



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### From the Desk of the President

#### Best wishes in the Year of the Sheep

Hans Stockton, AACS President



GREETINGS, AACS colleagues. It is my honor and pleasure to serve the Association as president in 2015 and I look forward to

seeing you all in Houston at this year's annual meeting. I know that you all join me and Vice President Dr. John Fu-sheng Hsieh in extending our collective thanks to past president, Dr. Vincent Wei-cheng Wang, for his sage and energetic leadership these past two years. An

additional debt of gratitude goes to our long-time Secretary, Dr. Peter Chow, whose adept administrative skills have allowed the Association to prosper as well. May this Year of the Sheep bring you all health, happiness and prosperity.

Last year's meeting at George Washington University was a tremendous success, thanks to the program committee and Chair, Dr. Steven Phillips. Although 2014 will be a tough act to follow, the 2015 program committee will do our best to provide a meaningful and interesting venue for "all y'all" to come together in Texas. More information about the 2015 conference is presented within this newsletter.

The executive group has submit-

ted a third year request for funding from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. The first two years of this invaluable grant has allowed the AACS to expand our professional outreach, improve the Journal of the Association of Chinese Studies under Dr. Tom Bellows' editorship, increase support for junior scholars and graduate students and increase our coverage in the humanities.

In my short time as AACS president, I have learned just how valuable collegial and collective efforts are to the health of our great association. A great demonstration of this, thanks to Dr. Shelley Rigger, is the newsletter before you. It is my hope to continue that fine tradition.

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### Call for Papers

#### 2015 AACS Conference to be hosted by the University of St. Thomas October 9-11

Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas

THE AMERICAN Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) annual conference program committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables and papers concerning China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Chinese diaspora for the 57th Annual Conference, hosted by the University of St. Thomas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston, TX on October 9-11, 2015. The AACS seeks to construct a balanced program, including panels representing the humanities, social sciences, communication studies, education and business-related disciplines.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, 2-3 papers and a discussant) and roundtables (a chair and 3-4 other participants). The committee also welcomes proposals for individual papers and will attempt to place them on appropriate panels. Panels and roundtables concerning special events or topics of broad significance are welcome.

The program committee consists of Hans Stockton (University of

St. Thomas), Chiung-Fang Chang (Lamar University) and June Teufel Dreyer (University of Miami). Proposals should include the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants, contact information, paper topics and short abstracts (not to exceed 250 words). Please send your proposal by e-mail to the program chair, Hans Stockton, at [stockton@stthom.edu](mailto:stockton@stthom.edu). Include complete contact information (address, telephone number and e-mail) for all participants. The deadline for panel proposals is April 1, 2014, and the deadline for paper proposals is May 1, 2014. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of their inclusion in the program by May 30, 2014.

The AACS views panelist registration and attendance as a serious professional obligation. Panelists must register for the AACS 2015 conference before September 21, 2015 or be excluded from the printed program.

#### 2015 Conference Details

**Host:** [University of St. Thomas](http://www.stthom.edu)  
Houston, TX

**Conference venue:** [Crowne Plaza Houston-Downtown](http://www.crowneplaza.com)  
Houston, TX

**October 9-11, 2015**

##### Deadlines:

Panel proposals due April 1  
Paper proposals due May 1  
Registration deadline: Sept. 21  
Send proposals to:  
[stockton@stthom.edu](mailto:stockton@stthom.edu)

### Editor's Note

#### What to look for in the newsletter

Shelley Rigger, Davidson College

Thanks for reading this year's AACS newsletter. We're excited to share the story of our very successful 2014 annual meeting, held in October at the George Washington University in the heart of Washington, D.C. Many thanks to our local host, Ed McCord, and program chair, Steve Phillips, for managing an unprecedented number of participants and paper proposals. Their work, and that of our tireless executive director, Peter Chow, made the 2014 conference truly memorable. This newsletter provides details about the meeting, including a summary of Professor Yun-Han Chu's thought-provoking keynote address (page 3). We've launched a new feature on page 4 that we hope to continue in future issues - guest commentary on recent developments in Chinese Studies. We're also anticipating our next annual meeting, with a call for papers on page 1 (to the left of this note) and travel information for our 2015 meeting in Houston on page 5.

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[Click here](#) to renew your AACS membership for the coming year.

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##### Online

The AACS website features info on the upcoming conference, membership renewal and the American Journal of Chinese Studies. [Click here](#) to visit.

# Note from the American Journal of Chinese Studies

## AJCS continues to grow, publishes 2014 special issue

Thomas Bellows, University of Texas at San Antonio, Editor of the AJCS

THE AMERICAN Journal of Chinese Studies (AJCS) continues incremental subscription growth in universities, colleges and think tanks as well as in Pacific Asia. We also have a modest European circulation.

In addition to our two scheduled issues, a special issue was published in June 2014 entitled "The Pivot to Asia and the Senkaku/Diaoyu Island Dispute." This issue was based on papers delivered at the September 2013 Annual Taiwan Conference hosted by the Walker Institute at the University of South Carolina. The Guest Editor was Robert Henry Cox, Chair of the Department of Political Science and Director of the Walker Institute. The special issue was funded by an external grant.

For readers wishing to locate articles previously published,

a listing of indexes where the AJCS is included is on the right. The AJCS is available in three full text databases, also listed to the right. Full text is embargoed for one year.

The AJCS continues to publish humanities articles and book reviews facilitated by the grant from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. This grant has assisted the journal's expansion into what best can be described as Chinese Studies. The journal will continue to publish social science articles. We also continue our interest in contemporary issues. We invite quality submissions to the journal.

### AJCS index listings

#### Indexed or abstracted:

America: History and Life  
Historical Abstracts  
International Political Science Abstracts  
Bibliography of Asian Studies  
Public Affairs Information Service  
Standard Periodical Directory  
Uncover  
MLA International Bibliography

#### Full-text database listings:

Historical Abstracts with Full Text  
Academic oneFile  
World History Collection

*American Journal  
of  
Chinese Studies*

A Multidisciplinary Journal Published by the  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHINESE STUDIES

# 2014 CONFERENCE REVIEW

## Notes from the annual meeting of the AACS Board

October 11, 2014, Judiciary Hall, Hyatt Arlington, Arlington, Virginia

Peter Chou, City College of New York, AACS Executive Director

### President's report:

Vincent Wang reported that the AACS has been making good progress year after year. This year's program was overwhelming with 45 panels in all disciplines. This record-breaking outcome may be because of adding the three panels on Friday afternoon in conjunction with the Taiwan studies program at GWU, the participation of the Conference Group of Taiwan Studies of the American Political Science Association and the panels organized by Shelley Rigger.

