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- = East Asian Time Zone for Taiwan/Singapore/Hong Kong/China (UTC+8)
- = Japan (UTC+9)
- = Pakistan Time (UTC+5)
- = London (UTC+1)
- = Italy (UTC+2)
- = Germany (UTC+2)

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Friday, October 15, 7-8:30 pm (East Coast Time, US, UTC-4); 4-5:30 pm (West Coast Time);
Saturday, Oct. 16, 7-8:30 am (Taiwan/Singapore/Hong Kong/China, UTC+8); Saturday, Oct. 16,
8-9:30 am (guest speaker in Japan time)

1) Appreciation Ceremony

Plaque presentation to Peter Chow in appreciation of his extraordinary record of service as the
Executive Director of the American Association for Chinese Studies

Presenter: June Teufel Dreyer, AACS President, University of Miami, email: jdreyer@miami.edu

2) Cultural Talk
**Abstract:** Through the lens of the photographer Shen Chao-liang, this paper examines the cultural ramifications of the mobile stages (fitted into and folded out of the backs of modified trucks) of Taiwanese roving vaudeville troupes—a common sight in the towns outside of Taiwan’s cities that, however, remains largely oblivious to public and media attention. What characterizes these stages in recent decades are the easily recognizable “global images” featured prominently on the backdrops—such as the Sydney Opera House, Hello Kitty, Arc de Triomphe, etc.—often in gaudy colors and tacky patterns, sometimes oddly juxtaposed. Based on both the mobile stage phenomenon and Shen’s representations, I explore what cultural literacy might entail and mean when it comes to cross-cultural encounters, as well as the “self-emptying” gesture in Taiwanese society’s enthusiastic embrace of “the world” from which, it perceives, it is relegated to insignificance. Shen sought to capture the image of the plebeian society in Taiwan by documenting the roving vaudeville troupes, but wound up focusing on the stage that showcases little to none of the cultural characteristics or elements of Taiwan known to either the locals or the outsiders, enacting a form of art mediation that does not simply suture the constitutive split in its photographic representation.

**Brief bio:** Li-Chun Hsiao teaches at Waseda University’s (早稻田大學) School of International Liberal Studies and Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies. Prior to his relocation to Tokyo, Japan, Hsiao was Associate Professor at National Taiwan University, and served as the Editor-in-chief of *Chung-Wai Literary Quarterly* (2015-2017). His scholarly articles have been published in international journals such as *Critical Arts* (2020), *Concentric: Literary and Cultural Studies*, *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture*, and the *Midwest Modern Language Association Journal*. In addition to his single-authored book *The Indivisible Globe, the Indissoluble Nation: Universality, Postcoloniality, and Nationalism in the Age of Globalization* (ibidem 2021), Hsiao also has book chapters collected in the edited volumes *Comparatizing Taiwan* (Routledge 2015), *Keywords of Taiwan Theory* (Unitas 2019), *Representing Humanity in an Age of Terror* (Purdue UP 2010), and “This Shipwreck of Fragments”: Historical Memory, Imaginary Identities, and Postcolonial Geography in *Caribbean Culture and Literature* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2009).
Abstract: Under the subject of “Photography and Social Landscape,” the speaker Shen Chao-liang will introduce his recent projects, including ‘STAGE’, ‘Singers and Stages’ and ‘Taiwanese Vaudeville Troupes,’ which have three distinct visual languages and formats. Shen will reveal the life and industry of regional Taiwanese performers, including the unique mobile stages, singers, and pole dancers since the 1970s. He will also address the history of the Taiwanese cultural entertainment industry and its impact and correlation among different people, customs and beliefs in Taiwan society.

