March 16, 2014 and gave a public lecture on “Cross-Strait Cyberspace: Between Public Sphere and Nationalist Battleground” on January 17.

Prof. Jonathan Sullivan from the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham, and an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from Dec. 16 to 20, 2013, giving a public lecture on Dec. 19 on “The Rise and Fall of President Ma: Implications for Cross-Strait relations.”

Prof. Chen Chih-Jou, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from Dec. 16 to 18, 2013, speaking on “Survival Strategies, Workers’ Protests, and Labor Institutions of Taiwanese Businesses in China” on December 17.

Dr. Chen Yu-Wen, Department of Government, University College Cork, Ireland, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from Dec 1 to 20, 2013, and gave a public lecture on “Liberalized Aviation Policy in Greater China and Its Implications on Residents in Kinmen” on December 10.

Prof. Fan Yun, Department and Graduate Institute of Sociology, National Taiwan University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from July 21 to July 24, 2013, and gave a public lecture on July entitled “Linking Activists to Changing Political Structures: Social Movements in Taiwan’s Democratic Transition, 1980s-1990s.”

Prof. Hsiao Nai-Yi, Department of Public Administration at National Chengchi University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 2 to July 27, 2013, and held a public talk on the topic of “Electronic Governance in Taiwan – Practice & Research” on July 9. Further, Prof. Hsiao held a Taiwan Colloquium on July 12, which was attended by researchers from the CCKF-ERCCT.

Prof. Chao Yung-mao, Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 25 to July 24, 2013. His public lecture on July 16 was entitled “An Assessment of Local Politics and Its Prospect in Taiwan”.

Prof. Hwang Jau-Yuan, Associate Dean at the College of Law at National Taiwan University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 24 to July 25, 2013. His public lecture “Transitional Justice and Constitutional Changes in Taiwan” was held on July 4.

Prof. Chao Chien-Min, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, National Chengchi University, and Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council, was visiting the CCKF-ERCCT from June 16 to July 15, 2013. On June 20, he gave a public lecture on “Cross Strait Relations and Prospects for the Future”.

Prof. Tang Shao-cheng, Institute of International Relations, National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from June 13 to June 14, 2013, holding a public lecture on June 13: “Structure & Essence of the Relations between Taiwan and China”.

Prof. Ting Arthur Jen-Fang, Department of Political Science and Graduate Institute of Political Economy, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from May 17 to June 1, 2013, and gave a public lecture on May 29, entitled, “The State on the Ground: Recent Development of Civil Societies in Taiwan, China, and Japan”.

Prof. Chen Mumin, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from April 25 to May 17, 2013, and on May 7, gave a public lecture entitled, “Engaging or Resisting the Giant Neighbor: Recent Debates between KMT and DPP on the Mainland Policy”.

Dr. Mikael Mattlin, Finnish Institute of International Relations, came to the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from January 7 to January 10, 2013, and on Tuesday, January 8 gave an intriguing public lecture entitled, “On the Gradual Political Transformation of a One-Party System”, based on his book, “Politicized Society: The Long Shadow of Taiwan’s One-Party Legacy”.

Prof. Chung Chi, Assistant Research Professor at the Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica, arrived at the CCKF-ERCCT on February 16, staying as a long term visiting scholar for one year until February 16, 2014.

Prof. Joseph Cheng Yuk-shek, City University of Hong Kong, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 16 to July 22, 2012. On July 17, Prof. Cheng gave a public lecture entitled, “The Taiwan Presidential Elections and the Implications for Cross-Strait Relations”, and then presented a research paper at the Taiwan Colloquium on July 19, entitled, “Traditions in Chinese Foreign Policy”.

Prof. Wu Chung-Li, Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica, Taipei, stayed on until June 30, 2012 as an CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Scholar after taking part in the *China*

Impact Seminar (see below). On June 26, Prof. Wu gave a public lecture on the topic of the “Change and Continuity of Taiwan’s Political Parties”.

Prof. Chen Chih-Jou, Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, Taipei, also stayed on after taking part in the *China Impact Seminar* (see below). On June 25, 2012, he gave a public lecture entitled, “Rising Popular Protests and Riots in China: Findings from News Data”.

Dr. Lee Shin Ming, Institute of International Relations, National Cheng Chi University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from April 21 to May 23, 2012. He gave a public lecture on May 3 on the topic of the “ECFA-Implications of Cross-Strait Economic Liberation, Second De-tente or Not”, and then presented his research project, “Inside Trading Prevention - A New Perspective Creating a Fair Game for Developing Nations” at a session of the Taiwan Colloquium on May 10. He also gave a second public lecture on May 21, entitled, “China’s Leading Role over the ASEAN Economies - A Comparative Study on Germany’s Influence in the EU”.

Dr. Winnie King, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Bristol and the British Inter-University China Centre, an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, visited the Centre from February 2 to February 4, 2012. During her stay, she gave a public lecture on “Institutionalization and Regularization - the Sino-Taiwanese Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement and the Crowding out of the Non-state Actor” (February 2) and presented one of her research projects, entitled “Greater China: Nature, Scope and Lessons” at the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Ann Heylen, National Taiwan Normal University’s Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature, visited the CCKF-ERCCT as an associate fellow from January 31 to February 3, 2012, and gave a public lecture entitled, “Exploring Heritage Trajectories in Taiwan: The 17th Century”.

Dr. Günter Schucher from the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies in Hamburg, an CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, visited the Centre from January 25 to January 28, 2012. He gave a public lecture entitled, “Taiwan’s 2012 Elections – Strategies and Results” on January 26 and on the following day, presented one of his current research projects on education and labour markets in Taiwan and China at the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Christopher R. Hughes, Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, came to Tübingen as an CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Scholar from December 15 to December 17, 2011. Prof. Hughes gave a public lecture on “The Elections in Taiwan: Can Democratization Be a Force for International Stability”.

On December 16, he also presented an ongoing research project under the working title of “Assessing the US Commitment to Taiwan from the Perspective of International Regime Theory” at the Taiwan Colloquium.

Prof. Thomas Heberer, Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of Duisburg Essen, gave a public lecture on November 14, 2011, under the title “Modell China – ein Auslaufmodell?” (The China Model – A Model in Demise?).

Prof. Thomas Fröhlich, Chair of Sinology (Chinese State and Society) at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, visited the CCKF-ERCCT on November 3, 2011, to give a public lecture on “Die Krise der Republik China nach 1912: Reaktionen im Zeichen von Fortschrittsoptimismus” (The Crisis of the Republic of China after 1912: Reactions out of Belief in Progress) in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Republic of China.

Dr. Linda Gail Arrigo, College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Taipei Medical University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from October 11 to October 14, 2011. She gave a public lecture on October 13 on the topic of “Historical Studies and Political Winds in Taiwan”, and followed this, at the Taiwan Colloquium on October 14, with a presentation based on her views of scientific practice and theory.

Prof. Shih Chih-yu, Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from July 17 to July 20, 2011. In a public lecture, Prof. Shih, who is also a CCKF-ERCCT advisor, talked about “China Studies in Taiwan: Encountering and Choice of Postcolonial Scholarship”.

Prof. Leng Tse-kang, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 20 to June 27, 2011. He gave a public lecture on “Continuity and Change of Cross-Strait Relations” and presented an ongoing research project, entitled, “The Paradigm of Developmental State Revisited: The Case of Taiwan and China”, during a Taiwan colloquium.

Prof. Tang Chih-chieh, Institute of Sociology at the Academia Sinica, Taipei, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from June 2 to June 9, 2011. Prof. Tang, who is also a CCKF-ERCCT advisor, gave a public lecture on “Literatization vs. Civilization: A Preliminary Comparison of the Development of Sport in China and the West with a Focus on Violence”. He also gave a presentation, at the Taiwan Colloquium, which showed how his approach to historical sociology can help us to understand Taiwan’s political development since 1945.

Dr. Christian Göbel, Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lunds Universitet, Sweden, as well as a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT from May 13 to May 29, 2011. He gave a public lecture under the heading, “Has Electoral System Change Improved Taiwan’s Democracy?” and presented a field research project on Taiwanese local factions, at the Taiwan Colloquium.

Dr. Shih Fang-long, London School of Economics and Political Science, gave two lectures, one on “Area Studies and Comparative Perspective: Theorizing Connectivity” and the other, on “Social Memory and Political Trauma: Recognizing the Subject” - during her visit to the CCKF-ERCCT from May 2-May 6, 2011.

Prof. Robert Ash, Department of Economics and Department of Financial and Management Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in the latter half of April 2011 to give two public lectures, the first on “The Role of Agriculture in Taiwan's Post 1945 Economic Transformation” and the second, on “Cross-Strait Economic Relations: Trade and FDI”.

Prof. Tang Ching-Ping, Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, stayed at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar from January 17 to February 13, 2011. He gave two public lectures, one on “Modernization and Conservation by Aboriginal Communities: The Case of the Tao and the Atayal in Taiwan”, and a second, on “Sustainable Development in Taiwan's Aboriginal Communities”. He also presented his current research at the Taiwan Colloquium under the heading, “Democratization and Environmental Movements in Taiwan”.

Prof. Ann Heylen, Graduate Institute of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature, National Taiwan Normal University and concurrently Director of the International Taiwan Studies Center at NTNU, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in early July 2010 to give a public lecture on “*Brievenboek, Kerkboek van Formosa, 23 januari 1642-4 maart 1660*” - A Systematic Source Reading”. Prof. Heylen is also a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Fellow.

Prof. Lee Chien-liang, Institutum Iurisprudentiae at Academia Sinica, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from June 3 to August 2, 2010. During his stay, he introduced an ongoing research project on “Verfassungsauslegung und Grundrechtsschutz” (Constitutional Interpretation and Protection of Basic Rights) at a Taiwan Colloquium and held a public lecture on “Demokratisierung, Gewaltenteilung und Staatlichkeit. Eine verfassungsrechtliche Betrachtung der politischen Entwicklung in Taiwan” (Democratisation, Separation of Powers, and Statehood. A Consideration of Taiwan’s Political Development from the Perspective of Constitutional Law).

Prof. Shen Tung from the Graduate Institute of Musicology at National Taiwan University visited the CCKF-ERCCT in mid-June 2010 and gave a public lecture on, "A historical Overview of the Dissemination of Popular Songs from Shanghai to Taipei in the 20th Century".

Prof. Chang Mao-Kuei, Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, Taipei, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in May/June 2010. He delivered two public lectures, entitled: 1) "Studies and Findings about Nationalism in Taiwan and Social Movement"; and 2) "Social Movement Studies in Taiwan". He also talked about his ongoing research on Taiwan's mainlanders (waishengren) at a Taiwan Colloquium. Prof. Chang is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Chang Ya-chung, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University. During his stay at the CCKF-ERCCT as a visiting scholar in June/July 2010, Prof. Ya-Chung Chang presented an ongoing research project at a Taiwan Colloquium that dealt with issues related to cross-strait integration and gave a public lecture entitled, "Political Positioning of Both Sides of the Taiwan Straits", Prof. Chang is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Gordon C.K. Cheung, School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham, presented an ongoing research project on "Shanghai and Taipei as International Financial Centres and the Next Phase of the Economic Rise of China" at a Taiwan Colloquium and gave a public lecture entitled, "To Be or Not to Be Chinese: The Construction of Liminal Citizenship of the Taiwanese" in February 2010. Prof. Cheung is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Steve Tsang, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, gave a public lecture on "Taiwan's Relations with China: Is a New Framework Being Formed?" During his visit to Tübingen in December 2009, he also introduced his current research on "Why Chiang Kai-shek Succeeded in Taiwan but Failed in China" to the CCKF-ERCCT Fellows at a Taiwan Colloquium. Prof. Tseng is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Chen Yi-kai, Department of Law and Institute of Law in Science and Technology, National Cheng Kung University, gave a lecture on the "Transfer of Western-style Democracy to the Chinese World" in December 2009.

Dr. Chang Bi-Yu, Taiwan Studies Centre at London's School of Oriental and African Studies, London, gave two lectures, one on "Culture and the State – Culture Building in Taiwan (I)" and one entitled "Education and Ideology – Culture Building in Taiwan (II)" during her visit to the CCKF-ERCCT in November 2009.

Mr. Malte Kaeding, M.A., Department of Government and International Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University, gave a public lecture on “Changing Hong Kong: Democratization, Taiwanization, or Mainlandization” in July 2009. Mr. Kaeding is also a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Research Fellow.

Prof. Yang Yung-nane, Department of Political Sciences at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, gave a public lecture on “Environmental Policy on Chemical Pollution in Taiwan – the An-Shun Plant Case” in June 2009.

Dr. Ming-Yeh T. Rawnsley, Institute of Communication Studies at the University of Leeds, visited the CCKF-ERCCT in June 2009. She gave a public lecture on “Cinema, Identity and Resistance in Taiwan: Hou Hsiao-hsien’s ‘A City of Sadness’” and presented a series of new Taiwanese short films. Dr. Rawnsley is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Shih Chih-yu, Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, visited the CCKF-ERCCT from April to May 2009, and gave two public lectures: “China Studies that Defend China: The Chinese Civil War Remnant in My Past Writings and Reflections on Taiwanese Politics after the 2008 Presidential Elections”. He also introduced his current research on “Thinking China: Global Economy of China Studies” during a CCKF-ERCCT Taiwan Colloquium. Prof. Shih is a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Prof. Tseng Yen-fen, Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University, lectured on “Middle Class Migration from Taiwan to China: Processes and Consequences”. She also presented her current research on “治理遷移中國的台灣人：雙重身分？新公民？” (New Citizens or Dual Members? Governing Membership Status of Taiwanese Migrants in China) at an ERCCT Taiwan Colloquium in February 2009. Prof. Tseng is a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Dr. Dafydd Fell, Taiwan Studies Centre at London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, held a two-day seminar on “Taiwan’s Government and Politics” in February 2009. Dr. Fell is a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

Dr. Fan Cheng, Faculty of Economics at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg gave a public lecture on “Taiwan’s Economic Change since the 1980s” in January 2009. Dr. Fan is a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Research Fellow.

Ms. Yu Yi-Wen, M.A., Institute of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University, lectured on “New Governance or New Clientelism? A Case Study of the Local Governance Transition in Taiwan” in January 2009.

Dr. Lee Chun-Yi, School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham, gave a public lecture on “Taiwanese Businessmen’s Interaction with Local Chi-

nese Governments” in November 2008. Dr. Lee is also a CCKF-ERCCT Associate Research Fellow.

Prof. Hu Taili, Institute of Ethnology at Academia Sinica, held two public lectures in November 2008, each in combination with the screening of one of her documentary films: “The Cultural Contact of the Yami/Dawu People and the Outside World” and “The Interpretation of Saisiat Pasta'ay Songs and Ritual”.

Prof. Keng Shu, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Cheng Chi University, held a two-day seminar on “Cross-strait Relations and the Question of Integration” in June 2008. Prof. Keng is also a CCKF-ERCCT Advisor.

These events were all highly successful; they were well-attended and inspired fruitful and lively discussions among the respective audiences.