This year's conference participants came from Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and all over the United States. As the AACS conference involved participants from Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and North America, the organization is being transformed into an international conference.

A conference grant from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation to the AACS will help it make this transformation a success. It was regrettable that the invited keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon, Kurt Campbell, had to cancel due to a commitment to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The keynote address at the Saturday luncheon was given by Prof. Yun-han Chu, President of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, who had originally been scheduled for a keynote on Saturday evening.

### AJCS Editor's report:

Tom Bellows reported that a broad mailing list from AAS enabled the journal to reach out to more scholars. A special issue was printed in June 2014. Paul Tai will remain as an editorial board member. The journal strives for balance among articles on Taiwan and

mainland China, contemporary and historical topics and different academic disciplines. Board members discussed the following issues:

The databases and social science citation index (SSCI).

- AJCS is moving in the direction of an e-journal, to catch up the trend of digitalization for all academic journals. Tom reported that within one year period, the AJCS will be accessible from the database at the website.

- The disbursement of \$6414 from the CCK Foundation grant for the journal to enhance the humanities has to be reported in an itemized financial report by the end of the year so Vincent can submit a report to the CCK Foundation by Jan. 2015.

- The submission of manuscripts and circulation of the journal.

- Awarding referees a modest honorarium for reviewing the manuscript and for book reviewers. It was decided to leave it to the editorial board to make the final decision.

### Program Committee's report:

Steve Phillips had a written report on the absence of the attendees. He also made several suggestions including formatting the paper and abstract proposals.

### Host Institution's report:

Ed McCord reported that about 150 people registered for the conference. Given the space constraints on GW's urban campus and the proliferation of campus activities, several rooms were occupied by other academic units. Best efforts were made to acquire the rooms and facilities to host the AACS conference on this weekend.

### Hung-dah Chiu Award:

Shelley Rigger reported that nominations for the prize of the best papers were sent by all ses-

sion chairs, and evaluated by outside referees through blind review process.

For 2013, the AACS offered two prize, one in humanities and one in social science.

Shelley also agreed to edit the AACS newsletter for another year.

### Award Committee report:

Yu-Long Ling reported that an outstanding service award will be presented to Paul Tai, the former AACS president and the managing editor of the AJCS.

### Report on CCK grants:

Thomas Bellows reported that there are still some surplus or unspent funds from the CCK grant for the AJCS. He reported that the purpose of the grant was to enhance the study of the humanities which includes history.

Vincent Wang reported that the implementation for the first grant has to be reported to the CCK Foundation by January 2015.

### Executive Director's report:

Peter Chow reported AACS's financial status is sound with itemized expenditures in the 2013-14 period. The positive balance was added by the \$17,000 of the CCK grant received in Sep. 2014.

With the increasing number of applicants for junior scholar travel grants, it was decided to have the President, VP and Exec. Director screen all applications and determine the amount of the award.

Hans Stockton proposed the University of St. Thomas sponsor the 2015 conference. Hans reported that he had lined up the Houston Crown Plaza as the conference site, with a rate of \$129 per night. Five conference rooms on Sat. and Sun. will be free if food costs more than \$3300.

### Membership Updates:

The tenure of 12 board members will expire on Dec. 31, 2014.

As usual, the incumbent vice president is to be nominated as the candidate for the next AACS president. The board approved Hans Stockton as the candidate for the next president.

John Hsieh was nominated as the next VP by Yu-long Ling, seconded by James Hsiung and Cal Clark.

Ballots will be sent out with a write-in option within two weeks after the conference.

Ten board members were re-elected for another 3-year term from Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2017 (see AACS website for details).

Catherine C. Woo will remain as a board member till Dec. 31, 2015

Chien Chung Huang of Rutgers was nominated by Walter Kiang and Ed McCord of GWU was nominated by Vincent Wang. Both were approved for 3-year terms starting Jan. 1, 2015.

### 2015 Conference Updates:

The program committee for 2015 conference will be Hans Stockton, June Teufel Dreyer and Chiung-Fang Chang. The chair of the committee will be determined by the three of them. The date of conference will be October 9-11, 2015

### Motions

Yenna Wu moved to restructure the conference registration fee for non AACS members: "To create an incentive scheme for non-members to join the AACS, the registration fee for non-members should be raised from \$60 to \$90 so that the final cost for both members and non-members would be the same." The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

# Chu: Soft power Taiwan's greatest asset

Taiwanese civil society can wield enormous positive influence over mainland China, but only if cross-Strait relations are sustained

By Lincoln Davidson, Davidson College

IN RECENT years, China's "soft power push" has received significant media attention. Establishing Confucius Institutes with academic institutions, boosting its business presence in the developing world and expanding track-two ties with countries around the world - these activities has prompted some observers to claim that China is on an all-out "charm offensive" aimed at boosting the impact of Chinese culture abroad.

But what about Taiwan's impact? As cross-Strait exchanges grow, Taiwan's ability to exercise soft power over its neighbor across the Taiwan Strait increases, said Yun-han Chu, President of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, in a keynote speech at the American Association for Chinese Studies annual conference on October 11, 2014.

"Taiwan actually possesses enormous potential in shaping mainland China's future. Also, by doing so, the island is equally able to steer the future course of cross-Strait relations despite the growing asymmetry in the distribution of hard power across the Strait," Chu said.

Chu argued that while the impact of Taiwan's soft power in the mainland has been understudied by scholars and not fully appreciated by the media and the public, maximizing its soft power might be the only strategy available to Taiwan for protecting its long-term interests with regard to the People's Republic of China.

Of course, understanding the role soft power might play in Taiwan's relations with the PRC requires rethinking what soft power means, Chu said. While Joseph Nye originally intended the term to cap-



Prof. Yun-Han Chu speaks at the 2014 AACS conference

ture the kind of power wielded by a large nation over smaller nations, backed up by hard power, Taiwan is smaller and weaker in hard power terms than the PRC.

Taiwan's vibrant democracy is a key part of its soft power, Chu said.

"For better or worse, the way democracy works in Taiwan is always closely watched and extensively talked about by ordinary citizens and carefully examined by the intellectual and the CCP elite across the Strait ... Taiwan's unique mode of democratic transition illustrated a viable exit strategy for a hegemonic party," Chu said, adding that thirty years of exchanges among academics, writers, media stars, religious groups and NGOs have "been conducive to mainland China's political liberalization."