** Brief bio: Shen Chao-Liang was born in Tainan, Taiwan, in 1968. He obtained his master’s degree from the Graduate School of the Applied Media Arts, National Taiwan University of Arts. He worked as a Deputy Chief photographer for the Liberty Times, Taiwan, artist in residence at National Central University and currently is the adjunct associate professor at the National Taiwan University of Arts, and a member of the Board of Director of the National Culture and Arts Foundation, Taiwan. Aside from photographic creation, he also works on photography commentary, research, curation, and currently is the Art Director of the Photo ONE, Taipei, Taiwan. His major works include Reflections of Nan-Fang-Ao (2001) to the latter series of YULAN Magnolia Flower (2008), Tsukiji Fish Market (2010), STAGE (2011), SINGERS & STAGES (2013) and Taiwanese Vaudeville Troupes (2016). Shen won the Golden Tripod Award for Best Photography (magazine category) of R.O.C.(Taiwan) in 2000, 2002 and 2012, the Asia Award in Sagamihara, Japan (2004), the Dong-gang Photography Award, Korea (2006), the Artists Wanted: Photography Category Award, NY, USA (2011), the IPA (International Photography Awards) 1st Place in Professional: Book of Documentary, LA, USA (2012), and the 2015 Wu San-Lien Award, Taiwan, among others.

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Panel 1: History, Memory, and Religion in Reflection
Chair: Edward McCord, George Washington University, email: mccord@gwu.edu

Church and State in Qing-Era Taiwan
Joel S. Fetzer, Pepperdine University, email: joel.fetzer@pepperdine.edu
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Transnational Solidarity in Sino-Iranian Relations, 1905-1959
William Figueroa, University of Pennsylvania, email: wfig@sas.upenn.edu

Politics of Memory in Taiwan and South Korea
Tse-Kang Leng, Academia Sinica, email: tkleng@gate.sinica.edu.tw
Byungbae Park, Academia Sinica, email: easianpark@gmail.com
Kuan-Hsuan Wu, National Chengchi University, email: hahahappyqq@gmail.com

Discussant: Edward McCord, George Washington University, email: mccord@gwu.edu
Panel 2: (De)-Centering Thresholds

Chair: Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside, email: yenna.wu@ucr.edu

Arguing ‘Orthodoxy’: Heaven, History, and Heterodoxy in Chinese Christian Responses to the Nanjing Anti-Christian Movement of 1616-1617
Ryan Pino, Harvard University, email: jpino@g.harvard.edu

Dreams of Floating Immortals and Fleeting Horizons in Hongloumeng and Tang Poetry
Kevin Wilson, University of California, Riverside, email: kwils022@ucr.edu

Unwelcome Guests: Characters and Spaces in Ming-Qing Fiction
Vlad Sirbu, University of California, Riverside, email: vsirb001@ucr.edu

Coming Out in Taiwan’s Movie Your Name Engraved Herein (刻在你心底的名字, 2020)
Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside, email: yenna.wu@ucr.edu

Discussants:
Hilary A. Smith, University of Denver, email: Hilary.Smith@du.edu
Jeffrey C. Kinkley, Portland State University, email: jkinkley@stjohns.edu

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Panel 3: The China Factor

Chair: Yao-Yuan Yeh, University of St. Thomas, email: yehy@stthom.edu

The Biden Doctrine and Strategic Competition with China: Multilateral Nationalism and a Worker-Centered Economic Approach
Dean Chen, Ramapo College of New Jersey, email: dchen@ramapo.edu

New “Scramble for Africa”? The Economic Competition between China and Japan in Africa
Kuan-Wu Chen, University of South Carolina, email: kuanwu@email.sc.edu

The Belt and Road Initiative in Central and Eastern Europe
Elizabeth Freund Larus, University of Mary Washington, email: elarus@umw.edu

Chinese Aid Projects on Public Opinion in Recipient Countries
Jou-Fei Huang, University at Buffalo, SUNY, email: joufeihu@buffalo.edu
Elena Mclean, University at Buffalo, SUNY, email: elenamcl@buffalo.edu

Discussant: Yao-Yuan Yeh, University of St. Thomas, email: yehy@stthom.edu

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Panel 4: Roundtable on Taiwan and Cross-Strait Relations under the Biden Administration

**Chair:** Russell Hsiao, Global Taiwan Institute, DC, email: rhsiao@globaltaiwan.org

**Panelists:**
- John Dotson, Global Taiwan Institute, email: jdotson@globaltaiwan.org
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- I-wei Jennifer Chang, Global Taiwan institute, email: jchang@globaltaiwan.org

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Panel 5: Symbolism, Identity, and Literary Expression

**Chair:** Ya-chen Chen, email: yachen_chen@yahoo.com

**Pygmalion Effect and the Hakka Symbol of Mother Earth in the Mountain of Chatian**
Ya-chen Chen, email: yachen_chen@yahoo.com