Establishing Links with ERCCT Partner Institutions

In order to further promote the CCKF-ERCCT's idea and mission among Taiwan scholars and to establish a broad network of relations with high-ranking academic institutions in Taiwan, the Director of the Center, Prof. Gunter Schubert, has given talks at various Taiwanese universities, e.g. at the *Taiwan Study Center of National Cheng Chi University* in Taipei, at the *Graduate Institute of International Relations of National Chung Hsing University* in Taichung, at the *College of Social Sciences of National Cheng Kung University* in Tainan (all November 2008); at the *Institute of Political Science of National Sun Yat-sen University* in Kaohsiung (September 2009); at the Institute of Sociology at *National Sun Yat-sen University* in Kaohsiung; at the *Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University* (March 2010); at the *College of Law of National Taiwan University* and at the *Graduate Institute of Development Studies of National Cheng Chi University* (March 2011); at the *Department of Political Science of National Cheng Chi University* (September 2011); at the *Taiwan Studies Center of National Cheng Chi University* and again at the *Department of Political Science of National Taiwan University* (both April 2012); at the *College of Social Sciences of National Cheng Kung University* and at the *Institute of Political Science of National Sun Yat-sen University* (both May 2012). Prof. Schubert pays regular visits to the CCKF-ERCCT's partner institutions when he is staying in Taiwan. Since its founding in June 2008, the CCKF-ERCCT signed special cooperation agreements with

- the *Institute of Political Science*, the *Institute of Sociology*, the *Institutum Iurisprudentiae*, and the *Institute of European and American Studies* at Academia Sinica, Taipei
- the *College of Social Sciences*, the *College of Law*, the *Department of Political Science*, *Department of Sociology*, the *Global Asia Research Center*, and the *Graduate Institute of National Development* at National Taiwan University, Taipei
- the *College of Social Sciences*, the *Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies*, the *Taiwan Studies Center*, the *Graduate Institute of Development Studies*, and the *Department of Political Science* at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei
- the *Graduate Institute of International Politics* at National Chung Hsing University, Taichung
- the *College of Social Sciences*, the *Department of Political Science* and the *Department of Law and Institute of Law in Science and Technology* at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan
- the *College of Social Sciences*, the *Institute of Sociology*, and the *Institute of Political Science* at National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung

Current and Past ERCCT Research Fellows

ERCCT Research Fellows are enrolled as Ph.D. students either at the University of Tübingen or at any other European university. They are selected according to the quality of their academic credentials and their research projects. ERCCT Research Fellows are provided with office space at ERCCT headquarters and are expected to participate in the Taiwan Colloquium which is held regularly during the academic term. They are strongly encouraged to conduct fieldwork in Taiwan and are affiliated to one of the ERCCT partner institutions during these visits. ERCCT Research Fellows are expected to conclude their dissertation projects within four years and the Center helps them to approach international publishing houses for reviews and the eventual publication of their work.

Dr. Stefan Fleischauer, Mr. Mark Gessat and Mr. Björn Alexander Lindemann joined the ERCCT in the academic year 2008/2009. After one year of preparatory work in Tübingen, they started their fieldwork in Taiwan as ERCCT Visiting Fellows and were affiliated to one of the ERCCT partner institutions during that time: the Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica and the Departments of Political Science and Sociology at National Taiwan University. In April and May 2011, they returned to ERCCT headquarters in Tübingen. Dr. Fleischauer then joined the ERCCT team as a Co-Managing Director. Mr. Lindemann received a Ph.D. in February 2013 after successfully defending his thesis on “Cross-Strait Relations and International Organizations: Taiwan’s Participation in IGOs in the Context of Its Relationship with China, 2002-2011”. He then left the ERCCT to take on a position as Division Chief in the China Office of the German Chamber of Trade in Tianjin.

Mr. *Wang Hung-jen* joined the ERCCT in October 2009, after leaving Cornell University, in the US. He was awarded his Ph.D. in July 2012 after successfully defending his thesis on, “The Rise of China and Chinese International Relations (IR) Scholarship”. Dr. Wang has taken on a position of Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan, in January 2014.

Mr. *Sheu Jyh-shyang* joined the ERCCT in January 2010 after graduating from National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan. He has stayed in Taiwan on several occasions to carry out fieldwork, being affiliated to the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow. He wrote up and submitted his thesis in July 2017.

Mr. *André Beckershoff* joined the Center in April 2010 after graduating from the University of Münster. In May 2011 he went to Taiwan to carry out fieldwork in Taiwan, being affiliated to the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow. He came back in April 2012 to write up his Ph.D. thesis. He received his Ph.D. in 2022. In August 2024, he returned to the ERCCT as a postdoctoral research fellow in the research project ‘Intimacy-Mobility-State Nexus in the Context of Democratic and Authoritarian States: A Case Study of China and Taiwan’, led by Co-Director Junior-Professor Yu-chin Tseng.

Ms. *Lara Momesso*, at the time a Ph.D. student at SOAS, U.K., joined the ERCCT in April 2011 and conducted fieldwork as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow affiliated to the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University. In November 2011, Mrs. Momesso returned to ERCCT headquarters, wrote up and submitted her Ph.D. thesis in September 2013. She is now a lecturer in Asia Pacific Studies at the University of Central Lancashire, Deputy Di-

rector of the Northern Institute of Taiwan Studies and Co-Deputy Director of the Centre of Migration Diaspora and Exile at the University of Central Lancashire.

Mr. Li-yi Chen, who is also a member of the ERCCT support team, became a Research Fellow at the ERCCT in late 2010. He has conducted fieldwork in Taiwan in 2012. In March 2016, he returned to Taiwan to take up a position as lecturer at the Department of Labour Relations at Chinese Culture University, Taipei, and write up his thesis.

Mr. Igor Rogelja, a Ph.D. student at SOAS, U.K., joined the ERCCT in June 2012. He conducted fieldwork in August 2012 and returned to Tübingen in November 2013 to write up his Ph.D. thesis, for which he received his PhD in Political Science and Government from the SOAS in 2014.

Mr. Ek-hong Sia graduated from the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Chi University and joined the ERCCT in February 2013. In June 2018, he returned to Taipei to write up his thesis.

Ms. Elisa Tamburo, a Ph.D. student at SOAS, U.K., joined the ERCCT in November 2014 as grantee of the ERCCT Fellowship 2014. She went to Taiwan to conduct fieldwork in March 2014 as an ERCCT Visiting Fellow affiliated to the Department of Sociology at Academia Sinica and returned to the CCKF-ERCCT in March 2017 to write up her thesis.

Dr. Yu-chin Tseng, hitherto a postdoctoral researcher from the Department of Sociology, University of Essex, won the ERCCT Fellowship of 2015 and joined the center in November of that year. She stayed in Tübingen as ERCCT Resident Fellow until September 2017. In April 2018 she joined the University of Tübingen's Department of Chinese Studies as Assistant Professor of Modern Taiwan Studies.

Dr. Désirée Remmert won the ERCCT Fellowship of 2016 after finishing her Ph.D. at the Department of Anthropology at London School of Economics and Political Science. She joined the ERCCT in October 2016 and went to Taiwan in January 2017 for an extended period of field research. After leaving the ERCCT, Dr. Remmert has been a Postdoc in Anthropology at the London School of Economics and works as an Associate Consultant at C Space London.

Mr. Sascha Zhivkov graduated from the M.A. programme East Asian Politics and Society at the University of Tübingen and joined the CCKF-ERCCT in March 2016. He was also a member of the ERCCT team. In July 2023, he passed the viva for his Ph.D..

Ms. Judy Lee first earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences in 2012 from the University of Hong Kong and graduated in Latin American Studies from the Institute of Ibero-American Studies at the University of Salamanca, Spain in 2017. She joined the ERCCT in April 2021 to work on her Ph.D. project on the comparative public policy between China and Taiwan.

Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault got a Ph.D. in Anthropology in 2018 from Laval University, afterwards worked as postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Sexology at the Université du Québec at Montréal in 2020 to 2021 and in 2021 also at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute of Concordia University, Montréal, before joining the ERCCT from April 2022 to work in the research project *Taiwan as a Pioneer*, an inter-university collaborative research project (with the Universities of Bochum and Trier) funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

ERCCT Research Fellowship

The Taiwan (R.O.C.) Ministry of Education granted six ERCCT Research Fellowships between 2009 and 2012, based on a MoU signed between the ERCCT and the MOE in late 2009. Doctoral fellowships were granted for two years, with the option of extension for one further year following a positive evaluation of the student's work report. Postdoctoral fellowships were granted for a period of two years only. The program has been renewed with a second MOU signed in June 2014. The following scholars were granted ERCCT Fellowships:

- Dr. Stefan Fleischauer (post-doctoral) for his project on *Non-State Negotiations between China and Taiwan: On the Road to European-Style Integration?*
- Mr. Mark Gessat (Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tübingen) for his project on *Religious Environmentalism in Taiwan: A Case Study of Current Anti-global-warming Campaigns and Movements*.
- Mr. Björn Alexander Lindemann (Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tübingen.) for his project on *Cross-Strait Relations and International Organizations: Taiwan's Participation in IGOs in the Context of Its Relationship with China, 2002-2011*.

- Mr. André Beckershoff (Ph.D. candidate at the University of Münster) for his project on *The Transnationalization of Cross-Strait Relations. Emerging Structure and Dynamics of a Regional Hegemonic Project*.
- Ms. Lara Momesso (Ph.D. candidate at SOAS) for her project on *Agents across 'Chinas': Cross-Strait Marriage Migrants' Personal and Collective Strategies*.
- Mr. Igor Rogelja (Ph.D. candidate at SOAS) for his project on *Production of Space in China and Taiwan: Towards a Convergence of Urban Space in Greater China*.
- Dr. Yu-Chin Tseng (postdoctoral teaching fellow at the University Essex) for her research project *Mixed Marriages between People from formerly Conflicting Countries/Areas*.
- Ms. Elisa Tamburo (Ph.D. candidate at SOAS) for her project on *The body on the Move: Movement, Ageing and the Ends of Life in Contemporary Taiwan*.
- Dr. Désirée Remmert (postdoctoral research fellow) for her research project *Fate and the Life Course -An Intergenerational Comparison of the Impact of Notions of Fate, Choice and Agency on Subjective Well-Being among Urban Taiwanese*.

ERCCT Associate Fellows

The Centre has invited fifteen emerging and senior Taiwan scholars to join the ERCCT as **Associate Research Fellows**.

Prof. Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Hong Kong Baptist University

Dr. Jens Damm, Chang Jung Christian University, Tainan

Prof. Christian Göbel, University of Vienna

Prof. Ann Heylen, National Taiwan Normal University

Dr. Malte Kaeding, University of Surrey

Dr. Winnie King, University of Bristol

Dr. Lee Chun-yi, University of Nottingham

Dr. Mikael Mattlin, Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Dr. Lara Momesso, University of Plymouth

Dr. Frank Muyard, French Center for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC)

Dr. Jonathan Sullivan, University of Nottingham

Dr. Elisa Tamburo, University of Oxford, returned to ERCCT as an Associate Professor

Prof. Wang Hung-jen, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan

Dr. Simona Alba Grano, Department of Sinology, University of Zürich

Dr. Beatrice Zani, Research Fellow, Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire pour la sociologie économique, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

ERCCT Visiting Fellow Program

A short-term **Visiting Fellow Program** was launched in early 2011. Under this scheme, a return air-ticket and a one-month stipend is offered for up to two Ph.D. students or post-doctoral students from the ERCCT's partner institutions in Taiwan or for highly qualified Taiwanese students who are enrolled in European Universities during each academic term. The program is co-sponsored by the **Taiwan Foundation for Democracy**. Up to the present time, the following visiting fellows have stayed in Tübingen:

Summer term 2026:

Lin Wei-Yu, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University

Chen Chung-Hsuan, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University

Winter term 2025/206:

Huang Jou-Fei, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Chen Pei-Chi, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University

Summer term 2025:

Lin Chia-Yi, Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University
Chen Wei-chen, Department of Ethnology, National Chengchi University

Winter term 2024/2025:

Wang Anne-Chie, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
Yan Zhi-Jun, College of i, Feng Chia University

Summer term 2024:

Lin Ya-Yin, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Cheng-Chih University
Lai Yu-Hsuan, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University

Winter term 2023/2024:

Lin Kai-Heng, Institute of Sociology Academia Sinica
Kuo Chao-Hsuan, Department of Law, National Cheng Kung University

Summer term 2023:

Tsai Jia-Shin, Institute of Sociology Academia Sinica
Wu Peng-Chi, Department of History, National Cheng Kung University

Winter term 2022/2023:

Cheng Ting-Wen, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University
Chen Teng-Hsiang, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Summer term 2022:

Huang Yin-Shan, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University
Yu Ssu-Han, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science

Winter term 2021/2022:

Shen Yi-Chin, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung
Huang Wei-Hao, Institute of Political Science at National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung
Pan Yi-Ling, Institute of Transtextual and Transcultural Studies, University of Lyon III Jean Moulin, Lyon

Liao Tsung-Han, Election Study Center of National Chengchi University, Taipei

Winter term 2019/2020:

Lin GuoTing, Communication and Media Research Institute, University of Westminster

Zeng Yu-Qi, Department of Business Management, Tatung University, Taipei

Summer term 2019:

Huang Chia-Yuan, Department of Geography, University College London

Lu Chien-Chih, College of Law, National Cheng Chi University

Winter term 2018/2019:

Kung Hsiao-pei, Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University

Jhou Sih-Ting, Ph.D. student from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University

Summer term 2018:

Liu Kuo-yi, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of National Development and Mainland China Studies, Chinese Culture University

Chen Wei-Ren, Ph.D. candidate at the College of Law, National Taiwan University

Winter term 2017/2018:

Dr. Nee Sheejay, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung

Summer term 2017:

Ye Xiaodi, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University

Dr. Tseng Yi-tsui, postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung

Winter term 2016/2017:

Dr. Yueh-Ching Chen, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Political Science at National Sun Yat-Sen University.

Chang Ti-han, Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Transcultural and Transcultural Studies, Université de Lyon III, Jean Moulin, Lyon

Summer term 2016:

Liu Yining, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of Sociology, National Taiwan University, Taipei

Dr. Hsia Chuan-Wei, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei

Winter term 2015/16:

Dr. Lee Yi-li, postdoctoral fellow at the College of Law, National Taiwan University, Taipei

Rangga Aditya Elias, Ph.D. candidate from the National Cheng Chi University, Taipei

Summer term 2015:

Ian Rowen, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado and visiting fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Yi-Ching Lee, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Taipei

Winter term 2014/15

Chou Muiyi, Ph.D. candidate at Humboldt University, Berlin

Keng Kim-Yung, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei

Summer term 2014

Francis Yin, Ph. D. candidate at the Institute of China & Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University

Chang I-Wen, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of World Art and Cultures/Dance, University of California, Los Angeles

Summer term 2013:

Juan Hsiao-mei, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Winter term 2013/14

Fan Hsiu-yu, doctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkley, School of Law.

Hsu Che-wei, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Law, National Taiwan University.