Chu highlighted specific examples of the impact Taiwan's popular culture can have, such as Taiwanese singers taking four out of five top spots in the mainland's 2013 "I am

a Singer" competition, or the Han Tang Yuefu Ensemble performing at the Forbidden City.

Taiwanese NGOs, businesses, religious groups, architects and artists have left their fingerprints all over the Mainland in the thirty years since the two sides of the Taiwan Strait began reopening to one another.

Chu encouraged Taiwanese civil society leaders to be "comprehensive" in their engagement with the mainland by seeking to deepen cross-Strait contacts.

"In the long run, Taiwan can exert tremendous soft power over the mainland through comprehensive engagement. The tail can wag the dog only if the tail is somehow culturally, economically and politically attached to the dog," Chu said.



Panelists at the 2014 conference speak on "TRA and TPP: Past, Present & Future"

## Responses from grad students

Junior scholars reflect on the 2014 conference

**Daryl Ireland**

*Graduate student, Boston University*

The AACS meeting in Washington was a great success. The annual meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for scholars from many different disciplines to intersect, and I was stimulated by the cross-pollination that was happening. The intimate size of the meeting granted me the rare opportunity to engage in meaningful and even lengthy exchanges with senior researchers in my field. The academic society welcomed me warmly, and I was delighted to find myself surrounded by an entirely new set of dialogue partners. It was a privilege to present my own work, but I am most grateful for the connections and conversations that have extended beyond the weekend in Washington. I am very grateful to the AACS for awarding me a travel grant. Thank you for your generosity.

**黃蔚 Sheri Huang Wei**

*PhD Candidate, King's College London; CPI Emerging Scholar, The University of Nottingham*

The atmosphere of the conference felt much like a group reunion. It was my first time to attend, but many other participants have attended more than once and had

many stories to share. People were friendly, and the presentations were very interesting. I appreciate very much that the junior scholar grant covered some of the cost, and the panel chair gave useful comments on my paper. It was also a great opportunity to network and get advice from senior researchers.

**Sophie Thenaud**

*French Professor, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages*

This year in October, I attended the AACS annual conference at The George Washington University for the first time. As a second year PhD student, it was also my first opportunity to attend an international conference as a panelist. My impressions of the conference were very positive. First of all, it was an amazing experience for me and I would really like to thank AACS for giving me the opportunity to present a paper there, despite my lack of experience. I really think the conference is a great opportunity for young scholars not only to gain both professional and personal experience, but also to better understand their field of study. Secondly, the organization of the conference was exemplary. The place chosen, the staff and the panels were all fantastic. Unfortu-

nately there were too many panels running at the same time, therefore it was difficult for me to attend all the panels I was interested in. As a lot of topics were interesting it was often hard to decide which to attend. Thirdly, the relaxed atmosphere of the conference encouraged free discussion between all the attending scholars, both after the sessions, during receptions and at lunch. Thus there were many opportunities to meet both specialists in different fields and young scholars to discuss their research. Owing to my great experience, I would encourage anyone specializing in Chinese Studies to attend the conference in the future.

**Yi-En Tso**

*PhD Candidate, University of Texas at Dallas*

It was my honor to receive the junior scholar travel grant to join in the AACS annual conference this year. AACS offers young scholars great opportunities to share ideas, findings and resources in their research field. The great diversity of topics and sub-fields in this year's conference widened our view and understanding of Chinese Studies. As a young junior scholar, I'm anticipating having many other chances to join in AACS activities in

the future.

**Claire Yi Yang**

*PhD Candidate in History, UC Berkeley*

As a conference participant, I presented a paper entitled "Geomancy of Tombs and Ritual Integration in the Tang Dynasty (618-907)," which is part of a draft chapter of my dissertation. The conference was well organized, and the atmosphere was friendly and productive for scholarly exchange of ideas. I really appreciate the organizers' effort in sending out relevant information before the conference, including the program schedule, transport and hotels. Moreover, the organizers are always easy to reach via email; I emailed Prof. Peter Chow for numerous issues, and he was always fast at responding and extremely helpful. In addition, the registration fees and AACS membership fees are rather low, and I think the organizers have been truly trying hard to benefit young scholars (graduate students particularly) without putting a financial burden on them. Last, I would like to express my gratitude again for receiving the travel grant, which helped to cover my transport from San Francisco to DC.

# Reflections on the Umbrella Movement

**The demonstrators may have left the streets, but the Umbrella Movement isn't going away**

Jacque deLisle, University of Pennsylvania

Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement captured global attention last fall when student-led demonstrators set up camps on major thoroughfares near government offices and in two commercial districts. In the short run at least, the movement failed. Public opinion turned against the demonstrators as the impact began to fade of the initially harsh reaction by Hong Kong authorities—including the use of pepper spray against which students defended themselves with the umbrellas that helped give the movement its popular name, as ordinary Hong Kongers grew weary of the disruptions to traffic and commerce and as violence erupted at one occupation site with the arrival of organized groups of the movement's opponents (whether sincere adherents to the governments' views, or triads upset at lost revenue from beleaguered business or hired thugs). The protesters' more ambitious goals, which changed somewhat over time, had no realistic prospect of success. Neither the local government nor Beijing was prepared to grant—and the local government lacked the authority to grant—a reversal of Beijing's August 2014 decision to reject an open and democratic process for nominating candidates for Hong Kong's first universal suffrage election for the Special Administrative Region's Chief Executive, or the removal from office of the sitting Chief Executive C.Y. Leung.

Nonetheless, the Umbrella Movement cannot be confidently dismissed as a transient moment. It likely has broader significance and longer legs than its dramatic but brief rise and fall might suggest. First, it was part of a much longer-term debate in Hong Kong about the pace of progress toward the democratization that Hong Kong had been promised on a rather vague schedule and aspirational terms in the Basic Law that China's National People's Congress had adopted in 1990 for post-reversion Hong Kong (partly to implement the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration that led to Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule in 1997). The Umbrella Movement grew organically, if suddenly and unpredictably, out of the Occupy Central with Love and Peace movement that had been engaged in a multi-year effort to gather and mobilize public opinion and to pres-



Police prepare to clear demonstrators in Mong Kok on November 25 (photo by Citobun via Wikimedia Commons)

sure the authorities for more rapid progress toward electoral democracy, in part through planned, shorter-term occupation of key public spaces in Central Hong Kong.