**Foreign Race, Masculinity, and Underclass Voice: A Discussion on Yan Jin’s Stardom in the 1930s in China**
Guo Moshan, University of Cologne, Germany, email: mguol@smail.uni-koeln.de

**On the Emergence and Development of Dungan Literature, the Sinophone Muslim Literary Tradition of Central Asia**
Kenneth J. Yin, City University of New York–LaGuardia Community College, email: kyin@lagcc.cuny.edu

**Discussant:** Yaohua Shi, Wake Forest University, email: shiy@wfu.edu

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Panel 6: Legal and Policy Studies on Taiwan

**Chair:** Fang-Yu Chen, Soochow University, Taiwan, email: ernie80168@gmail.com

**Legal Profession as a Revolving Door: Explaining Activist Lawyers’ Careers in Politics and Social Movements**
Ching-fang Hsu, Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Technology, Taiwan, email: chingfang.hsu@mail.utoronto.ca

**Mayors and Pork Barrel: Legislative Experience Bias in Intergovernmental Transfers to**
Taiwan Municipalities
Yen-Chieh Liao, University of Essex, email: YL17124@essex.ac.uk

Evaluation of Open Government Data Portal at Local Level: The Comparison between Taiwan and United States
Hao-En Kao, YuanZe University, Taiwan, email: hekao@saturn.yzu.edu.tw

Feminist Engagement in Transforming Laws that Affected Women’s Status in Taiwan
Doris T. Chang, Wichita State University, email: doristchang9@gmail.com; doris.chang@wichita.edu

Discussant: Fang-Yu Chen, Soochow University, Taiwan, email: ernie80168@gmail.com; Ching-fang Hsu, Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Technology, Taiwan, email: chingfang.hsu@mail.utoronto.ca

Panel 7: Power Interactions: China, Taiwan, and South Korea

Chair: Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas, email: StocktH@stthom.edu

China’s Soft Power and Public Diplomacy in the United States: The Role of Propaganda
Furqan Khan, National Defense University, Pakistan, email: furqankhans66@gmail.com

The US-China Rivalry: Where Does South Korea Stand?
Tutku Zengin, University of Siena, Italy, email: tutkuz@hotmail.com

Butter or Guns: Taiwan's Economic Policy toward China
John Fuh-sheng Hsieh, University of South Carolina, email: JFHSIEH0@mailbox.sc.edu
Jerry Yi-Tzu Lin, University of South Carolina, email: lin64@email.sc.edu

Discussant: Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas, email: StocktH@stthom.edu

Panel 8: How Vulnerable is China in the Global Supply Chain?

Chair: Chien-pin Li, Sam Houston State University, email: cxl085@shsu.edu

U.S.-China Decoupling and Global Supply Chain Realignment
Frank Tian Xie, University of South Carolina, Aiken, email: FrankX@usca.edu

The Vulnerability of the Global Supply Chain and Industrial Alliance for U.S.-Taiwan Partnership (no change in title)
Peter Chow, The City College and Graduate Center, City University of New York, email: pcychow2011@hotmail.com
China’s Belt and Road Initiative and its Implications for Global Supply Chain  
Chien-pin Li, Sam Houston State University, email: cxl085@shsu.edu

Discussant:  
Tun-Jen Cheng, College of William & Mary, email: tjchen@wm.edu

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Panel 9: Roundtable panel: Taiwan under Tsai

Co-Chairs: June Teufel Dreyer, University of Miami, email: jdreyer@miami.edu  
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Panel 10: Regime Stability and Political Participation in China

Chair: Robert Sutter, George Washington University, email: sutterr@gwu.edu

From Resilience to Consolidation: Legal Reforms and Authoritarian Rule in Contemporary China  
Ye Meng, University of Tübingen, Germany, email: ye.meng@uni-tuebingen.de

How Does Political Trust Affect Political Participation in China? The Moderating Effect of Political Attention  
Yong Li, School of Marxism, Shanghai Maritime University, email: livong@shmtu.edu.cn  
Xiao Yu, School of Customs and Public Administration, Shanghai Customs College, email: 2004740@shcc.edu.cn

Discussant: Robert Sutter, George Washington University, email: sutterr@gwu.edu; Syaru Shirley Lin, University of Virginia, email: shirley@virginia.edu

