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GREETINGS

Dear colleagues and friends of the ERCCT,

The pandemic is over, and we are back to our routine of academic activities and "traffic" as in pre-pandemic times. However, we are still mourning the passing away of Prof. Chu Yun-han earlier this year, who was a great supporter of our center. I cherish the memories of Yun-han when he was in Tübingen or when I met him in Taipei. His generosity and politeness, as well as his energy to help European Taiwan studies flourish, will be remembered by the whole community of Taiwan scholars.

The ERCCT will carry on with its mission to promote research on Taiwan and academic exchange, in the spirit that Yun-han has displayed throughout his career. Our long-term cooperation with the CCK Foundation stands firm. We wish its new president, Prof. Chen Chun-I, a lucky hand in steering the foundation through the coming years.

ERCCT-Director and Chair of Greater China Studies,
University of Tübingen



ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

Taiwan Colloquium Summer Term 2023

During both the summer and winter terms, the Taiwan-Colloquium serves as a **weekly gathering for ERCCT Research Fellows, Visiting Scholars, and interested students**. The colloquium provides a platform for sharing project ideas, discussing intended field studies, scrutinizing applied theory and methodology, and critically assessing empirical findings gathered in the field. The participation of our Visiting Scholars is particularly valuable as they not only evaluate the projects of the Fellows but also present their own research, opening it up for academic debate.

In the recent summer term, we had the pleasure of hosting a diverse group of scholars with varied topics at the Taiwan Colloquium. Reflecting contemporary academic currents, we had an intriguing cluster of presentations around topics of sexual identity, ethnicity, and the role of women.



Dr Damm outlines media narratives

The colloquium commenced with a presentation by Dr Jens Damm, Acting Professor of Modern Chinese Studies at Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, who explored contested LGBTQI issues in Taiwanese media. Dr Damm highlighted the evolving narratives and shifting perceptions over the past decades in Taiwan. The ensuing discussion was lively, greatly enhanced by the presence and contributions of local activists.

In late July, Professor Lee Po-Han, Assistant Professor at National Taiwan University, delved into the intersection of sexuality and disability in educational and activism contexts. His talk shed light on how able-minded/bodiedness and heteronormativity systematically deny the sexual rights of individuals with disabilities.



Professor Anne Sokolsky, Professor Emerita from Ohio Wesleyan University, focused her presentation on the role of Taiwanese women under Japanese rule in the early 20th century. Her research centred around *A Diary of a Taiwanese Girl (1944)*, which traces the experiences of a young Taiwanese high school girl as she integrates into the Japanese colonial system and eventually marries her Japanese benefactor and teacher.

Daniel Davies, who recently received his PhD from National Sun Yat-sen University in Kaohsiung, discussed his project, which aims to understand the voting behaviours of indigenous Taiwanese in national elections. He intriguingly analysed how the Taiwanese election system caters to voting patterns based on local and ethnic relationships among indigenous people.



Davies introduces local election candidates

Another cluster in the Taiwan Colloquium explored the complex relationship between Taiwan and Mainland China. Professor Shen Hsiu-Hua from National Tsing Hua University delivered two talks. The first focused on the CCP's attempts at mobilizing and co-opting Taiwanese youth through generous



Professor Shen presents on Kinmin's status in our cosy Keplerstraße 2

stipend programs and other financial means. She highlighted participants' apparent ignorance of the potential influence of these programs on their identity, despite the seemingly small factual impact.

Professor Shen's second talk centred around the processes of shifting identities among the youth of Kinmen and the (re-)shaping of Kinmen's status as a border between Taiwan and China. Due to its geographical position, Kinmen's society has always existed at the intersection between the two entities.

The final cluster of presentations revolved around Taiwanese society and politics. Professor Chen Yi-Ling from the University of Wyoming discussed political strategies employed in Taiwan's urban development, drawing references from European cities. Last but not least, Wu Peng-Chi, a Ph.D. candidate at National Cheng Kung University,



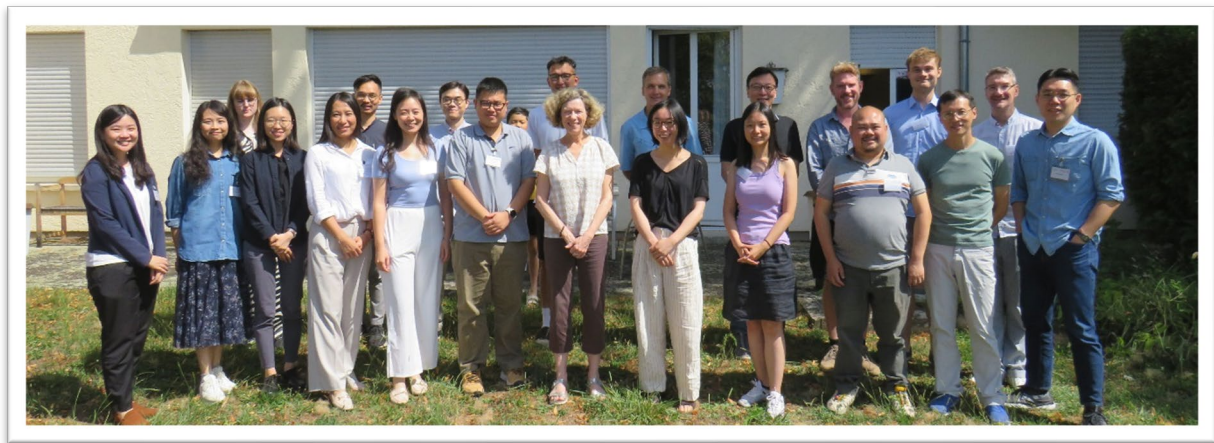
Our Colloquium gathers for a group picture after Mr Wu's (centre, light blue shirt) talk shared his research on Ming dynasty official Lin Xiyuan. Interestingly, Mr. Wu explored how the reverence of Lin developed from ancestor worship among his descendants into a local cult of Lin as a god in Taiwan complete with his own temple that hosts a statue of Lin Xiyuan believed to bring forth male offspring.