Second, the issue that triggered the Umbrella Movement—Beijing's decision that candidates for the next Chief Executive election would be those who could secure a majority of the votes among members of a selection committee who are overwhelmingly "pro-government"—will provide additional occasions for contestation and controversy in the months ahead. For Beijing's decision to become the governing law for the 2016 election, Hong Kong's legislature must pass a bill that adopts the relevant content. When election legislation is formally proposed, it will provide another, unavoidable focus for public debate on the issue—all the more so because the Pan-Democrat bloc in the legislature has enough votes to stop the legislation, but its members will be under heavy pressure from Beijing, the Hong Kong government and their allies not to scuttle a law that would give Hong Kong its first democratic election for Chief Executive, albeit from among a troublingly constrained slate of candidates.

Third, the Umbrella Movement, the public support that it garnered for a time and the much

wider and deeper yearning for democratic change that it revealed in Hong Kong have cast serious doubt on a conventional wisdom that seems to have guided Beijing's policies toward political change in Hong Kong and that the leading Hong Kong business figures who have been Beijing's advisors have long urged on the central government: Hong Kong is an economic city, not a political city (and China's rulers therefore need make little accommodation to calls for democratization in the Special Administrative Region). Fourth, and relatedly, the Umbrella Movement showed that a significant portion of young people in Hong Kong have caught the "democracy bug." Beijing and opponents of fundamental political change in Hong Kong can no longer be so confident that they can simply wait out aging democratic activists from the 1980s and 1990s, some of whom were the leaders of Occupy Central. Coming against the backdrop of the student-led Sunflower Movement that occupied the Legislative Yuan in Taiwan, Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement might someday prove to have been an early sign of the political potency, in some parts of contemporary Greater China, of a blend of youthful idealism, dissatisfaction with incomplete democracy, and worry about a new generation's economic future.

## Developments in Chinese cyber governance

**A battle is shaping up over new Chinese regulations on internet and technology firms**

Lincoln Davidson, Davidson College

In the last several months, Chinese authorities have announced a number of controls on firms providing internet and information communications technology (ICT) products and services in China. In November 2014, the country began reviewing a draft counter-terrorism law that would require foreign firms operating in China to store all information on Chinese users in servers physically located in China and adopt protocols for monitoring content for "terrorist" activity. Around the same time, internet regulators issued a new set of rules requiring ICT firms providing products or services judged to impact national security to undergo a security review by state regulators. In January, the Central Leading Group for Cybersecurity and Informatization (CLGCI), China's top policymaking body for cyber policy, announced it would begin reviewing a draft version of the country's new "Cyber Security Review Regime," which will be implemented by the end of 2015. To pass review, tech firms may be required to reveal source code to regulators and create "back doors" into their software. According to the New York Times, the new regulations "go far beyond measures taken by most other countries."

On January 28, 18 U.S. business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, sent a formal letter of complaint to the CLGCI, calling for a delay in implementation of the new regulations and consultation with industry groups on any future regulations. The letter raised the possibility that the regulations are a protectionist attempt to develop China's domestic technol-

ogy firms, citing a "growing trend of ... policies requiring use of 'secure and controllable' or Chinese-developed and/or controlled Internet and information communications technology (ICT) products."

However, China is not alone in raising concerns about foreign firms potentially being a cybersecurity threat. Many countries, including U.S. allies, have responded to massive monitoring of online activity revealed in documents released by former-NSA contractor Edward Snowden with heightened concern for cyber security, particularly with regard to products and services provided by U.S. firms. At the same time, many Western countries, including the U.S., have limited Chinese telecommunications firm Huawei's access to their markets in the name of national security. Both the Snowden revelations and U.S. restrictions on Chinese ICT products and services may be factors contributing to China's decision to increase regulation of ICT firms.

This is not the first time Chinese authorities have tried to impose regulatory regimes on U.S. firms operating in China that are difficult for firms to comply with. In both 2007 and 2010, similar regulations were passed (not necessarily targeting ICT firms), but firms were generally able to opt out of the regulations without fear of reprisal, which may not be the case with the new regulatory regime, which is being promoted by the CLGCI, chaired by Chinese President Xi Jinping. In 2004, the Bush administration responded to a new mandatory standard for all

wireless technology sold in China by coordinating with industry groups and threatening a WTO case and boycott of Chinese products.

Such coordination may be difficult in this case, as talks between the U.S. and China on both cyber policy and trade relations have hit rough waters in recent months. In response to the U.S. Justice Department's indictment in May 2014 of five PLA officers linked to cyber attacks on U.S. firms, the PRC government suspended participation in the US-China Cybersecurity Working Group, impeding efforts to establish common norms and a shared understanding of redlines in the cyber realm. On February 11, 2015, the U.S. announced it plans to open a WTO case against China, accusing the country of providing subsidies to domestic industries to increase their competitiveness in international markets. In addition, talks on eliminating tariffs on certain technology products between the U.S. and China collapsed in December 2014.

The prospect of successful coordination is also clouded by the sheer number of domestic actors who have a stake in this issue. In addition to the already difficult-to-manage number of private sector actors who must coordinate response – industry groups and firms, both those already mentioned and others – on any issue dealing with China the number of government policy stakeholders is particularly large. Finally, the importance of a coordinated response among ICT firms cannot be understated, as compliance with the new regulations by any single firm may undermine the negotiating position of others.

# AACS CONFERENCE 2015

## AACS welcomes you to our 57th Annual Conference

### Lodging information

#### 2015 Conference Details

**Host:** [University of St. Thomas](#)  
Houston, TX  
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**For the latest information on the 2015 conference, please visit the [AACs website](#)**

#### Crowne Plaza Houston - Downtown

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Houston, TX 77002  
Tel: 713-739-8800  
Fax: 713-739-8806  
<http://www.cpdowntown.com/>

**Rate and Reservations:** Nightly rate for AACs participants is \$129.00 (+17% tax). Please call 713-739-8800 for reservations. Please indicate that you are with the American Association of Asian Studies or "AACs" group reservation.

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Weekend parking: \$15.00 per night (Friday & Saturday)  
Event parking: \$15.00

**Hotel amenities include the following:**

*Brazos Restaurant & Bar* - fea-

turing American Cuisine in a Texas Chic atmosphere. Full-American Breakfast Buffet available daily along with daily lunch specials including themed lunch buffets Tuesday - Thursday.

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*Tempur-Pedic Mattresses* - the Crowne Plaza Houston Downtown is the only hotel that features Tempur-Pedic mattresses for an exceptional night's sleep!

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*State-of-the-Art Fitness Center* - overlooking our beautiful outdoor pool is available at no charge to all guests.