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Panel 11: Crossing Boundaries in Ai Xiaoming’s Jiabiangou Elegy, Jon Chu’s Crazy Rich Asians, and Charles Yu’s Speculative Fiction
Chair: Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside, email: yenna.wu@ucr.edu

Mourning for the Dead, Demanding Accountability from the Living: Ai Xiaoming’s Jiabiangou Elegy
Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside, email: yenna.wu@ucr.edu

Crazy Rich Asians: An East-West Encounter
Jamie Qian Liu, University of California, Riverside, email: jamie.liu001@email.ucr.edu

Displacement, Disconnection, and Reconciliation: Traveling in the Emotional Universe of Charles Yu’s How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe
Fang-yu Li, New College of Florida, email: fli@ncf.edu

Discussant:
Ping Qiu, University of Denver, email: Ping.Qiu@du.edu

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Panel 12: Youth Development During COVID-19 Pandemic

Chair: Chien-Chung Huang, Rutgers University, email: huangc@ssw.rutgers.edu

Psychological Well-being in Chinese College Students: Roles of Resilience and Environmental Stress
Yuanfa Tan (Southwestern University of Finance and Economics), email: tanyf@swufe.edu.cn
Chien-Chung Huang (Rutgers University), email: huangc@ssw.rutgers.edu
Yun Geng (Central University of Finance and Economics), email: yungeng@cufe.edu.cn

Passion and Persistence: Investigating the Relation Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Grit in College Students in China
Shannon P. Cheung (Rutgers University), email: scheung@ssw.rutgers.edu
Congcong Zhang (China Youth University of Political Studies), email: congzhongxiaoccb@126.com

Relationships between Donation, Volunteering, and Well-being in Chinese College Students
Yafan Chen (Rutgers University), email: yafan.chen@rutgers.edu
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Discussant: Walter Kiang, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, email: yukiang@gmail.com; Linda Chiang, Azusa Pacific University, email: 315chiang@gmail.com

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Coast Time; 11:30 pm (10/16) - 12:30 am (10/17, Sunday, Taiwan/Singapore/Hong Kong/China, UTC+8)

AACS Executive Board Meeting (for AACS Executive Board members only)

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Saturday, October 16, 6-7:30 pm (East Coast Time, US, UTC-4); 3-4:30 pm (West Coast Time); 6-7:30 am (10/17, Sunday, Taiwan/Singapore/Hong Kong/China, UTC+8)

Keynote speech title: Biden’s China Policy: Old Wine in New Bottles?
Speaker: Andrew Nathan, Columbia University
Moderator: June Teufel Dreyer, AACS President, University of Miami, email: jdreyer@miami.edu

Abstract: The Trump Administration ushered in a definitive change in American policy toward China, the shift from "engagement" to "strategic competition." The Biden Administration has retained Trump’s import tariffs, the effort to build the “Quad,” the stepped-up naval patrols in the South China Sea, and the subtle upgrades in Taiwan’s protocol status. Yet Biden's China policy is different from Trump's, above all in the fact that it is truly strategic. This talk will analyze the elements of "cooperation, competition, and conflict" in Biden's China strategy.

**Brief bio: Andrew J. Nathan is Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. He studies the politics and foreign policy of China, political participation and political culture in Asia, and the international human rights regime. Nathan’s books include Chinese Democracy (1985), The Tiananmen Papers (2001), China’s Search for Security (2012), and Will China Democratize? (2013). He has served at Columbia as director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and as chair of the Political Science Department. He is chair of the Morningside Institutional Review Board (IRB). Off campus, he is a member of the board of Human Rights in China and a former board member of the National Endowment for Democracy and of Freedom House. He is the regular Asia and Pacific book reviewer for Foreign Affairs.