Winter term 2012/2013:

Chen Yi-Ling, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of East Asia Studies, National Cheng Chi University

Tsai Pei-Lun, Ph.D. candidate at the School of Law, University of Nottingham

Winter term 2011/12:

Chang Tung-chia, Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Law, National Taiwan University

Dr. Chen Bo-Yu, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi-University

Summer term 2012:

Liao Bin-Jou, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University

Liu Tai-Ting, Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Institute of International Relations, National Chung Hsing University

Summer term 2011:

Sia Ek-hong, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, National Cheng Chi University

ERCCT Short-Term Resident Fellow Program

The ERCCT launched a **Short-Term Resident Fellow Program** in 2016. Under this scheme, the center offers a monthly allowance and a support grant for travel expenses for up to two Ph.D. or post-doctoral fellows from Europe or Taiwan per semester. Up to now, the following Short-Term Resident Fellows have stayed in Tübingen:

Racheal Chan, St. John's College, University of Oxford

Nga Shi-Yeu, Institute of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, April to June 2026

Inès Hsiao-Man Cavalli, University of Rennes 2/Catholic University of Paris, July 2025

Dr. Chia-Yu Liang, Department of International Relations, University of Sussex, May to July 2024

Dr. Alexandre Gandil, D2iA – Bordeaux Montaigne University (France); CERI – Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), May to August 2024

Dr. Daniel Davies, recently graduated from the Institute of Political Science at National Sun Yat-Sen University, July 2023

Karoline Buchner, Ph.D. student from *Global Health* of the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, July and October to November 2022

Guo Liqiao, Ph.D. student from the Graduate Institute for Taiwan Studies, Xiamen University, October 2021 to September 2022

Dr. Mark Henderson, postdoctoral fellow from the programme of Asia Pacific Studies at National Cheng Chi University, April to August 2019

Kwan Chung Yin, Ph.D. student from SOAS, London, December 2018 to August 2019

Liu Ya-chun, Ph.D. candidate from the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, University of Nottingham, November 2018 to October 2019

PD Dr. Sascha Klotzbücher, postdoctoral researcher at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna, June to July 2018.

Beatrice Zani, Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Lyon II University, TRIANGLE UMR 5206 Laboratory, Lyon, France, April to August 2018.

Guo Sheng-Ping, Ph.D. candidate from the Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, November 2017 to February 2018

Monika Arnoštová, Ph.D. candidate at the School of Sociology & Population Studies at Renmin University of China, November 2017 to September 2018

Dr. Mon Ya-Feng, postdoctoral research fellow at the International Institute for Cultural Studies, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan, April to August 2017

Dr. Tatiana Komarova, representative in Russia for the Taiwan Central Asia Cultural and Economic Association, June 2017

Huang Hui-tzu, Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Ressources, University of Freiburg, March to June 2017

Huang Kai-shen, Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University, November 2016 to February 2017

Other Activities

Fifth Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop

Continuing the popular series of the Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshops, the ERCCT held the fifth such event from July 6 to 10, 2026, at the University of Tübingen's guest-house. The workshop was dedicated – but not limited to – the topic of “The development of Taiwan-EU relations under China's gaze.”

Exemplifying the spirit of connectivity, the workshop gathered twelve outstanding young social scientists affiliated with universities either in Taiwan or in Europe and hailing themselves from China, South Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam – and all doing research on Taiwan.

The workshop program featured the following presentations and events:

Marvin Bernardo (International Doctoral Program in Asia-Pacific Studies, National Chengchi University)

Understanding Third-State Perception: conflicts in Asia under Europe's gaze

Huang Kai-Yang (Department of Geography, NTU)

Border Consciousness under Geopolitical Suspicion: Memory, Affect, and Everyday Sovereignty in the Matsu Islands

Kwon Mina (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, NCCU)

From Diplomatic Protest to Coercive Power: China's Responses to U.S. Arms Sales to Taiwan

Ai Ke (Doctoral School of Humanities, University of Warsaw)

Too Close, Yet Never the Same: Positionality, Friction, and Knowledge Production in Cross-Strait Research

Wu Po-chun (Department of Political Science, NCCU)

Ambition, Campaigns, Inaction? When Legislators Seek Executive Office

Wang Pei-Ying (School of Law, University of Reading)

Youth Confinement in Taiwan: Historical Legacies, Human Rights Reform, and Relational Governance

Liu Ting-Sian (Department of Gender Studies, LSE)

Rootless Han Settlers Seeking the Roots: Settler Self-Indigenisation, Indigenous Fetishisation Becoming Taiwanese “Natives”

Vo Thanh Hien (International Doctoral Program in Asia-Pacific Studies, NCCU)

Mapping the Architecture of Talent Governance: A Dictionary-Guided Co-occurrence Network Analysis of South Korea and Taiwan

Tran Thi Mong Tuyen (International Doctoral Program in Asia-Pacific Studies, NCCU)

Taiwan’s Semiconductor Diplomacy Across Southeast Asia and Europe under China’s Influence

Ko Chiao-Yuan (Department of Geography, UCL)

The Geopolitics of Mobility: Overseas Chinese Incorporation and Hong Kong Students’ Mobility to Taiwan during the Late Cold War

Chen Jing-Han (Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh)

Citizenship Recognition under Geopolitical Pressure: Taiwan, Europe, and the Governance of Contested Citizenship

Hsieh Hao-Hsiang (Department of Diplomacy, NCCU)

EU Normative Power in Combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing of Third Countries: With a Case of Taiwan

Roundtable: Taiwan’s current geopolitical condition

Fourth Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop

The ERCCT’s fourth Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop was held from June 29 to July 5, 2025. At the venue of Tübingen’s university guest house, the center gathered a vibrant group of emerging scholars from the field of Taiwan Studies, mainly based in Taiwan or Europe. Visiting and Short-Term Resident Fellows present at the ERCCT during the latter half of the summer term 2025, as well as ERCCT Resident Fellows also participated, contributing to the lively atmosphere of academic exchange and scholarly networking. Invited participants presented and discussed their research projects with the plenum.

The workshop program featured the following presentations and events:

Kate Martin (Department of Human Geography and Law, University of Central Lancashire)

Storms, Sovereignty and Strategy: Climate and Development Finance and the Taiwan-China Contest in the Pacific

Wang Hsiao-Hang (Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University)

A Preliminary Inquiry into the Complementarities and Tensions between the Developmental State and Transition Management: The Case of Taiwan's Climate Change Response Act

Tien Yueh-Cheng (A & M University)

Institutional Logics and the Dynamics of Technological Innovation: Taiwanese Semiconductor Firms in a Multi-Logic Environment, 1995–2020

Dominika Remžová (School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham)

Made in CEE? A Historical Materialist Approach to Chinese and Taiwanese Green Tech Investments in the V4

Zhou Yan (Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan University)

Infrastructure Politics and Cross-Strait Border Conflicts: A Case Study of the Kinmen Water Diversion Project from Mainland Fujian, China

Jin Tae-Hun (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies)

The Interaction of Geopolitical Shifts and Domestic Dynamics: The Rise of 'China-less' China Studies in Taiwan

Huang Yi-Min (Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University)

Framing Democracy: China's Propaganda and Its Influence on Taiwanese Democratic Perceptions

Chen Kuan-Wu (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica)

Performing Without Power: Proposal Networks as Influence Capital Scoreboards in Taiwan's City Council

Ma Shuteng (Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven)

The Normalization of Recall Elections in Democracy: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective

Edwina Chih-Yu Chen (Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina)

Diverging Paths to Equality: Comparing Legal and Political Routes to Same-Sex Marriage in Taiwan and Japan

Roberto Alvau (Department of Contemporary and Modern Art History, University Complutense)

In-Between Shores: Art and Social Change in Kinmen Within Contemporary Cross-Strait Relations

Teng Jiunn-Cherng (Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University)
Taiwanese Public Opinion on Political Morality Regarding the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election

Third Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop

From July 8 to 12, 2024, the ERCCT hosted the third workshop of its Taiwan Europe Connectivity Program at the guesthouse of the University of Tübingen. Here the center brought together fourteen scholars from the field of Taiwan Studies and various disciplines, based in Europe and Taiwan, in addition to those ERCCT fellows and Visiting Scholars staying at the ERCCT during the summer semester of 2024, to engage in dialogue about and discussion of their research projects.

The workshop agenda featured the following topics and events:

Koh Hyemin (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University)
China's Cognitive Warfare and Taiwan's elections in 2024

Ku Ming-I (International Doctoral Program in Asia-Pacific Studies (IDAS), National Chengchi University)
Impacts of China's Cognitive Warfare in the 2024 Taiwan Presidential Election and Taiwan's Response Strategies

Sze Woon Miller (Lau China Institute, King's College London)
Taiwan's Civil Society and Military Transformation: How Taiwanese Identity and Culture Shape Understanding of the Security Threat

Liu Chang (Heidelberg Center of Transcultural Studies)
Kris Phillips, A Twofold Narrative of Return

Lee Shih-Min (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University)
Analysis of Whether the CCP's Foreign Policy Represents Geopolitical Hegemony from 2010 to 2023: A Case Study of the South China Sea (sic!)

Klará Schwarzová (Department of Asian Studies, Palacký University Olomouc)
An Assessment of Taiwan's Soft Power in the Czech Republic: a Case Study

Fiodar Piacherski (Graduate Institute of Taiwan History, National Chengchi University)
Legal Implications of the Tuapse “Seizure”: Understanding the Taiwan-Soviet Conflict within International Legal Frameworks

Liu Hui-Chun (Centre of Taiwan Studies, SOAS)
How Has Chinese Scholarship Constructed Chinese-characteristic International Relations Theory and Their Implications for International Order?

Lin Yi-Hui (Institute of Political Science, University of Copenhagen)
Everyday Reproduction of State Sovereignty in Taiwan

Agathe Lemaitre (UMR SENS Montpellier)
When categories dictate reality: Re-scaling the wildlife through the example of the Paiwan relationship with the extinct clouded leopard

Lin Wan-Jou (Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature, National Taiwan Normal University)
Decades of Relocation: Indigenous Women and Their Fight for Land Rights

Chang Ting-She (Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University)
Channeling Prison Healthcare with Punishment and Rehabilitation: Care Practice and “Just” Care Infrastructures in Taiwanese Penal Institutions

Lu Meng-Tsung (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)
How to Make an Elephant Dance? An Analysis of Taiwan’s Implementation of Gender Mainstreaming from the Institutional Logics Perspective

Roundtable: Political Polarization in Taiwan

Second Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop

The ERCCT held its second Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop from 17 to 21 July, 2023 in Tübingen. Following the idea of promoting academic dialogue between young Taiwan scholars from Taiwan and Europe, the 2023 workshop gathered eleven external participants who were joined by fellows and visiting scholars staying at the center in July.

The workshop programme featured the following presentations and events:

Huang Yun-Ju (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University): “The Edge of War? An Analysis of China’s Red Lines toward Taiwan”

Liew Zeng Ee (Department of Politics, University of Surrey): “Understanding Taiwan’s International Affairs through Metis Diplomacy”

Dr. Tsai Jia-Shin (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, at the time of the workshop also an ERCCT Visiting Fellow): “Dwelling as the Problem and the Method: Struggling for Alternatives to Capitalism in Urban and Rural Taiwan, 1989-2010’s”

Prof. Gunter Schubert (University of Tübingen): Introducing the ERCCT

Chung Sanho (School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona): “Local Elections and Resilience of Clientelism in Democratic Taiwan”

Manlai Nyamdorj (Chinese Studies, University of Trier): “The Political Economy of Taiwan’s Media System”

Huang Yin-shan (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University): “Interstate Relations and Military Conduct – Analysis of the Activities of Chinese Military Aircraft around Taiwan”

Kate H. Martin (Institute for the Study of Asia Pacific, University of Central Lancashire): “Taiwanese Approaches to Future Climate Displaced People”

Dr. Wang Anne-Chie (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “Assembling End-of-Life Care Regime in Taiwan”

Chen Jung (Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge): “Building Pathways toward Fatherhood: Transnational Reproduction of Taiwanese Gay Men”

Kao Ellen (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica): “Analysis of the ‘Lying-flat’ Generation under the Globalized Structure”

Pei Hao-Che (School of Geography and Environmental Science, University of Southampton): “Looking for Changes in Homelessness: Voluntary-sector Practitioners and the Resilience without Austerity in Taiwan’s Neoliberal Welfare State”

Ho Yueh-Cho aka **Tuyuq Rabay** (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS): “Learning *gaga* in the Fieldtrip: the Development of Indigenous Identity in Atayal Schools, Taiwan”

Presentation of ERCCT projects by Junior-Prof. Tseng Yu-chin, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Judy Lee (University of Tübingen)

Roundtable: Taiwan's Geopolitical Condition

First Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop

After two years in which the pandemic impeded real on-site workshops in Tübingen, the ERCCT continued the series of workshops for young scholars with the Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop held from 11 to 15 July, **2022** in Tübingen.

The event brought together eight young external Taiwan scholars based in Europe and Taiwan as well as ERCCT visiting fellows and visiting scholars staying at the ERCCT in July.

The workshop programme featured the following presentations and academic events:

Dr. Wang Tao (Department of Politics, University of Manchester): "Weddings, Funerals, and Errands: How Guanxi Serves Democracy"

Hou Ying-Chun (Bartlett School of Planning, University College London): "Community-led Planning Reforms in Developmental-State Cities? A Study of Marketisation of Planning Systems and Changing Understandings of Communities in Taipei, Taiwan"

Huang Yin-Shan (ERCCT Visiting Fellow from the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University): "China's Submarine Cable Development in the Indo-Pacific: A Geopolitical Perspective"

Prof. Gunter Schubert (University of Tuebingen): Introducing the ERCCT

Max Dixon (School of Area Studies, History, Politics and Literature, University of Portsmouth): "'Cycles of Instability' Japanese Perceptions of Chinese Assertiveness in Hong Kong and Taiwan 2019-2020"

Lin Yung (Dept. of Governance and Global Affairs, Leiden University): "How Has COVID-19 Crisis Challenged East Asia Security and Conflict Resolution? – A Comparative Perspective Between China and Taiwan"

Yu Ssu-Han (ERCCT Visiting Fellow from the Dept. of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science): "Mediating Democratic Politics: Generational Understanding of Democracy and Identification with Taiwan"

Mayya Solonina (Sinologie, Trier University): “Government and Media Othering in Taiwan during COVID-19”

Felicitas Wiji Lestari (Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National Cheng Kung University): “Indonesian Migrant Workers in Taiwan during the Pandemic: Government Policy, Access to Information and Language Barriers”

Dr. Isabelle Cheng (School of Area Studies, History, Politics and Literature, University of Portsmouth): “Disease, Temporality, and Inequality: Sanitising Foreign Bodies and Protecting Public Health in Taiwan”

Dr. Kristina Kironska (Palacky University Olomouc): “Formosa as a Safe Haven? Taiwan’s Public Opinion on Potential Asylum Mechanisms”

Joso Fatimaah Menefee (International Institute of Korean Studies, University of Central Lancashire): “Gastrodiploacy in Contemporary International Relations of Asia Everyday Nationalism: Gastronomic Campaigns of Taiwan, North Korea, South Korea, Japan”

Prof. Gunter Schubert: “Cross-Strait Studies” as a New Research Field

Karoline Buchner (ERCCT Short-Term Resident Fellow from the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at Freie Universität Berlin): “Cultivating Partnerships – Chinese Medicine as a Form of Public and Everyday Diplomacy under Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy”

Presentation of ERCCT projects by Prof. Tseng Yu-chin, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Sascha Zhivkov, and Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault

Roundtable: The war in Ukraine and What it Means for Taiwan

Eighth Young Scholars Workshop

The eighth CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop was held online from December 9 to 10, **2021**. The programme, which had to be a shortened one due to the online format and time zone differences, was made up of project presentations and research papers by four young scholars, two from Europe and two from Taiwan, a lecture on publishing for early-career scholars and a roundtable discussion on the question: “Is Taiwan ready to face a belligerent China?”