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*Complimentary Business Center* - featuring high-speed internet access, printing, faxing and copier



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# MEMBER UPDATES

**Chu-yuan Cheng**  
*Ball State University*



#### Books/Book Chapters

China's Economic Development 1950-2014: Fundamental Changes and Long-term Prospect, Lexington Books, Lanham, Maryland, October 2014.

#### Journal articles

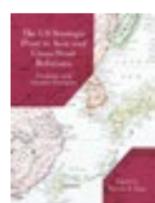
"A meeting between Xi Jinping, President of China and Ma Yingjiu, President of Taiwan could lay the foundation for the unification of the two sides of China," *World Journal*, Feb. 2, 2014, p. B2.

#### Honors, prizes and awards

Listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*, 2013-2015.

#### Peter Chow

*City University of New York*



#### Books/Book Chapters

Peter Chow (ed) "The US Strategic Pivot to Asia and Cross-Strait Relations, Economic and Security Dynamics" New York : Palgrave MacMillan 2014 ISBN : 978-1-137-36462-3.

Co-authored with T.J. Cheng, "The TPP and Pivot : Economic and Security Nexus" in Peter Chow (ed) "The US Strategic Pivot to Asia and Cross-Strait Relations, Economic and Security Dynamics" New York : Palgrave MacMillan 2014 pp. 113-134.

Co-authored with Bo-Xian Hsu "The impacts of economic liberalization and globalization on income distribution in Taiwan, 1985-2010"

in Ming-chin Monique Chu and Scott L. Kastner. Routledge. (eds) "Globalization and Security Relations across the Taiwan Strait In the Shadow of China."

#### Cal Clark

*Auburn University*



#### Journal Articles

Cal Clark and Evelyn A. Clark. "Globalization Comes to Chile and Taiwan: A Critique of Neoliberalism." *International Journal of Development Management* 3:1 (October 2014).

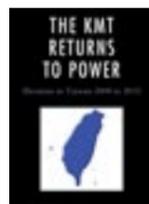
Evelyn A. Clark, Phyllis Mei-lien Lu, and Cal Clark. "The Puzzle of Why the Status of Women is Higher in Taiwan than Chile." *Asian Affairs* 41:1 (Issue 1, 2014) pp. 1-20.

#### Conferences/Presentations:

Association for Asian Studies  
Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Association  
American Association for Chinese Studies

#### John F. Copper

*Rhodes College*



#### Books/Book Chapters

"The Current State of Taiwan's Democracy: Doing Well in Spite of Negative Global Trends, in CHIA-KAN YEN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN TAIWAN (Taipei: Academia Historica, 2014).

Historical Dictionary of Taiwan (Republic of China) (fourth edition) Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2014.

The KMT Returns to Power: Elections in

Taiwan, 2008-2012 Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2014.

#### Journal Articles

Taiwan's 2014 Nine-In-One Election: Gauging Politics, the Parties, and Future Leaders, *Maryland Series in Contemporary Asian Studies* (Carey School of Law, University of Maryland), Number 4, 2014.

Believe Realist Theory and Say Good-Bye to Taiwan? *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (October 2014)

"America's Asia Pivot: What Does it Mean and Will it Succeed?" *East Asia Policy*, June/July 2014

"John Mearsheimer and Taiwan's Future," *Review of Global Politics*, 2014 No. 47

"More talk, Fewer Languages: Communicating in a Connected World," *The Futurist*, March-April 2014

"What Motivates the Sunflowers," *Taipei Times*, April 6, 2014.

"Campaign starts, rational stops," *Taipei Times*, July 23, 2014.

#### June Teufel Dreyer

*University of Miami; member of governing board, National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) Japan Forum*

#### Journal Articles

"Convergence and Divergence in Sino-Japanese Relations," *Orbis*, Spring 2014.

"The Shifting Triangle: Sino-Japanese Relations in Stressful Times,



" in Shaun Breslin, Carla Freeman, and Simon Shen, eds., *China and the World*, Sage Library of International Relations. (Reprint of previously published refereed article)

"The PLA in 2014". *Oxford Analytica* January, 2014.

"China and the United States: A New Cold War?" *Oxford Analytica* April 2014.

China and the Ukraine: Principled Policy or Power Politics? *Foreign Policy Research Institute e-note*, March 2014..

What Obama Should Say About China in Japan, *The Asia Society, China File*, April 23 2014 (a debate/conversation with six others)

Trouble in Fishing Waters: China, ASEAN, and the South China Sea," *FPRI e-note*: " May 2014

Abe Faces China...and Vice-Versa, *University of Nottingham*, September 2014.

China's Military: What's New? And What's Next? *FPRI e-note*: September 2014

China's Tianxia: Do All Under Heaven Need One Arbiter? *Yale Global*, October 30, 2014.

"Can China Change the World Order?" *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 24, No. 96, 2015.

"Japan and China Security," in Lowell Dittmer and Maochun Yu, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Chinese Security* (Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2015).

#### Conferences/Presentations

"The PLA in 2025," invitation-only conference co-sponsored by Strategic Studies Institute of the Army War College and National Bureau of Asian Research, 22-25 February. Discussant for paper "Domestic Drivers of China's Future Military Modernization"

"Taiwan's Occupy the Legislature Movement: Its Implications for Cross-Strait Relations" (podcast), *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, April 14, 2014.

University of Chicago conference on China and the World: Business, Politics, and International Relations in the Age of an Asian Superpower, May 25 (declined)

Asia Society. Dallas TX May 18 2014, "Taiwan in the 21st Century"

"Japan, the United States, and Taiwan" *Young Ambassadors Program*, Washington DC June 21 2014.

"The Theory and Practice of Tianxia: A Blueprint for Modern-Day World Order?" *University of Nottingham, U.K.* (a small, closed conference comprising ten scholars from China, Japan, the U.S., and the U.K.; fully funded)

American Association for Chinese Studies, October 12-14, 2014.

"China and Latin America: Security Interests," *Center for Hemispheric Studies Conference on Hemispheric Security Challenges in a Globalized World*. Hotel Conrad, Miami, November 7, 2014.

#### Interviews

Voice of America, March 6 2014; April 15, 2014; May 14, 2014; November 5, 2014.

CCTV, Beijing, Moscow, and Washington hookup, March 8 2014 debate on US-China-Russia policy

March 16, on urbanization plans in China

National Public Radio, Los Angeles, May 20, 2014.

Radio Free Asia (numerous times) e.g. June 11, Sept 29. Nov 2

#### Jun Fang



*Huron University College at Western University*

#### Books/Book Chapters

*China's Second Capital – Nanjing under the Ming, 1368-1644*. London and New York: Routledge, 2014.