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Panel 13: Taiwan’s Strategic Responses and China’s Unconventional Statecraft

Chair: Dean Chen, Ramapo College of New Jersey, email: dchen@ramapo.edu
China's Unconventional Statecraft in Foreign Affairs: Implications for the Study of Recent Chinese International Relations
Robert Sutter, George Washington University, email: sutterr@gwu.edu

Survival and Foreign Policy Continuity in Weak States: The Case of Taiwan
Yao-Yuan Yeh, University of St. Thomas, email: yehy@stthom.edu
Charles K.S. Wu, Purdue University, email: wu721@purdue.edu

Results of Taiwan's Elections: Implications for Future Political Directions
James C. Hsiung, New York University, email: jch2@nyu.edu

New Pivots and Pariahs in US – Taiwan Relations
Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas, email: stockton@stthom.edu

Discussant: Dean Chen, Ramapo College of New Jersey, email: dchen@ramapo.edu

Panel 14: Cultural and Educational Interaction between East and West
Chair: Pei-te Lien, University of California, Santa Barbara, email: plien@polsci.ucsb.edu

Impacts of the 2019-nCoV Coronavirus Outbreak on Educational and Cultural Exchange in East Asia and the Pacific
Randall Nadeau, Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (Fulbright Taiwan), email: rnadeau@fulbright.org.tw

A Research on the Study of Contemporary Chinese Women's History in American Academia
Chu Yanhong, Institute of China Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, email: cyh@sass.org.cn

A Circle Model of Cross-Cultural Studies on Pound and China
Qingben Li, Hangzhou Normal University, email: liqingben1@sina.com

Discussant: Andy Rodekohr, Wake Forest University, email: rodekoaj@wfu.edu

Panel 15: Political Attitudes and Policies in China
Chair: Vincent Wang, Adelphi University, email: vwang@adelphi.edu

Yang Yan, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, email: yanyang@bupt.edu.cn

How China Learned to Avoid Russian-style State Capture
Zhu Zhang, Tulane University, email: zzhang11@tulane.edu

Discussant: John Hsieh, University of South Carolina, email: JFHSIEH0@mailbox.sc.edu

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Panel 16 (Merged into Panel 10)
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Panel 17: Politics in Hong Kong

Chair: Karl Ho, University of Texas at Dallas, email: kyho@utdallas.edu

City of Protest: New Media and Propensity to Protest in Hong Kong
Theodore Charm, University of Texas at Austin, email: theodorecharm@gmail.com
Tse-min Lin, University of Texas at Austin, email: tml@austin.utexas.edu

Approaching to Political Trust: A Study on Governance Accountability in Hong Kong
Maorong Jiang, Creighton University, email: maorongjiang@creighton.edu

A Critical Election? Generational Divide and Mandate Deficit in 2020 Hong Kong Elections
Karl Ho, University of Texas at Dallas, email: kyho@utdallas.edu
Stan Hok-Wui Wong, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, email: shw.wong@polyu.edu.hk
Harold D. Clarke, University of Texas at Dallas, email: hclarke@utdallas.edu

Revisiting Homophily on Social Media in Protests: Insights from Twitter Dynamics in Hong Kong Anti-ELAB Movement
Sanho Chung, University of Arizona, email: sanhochung@email.arizona.edu

Discussant: Joel S. Fetzer, Pepperdine University, email: joel.fetzer@pepperdine.edu

Panel 18: Public Opinion and Political Polarization in Taiwan

Chair: Wei-chin Lee, email: leewei@wfu.edu

The Effect of Polarization over Identity Politics on Taiwanese Opinions of Democracy
Kai-Wen Tung, Stanford University, email: kevintung0616@gmail.com

Unpacking the Foundation of Affective Polarization in Taiwan
Cho-Han Hsiung, Georgetown University, email: ch1207@georgetown.edu

**Discussant:** Charles K.S. Wu, Purdue University, email: wu721@purdue.edu

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**Panel 19: Studies of Political Parties and Elections in Taiwan**

**Chair:** Ching-fang Hsu, Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Technology, Taiwan, email: chingfang.hsu@mail.utoronto.ca

**Electoral Reform and Legislators’ Roll-call Behaviors in Taiwan**
Yu-Ceng Liao, University of Houston, email: yliao6@uh.edu

**Land Reform and Political Order in Autocracies: China, Taiwan, Vietnam, and South Korea Compared**
Kevin Wei Luo, University of Toronto, email: kevinwei.luo@mail.utoronto.ca; kevinluo0906@gmail.com

**Why Do Dictators Institutionalize the Party? A Cross-national Study and Comparative Cases of Taiwan, South Korea, Indonesia, and the Philippines**
Fang-Yu Chen, Soochow University, Taiwan, email: ernie80168@gmail.com

**Discussant:** Ching-fang Hsu, Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Technology, Taiwan, email: chingfang.hsu@mail.utoronto.ca

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