The four young scholars, who presented their research were:

Chou Szu-Nuo (Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies at the University of Ottawa), “The Liberated but Segregated Modern Women: Chinese Diaspora’s Life Stories in Taiwan”

Dr. Julia Marinaccio (Department of Foreign Languages (Chinese Studies), University of Bergen, Norway), “The Unresolved Issue of Equal Suffrage in Contemporary Taiwan: Emigrant Voters Attitudes and Political Activism regarding External Voting”

Dr. Chang Chia-Chien (Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University), “US-China Relations under Power-Transition Traps, Populism and Economic Inequality”

Leon Kunz (SOAS, London), “Staging Civil Disobedience & Democracy: The Occupation Protests of 2014 in Taiwan and Hong Kong”

Seventh Young Scholars Workshop

The seventh CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop **2019** was held from July 1 to 5 at Hotel Fritz Lauterbad in Freudenstadt, a venue formerly associated with Tübingen University located in the Black Forest. Nine young scholars from Taiwan and Europe had been selected from a large number of applicants to present and discuss their research, with 21 scholars partaking in the academic part of the programme in Freudenstadt.

Dr. Stefan Fleischauer organized the workshop into four panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait and cross-border Issues

Chen Rong Rosalie (Department of Psychology, NTU), “Political Ideology and International Relations in Taiwan”

Liu Hui-chun (Department of Geography, University College London), “Making Money and Everyday Geopolitics: Cross-border ‘Talent Fostering’ in Urban China”

Dr. Yuan Yung-chen (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica), “The Enthusiasm for Studying in China: The Study and Life Experience of Taishang Schools’ Students, and the Effects on Their Choices of Higher Education”

Kristina Kironska (Institute of Asian Studies, Slovakia), “Taiwan-Myanmar Relations Within the Framework of the New Southbound Policy.”

Panel 2: Taiwan Society and Social Movements

Fu Wei-che (Institute of Sociology, NTHU), "Land and Democracy: Land Expropriations, Protests, and Votes in Taiwan Democracy Transiting Process"

Chen Wei-ping (Department of Sociology, EHESS), "Fabricating 'Parisian seduction' in Taiwan. A sociological view of cultural fantasy as intimate commodities"

Kao Tzu-Yi (Graduate Institute of Sociology, NTU), "Prosperous Coffee Shops in Semi-Periphery Taiwan: Taste, Crafts, and Service Encounter"

Panel 3: Climate Change and Energy Politics

Chen Mi-lan (School of Governance, Technical University of Munich), "Altruism or Self-interest? Understanding the Voluntary Climate Policy Making in Taiwan"

Dr. Huang Hui-Tzu (LIFT Program, Ministry of Science and Technology), "Citizens' Power Plants in Taiwan: Driving Forces from Bottom-up and Top-Down"

Panel 4: Best of the Rest (ERCCT Visiting and Short-Term Resident Fellows)

Liu Ya-chun (ERCCT STR Fellow), "Translating Transitional Justice into Chinese-speaking contexts"

Lu Chien-Chih (ERCCT Visiting Fellow), "Considering New Copyright Reforms in the Mandarin Music Market: Assessing How the Collective Management and Licensing System Affords Economic Incentives for Creators"

Evening Session

On the evening of Tuesday, July 2, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Prof. Lan Pei-Chia, and Prof. Chu Jou-Juo held a round table discussion on the topic Taiwan's Presidential Elections and Populism.

Sixth Young Scholars Workshop

The sixth CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop **2018** was held from July 2 to 8, at the State Center of Civic Education *Haus auf der Alb*, Bad Urach, a venue affiliated to the State Agency for Civic Education of Baden-Württemberg. The Center received numerous applications for the workshop, with twelve young scholars from Europe and Taiwan being

invited to present their research to the 26 scholars who attended this workshop in four panels.

Panel 1: New Southbound Policy and International Student Exchange

Dr. Hsiaping Lan (China University of Political Science and Law), “The “The Road Map to Close the Skill Gap in Taiwan and ASEAN Countries – A Perspective of Education Benchmarking”

Hsien-ming Lin (National Sun Yat-sen University), “The Motivations and Strategies of New Southbound Policy Countries’ Students for Studying and Working in Taiwan”

Yu-hsien Sung (National Sun Yat-sen University), “A Study on Exploring the Attitudes and Considering Factors of Taiwanese Students for Studying in New Southbound Policy Countries”

Dai-ying Yang (University College London), “Can Taiwan’s New South Bound Policy Resolve the Dilemma of the Implementation of its International Student Policy?”

Ker-wei Chien (University of Essex), “Promoting Overseas Chinese Nationalism in Filipinos’ Taiwan’s Educational Practices in Philippine-Chinese Schools”

Panel 2: Civil Liberties and Protest Movements

Dr. Jaw-nian Huang (Tamkang University), “The Political Economy of Press Freedom: The Paradox of Taiwan versus China.”

Fang-ying Su (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg), “Human Rights Diplomacy and Economic Development: A Prospect for the New Southbound Policy of Taiwan?”

Dr. Li-ning Chen (National Taiwan Normal University), “Occupy Democracy? Body Politics in Street Protests – Analyze 2014 Sunflower Movement and Hong Kong Umbrella Movement”

Panel 3: Taiwan Topics

Mark Henderson (National Chengchi University), “Local Foreign Direct Investment Policy: The Case of Taiwan’s Major Cities”

Dr. Che-liang Wu (National Tsing Hua University), “Politics of Memoryscapes: War Commemoration in the Post-War Era in Taiwan”

Panel 4: Best of the Rest

Qin Tang (Ruhr Universität Bochum), “Understanding the Institutional Changes of Cross-Strait Relations: A Critical Juncture Approach Analysis”

Anson Sung-lim Park (National Chengchi University), “The Power of History in East Asia International Order: The Theoretical Critique of Neo-Realism and Neo-Liberalism and Making National History Studying-based Methodology”

Kuo-yu Liu (Chinese Culture University, presenting as CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Fellow), “The Issue of Refugees in Global Governance”

Evening Session

On the evening of Tuesday, July 3, Prof. Schubert conveyed and discussed a presentation by Prof. Dr. Michael Hsin-Huang Hsiao on the design, purpose and implementation of Taiwan’s New South Bound Policy.

Fifth Young Scholars Workshop

The CCKF-ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop **2017** was held on July 2-8 at the Hotel Zollernblick in Freudenstadt, a venue associated with Tübingen University located in the Black Forest. The Center received numerous applications for the workshop, with 11 young scholars from Europe and Taiwan being invited to present their research for the 27 scholars who attended this workshop. Dr. Stefan Fleischauer organized the workshop into five panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues

Zhu Yifei (Freie Universität Berlin, Graduate School of East Asian Studies), “Swaying Strategies: Institutions and Institutional Change of Taiwan’s Economic Policy toward China 1988-2016”

Dr. Lara Momesso (Centre for European and International Studies Research, Portsmouth University), “An Emotional and Material Account of Borders: the Case of Mainland Spouses in Kinmen Island”

Huang Chia-Yuan (University College London, Department of Geography), “Global Mobility of Talents: Taiwanese Highly Skilled Migrant Workers in Shanghai and Singapore”

Panel 2: Taiwan and Japan

Dr. Hsiao Agnes Ling-yu (University of Cambridge, Faculty of Human, Social, and Political Sciences), “Rethinking the Idea of Reconciliation – Taiwan’s competing Transitional Justice Discourses in the post-Cold War era”

Dr. Yu Hsin-lun (School of Ethnology and Sociology, Inner Mongolia University), “The Fantasies of the Colonized: A Lacanian Perspective on Anti-colonial Cultural Movements in Taiwan (1921-1945)”

Panel 3: Taiwan in the International Arena

Dr. Hu Shaohua (Wagner College, Government and Politics Department), “Taiwan and Wallerstein’s World-systems Perspective”

Dr. Saša Istenič (University of Ljubljana, Department of Asian and African Studies), “Tsai’s New Foreign Policy in Relation to International Space”

Panel 4: Taiwan and Southeast-Asia

Dr. Chiou Yi-hung Eric (National Chiao Tung University, Center for General Education), “Analysis of the Strategic Competition and Cooperation between Taiwan’s ‘New Southbound Policy’ and China’s ‘One Belt, One Road’”

Pitut Pramuji (National Chengchi University, Department of Asia Pacific Studies), “Indonesian Domestic Workers in Taiwan: An International Migration and Workers Rights Perspectives”

Dr. Hsueh Chia-Ming Neil (UC Berkley, Center for Studies in Higher Education), “The International Student Mobility between Taiwan and ASEAN Countries—The Past and Future”

Luh Nyoman Ratih Wagiswari Kabinawa (Bina Nusantara University, International Relations Department), “How Does Indonesia Benefit from Taiwan New Southbound Policy?”

Panel 5: Best of the Rest

Raoul Bunskoek (National Taiwan University, Department of Political Science), “Embedded Impasse in the South China Sea: Intellectual Incapacity of Neoliberalism and Neorealism to See Beyond the China Threat”

Hiyane Ryota (National Taiwan University, Department of Political Science), “Influence of Domestic and External Factors on ROC Policy toward the Ryukyu Islands: The Dispute over Ryukyu Sovereignty (1943-1972)”

Dr. Mon Ya-Feng (National Chiao Tung University, International Institute for Cultural Studies), “An Archive of the Future: Mysticism and Identity in Everyday Video-Making”

Evening Session

On the evening of Monday, July 3, Prof. Gunter Schubert, Dr. Saša Istenič, Dr. Shaohua Hu, and Sia Ek-hong held a round table discussion on the topic of developments in Taiwan one year into the administration of President Tsai Ing-wen.

Fourth Young Scholars Workshop

The ERCCT held its fourth Young Scholars Workshop between 26 June and 2 July, **2016**. More than twenty young talents from Taiwan and Europe were invited and presented their PhD or post-doc research projects in order to discuss them with ERCCT Fellows. Once again the event took place at Hotel Zollernblick in Freudenstadt. The topics covered a wide variety of social sciences and cultural studies and will be published in the publications section of the ERCCT's website. The young scholars also were able to enjoy profound commentary by the CCKF-ERCCT director Prof. Gunter Schubert and NTU's Prof. Huang Chang-ling, and Dr. Yu Yi-wen (at the time) from Shanghai Jiaotong University (now Zhejiang University). Schubert and Huang also held a roundtable discussion on Taiwan's political future after Tsai Ing-Wen's election victory in early 2016. Participants also had the chance to explore Freudenstadt, Tuebingen, and to take part in the annual Taiwan Documentary Film Festival.

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues, Morning Session

Chair: Stefan Fleischauer

Wenger, Josh (NTU, Graduate Institute of National Development): “Cross-Strait Political Negotiation: Background and Exploration of the Prenegotiation Approach”

Dr. Tang, Yen-chen (NTU, Department of Political Science): “Guns and Votes: The Logic behind China’s Military Exercises in Taiwan’s Presidential Elections”

Wang, Qin (NTU, Institute of National Development): “China: New Patron of Taiwan’s Local Factions? The Transition of Taiwan’s PatronClient System”

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues, Afternoon Session

Chair: Stefan Braig

Tseng Yu-Chen (I-Shou University, Department of Public Policy and Management): “The Political Implications of Cross-Strait Youth Contacts”

Tsai, Michelle (University of Cambridge, Division of Social Anthropology): “Cross-strait Capitalism and Identity Politics”

Panel 2: Taiwan Issues, Morning Session

Chair: André Beckershoff

Wu Shianghau (School of Business, Macau University of Science and Technology): “The Analysis of Taiwanese People’s Satisfaction with the Government Based on Bayesian Quantile Regression and Rough Set Classification”

Dr. Wahn, I-liang (NCCU, Center for China Studies): “Trusting, Qualification, and sustainable Consumption in Alternative Food Networks in Taiwan (and China)”

Dr. Lee, Ling-yee (Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology): “Behind the Book Publishing Miracle of Taiwan: An Analysis of Bookdistribution Systems and Commerce Circuits of Publishing in Taiwan”

Panel 2: Taiwan Issues, Afternoon Session

Chair: Sascha Zhivkov

Tsai, Huiju (National Sun Yat-sen University, Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies):
“Service Sector in Taiwan: An Overview”

Dr. Hsia, Chuan-Wei (Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology): “The Genealogy of Neoliberalism in Taiwan: A Neo-Polanyian Approach”

Evening Session

Prof. Gunter Schubert, Prof. Huang Chang-Ling: Round Table Discussion: Recent Developments in Taiwan and Impacts for cross-Strait Relations

Panel 3: Best of the Rest

Chair: Sia Ek-hong

Prof. Huang Chang-Ling (Dept. of Political Science, National Taiwan University): “Reserved for Whom? The Electoral Impact of Gender Quotas in Taiwan”

van Bekhoven, Jeroen (NTU, College of Law): “The Incomplete Makeover: Securing Indigenous People’s Rights to Land and Selfgovernment in Taiwan”

Yu, Yi-wen (School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University): “To change or not to change: A survey of collective identity and political belief among mainland spouses in Taiwan”

Participants were encouraged to revise and re-submit their papers by October 15, 2016. The articles will again be published online on our ERCCT website, publications section.

Third Young Scholars Workshop

The ERCCT held the third Young Scholars Workshop from June 21 – 28, **2015**. Hotel Zollernblick in Freudenstadt was chosen again as locality of the event.

Ten young scholars from Taiwan and Europe had been selected from a large number of applicants to present and discuss their research, with 20 scholars taking part in the academic part of the programme in Freudenstadt.

A debate about the achievements and shortcomings of the Ma Ying-jeou presidency enlivened the workshop programme, with a fictitious blue and green team of two persons each exchanging arguments.

The workshop was organized into four panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Relations and Social Resistance

Karvelyte, Kristina (University of Leeds, School of Media and Communication): “Staging a Global Creative City in Greater China: A Case Study of Taipei, Shanghai and Hong Kong”

Dr. Hsueh, Alex Chienwu (IPSAS, Academia Sinica): “How May the 2014 Sunflower Movement Reshape the Future Cross-Strait Relations?”

Sheu, Jyh-Shyang (ERCCT): “External or Internal? Cross-Strait Relations in the Late 1990s”

Dr. Shen, Ming-cong (NSYSU, Institute of Political Science): “China is not my Motherland? On the Nationalism of Taiwan's Sunflower Movement and Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement”

Rowen, Ian (Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology): “Tourism as a Territorial Strategy in Taiwan and China”

Panel 2: Taiwanese Identity

Dr. Shiho, Maehara (Kyushu University, Research Center for Korean Studies): “Taiwanese Identity in the Lee Teng-hui Era”

Wilson, Kimberly (University of Maryland-College Park, Department of Government and Politics): “Party Politics and National Identity in Taiwan's Territorial and Maritime Claims”

Louzon, Victor (Sciences Po): “The February 28th in Taiwan, Last Battle of the Sino-Japanese War?”

Panel 3: Environment and Energy

Huang, Hui-tzu (University of Freiburg, Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources): "Energy Prosumers - The Rising Motives for Autonomous Energy in Taiwan"

Jaarsveldt, Leon van (NCCU): "Environmental Frame Alignment: Diverging Environmental Values in China, United States, and Taiwan"

Lee Yi-ching (NTU): "Renewable Energy Issues and Implementation of City in Taiwan: A Case of Kaohsiung"

Panel 4: Labor, Business and Marginalized Groups

Welcker, Anselma Faustina (NCCU): "Indonesian Runaway Workers in Taiwan: Incompatible Policy between Taipei and Jakarta"

Chen, Li-yi (ERCCT): "Changing Today - for a Different Future? The Political Participation of Taiwan's Labor"

Chen, Ian Tsung-yen (NCCU, Asia-Pacific Studies): "Taiwan's Implementation of Basel Accords: A Political Pressure Model"

Participants were encouraged to revise and re-submit their papers by October 15, 2015. The articles have again been published online on our ERCCT website, publications section.