#### Yujia He

*Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Institute of Technology*



#### Journal Article

He, Y. (2014). Reregulation of China's rare earth production and export. *International Journal of Emerging Markets*, 9(2), 236-256. doi:10.1108/IJoEM-09-2012-0117

#### Chien-Chung Huang

*Rutgers University*

#### Journal Articles



Behan, D., Findley, K., Germak, A., & Huang, C-C. (2014). Building China's social service capacity: Lessons learned from professional training program collaborations. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance*, 38, 348-359.

Ocasio, K., Van Alst, D., Koivunen, J., Huang, C. C., & Allegra, C. (2014). Promoting preschool mental health: Results of a 3 year primary prevention strategy. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 10.1007/s10826-014-9983-7.

Hu, H., Lu, S., & Huang, C-C. (2014). The Psychological and Behavioral Outcomes of Migrant and Left-behind Children in China. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 46, 1-10.

Huang, C-C., Liu, C-W., Forenza, B., Germak, A.J., Sena, M., & Findley, K. (2014). The impact of structured training on knowledge and perceived job performance of child support professionals. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance*, 38: 135-145.

#### Conferences/Lectures

Huang, C-C., Lu, S, Slib, J., Sun, D, & Yi. S. (2014). The Trend of Charitable Trust: U.S. and China Compared. Oral presentation in the Annual Conference on Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Denver, CO, November 20-22.

Xu, Z., Robinson, J., Germak, A., & Huang, C-C. (2014). For Love or Money? Achievement Orientation,, Non-monetary Focus and the Nascent Social Entrepreneur. Oral presentation in the Annual Conference on Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Denver, CO, November 20-22,.

Huang, C-C., Wang, Y., & Lu, S. (2014). Social Innovation and Nonprofit Organizations: A Case Study of an Employment Support Project for low-income college Students. Oral presentation in the Annual Conference on Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Denver, CO, November 20-22,.

Lu, S., Y. T. Lin, Vikse, J. H., & C-C Huang. (2014). Migrant and Left-Behind Children in China. Poster presentation in the annual meeting of Council of Social Work Education. Tampa, FL. October 23-26.

Huang, C-C., & Vikse, J. H. (2014). Effectiveness of Anti-Poverty Policies in the United States. Oral presentation in the 56th Annual Conference of American Association for Chinese Studies. Washington, D.C. October 10-12.

Huang, C-C., Wang, Y., & Gong, Z. (2014). Social Innovation and Nonprofit Organizations: A Case Study of an Employment Support Project for low-income college Students. Oral presentation in the 3rd International Conference on Social

Enterprise in Asia, Wonju, Korea. July 4-6.

Huang, C-C., Lu, S., & Hu, H. (2014). The Impact of Rural Poverty: Psychological and Behavioral Outcomes of Migrant and Left-behind Children in China. Oral presentation in the International Conference of Sustainable Development, Environmental Public Participation and Social Quality. Hangzhou, China. June 23-25.

Huang, C-C., & Vikse, J. H. (2014). Effectiveness of Anti-Poverty Policies in the United States. Oral presentation in the International Conference on War on Poverty: Looking Backward and Moving Forward. Beijing, China. June 5.

Lu, S., Hu, H., & Huang, C-C. (2014). The Impact of Rural Poverty: Psychological and Behavioral Outcomes of Migrant and Left-behind Children in China. Oral presentation in the International Conference on War on Poverty: Looking Backward and Moving Forward. Beijing, China. June 5.

Lu, S., Hu, H., & Huang, C-C. (2014). The Impact of Rural Poverty: Psychological and Behavioral Outcomes of Migrant and Left-behind Children in China. Oral presentation in the Symposium on Comparative Social Policy Studies in Greater China: Urbanization, Social Integration and Social Policy Responses. Hong Kong, China. April 14.

Huang, C-C., Vikse, J. H., Lu, S., & Yi. S. (2014). Children's Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence and Early Delinquency. Oral presentation in the International Conference and Workshop on Intimate Partner Violence – Rethinking Invisible Violence. Taipei, Taiwan, January 6-8.

#### Elizabeth Freund Larus

*University of Mary Washington*

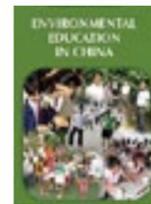
Awarded a Taiwan Fellowship for 2015

#### Books/Book Chapters

"Technological Change and China's Naval Modernization: Security Implications for Taiwan," is forthcoming in *Cross-Strait Relations in an Era of Technological Change*, Paul Irwin Crookes and Jan Knoerich, eds., (Palgrave MacMillan).

#### Jerry McBeath

Retired on July 1, 2014 from 44 years of college teaching (38 at UAF and 6 elsewhere); North American regional editor of *Environmental Development*



#### Books/Book Chapters

Coauthored with wife Jenifer Huang McBeath, *Environmental Education in China*. Northampton, Maryland: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2014.

#### Patrick Fuliang Shan

*Grand Valley State University*



#### Books/Book Chapters

Taming China's Wilderness: Immigration, Settlement and the Shaping of the Heilongjiang Frontier Society, 1900-1931, Ashgate Publishers, 2014. ISBN: 978-1-4094-6389-4.

#### Journal Articles

"Old Faith for the New Millennium: Religions and the Chinese Civilization in the 21st Century," in Andrew Targowski and Bernard Han (eds.), *Chinese Civilization in the 21st Century*, New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2014, pp. 45-64;

"Wang Jingwei," in Kerry Brown (ed.), *Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography*, Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing, 2014, pp. 1362-1374.

#### Chunjuan Nancy Wei

*University of Bridgeport*

#### Conferences/Lectures

Chaired a panel at AACs conference in October

#### Honors, prizes and awards:

2014 Fulbright Scholarship Award

2014 Sigma Iota Rho Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award

2014 University of Bridgeport 2014-2015 Seed Money Grant Award

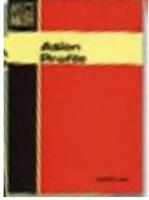


Achieved Tenure at University of Bridgeport

Named Chair for M.A. in East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies Program

### **Shue Tuck Wong**

*Simon Fraser University*



#### **Journal Article**

Shue Tuck Wong, "Massacre of the Chinese in Singapore and Malaya during the Japanese Occupation", *Asian Profile*, Vol.1, No.6 (December, 2013), 509-532.

### **Yenna Wu**

*University of California, Riverside*



#### **Books/Book Chapters**

Wu, Yenna, ed. *Li Ang's Visionary Challenges to Gender, Sex, and Politics*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2014.

Wu, Yenna. "In the Vanguard: Li Ang's Discourse on Gender and Politics". In Yenna Wu, ed., *Li Ang's Visionary Challenges to Gender, Sex, and Politics*. Pp. 1-24.

Wu, Yenna. "Between Insight and 'Inattentional Blindness': Feminist Controversy over Li Ang's Shafu". In Yenna Wu, ed., *Li Ang's Visionary Challenges to Gender, Sex, and Politics*. Pp. 53-72.

Wu, Yenna. "Figurations of 'Biopower' and Relationship Dynamics in Li Ang's Shafu". In Yenna Wu, ed., *Li Ang's Visionary Challenges to Gender, Sex, and Politics*. Pp. 73-97.

Wu, Yenna. "(Dis)embodied Subversion: The Mountain-pass Ghost in Li Ang's Visible Ghosts (Kandjian de gui)". In Yenna Wu, ed., *Li Ang's Visionary Challenges to Gender, Sex, and Politics*. Pp. 145-165.

#### **Journal Articles**

Wu, Yenna. "Li Ang's Gendered Dissent in 'The Devil in a Chastity Belt.'" *Frontiers of Literary Studies in China* 8.2 (June 2014): 253-276.

Wu, Yenna. "Female Literary Talent and Gender-related Trauma in Li Ang's 'No-sky Ghost.'" Accepted for publication by *American Journal of Chinese Studies* in 2014.

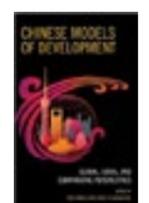
#### **Conferences/Presentations**

Presented two papers at the AACS conference, George Washington University, Washington D.C., Oct. 10-12, 2014:

"Silences and Screams: Representations of Mao-era Political Widows in Three Chinese Narratives"; 2) "'Rhizomatic' Knowledge and Trauma in Li Ang's 'No-sky Ghost'"

### **Yu-Shan Wu**

*Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica*



#### **Books/Book Chapters**

Tse-kang Leng, Yu-Shan Wu, eds. 2014. *The Chinese Models of Development: Global, Local and Comparative Perspectives*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield. ISBN: 978-0-7391-9226-9

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "The Chinese Models of Development: Global, Local and Comparative Perspectives." In Tse-kang Leng, Yu-Shan Wu, eds., *The Chinese Models of Development: Global, Local and Comparative Perspectives*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield. ISBN: 978-0-7391-9226-9

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Comparing Development Models in Mainland China and Taiwan: A Macro Analytical Framework." In Tse-kang Leng, Yu-Shan Wu, eds., *The Chinese Models of Development: Global, Local and Comparative Perspectives*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield. ISBN: 978-0-7391-9226-9

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Under the Shadow of a Rising China: Convergence towards Hedging and The Peculiar Case of Taiwan." In Ming-chin Monique Chu and Scott L. Kastner, eds., *Globalization and Security Relations across the Taiwan Strait: In the Shadow of Power*. London: Routledge. ISBN: 978-1138793095

Wu Yu-Shan. 2014. "Has Taiwan's Political Paradigm Shifted from Identity to Economy?". In *Knowledge Feast, Series X*. Taipei: Academia Sinica. (in Chinese)

#### **Conferences/Presentations**

Wu, Yu-Shan. "Putting into the Framework: Developmental State, Semi-Presidentialism, and Shift in Social Cleavage." National Chengchi University Lecture on Frontier Issues in Social Sciences, NCCU, January 7.

Wu, Yu-Shan. "Cross-Strait Rapprochement and Its Staying Power." EAI Distinguished Public Lecture, National University of Singapore, Singapore, January 10.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Crisis in Ukraine: Ethnicity, Democracy, and Geopolitics." Paper presented at the Conference on the Situation in Ukraine and U.S.-Russia Relations, Association of International Relations (ROC), National Taiwan University, Taipei, March 11.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Rejuvenation of the Party-State: The Virtues and Limits of an Age-based Political System." Paper presented at the Conference on Mainland China's Reform and Transition? The Opportunities and Challenges of the Xi-Li Administration, sponsored by the Center for China Studies, NCCU, School of Advanced International Studies, and Johns Hopkins University, NCCU, Taipei, March 18-19.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Continental vs. Maritime Alliance: A Global Strategic Perspective." Keynote Speech at the Workshop on the Rise of China and East Asian International Relations, IPSAS, Academia Sinica, Taipei, May 30.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Prospects for Democratic Transition in the PRC: Has Mainland China Moved into Taiwan's Past?" Paper presented at the Workshop on Transitions to Democracy under One-Party Regimes, sponsored by the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremont McKenna College, and The Universities Service Center for China Studies, The Universities Service Center for China Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 5-6.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Comparing Career-driven Constitutional Changes in Semi-presidentialism." Paper presented at the XXIII World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Montreal, July 16-24.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Developmental State and the Economy in China." William and Mary Lecture Series Debating International Development Policies, Session on Revisiting the Washington Consensus, William and Mary in Washington, October 10.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Drawing an Age Line: Rejuvenation or Exclusion?" Paper presented at the 56th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., October 10-12.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Revisit Paradigm Shift in Taiwan's Politics." Paper presented at the Conference on Democratic Governance, Cross-Strait Security and Prosperity, Taiwan and Asia Program, College of William and Mary, Washington, D.C., October 12-13.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Tensions in East Asia and Eastern Europe: A Global Strategic Perspective." University of Richmond School of Arts and Sciences Lecture, cosponsored by William and Mary Taiwan and Asia Program, and World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond, October 14.

Wu, Yu-Shan. 2014. "Paradigm Shift in Taiwan Politics: When 'Distribution' Rivals 'Identity'." Keynote Speech at the 2014 Taiwanese Political Science Annual Meeting, National Taiwan University, Taipei, December 6.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Postdoctoral Fellowship

**The Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania**

<http://cscs.sas.upenn.edu/opportunities/postdoctoralfellows>

**THE CENTER** for the Study of Contemporary China (<http://cscs.sas.upenn.edu/>) at the University of Pennsylvania invites applications to fill two postdoctoral fellowship positions for the 2015-2016 academic year. Applications are welcomed from scholars who have received their Ph.D. or equivalent degrees in the last two years, or who expect to complete their degree by June 30, 2015.