Second Young Scholars Workshop

After the resounding success of the first Young Scholars Workshop, the ERCCT held the Second Young Scholars Workshop from June 25-30, **2013**. The locality chosen for this year's workshop was Freudenstadt, another venue associated with Tübingen University and located in the Black Forest.

The applications for this year's event even exceeded last year's numbers, which was an encouraging indication that the workshop had been well received and established within the academic community of young emerging scholars. From the large number of applications, twelve young scholars from both Europe and Asia were invited to present their research, with a total of 25 scholars attending this workshop.

As a special event, we invited our visiting scholars residing in Tübingen at that time to visit the workshop for a "Round Table" discussion on the future of cross-Strait relations on the

evening of Thursday, June 28: Prof. Chao, Chien-min (Graduate Institute of Development (NCCU) and Deputy Minister MAC), Prof. Chao, Yung-mao (Dean of the College of Social Sciences at National Taiwan University), Prof. Chung Chi, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica), Prof. Huang, Jau-yuan (Associate Dean at the College of Law, National Taiwan University). All scholars kindly agreed to attend, and held a lively and engaging discussion with the workshop's participants.

The workshop was organized into five panels:

Panel 1: Taiwan issues I – Identity and Nationalism

Cheng, Isabelle (University of Portsmouth): Immigration and Nation: How Immigration Laws Redraw the Border and Boundary of the Nation-State of Taiwan

Sia Ek-hong (ERCCT): China Factors and the Evolution of Taiwanese Nationalism

Kaimova, Anna (Moscow State University): Taiwanese Identity – Main Factors of its Shaping and Maintaining (1945 to Date)

Panel 2: Taiwan issues II – Financial Matters

Chin, Kok Fay (National Cheng Kung University): The Political Economy of Financial Liberalization in Taiwan”

Hsu, Flora (Higher Education Department of Ministry of Education): Analyzing Choices of University Autonomy in Asia - A Case Study of Faculties' Pay in Taiwan”

Panel 3: China Issues

Yu, Xiao Chelsea (National University of Singapore): Pollution as Smokescreen: Pollution-induced Contention in Liushuwan Village of Zhejiang Province

Altun, Sirma (METU, Ankara): Neoliberal Transformation in China in the 1980s and the 1990s

Chou, Mu-Yi (Humboldt University of Berlin): The CCP's Reform Strategy on the Innovative Management of Social Organizations: A Case Study on Beijing

Panel 4: The Broadcasting

Lee, Claire Seungeun (National University of Singapore): China's International Broadcasting in the Neighborhood as its Soft Power Seeking: Who know it, who consume it and how they perceive

Huang, Yichih (NCCU): National Policies, Industrial Structure, and Performance: A Comparison of the Broadcasting Industry in Taiwan and South Korea, 1980~2012

Panel 5: Taiwan in Comparison

Weatherall, Mark (NTU): Political Competition and the Institutionalization of the Party System Following Democratization: Comparing South Korea and Taiwan

Chiao, Yuan-ming (University of Kassel): Discourse Framing and the Formation of Trade Policy vis-à-vis Antagonizing States: Comparing the Role of Parties and Corporate Actors in Germany, South Korea and Taiwan

Chang, I-Wen (University of California at Los Angeles):

Flirting with Global Citizenship: Constructing Identity through Salsa Practice in Taiwan

The articles resulting from the workshop are available online on the ERCCT Online Paper Series at <http://www.ercct.uni-tuebingen.de/AdTXP/index.php?id=567>

First ERCCT Young Scholars Workshop

Co-sponsored by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the ERCCT held its first Young Scholar's Workshop in Tübingen from June 26 to July 1, **2012**, bringing together 22 Ph.D. and postdoctoral students from different European and Taiwanese universities. The aim of the workshop was to give these emerging young scholars the opportunity to present their research to an international audience, engage in scholarly debate on topics related to both theory and methodology, and to fine-tune the theoretical framework of their respective research projects. Participants were selected after a thorough screening process. The projects were presented at five panels:

Panel 1: Cross-Strait Issues

Lin Rui-hwa 林瑞華 (NCCU): Class Base of Inter-Group Contacts: The Social Assimilation of Taiwanese Sojourners in China

André Beckershoff (ERCCT): The Transnationalization of the Taiwan Strait – Social Forces in the Re-Making of Cross-Strait Relations

Sun Shao-cheng 孫紹正 (Tamkang University): President Ma Ying-Jeou's Strategies to Promote ECFA in Taiwan

Panel 2: Migration

Fang I-Chieh 方怡潔 (LSE): Growing Up and Becoming Independent: An Ethnographic Study of New Generation Migrant Workers in China

Ho, Thi Thanh Nga (NCKU): Space, Landscape and Cultural Identity of Vietnamese Immigrants in Taiwan – Case Study in Tainan

Panel 3: Taiwan Studies

Igor Rogelja (SOAS, ERCCT): Production of Space in China and Taiwan: Towards a Convergence of Urban Space in Greater China

Chiang Ling-ching 江凌青 (University of Leicester): Back to the Village and Gaze at the City: Representational Modes of the City in the 2000s Taiwan Cinema

Stephanie Wang 王振瑜 (Beida): The Importance of Influences of Family Memory in Shaping Taiwan People's Identity

Lin Chun-Wei Daniel 林俊偉 (Loughborough University): A Democratic Experiment with Public Service Broadcasting: Lessons from the Taiwanese Experience

Panel 4: Environmental Issues

Simona Grano (Zürich University): Environmental Governance in Taiwan: Multiple Levels of Interaction

Shih Yi-jen 施奕任 (NCCU): Global Warming and the Politics of Climate Change in Taiwan

Panel 5: China Issues

Edward Griffith (University of Leeds): Deconstructing China's Response to the Yasukuni Shrine Issue: Towards an IR-grounded Theory of Sino-Japanese Relations

Jiří Mertl (University of West Bohemia): Is the Chinese Regime on the Road to Transformation? View from the Perspective of Utilitarian Model of Governance and Governmentality

Chang Yong Tarco 張喁 (NCCU): The Contouring the Migrating IT Industry - The Challenges and Strategies of Taiwanese Businessmen in China

Other participants were Lara Momesso (SOAS, ERCCT), Liu Tai-Ting (National Chung Hsing University, Taichung) and Liao Bin-Jou (NTU, Dept. of Political Sciences), both of

whom, at that time, were staying at the ERCCT as visiting fellows, Prof. Gunter Schubert (ERCCT Director), Dr. Stefan Fleischauer (ERCCT), and Stefan Braig (ERCCT).

The articles resulting from the workshop are available online on the ERCCT Online Paper Series at <http://www.ercct.uni-Tübingen.de/AdTXP/index.php?id=442>.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

The Taiwan Documentary Film Festival has been organized by the Chair of Greater China Studies, University of Tübingen, since 2006. In 2009, this event was taken over by the CCKF-ERCCT, which has hosted the festivals every year since then.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2025

The ERCCT's 19th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival, took place on 5–6 December 2025 at Kino Atelier in Tübingen. Over the course of two days, the festival offered German and international audiences an in-depth cinematic exploration of Taiwan's environmental challenges, grassroots activism, and human–nature relationships. This year's edition featured Huang Shu-Mei (黃淑梅) as guest director, one of Taiwan's most important independent documentary filmmakers working on environmental and social issues.

Huang Shu-Mei's work is characterized by long-term engagement, close collaboration with local communities, and a strong ethical commitment to documenting voices that are often marginalized in dominant political and economic narratives. The festival program reflected this focus, bringing together films that address environmental degradation, indigenous ecological knowledge, civic resistance, and the social consequences of Taiwan's energy transition.

The documentary films shown were:

- **A Letter to Future Children** 給親愛的孩子
- **Never Give Up** 龍晟不打烊
- **The Tale of Ino Yumin** 依諾物語
- **The Battle of Matou Mountain** 馬頭山之戰
- **The Solar Power Revelation** 七股光電啓示錄

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2024

In the presence of Golden Horse Award winning documentary film maker Tsai Tsung-Lung, the ERCCT hosted its 18th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, 2024 at the cinema Kino Atelier in Tübingen. At the beginning ERCCT Director Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert welcomed the audience, guest director Tsai and First Secretary Ms. Chiang Yi-Ping from the Taipei Representative Office branch in Munich, who herself officially greeted the audience in her opening remarks and conveyed greetings on behalf of Director General Dr. Dieu Ian-ting, who generously sponsored this year's event.

Topically focusing on the plight of migrant workers from southeast asia in Taiwan, the program featured five documentaries that were directed or produced by Tsai Tsung-Lung, often in cooperation with his wife Nyuen Kim-Hung. The particularly dramatic headliner "And Miles to Go Before I Sleep", which won Tsai the Golden Horse 2022, was screened on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. after a presentation of introductory notes by Taiwan migration scholar and ERCCT Advisory Board member Dr. Isabelle Cockel.

The very serious images of this documentary made a deep impression on the audience, who used the opportunity of the Q&A with the director to understand the background and upsetting reality behind the film.

In addition to the documentaries, the feature film "The Abandoned" (查無此心 by Tseng Ying-Ting, 20) was screened on Friday evening. As the plot of this thriller also centered on the fates of southeast Asian migrant workers, it made for the perfect match to the documentaries shown this time.

The documentary films shown were:

- **See You, Lovable Strangers** 再見可愛陌生人
- **And Miles to Go Before I Sleep** 九槍
- **Out/ Marriage** 失婚記
- **A Different Journey Home** 尋鄉異旅
- **Who cares?** 長照喘息聲

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2023

The 17th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival unfolded at the Kino Arsenal cinema on De-

ember 1 and 2, 2023, featuring a varied selection of documentaries by Golden Horse Award winner and guest director, Hsin-Yao Huang 黃信堯. The festival attracted a diverse audience of cinema enthusiasts and scholars alike.

Commencing on December 1, the festival showcased four riveting documentaries by Hsin-Yao Huang, starting with screenings of "Dog with Man" and "Ali88." These films offered profound insights into contemporary Taiwanese society, exploring multifaceted narratives and societal nuances. On the same evening, audiences were treated to the thought-provoking feature film "The Great Buddha+," a standout highlight of the festival's lineup.

Altogether, the festival featured the following remarkable works by Huang:

- **"Dog with Man"**
- **"Ali88"**
- **"Bluffing"**
- **"Taivalu"**
- **"The Great Buddha+"**

Renowned director Huang Hsin-Yao graced the festival as the guest director, bringing his unique expertise to the event. His presence added depth and resonance to the screenings, offering audiences a firsthand understanding of the creative process behind his insightful documentaries and feature film. The Great Buddha+, with its mixture of mysteriousness and dark humor, drew particularly many viewers.

During the festival, the CCKF-ERCCT welcomed Dr. Ian-Tsing Dieu 趙彥清, Director General of the Taipei Representative Branch Office in the Federal Republic of Germany's Munich branch office. Dr. Dieu not only delivered a warm and inspiring welcome speech, highlighting the event 's significance in fostering cross-cultural understanding through cinema, but also sponsored the event generously.

The festival garnered substantial interest among an audience eager to explore the rich tapestry Taiwanese culture and society depicted in the documentaries. Interactive sessions following the screenings provided a platform for engaging discussions, allowing attendees to delve deeper into the thematic layers explored in each film. Hosted by CCKF-ERCCT at the University of Tübingen and held at the Kino Arsenal cinema, the 17th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival stood as a celebration of Taiwanese cinema and cultural exchange.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2022

Taking up the tradition after almost three years of pandemic, the ERCCT staged its 16th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival at Kino Arsenal on Friday and Saturday, November 25 to 26, 2022.

The festival program centred on news cameraman-turned-documentary film maker Lee Hui-Jen 李惠仁 (Kevin H.J. Lee)'s work. Director Lee had himself come to Tübingen to present and discuss several of his films.

As a critical observer of Taiwan's society and politics, most of Lee's work focuses on actual problems and issues. *Eye on the Left* (睜開左眼), the festival's opener, and *Taste of Apple* (蘋果的滋味), shown on Saturday morning, both threw the spotlight on the problematic developments in the world of Taiwan's mass media.

Self-Censorship 并控制 was a two hour tour de force through the issue of the Chinese Communist government's control and oppression of dissent, and how that reaches beyond the borders of mainland China also into Hongkong and Taiwan. In *The Incredible Disappearing School* 上學去 then, the director took up the issue of the private sector in Taiwan's tertiary education, which is bearing the pressure of Taiwan's demographic crises and insufficiently regulated by the law on private universities.

A bit of an outlier in the realm of Lee Hui-Jen's work but no less intriguing was *No. 37 Huafushan* 寄居蟹的諾亞方舟 about the life of the inhabitants of a disabled persons' care facility (at 37 Huafushan Rd. in New Taipei City's Bali district), portraying their hopes, dreams, pleasures and friendships as well as their frustrations and experiences of discrimination.

On Friday evening, Cheng Yu-Chieh's feature film *Dear Tenant* 親愛的房客 completed the festival program.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2020

The Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2020 was held from November 13 to 22, focusing on Taiwan's Indigenous Peoples. The festival programme featured four documentaries provided by the Taiwan Film and Audiovisual Institute:

"Where Has the Land Gone?" (土地到哪裏去了?) and "The Story of the Rainbow" ("彩虹的故事2) by guest director" and Atayal social activist **Pilin Yapu** 比令亞布, presenting and reflecting on problems of preserving the foundations of authentic indigenous existence in Taiwan: land and culture, "Coming Home" ("回家", 2018) by Huang Shu-mei 黃淑梅 about cultural preservation through education and "The Mountain" ("靈山") by Su Hung-En 蘇弘

恩 depicting the life of the director's Atayal grandfather and contrasting it with Japanese and R.O.C. discourse on aboriginal life from archival film material.

The films could be streamed online individually upon registering for participation.

"The Mountain" was also discussed in the festival official opening, a guest lecture by Prof. Kerim Friedman from the Department of Ethnic Relations and Cultures of the College of Indigenous Studies at National Dong Hwa University, Hualien, Taiwan, on "Space, Time, and Indigeneity in Contemporary Taiwanese Documentary Film" on Monday, November 16, which made for a wonderful start.

Although he could not be physically present in Tübingen, guest director Pilin Yapu joined the festival online on Friday, November 20, 2020, to discuss his films with the audience.

Besides the films, he also talked about his mission as an educator for indigenous children and more generally about the current situation of indigenous life in Taiwan.

14th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

With a topical focus on LGBT issues, the CCKF-ERCCT's 14th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival was held at Kino Arsenal on February 8 – 9, 2020. Two invited guest directors, Huang Hui-chen 黃惠偵 from Taipei and Lucie Liu from Berlin attracted a large audience with their award-winning documentaries. On Saturday, Feb. 8, Huang Hui-chen presented three films, among them the very touching self-portrait *Small Talk* 日常對話 about her relationship with her lesbian mother, a work for which she won the Teddy Award, the Berlinale's award for best film with a LGBT topic, in the category of documentary in 2017. In the ensuing Q&A, CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Scholar Prof. Hsieh Hsin-Chin 謝欣芃, who works on documentary film making in Taiwan, entered in a lively dialogue with director Huang. Lucie Liu then presented *Taipeilove** on Sunday, Feb. 9, morning, a documentary about gay people's life experience in Taiwanese society and their fight for equal rights, winning her the award for best documentary of the Seoul International Film Festival.