The CSCC postdoctoral fellowships support research on all aspects of contemporary China that fall within the broad mission of the CSCC -- to advance Penn's leadership in programs, research, and scholarship about the political, legal, economic, and social factors shaping China and its role in the world today. The Center provides an institutional home for campus-wide collaboration among departments, programs, institutes, faculty and students at Penn engaged in work pertaining to contemporary China. Activities include conferences, roundtables, and a speaker series.

Fellows at the CSCC will pursue their own research and participate in the activities of the Center. Because fellows are expected to be fully integrated with the intellectual life of the Center, they must plan to physically reside in the vicinity of the University of Pennsylvania. Each fellow receives a stipend of \$48,000, a \$2500 research fund, and health insurance.

The University of Pennsylvania is an EO/AA employer and we welcome applications from women and minorities. Applications will be reviewed starting March 1, 2015. To receive full consideration, your application should be received by that date. Applicants will be notified of the outcome in early April, 2015. To apply, please send a C.V., a research statement, a writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to [cscs-contact@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:cscs-contact@sas.upenn.edu)

## Young scholars workshop

**Third "Young Scholars Workshop" at the CCKF-ERCCT Summer 2015**

**THE EUROPEAN** Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan at Eberhard Karls University Tübingen will hold a workshop for emerging young scholars from June 21st to June 28th, 2015. This year's workshop will place a particular emphasis on the subject "Gaining Space: Taiwan in the International Community."

Possible topics might include Taiwan's economic integration outside of Greater China; prospects for a Taiwan-EU Economic Cooperation Agreement; Taiwan's soft power; Taiwan in international organizations; EU-Taiwan relations; etc.

However, papers on other topics related to Taiwan and cross-Strait relations are also welcome.

Ph.D. students (3rd year and above) and postdocs of the social sciences working on academic projects related to Taiwan or China are invited to submit their application.

The workshop will provide young scholars with the opportunity to:

- present their research to an international audience;

- engage in scholarly exchange on topics related to theory and methodology;
- fine-tune the theoretical framework of their respective research projects;
- get to know Tübingen and its University;
- Take part in our Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (June 26-27)

Ten to twelve young scholars (five-six each from Europe and Taiwan) will be invited to attend. Travel expenses and accommodation will be fully covered by the ERCCT. After the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be asked to provide a short paper, which will be published online in our ERCCT Online Paper Series.

Interested students are invited to send their CV and an outline of their research project (5-6 pages) until February 15, 2015 to:

Stefan Braig, M.A.

ERCCT Managing Director

Email: [stefan.braig@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:stefan.braig@uni-tuebingen.de)

## Call for Papers

**Taiwan Studies Programme Annual Conference: "In Search of New Perspectives, Methods and Finer Factors of Identity Formation"**

**September 4-5, 2015**

**St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK**

**Abstract submission deadline: April 10**

**For full conference details, please [click here](#)**

Multiple, mercurial, flowing, strategic, trans-cultural and transnational, context-dependent and socially constructed—these are characteristics of contemporary identity observed by postmodernist theorists. Yet, a chronic debate is that these attributes can neither entirely fit into individuals' perception of self-identity, nor thoroughly correspond with their sense of subjectivity when individuals take political actions or fulfil their particular roles in identity politics. More precisely, when the significant influence of social contexts—i.e., perceived history, social structure, the operation of state apparatus, etc., which mainly contribute the postmodernist characteristics of identity—has been widely recognised, how should we explain the heterogeneity of identity emerging in similar contexts? How should we account for the diversity of political action taken by individuals who are supposed to share the same identity?

This conference calls for papers that share the common goal of exploring new constitutive factors and developing new perspectives of identity research. national, ethnic, political, class or gender identity, or identities based on the classification of social roles or virtually created in the Internet. The submission deadline is Friday, 10th April. The abstract (up to 300 words) is expected to succinctly include research objectives, theoretical frameworks, research methods, summary of research findings and main arguments and intellectual contributions or social and political implications. Please also list three to five keywords and attach a short biography of the author. All abstracts should be emailed to: [asian@sant.ox.uk](mailto:asian@sant.ox.uk) with the subject heading 'TSP 2015 abs', which ensures the submission will not go to the spam folder. We will shortly reply with confirmation of receipt. The full papers with a maximum length of 8,000 words must be submitted by 20 August 2015. A selection of accepted papers will be considered for publication in either an edited volume or a peer-reviewed journal special issue. Once again, priority will be given to focuses on Taiwan and East Asia, but papers dealing with identity issues in other parts of the world are equally welcome. For inquiries, please contact us at [asian@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:asian@sant.ox.ac.uk) or tel: (+44) 01865-274559

## Fieldwork grant

**Short-term fieldwork grant for doctoral research on contemporary China**

**THE FRENCH** Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC) is offering three fieldwork grants for doctoral students, ranging from one to three months, to be carried out between May and December 2015 in China, Hong Kong or Taiwan. The grant comprises a monthly stipend of 1200 € as well as a round-trip air ticket between Europe and China, Hong Kong or Taiwan, within the limit of 1000 €.

Profile of candidates:

- Be enrolled in a doctoral program in a French or European university (located in a member-state of the European Union or of the European Higher Education Area), in the field of humanities and social sciences. (UK enrolled candidates must have been successfully admitted to the PhD cycle);
- Their research project must be situated within the scope of the CEFC's mandate, which is to study political, economic, social and cultural developments in contemporary Greater China;

Within the framework of this grant, beneficiaries accept to:

- Submit to the CEFC a short report on their fieldwork, which may be included for example in the annual activity report of the Centre;
- Present their research, at the end of their fieldwork, to the CEFC research team during a seminar in Hong Kong, Taipei or Beijing.

Application requirements:

Applications can be submitted in French or English and must contain the following:

- A detailed resume (please specify the date of your enrolment as a PhD candidate or admission to a PhD cycle for UK candidates)
- A research project explaining the fieldwork to be undertaken under the grant and explaining how it will contribute to the applicant's doctoral project
- A recommendation letter from the PhD supervisor

Selection will be made according to the following criteria, which should be addressed by applicants in their research project mentioned above:

- Aims of the research and contribution to the dissertation project (please include the working title of the dissertation)
- Methodology, sources, place of fieldwork investigation (where and how will the fieldwork be carried out?)
- Justification of the necessity of the requested grant to undertake the proposed fieldwork (please specify if this grant represents an additional source of funding and why the research is not covered under other sources)
- Time frame (please specify for how long the grant is requested)
- Results of the research (planned publications, etc.)
- Strength of the applicant's cooperation with French research networks (for applicants in other European universities)
- Relevance to the research programs currently hosted in the CEFC

Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2015. For submission details, please see the [posting online](#).