On Saturday evening, the festival programme featured the black-comedy mystery thriller *The Tenants Downstairs* 樓下的房客 by Adam Tsuei (2017), made possible with the support of the Taiwan Film Institute and the Cultural Division of the Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2018

On November 24 and 25, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted the 13th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival in cooperation with *Arsenal Kinos* Tübingen, who provided the venue.

Saturday, November 24, was dedicated to the work of our guest, film director **Tseng Wen-chen 曾文珍**, who presented three documentaries: "What Makes Love Last" 長情的告白 (2015), a documentary about caregivers for the elderly in Taipei; "Dream Hair Salon" 夢想美髮店 (2011) about female marriage immigrants in Taiwan and the ways in which they cope with practical and emotional difficulties in building their new lives in Taiwan; and "Spring: The Story of Hsu Chin-yu" 春天 — 許金玉的故事 (2002) about the life of a *White Terror* victim, Hsu Chin-yu, who was imprisoned for 15 years, yet remained loyal to her ideals and an activist until very old age.

The director held a successful Q and A session to discuss screened films with the audience.

Sunday's program continued the focus on the *White Terror* with a screening of the 1995 feature film "Super Citizen Ko" by Wan Jen.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2017

On November 3 to 4, the CCKF-ERCCT celebrated the twelfth Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (TDFF). The programme focused on not only documentary films but also included historical feature films.

Friday, November 3, was dedicated to the work of our guest, Film Director Wu Mi-sen 吳米森, who presented the following works: 1) His 2003 documentary on an old mainlander veteran in Taipei who longed for his home in Hebei province and was excited to make the acquaintance of a man claiming to be the legendary war hero, secret agent Changjiang No.1 ("月球學園 Experimental Taiwanese"); 2) His 2005 film on the use of corporal punishment in Taiwan's education system and the damage this frequently causes ("救命人 Twilight Zone"); and 3) "西藏臺北 Tibet, Taipei" (2008), a documentary on the life of exiled Tibetans in Taiwan, India, and the United States. After a reception, Director Wu's 2015 movie about Puyuma tribal musicians making their way onto the stage of the National Concert Hall in Taipei ("很久沒有敬我了你 Kara-Orchestra") completed the evening.

On Saturday, November 4, the programme consisted of feature films from the Taiwan Film Institute, brought to Europe as part of a collaborative project by 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 the CCKF-ERCCT for

the festival to give an introduction to the historical contexts of Taiwan's earliest commercial cinema, before the screening of the following films: 1) “天字一號 The Best Secret Agent” (1964), which tells the tragic love story of secret agents in Shanghai during anti-Japanese resistance in World War II; 2) “地獄新娘 The Bride Who Has Returned from Hell” (1965), about a mysterious murder case in a rich Taichung family, and 3) “危險的青春 Dangerous Youth” (1969), the somewhat tragic and moralizing story about the relationship of a deliveryman, who dreams of easy wealth, and a young girl trying to escape life as a waitress in her mother's noodle shop.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2016

The Eleventh Taiwan Documentary Film Festival took place on July 1-2, 2016 in Tübingen. This year's edition featured seven documentary films that shed light on important personalities of Taiwan's recent political history. The selection of documentaries covered, among others, the lives and achievements of the revolutionary Su Beng, the rights activist Cheng Nan-Jung and former President Lee Teng-hui. Further films documented the social struggles of Taiwan's vibrant civil society, such as in the field of environmental protection. Guest Filmmakers **Chen Lih-Kuei 陳麗貴** and **Lee Yung-Chuan 李泳泉** were present on both days, and discussed their work with the audience. The feature film **Parking 停車** by **Chung Mong-hong 鍾孟宏** was also shown on Friday night, July 1.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2015

The Tenth TDFF was held June 26 to 27. The programme was centered on the work of Shen Ko-shang, who attend the event as invited guest director. He showed and discussed “The Pigeon Game” 賽鴿風雲, “Baseball Boys” 野球孩子, “Fading” 小城 and “A Rolling Stone” 築巢人. Furthermore, Yang Li-chou's “Bridge Over Troubled Waters” 拔一條河 and Ching Yu-Ching's “Civil Disobedience” were also shown. Feature film of the year was a modern classic of Taiwanese cinema: “The Terrorizers” 恐怖分子 by Edward Yang.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2014

The Ninth TDFF was held on July 12th as part of the Spotlight Taiwan Program 2014 (see below).

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2013

The **Eighth TDFF** was held from June 28 to 29. Featuring documentary film maker Tsai Tsung-lung 蔡崇隆 as special guest, the focus of this year's festival was the food-safety issue on Taiwan, as well as the re-thinking of social topics and social justice in contemporary Taiwan. Mr. Tsai, who is a famous independent reporter, presented three documentaries, followed by a lively discussion with the audience. His other works were also shown by previous TDFF such as "Immigrant Brides I - My Imported Wife2 我的強娜威" and "Immigrant Brides II - My Imported Bride" 黑仔討老婆 in TDFF 2007; and "Behind the Miracle" 奇蹟背後 in TDFF 2009. Further films shown included works by Nguyen Kim-Hong 阮金紅 and Huang Hsin-Yao 黃信堯. The movie Chocolate Rap 巧克力重擊 was the feature film of the year.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2012

The **Seventh TDFF** was held on Friday and Saturday, July 13 - July 14, with a fascinating program focused on the era of the White Terror, but also featuring documentaries on the building of Taiwan identity, and the history of the fourth nuclear power plant project, in addition to the fictional drama "No puedo vivir sin ti" (2009) by Leon Dai (戴立忍). The invited guest director, on this occasion, was Mrs. Chen Li-kuei, who, accompanied by her husband, presented "Shimmering Moonlight - 暗暝e月光—台灣舞蹈先驅蔡瑞月", "Lost Youth - 青春祭 — 綠洲山莊的故事", "A Burning Mission--Rescue the Political Prisoners of Taiwan - 火線任務—臺灣政治犯救援錄" and "Dear Taiwan - 好國好民".

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2011

The **Sixth TDFF** took place on Friday and Saturday, May 20 - May 21, and this again presented together a harmonious ensemble of intriguing documentaries and one fictional film. One special guest was the Taiwanese documentary film director and producer, Chung Chuan (鍾權), whose two-part documentary, "The Affair of Three Cities", opened the festival program. After the screening of other documentary films by He Chaoti (My fancy High Heels / 我愛高跟鞋) and Kuo Liang-yin (Shonenko - Emerald Horizon / 綠的海平綫), the festival concluded with a showing of Chung's more recent documentary, "The Chai-Wan Match-up" (我們) and an exciting in-depth discussion. Friday evening was rendered even more interesting by the fiction movie, "Orzboys" by Yang Ya-che (楊雅喆).

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2010

The Fifth TDFF was held from June 25 - June 26 and featured the renowned filmmaker and producer, Mayaw Biho, who presented and discussed his films “What’s your name” (請問芳名), “National park or national bandits” (國家共匪), and “Malakacaway” (馬拉卡照酒). The program also featured “How long is the Road?” (路有多遠) by the famous Taiwanese film director, Tang Shiang-chu 湯湘竹, and “The moment run through” (走過千年) by Pinlin Yabu. For the first time, a fiction movie was also included in the program: Cape No. 7 (海角七號) by Teh-sheng Wei.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2009

On 15 May/16 May 2009, the ERCCT held the **Fourth Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (TDFF)**. At the opening ceremony of the Festival, the R.O.C.’s Ambassador to the FRG, Dr. Wu-lien Wei, addressed the participants. He also met Prof. Bernd Engler, the President of Tübingen University, on this occasion. This year’s festival featured Mrs. Chao-Ti Ho (賀照緹), who presented and discussed her films “The Gangster’s God” (炸神明), “El Salvador Journal” (薩爾瓦多日記) and “County Road 184” (縣道184之東).

Spotlight Taiwan Program 2014

Funded by the Ministry of Culture’s Spotlight Taiwan program, the ERCCT organized a week of Taiwan culture to present a taste of the islands rich cultural diversity to the local public in Tübingen. The program ran from July 7 to 15, 2014 and consisted mainly of four categories of cultural and academic events, namely a Taiwan Literature Reading Series, a Modern Taiwan Cinema Series, academic lectures and the 9th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival, in addition to a solemn opening ceremony, photography exhibition, a musical concert, and Taiwanese lunch at the student refectory.

Spotlight Taiwan Events

Opening Ceremony

The program of the opening ceremony, held on Monday, July 7th, 5 to 7:30 p.m., featured welcoming remarks by the president and vice-chancellor of Tübingen University, Prof. Dr. Bernd Engler, by Taipei’s representative in the Federal Republic of Germany, Ms. Agnes

Hwa-Yue Chen, and by CCKF-ERCCT director Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert. A keynote speech was given by eminent Sinologist and translator Prof. Dr. Peter Hoffmann.

Modern Taiwan Cinema Series

The program featured the following films:

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| • The Rice Bomber, Cho Li 2014 | Two screenings |
| • GF*BF, Yang Ya-che 2012 | One screening |
| • Au Revoir Taipei, Arvin Chen 2010 | Two screening |
| • Seven Days in Heaven, Wang Yu-Lin, Liu Tzu-Chieh | Two screenings |
| • Monga, Doze Niu 2010 | Two screenings |
| • Warriors of the Rainbow, Wei Te-sheng 2011 | Two screenings |
| • KANO, Umin Boya 2014 | One screening |
| • Eat Drink Man Woman, Lee Ang 1994 | Two screening |
| • Three Times, Hou Hsiao-hsien 2005 | One screening |

Special guest was Umin Boya (馬志翔), who presented *Warriors of the Rainbow: Seediq Bale* as one of its main actors and *KANO*, which he directed himself. After the screening of *KANO* the audience discussed with Umin Boya on his work.

The 9th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival

The program, which was integrated into the Taiwan Spotlight Week, featured the following films:

- The Long Goddbye, Yang Li-chou 2010
- Time for Dancing, Hung Hung 2009
- Baseball Boys, Shen Ko-Shang, Liao Ching-yao 2009

Taiwan Literature Reading Series

Guest author of the first event (July 8) in this series was Tzu-chieh LIU (劉梓潔). She read from her famous novel *Seven Days in Heaven* 父後七日, while Prof. Peter Hoffmann read from his German language translation. The event was organized in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Peter Hoffmann and the owner of book store Rosalux, Mrs. Ulrike Dahmen.

Guest author of the second event (July 9) in this series was Yao-ming KAN (甘耀明). He read from his anthology "Stories from the Funeral" 8 to 10 p.m. at the bookstore RosaLux, the German translation again being presented by Prof. Peter Hoffmann.

Academic Lectures

The program featured the following lectures:

Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert, July 9th: *Taiwans Demokratie und die chinesische Herausforderung – Rückblick und Ausblick* (Taiwan's Democracy and the Chinese Challenge: retrospection and prospects), July 9th

Prof. Dr. Peter Hoffmann, July 10th: *Zwischen Multikulturalität und Suche nach Identität – einige Bemerkungen zur Geschichte der taiwanischen Literatur* (Between Multiculturality and the Search for Identity: some remarks on the history of Taiwanese literature)

I-Wen Chang, July 11th: *Choreographing Diversity and Identity: the new generation of contemporary dance in Taiwan*. The event also included the presentation of a solo choreography by Ms. Chang.

Dr Ming-Yeh T. Rawnsley, July 15th: *Cultural Representation of Identities in Eat, Drink, Man, Woman*

Photography Exhibition

The photography exhibition, running July 7th to 15th, was entitled "Licht und Schatten zwischen den Epochen: Fotos von Teng Nan-kuang (1907-1971)" (Light and Shadow between the Epochs: photos by Teng Nan-kuang) and dedicated to the work of the pioneer of Taiwanese photography, Mr. Teng Nan-kuang. It featured 26 large-scale prints of works by Teng Nan-kuang, showing life, work, and public space in Taiwan during the era of Japanese colonization and the early stages after the handover. Each photography was accompanied by a signboard explaining its content.

Concert

The Taiwanese band *A Moving Sound* gave a concert on July 10th. The program featured songs mostly composed by the band manager and bass player, Scott Prairie, in a modern-traditional fusion style.

Taiwanese Food at Student Refectory

From Monday, July 7th, to Thursday, July 10th, the student refectory offered a Taiwanese lunch box menu, that was well received (and digested) by Tübingen students.

Musical Concerts

On November 30, 2018, the ERCCT hosted a concert by Twango, a Latin American-East Asian music ensemble consisting of taiwanese band leader Wu Ruei-Ran 吳睿然, japanese violinist Asayama Kaoru, Uruguayan bass player and singer Felipe Medina, and Argentinian pianist Diego Collatti. The concert was organised in cooperation with Mrs. Tsai Tsai-Wei of Hohaiyan e.V. 好海洋藝術, a cultural association for the promotion of Taiwanese performing arts in Germany. The programme of the evening was entitled *El Otro Fin del Mundo* 世界的另一個盡頭 and featured Tangos and arrangements of Taiwanese and Latin American traditional songs.

On February 11, 2018, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a chamber music concert by Trio Piazzolla and Taiwanese flutist Chung-Shen CHEN. Under the headline "Magic Flutes of East and West", the troupe performed arrangements of western classical pieces alongside several traditional Chinese pieces of music. A vivid introduction of classical Chinese flutes preceded the concert itself.

On December 2, 2016, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a chamber musical concert by Katharina Fount, (Piano), Yu-Shih Yu (Cello), Natalia Karpova (Piano), Shih-Cheng Yu (Flute), and Han-Lin Liang (Violin) in cooperation with Mrs. Tsai Tsai-Wei of Hohaiyan e.V., a Munich-based cultural organization for the promotion of Taiwanese performing arts in Germany. The programme featured compositions by modern and contemporary Taiwanese composers as well as by western composers.

The ERCCT hosted a concert jointly played by the Chin Yuan Orchestra from Taipei and the Trio Piazzolla from Heidelberg under the heading of "Tango meets Taiwan" on January 25, 2014.

Book Launches

Taiwanese screen actor and novelist Kevin Chen came to Tübingen on November 5, 2025, and launched the German translation of his novel 'Ghost Town' together with the translator Monika Li in a cheerful event co-hosted by the ERCCT and the CCT. In a vivid dialogue, author and translator shed light on the story's references to the Chen's own life, aspects of translation and of Taiwanese society and culture in general. All graciously chaired by Prof. Emily Graf and attended by a large audience from among students of the AOI and Taiwanese fans of Kevin Chen.

On Monday, November 3, 2025, the ERCCT (in cooperation with the CCT) welcomed a young Austro-taiwanese writer who goes by the pen-name of Jimmy Brainless from Vienna to read from his second novel, *Im Spiegel der Ahnen* (In the Mirror of the Ancestors). The book tells the story of both sides of the family of Simon, an austro-taiwanese man, reflecting the history of the twentieth century in the life stories of Simon's ancestors, exploring the entanglement of guilt and identity of individuals as well as Taiwanese and Austrian societies. Jimmy Brainless engendered a very warm and personal dialogue with the audience afterwards.

On June 17, 2016, Prof. Lin Gang and Prof. Zuo Yana, both from the School of International and Public Affairs at Shanghai Jiaotong University, visited the ERCCT to hold a joint book launch. Prof. Lin Gang introduced his most recent monograph *China's Long Quest for Democracy: A Historical Institutional Perspective*, published by Palgrave Macmillan, New York 2016, and Prof. Zuo spoke about her book *Evolving Identity Politics and Cross-Strait Relations: Bridging Theories of International Relations and Nationalism*, also published by Palgrave Macmillan, New York 2016.

Individual Film Screenings

A Chip Odyssey – Hsiao Chu-Chen

In cooperation with the local chapter (Stuttgart) of the Monte Jade Science and Technology Association, the ERCCT presented the latest hit documentary “A Chip Odyssey” 造山者 - 世紀的賭注 by Hsiao Chu-Chen 蕭菊貞 on December 13, 2025, at Kino Atelier. The film draw quite a numerous audience, which was greeted by Dr. Dieu Ian-Tsing 趙彥青, by Eva Tseng from Monte Jade, by Mr. Ding of AOU. ERCCT Director Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert introduced the audience to the international political-economic background of the topic.

“BIG” – Wei Te-Sheng

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, the CCKF-ERCCT – in cooperation with the German culture promotion association *Taiwanherz* (Mühlheim a.d.R.) – hosted a screening of Wei Te-Sheng’s latest fiction film “BIG” at local movie theatre Kino Museum. BIG is the heart-wrenching story of six families, whose children are battling cancer, coming together in a hospital ward. The film was well-received by the local audience, which also took part in the Q&A afterwards, elegantly translated by Mr. Achim Kehlenbach from *Taiwanherz*.

“When the Dawn Comes” - Zhang Hong-Jie

On Tuesday, October 26, the ERCCT presented Zhang Hong-Jie 張弘傑’s documentary film “When the Dawn Comes” 黎明到來的那一天 (Taiwan 2021, 59 minutes), a sympathetic portrait of Chi Chia-Wei 祁家威, the father of Taiwan’s gay right’s movement. The screening took place in local movie theatre Kino Arsenal and was part of the theatre’s first Queer Film Festival.

“Our Youth in Taiwan” – Fu Yue

On June 17, 2019, the CCKF-ERCCT screened the documentary film “Our Youth in Taiwan” by Taiwanese documentary film maker Fu Yue, who won the prestigious Golden Horse Award for Best Documentary with it in 2018. The director herself as well as the head of the Taipei Representative Office in Germany, Prof. Shieh Jyh-Wey, took part in the event to discuss the film’s message with the audience.

“Wawa no Cidal” – Cheng Yu-Chieh, Lekal Sumi

On April 20, 2016, the CCKF-ERRCT hosted a screening of award-winning film Wawa no Cidal (太陽的孩子, Children of the Sun) by Cheng Yu-chieh 鄭有傑 and Lekal Sumi 勒嘎·舒米. Both directors were also present and engaged in a lively Q & A with the audience.

“Almost Home Taiwan” – Victoria Linchong

On November 26, 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.

“The Sunflower Occupation” – Chou Shih-Lun

In cooperation with the 330 Taiwan Freedom and Justice Action Alliance the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a screening of Taiwanese documentary film maker Chou Shih-Lun's 周世倫 work about the Sunflower social movement, which rocked Taiwan last spring, "太陽，不遠 - 時代的共同記憶" (The Sunflower Occupation) in Tübingen on February 1st, at film theatre Kino Arsenal. Film director Chou Shi-Lun was present and CCKF-ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schubert chaired the event, which also comprised a discussion between the director and the audience.

Conferences and Workshops

Public Symposium on German-Taiwanese Relations after the Federal Elections

On June 26, 2025, the ERCCT held a high-level public symposium titled "German-Taiwanese Relations after the Federal Elections: Bilateral, European and International Perspectives" („Die deutsch-taiwanischen Beziehungen nach den Bundestagswahlen: Bilaterale, europäische und internationale Perspektiven“) in cooperation with the Taipei Representative Office in Berlin, which also served as the venue, and with the Deutsch-Taiwanische Dialogplattform (DTDP, Forum for German-Taiwanese Dialogue). The event was solemnly opened with warm welcoming remarks by **Prof. Shieh Jyh-Wey**, Taiwan's Representative to Germany. In his address, Prof. Shieh highlighted the importance of shared democratic values, mutual understanding, and the need for stable partnerships in

uncertain times. His remarks underscored Taiwan's desire for deeper cooperation with Germany and Europe, particularly in the face of growing geopolitical pressure.

Key Note Speeches and Commentaries

The opening presentation was delivered by **Reinhard Bütikofer**, representing the Deutsch-Taiwanische Dialogplattform and a former Member of the European Parliament. His talk, titled "**German-Taiwanese Relations in the Context of Current International and European Politics**" („Die deutsch-taiwanischen Beziehungen im Kontext der gegenwärtigen internationalen und europäischen Politik“), provided a wide-ranging overview of how various European actors—including national governments, EU institutions, the business sector, and civil society—relate to Taiwan. Bütikofer observed that since The Economist labeled the Taiwan Strait “the most dangerous place on Earth,” the security situation has only deteriorated further. He emphasized that China has prepared for a potential military aggression against Taiwan far more systematically than Russia did before its invasion of Ukraine.

Bütikofer called on the European Union to adopt a more proactive and strategic posture in preventing a Chinese attack. Among his key policy recommendations were the need for the EU to counter China's „salami slicing“ through regular and determined reactions to and condemnation of gray-zone provocations by Beijing, to participate more actively in freedom of navigation operations in the Taiwan Strait, to conclude an economic partnership agreement with Taiwan, to advocate for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, to engage the European public with clearer information about Taiwan, and to intensify official and parliamentary visits to the island. These measures, he argued, should not be viewed as symbolic acts but as essential steps in upholding the rules-based international order.

In his commentary, **Felix Lee** of the Süddeutsche Zeitung pointed to the persistent gap between political intention and practical implementation in Europe's China and Taiwan policy. He noted that while expressions of solidarity with Taiwan have become more frequent, they remain fragile and inconsistent, particularly in light of Europe's economic entanglements with China.

The second speaker, **Dr. Gudrun Wacker** of the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), presented a talk titled "**German-Taiwanese Relations Amid the Tensions of Germany's China Policy**" („Die deutsch-taiwanischen Beziehungen im Spannungsfeld der deutschen Chinapolitik“). Dr. Wacker described how Taiwan has increasingly emerged as a relevant topic in Germany's foreign policy discussions. She argued that Berlin should more clearly

embed its Taiwan policy into a broader Indo-Pacific strategy. Germany, she suggested, should show greater diplomatic courage in enabling official visits to and from Taiwan, normalize its participation in freedom of navigation operations, and strengthen cooperation at the subnational level—for example, through town twinning and other local partnerships.

Commenting on Dr. Wacker's presentation, Member of Parliament **Roderich Kiesewetter** supported the call for a more strategic and values-driven approach to Taiwan. He stressed the importance of parliamentary engagement and emphasized that Germany must not shy away from its responsibility to support democratic partners under growing external pressure.

The third presentation, given by **Antonia Hmaidi** of the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), focused on economic and technological dimensions. Her talk, titled "The Importance of Germany and Europe for Taiwan's High-Tech Industry" („Die Bedeutung Deutschlands und Europas für die taiwanische High Tech-Industrie“), explored the logic behind Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company's (TSMC) decision to invest in Dresden. Hmaidi explained that while political considerations play a role, customer-driven, geo-economic calculations were central to the investment. She argued in favor of deepening technological cooperation between Germany and Taiwan, including in the area of military and dual-use technologies, not at least because such collaboration could also function as a counter strategy against Chinese attempts to impose limits on how Europe engages with Taiwan.

Dr. Hsieh Liang-Han of Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) provided the commentary. He welcomed Hmaidi's suggestions and affirmed Taiwan's readiness to pursue high-level technological and strategic cooperation with Germany and the European Union. He emphasized that partnerships in secure supply chains and critical technology sectors offer concrete opportunities for mutual benefit.

The final talk was presented by **Dr. Angela Stanzel**, also of the SWP. Her presentation, titled "**Resolution 2758 and the 'One China Principle' as Red Lines of Chinese Foreign Policy**" („Die Resolution 2758 und das ‚Ein-China-Prinzip‘ als rote Linien chinesischer Außenpolitik“), clarified the frequent misunderstandings surrounding UN Resolution 2758. While the resolution granted the People's Republic of China representation in the UN, Dr. Stanzel emphasized that it did not determine the international legal status of Taiwan. She explained the need to distinguish between China's "One China principle" and the "One China policies" adopted individually by countries such as Germany. Furthermore, she warned that China's strategic use of lawfare in relation to Taiwan is increas-

ingly aimed at third parties, including European governments, with the intent of narrowing their diplomatic and legal room for maneuver. In such a context, Dr. Stanzel underlined the importance of terminological clarity and precision, not just in legal texts but also in public discourse.

Claudia Wessling of MERICS offered the final commentary. She praised the analytical depth of Dr. Stanzel's presentation and emphasized the necessity of actively defending Europe's linguistic and legal sovereignty. According to Wessling, how we name and frame issues around Taiwan significantly shapes both public understanding and policy options.

Academic Workshop on Strategizing Economic Security

From December 10–14, 2024, the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT) hosted the workshop *Strategizing Economic Security in Times of De-risking: Mapping the Behaviour of Taiwan's High-tech Industries and the Interaction between the Corporate Sector and the State* at the University of Tübingen. This event brought together leading scholars and experts to address Taiwan's economic security challenges, with a particular focus on its semiconductor and AI-related industries amid shifting global supply chains and intensifying geopolitical tensions.

The workshop featured a series of insightful presentations:

- **Prof. Gunter Schubert** (University of Tübingen) presented the theoretical framework and research agenda for a possible collaborative project focusing on how the business sector and government in Taiwan are responding to China's efforts to peripheralize the island republic's economy.
- **Prof. Wang Shinn-Shyr** (National Chengchi University) analyzed the semiconductor industry within the context of US-China-Taiwan triangular relations.
- **Dr. Jeremy Chang** (DSET) examined Taiwan's strategies and challenges in securing its semiconductor sector.
- **Dr. Christina Lai** (Academia Sinica) explored the restructuring of Taiwan's supply chains in Southeast Asia.
- **Dr. Kristy Hsu** (Chung-Hua Institution of Economic Research) assessed the potential impact of a second Trump presidency on Taiwan's supply chain relocation and revisited the "China +1" strategy.

- **Dr. Lin Thunghong** (Academia Sinica) discussed the “winners and losers” of economic decoupling and evaluated the performance of Taiwan’s industries amid the US-China trade war.
- **Dr. Lee Zongrong** (Academia Sinica) provided a supplier network analysis of the global semiconductor industry.
- **Prof. Douglas Fuller** (Copenhagen Business School) reflected on TSMC’s near-monopoly in advanced logic chips and its implications for global competition.

Other distinguished participants included **Prof. Tobias ten Brink** (Constructor University Bremen), **Prof. Maximilian Mayer** (University of Bonn), and **Dr. Suang-Jing Pong**, Executive Director of the National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan here in Germany, who contributed to the lively discussions.

Taiwan as a Pioneer Workshop 2023

The CCKF-ERCCT hosted the Workshop of the Taiwan as a Pioneer (TAP) project group from October 4 to 6, 2023, in Tübingen. Twenty-one scholars from Europe, Taiwan and North America participated in the fruitful academic exchange and networking activities of the event organized by CCKF-ERCCT Resident Research Fellow Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault.

Apart from an opening session dedicated to acquainting participants with the TAP project and subprojects, the workshop consisted of five panels, featured two guest lectures, TAP Grant recipients’ presentations, a hybrid book publishing talk, a group discussion and a TAP internal works session, elegantly integrated into the following setup:

Taiwan as a Pioneer - Presentation of the project and individual sub-projects by the TAP group

Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn (Trier University): “Political participation”

Dr. Thomas Fliss (Trier University): “Progressive and Innovative Poetry of the Taiwanese Writer Wu Sheng”

Dr. Yu-Yin Hsu (Ruhr-University Bochum): “Education as a Motor of Modernity: Focusing on the Development of Vocational Education in Colonial Taiwan”

Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault (University of Tübingen): “Gender, innovation and human capital: (Un)doing family in contemporary Taiwan”

Guest Speaker Lecture 1:

Prof. Ying-Chao Kao (Virginia Commonwealth University): “Decolonizing Queer Glocalization and Conservative Internationalism: Taiwan’s Pioneering Debates on Xingbié Píngděng (sex/gender/sexuality equity/equality) Beyond Liberalism”

Panel 1: Modern History, Culture and Society

Ting-Huang Tai (The doctoral school “Social Sciences and Humanities”, École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay): “Geometric Data Analysis of the Field of Senior High Schools in Taiwan (2008 – 2020)”

Hsin-Hui Lin (Graduate Institute of Taiwanese Literature, National Chengchi University): “Disasters as a Method: Non-normative Temporalities and Transformation of Bodies and Islands in Taiwanese Science Fiction”

Dr. Monika Arnoštová (Institute of East Asian Studies and Faculty of Social Sciences, Duisburg Essen University): “Disenchanted young professionals in Taiwan: Lying flat between Mainland China and Japan”

Prof. Christine Moll-Murata (Ruhr-University Bochum): “Statistics from the Period of Japanese Colonial Rule”

Panel 2: Indigenous Issues

Wan Jou Lin (National Taiwan Normal University): “Indigenous Female Resilience on the Forced Displacement: A Case Study of Ciulaku, Southern Taiwan”

Dr. Fanny Caron (IrAsia research unit, CNRS-Aix-Marseille University): “Paiwan women artists as actants of decolonisation: renewal and revival of ancestral practices”

Dr. Agathe Lemaitre (Ethnic Relations & Cultures, Dong-Hwa University): "Maintenance in time of disappearance: Survivance of the clouded leopard in the Paiwan's spiritual landscape"

Guest Speaker Lecture 2

Tzu-Tung Lee (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): "Sailing in the Pirate Sea of Art"

TAP Grant Recipients' Presentations (online)

Damir Padieu (Trier University): "Current Development, Research Practice and Conventions of the Digital Humanities in Taiwan"

Florian Paulsen (Berlin University): "Exploring the Entrepreneurial Spirit of Taiwanese Students and Young Professionals: A Mixed-Methods Study in the Context of Mainland China's Global Impact"

Dr. Frédéric Krumbein (Institute for European Politics): "Leaving the dragon's shadow – Normative Power Europe and the emergence of a Taiwan policy in the EU?"

Hassan Al-Said (University of Cologne): "The importance of innovations from Taiwan for young students' self-identification: Insights from the Republic of China"

Alena Dorakh (Trier University): "Taiwan's Influence on Europe's Semiconductor Supply Chain: A Trade and FDI Perspective"

Sven Pabis (Ruhr-University Bochum): "The Status quo of sales digitalization in Taiwan using the example of a Taiwanese recycling company"

Panel 3: Governance and Politics

Anthony Li (Department of Politics and Public Administration, The University of Hong Kong): "Understanding the varieties of local developmental states in Taiwan for energy transitions 2015-2020: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis"

Chao-Hsuan Peng (School of Advanced Research in the Social Sciences (EHESS)): "Re-visiting the Taiwanese Debate on 'Civil Society' (1986-1987) or Outline of an Intellectual History of Taiwan's Democratization"

Dr. Wan-Shin Chen (Sorbonne Paris North University–Paris 13, LabEx ICCA: Cultural industries and artistic creation (ICCA)): "Why Did They Cancel the Screen Quotas and what happened today? Examining the Decision-Making and the institutional changes of the Taiwanese Government for Film Policies Based on New Institutional Economics Theories"

Panel 4: LGBTQIA2S+ Issues

Dr. Jens Damm (Institute of Chinese Studies, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg): "Contested and Negotiated Discourses: LGBTQI Issues in Taiwan's Media"

Chi-Ting Serena Chuang (University of Manchester): "Same-sex couples' negotiation of filial responsibilities and family relationships: The Case of Taiwan2"

Panel 5: Migration Issues

Dr. Beatrice Zani (CNRS): "Catching global connections. Sketches of reflection on multi-sited ethnography of ports, supply chains, and economic networks in, from and to Taiwan"

Prof. Yu-Chin Tseng (University of Tübingen): "'True love' or convenience? Strategies and emotions of married Chinese-Taiwanese couples in the West"

Dr. Isabelle Cockel (University of Portsmouth): "To see is to act: the screening of *And Miles to Go before I Sleep* and interactive knowledge co-production"

Book Publishing Talk (hybrid)

Prof. Ying-Mao Chao (US context) and Prof. Dafydd Fell (European Context)

Group discussion

The role of Taiwan as a Pioneer and its role in the global megatrends

Internal TAP Workshop

From January 10 to 13, 2023, Dr. Hsu Yu-Yin from the Research Unit for Taiwanese Culture and Literature at Bochum University and Dr. Andreas Fliss from Sinologie at the University of Trier joined Dr. Keyser-Verreault at the ERCCT for an internal workshop of the Taiwan as a Pioneer project group. The following outcomes were achieved during the meeting:

The workshop group

1) further defined possible collaboration. Every participant now established a research sub-project with one of the two other colleagues (Hsu-Fliss, Fliss-Keyser-Verreault and Hsu-Keyser-Verreault). It is planned to collect the data for these projects in 2023 and write and submit the collaborative scientific papers in 2024. Participants also agreed that data from these sub-projects will be shared in secure online folders to facilitate joint analysis.

2) defined what data and information is to be shared in the digital database.

3) discussed the book project regarding methodologies. While the publication of a methodological handbook for Chinese studies with Taiwan focus is useful and necessary for future undergraduate students, graduate students, and young scholars and is foreseen in the initial draft submitted to the BMBF-DLR, Dr. Keyser-Verreault expressed her interest in writing another book engaging with recent methodological debates, theoretical advancements, and research ethics in contemporary Taiwan.

4) discussed the objective of Digital Teaching Modules and identified the issue of who will host the courses and which institution will produce the certification as a critical one. Based on her experience in developing and teaching online courses in Canada (2015-2022), Dr. Keyser-Verreault proposed that these courses could take a pre-recorded format and thus be sustainable for a few years after the TAP project finishes.

5) prepared the call for proposals for the international workshop in the fall of 2023 (October 4-6). It was decided to phrase and distribute the call broadly in order to maximise the number of incoming proposals. This strategy will allow to elaborate a coherent workshop program, but also to enlarge the network and to contact respectively other researchers as future partners of collaboration.

7) proposed to meet once a month online to work together and share each other's progress.

International Workshop: “Navigating Stormy Waters: Taiwan during the first administration of Tsai Ing-wen”

On December 13 – 14, 2019, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted an international workshop on “Taiwan under the first Tsai Ing-wen administration” in cooperation with the University of Nottingham and with generous support from Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Internationally renowned Taiwan Studies scholars spoke on a variety of topics including the development of Taiwan’s political system, societal developments and conflicts as well as Taiwan’s foreign relations. The book to come out of this workshop will cover 15 topical chapters. The CCKF-ERCCT for its part hereby continues a tradition that started with the review of the Ma Ying-jeou administration.

List of presenters (in alphabetical order):

Brown, Kerry (King’s College London): “Taiwan, Japan and the EU under the Tsai Administration: Viable Alternatives?”

Chen Don-yun (Department of Public Administration, National Chengchi University): “The Rough-and-Tumble of Taiwan’s Pension Reform in the First Administration of Tsai Ing-wen (2016-2020)”

Cheng, Isabelle (School of Area Studies, History, Politics and Literature, University of Portsmouth): “Productivity, Cohesion and Dignity: The Contestation of Migration Policy under the Tsai Ing-wen Administration”

Chin Shih-chi (Department of History, National Chengchi University): “The Reorienting of History Teaching in Taiwan’s 12-year Basic Education”

Fuller, Douglas (Department of Asian and International Studies): “Countering the ‘Brain Drain’: Taiwan’s Economic Policy under Tsai Ing-wen”

Ho Ming-sho (Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University,): “The War of Referendums in 2018: Analyzing the Interaction between Social Movements and Political Parties”

Huang Cheng-Yi (Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica): “Healing the Past or Settling Accounts: The DPP’s Approach to Transitional Justice”

Kastner, Scott (Department of Government and Politics): “Stronger than Ever? US-Taiwan Relations during the (First) Tsai Administration”

Lee Chun-Yi (School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham): “Becoming a South East Asian Country? Assessing the First Years of Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy”

Rigger, Shelley (Davidson College): “The ‘sandwich president’: Tsai Ing-wen between DPP ‘deep green’ nationalism and political pragmatism”

Schubert, Gunter (ERCCT, University of Tübingen): “Liang’an vs. Kua’an: The two Dimensions of Taiwan-China Relations during the Tsai Administration”

Sullivan, Jonathan (School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham): “Was 2016 a watershed election? The evolution of Taiwan’s party system in the first Tsai administration”

Tseng Yu-chin (ERCCT, University of Tübingen): “Same Sex Marriage – And What Comes Next? Gender politics under Tsai Ing-wen”

CCKF-ERCCT Anniversary Symposium on the Future of Global Taiwan Studies

In celebration of its 10th Anniversary, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted a Symposium on the Future of Taiwan Studies: the next steps to take on Friday and Saturday, June 22/23, 2018, at the Castle of Hohentübingen.

Participants included renowned Taiwan Scholars from both the humanities and social sciences.

After welcoming remarks from Professor Bernd Engler, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tübingen, Professor Jyh-Wey Shieh, head of the Taipei Representative Office to the Federal Republic of Germany in Berlin, and Professor Yeong-chin Su, representative of the European Regional Committee of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, CCKF-ERCCT Director, Prof. Gunter Schubert, offered a retrospective on the achievements of the center in its 10 years of promoting Taiwan Studies at the University of Tübingen.

Dr. Tseng Yu-chin, who was appointed to the position of Assistant Professor of Modern Taiwan Studies at the Department of Chinese Studies in April 2018 and concurrently serves as CCKF-ERCCT Co-Director, presented her vision of furthering Taiwan Studies in Tübingen and beyond at the symposium with a talk on “The Imaginations of Taiwan: How to Contest the Ambivalence of Taiwan Studies”.

As South Korea has been successful in promoting Korean Studies worldwide as well as at the University of Tübingen, Prof. Dr. You Jae Lee from the Department of Korean Studies at the University of Tübingen discussed South Korean Institutional Enhancement Programs and Cooperation Experiences.

Following were a number of position papers presented by our external guests: Professor Jonathan Sullivan from the University of Nottingham spoke on “Mainstreaming Taiwan Studies: Making the Case for a New Field”, Professor Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao from Academia Sinica reported on “Retrospect and Prospect for Taiwan Studies in Taiwan and in the World”, Professor Shelley Rigger from Davidson College reflected on “Liberating Taiwan from the Social Sciences”, and Professor Thomas B. Gold from the University of California, Berkeley, raised (and answered) the question “Is the Trump Disruption Providing an Opening for Taiwan Studies in the U.S.?”

The symposium continued on Saturday with the fifth position paper presented by Prof. Gunter Schubert, who shared his vision on “Strategizing the Recruitment of Taiwan Scholars at Western Universities.

Finally, the symposium concluded with the discussion of a draft document for a “Manifesto on the Future of Taiwan Studies”, which was presented at the 3rd World Congress of Taiwan Studies in September.

Symposium in celebration of the inauguration of the ERCCT as an CCK Foundation Overseas Center

In celebration of the inauguration of the ERCCT as an CCK Foundation Overseas Center a Symposium was held on the Castle of Hohentübingen on Monday, July 14th, 2014. The event culminated in the signing of a new agreement signed between the CCK Foundation, represented by its president Prof. Yun-han Chu, and Tübingen University, represented by its president Prof. Bernd Engler, by which they establish the ERCCT as a CCK Foundation Overseas Center at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.

List of invited participants (non-Tübingen based, in alphabetical order):

Allio, Fiorella (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris): “New Trends in the Study of Taiwanese Anthropology”

Cheung, Gordon (School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham): "Looking ahead: How Taiwan will face China"

Chu, Yun-han (President CCK Foundation; Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University; Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica): "Taiwan's Soft Power in Cross-Strait Relations"

Gold, Thomas B. (Sociology Department, University of California, Berkeley): "New Trends in the Study of Taiwan's Society"

Mengin, Françoise (Centre d'études de relations internationales): "A political reading of cross-strait integration"

Rawnsley, Gary (Department of International Politics, University of Aberystwith): "New Trends in the Study of Cross-Strait Relations: A Public Diplomacy Perspective"

Sullivan, Jonathan (School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham): "New Trends in the Study of Taiwan's Domestic Politics"

Wang, Hung-jen (Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan): "Current U.S. Perspectives on Taiwan"

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".

List of Participants (in alphabetical order):

Beckershoff, André (ERCCT, Tübingen): “The Political Economy of the Cross-Strait Rap-
prochement - Anatomy of a Hegemonic Project”

Chen Chih-jou (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “Love or Bread: Public Opinion
on the Cross-Strait Dilemma during the Ma Ying-jeou Era”

Chen Mu-min (GIIS, NCHU): “Managing Territorial Nationalism in the South and East
China Seas: Taiwan’s Approach”

Ho Ming-sho (Dep. of Sociology, NTU): “The Sunflower Movement and the State: Civic
Responses and Challenges to the Ma-administration”

Huang Kwei-bo (DoD, NCCU): “More or Less ‘International Space’ for Taiwan?”

Lee Chun-yi (CPI, Nottingham): “Chinese Investment in Taiwan: How Much Opportunity,
How Much Danger?”

Liao Da chi (Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan): “Tai-
wanese Nationalism in the Age of Cross-Strait Integration - Predominance and Pragma-
tism”

Lin Cheng-yi (Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica): “Cross-
Strait Détente? The Evolution of the US-Taiwan-China Triangle”

Pacey, Scott (School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham) partic-
ipated as discussant

Rawnsley, Gary (Aberystwyth University): “Taiwan’s Soft Power and Public Diplomacy
During Ma Ying-jeou’s Presidency”

Schubert, Gunter (Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Tuebingen): “The
DPP’s China Policy before and during the Ma Ying-jiu Era”

Tsang, Steve (Head of School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Notting-
ham) participated as discussant

Tung Chen-yuan (GIDS, NCCU): “Opportunities and Pitfalls of Cross-Strait Economic
Integration: Taiwan after the ECFA”

The contributions to this workshop were revised and published as an edited volume by
CCKF-ERCCT Fellow André Beckershoff and CCKF-ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schu-
bert.

Workshop on “The China Impact on Taiwan”

From June 21 to June 25, 2012 the ERCCT hosted a workshop on “The China Impact on Taiwan”, which was organized in cooperation with the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica and took place at Hohentübingen Castle, Tübingen.

The aim of this workshop was to delineate the new research field of “China Impact Studies” by exploring different dimensions of China’s influence on Taiwan as this has evolved over the last 20 years. Renowned Taiwan scholars (both political scientists and sociologists) from Taiwan, Europe and the United States were invited to present their respective views on the topic. A total of 16 presentations were given over the course of this three-day workshop, each of which was followed by in-depth discussions.

List of Participants (in alphabetical order):

Cabestan, Jean-Pierre (Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University): “Cross-strait Integration and Taiwan’s New Security Challenges”

Chen, Chih-jou 陳志柔 (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “The Social Bases of China-Related Policies in Taiwan: Class, Gender and Partisan Identity”

Deng, Jianbang 鄧建邦 (Graduate Institute of Futures Studies, Tamkang University): “Immigration Policy in Taiwan Facing Challenges: Citizenship Arrangement for Families of Taiwanese Expatriates with Chinese Spouses”

Fan, Yun 范雲 (Department. of Sociology, National Taiwan University): “Is ‘Taiwanese Consensus’ Possible? A Civil Society Perspective”

Fell, Dafydd (Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS): “Marketing China/Mainland Policy: Cross-Strait Economic Integration through the Lens of Election Advertising”

Lin, Cheng-yi 林正義 (Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica): “The Rise of China and its Implications for U.S.-Taiwan Relations”

Lin, Jih-wen 林繼文 (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica): “The PRC as a Player in Taiwan's Domestic Competition”

Lin, Ping 林平 (Department of Political Science, National Chung Cheng University): “Imagined Mobility and the Image of China: Taiwanese College Students in China”

Lin, Thung-hong 林宗弘 (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): “Cross-strait Trade and Class Cleavages in Taiwan”

Rigger, Shelley (Political Science Department, Davidson College): "The China Impact in Taiwan's Generational Politics"

Schubert, Gunter (Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Tübingen): "The Taishang as a Cross-strait Linkage Community: Preliminary Observations Concerning their Political Mindset and Agency"

Tseng, Yen-fen 曾熾芬 (Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University): "Merry-Go-Round? Taiwanese Skilled Migration to China"

Tung, Han-pu 童涵浦 (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Cheng Chi University): "Signaling Peace: A Theory of ECFA and Peace Dividend Beyond the Taiwan Strait"

Wu, Chung-li 吳重禮 (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica): "Taming the Tongue: Politics and Judicial Verdicts in Defamation Litigation in Taiwan"

Wu, Nai-the 吳乃德 (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica): "Nationalism in Taiwan: Political Impacts and Theoretical Implications"

The contributions to this workshop have been revised and published as an edited volume by CCKF-ERCCT Fellow André Beckershoff and CCKF-ERCCT Director Prof. Gunter Schubert: *Assessing the Presidency of Ma Ying-jiu in Taiwan: Hopeful Beginning, Hopeless End?* Oxon and New York: Routledge 2018.

EATS Conference 2010

From April 8-10, 2010 the ERCCT hosted the 7th Annual Conference of the **European Association of Taiwan Studies** (EATS). The conference took place in the tower of Hohentübingen Castle, where some 80 participants were welcomed by Prof. Stephanie Gropper, Vice President of the University; Prof. Jörn Staecker, Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences; Ambassador Dr. Wei Wu-lien, Head of the Taipei Representative Office in Berlin; Prof. Lin Wen-Cheng from the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy; and Prof. Gunter Schubert in his capacity as ERCCT Director. This was followed by two keynote speeches by Prof. Chou Wan-yao from National Taiwan University's Department of History and Prof. Thomas B. Gold from the Department of Sociology at the University of California in Berkeley on the "Global State of Taiwan Studies". During the following two days, 37 speakers from Europe, Taiwan and North America presented their latest research in 11 panels, cov-

ering topics related to Taiwan literature, language policies, nativization, gender studies, domestic politics and economic integration across the Taiwan Strait. The 7th conference was of particular significance for EATS inasmuch as the association became a legal unit, formally registered in Tübingen at the seat of the ERCCT.