That concludes the series of this summer term. **We extend a warm welcome to all interested readers to participate in the colloquium during the upcoming winter term.**

Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop 2023

As a real highlight in a busy semester, the ERCCT team was pleased to welcome eleven young scholars from Taiwan and Europe to the second **ERCCT Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop**. The workshop was held from 17 to 21 July in Tübingen.

Joined by ERCCT Visiting Scholars Professor Anne Sokolsky and Professor Lee Po-Han, Visiting Fellows Dr Tsai Jia-Shin and Wu Peng-chi, and ERCCT Short-Term Resident Fellows Dr Daniel Davies and Dr Di Qing as well as ERCCT Resident Fellow Judy Lee, the eleven external participants presented their current research projects and discussed them lively and constructively at the University Guesthouse, so beautifully situated on the hillside at Lessingweg 3.



Group photo in the backyard of Lessingweg 3

The first presenter on Monday, 17 July, was Ms Huang Yun-Ju from the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Chengchi University. She talked about her project on security in the Taiwan Strait ‘The Edge of the War? An Analysis of China’s Red Lines toward Taiwan’, followed by Mr Liew Zeng Ee from the Department of Politics at the University of Surrey speaking about ‘Understanding Taiwan’s International Affairs through Metis Diplomacy’, and ERCCT Visiting Fellow Dr Tsai Jia-Shin from the Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, who presented his paper titled ‘Dwelling as the problem and the method: Struggling for alternatives to capitalism in urban and rural Taiwan, 1989 – 2010s’.



On Tuesday, 18 July, Mr Chung Sanho from the School of Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona made the start, delivering his presentation on 'Local Elections and Resilience of Clientelism in Democratic Taiwan'. Mr Manlai Nyamdorj from the Department of Chinese Studies at the University of Trier then followed, intro-



Professor Gunter Schubert introduces the ERCCT

ducing his study of 'The Political Economy of Taiwan's Media System'. Next in line was Ms Huang Yin-shan, also from the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Chengchi University, speaking on 'Interstate Relations and Military Conduct - Analysis of the Activities of Chinese Military Aircraft around Taiwan'. A very different aspect of security, in this case climate security and 'Taiwanese Approaches to Future Climate Displaced People' was treated in the paper presentation by Ms Kate H. Martin from the Institute for the Study of Asia Pacific at the University of Central Lancashire, who rounded off the academic part of the second workshop day.

The program on Wednesday, 19 July, mainly focused on profound sociological research projects and began with the presentation of Dr Wang Anne-Chie from the Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, who discussed her project titled 'Assembling End-of-Life Care Regime in Taiwan'. Ms Chen Jung from the Department of Sociology at the University of Cambridge followed suit with the presentation of her project on 'Building pathways toward fatherhood: transnational reproduction of Taiwanese gay men', before Ms Ellen Kao from the Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica presented her 'Analysis of the "Lying-flat" Generation under the Globalized Structure'. Mr Pei Hao-Che from the School of Geography and Environmental Science at the University of Southampton fit in neatly then with the presentation of his project titled 'Looking for Changes in Homelessness: Voluntary-sector Practitioners and The Resilience Without Austerity in Taiwan's Neoliberal Welfare State'.

On Thursday, 20 July, the programme was opened by Mr Tuyuq Rabay, also known as Ho Yueh-Cho from the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at SOAS, introduced his research on 'Learning gaga in the field trip: the Development of Indigenous Identity in Atayal Schools, Taiwan'.

Apart from the project presentations, the workshop also featured contributions from the side of the ERCCT itself. ERCCT Director Professor Gunter Schubert introduced the center's objectives and programmes on the afternoon of the first day. On Tuesday afternoon (18 July) Ms Paula Silvetti, an experienced city guide took the participants to a city tour centering on the history and the most picturesque historical buildings of Tübingen University and city. The following punting boat tour on the Neckar River provided for a very relaxed end of the day. ERCCT team members and fellows briefly presented their individual research projects on Thursday morning. A group discussion on 'Taiwan's geopolitical condition' generated very interesting, insightful dialogue. The social programme featured a visit to Hohenzollern Castle (20 July, afternoon) and to the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart on Friday, 21 July, before the workshop was closed with a cheerful dinner at the Castle of Hohenentrigen.



Our visit to the Hohenzollern Castle



Visiting Fellow Programme

The ERCCT proudly presents our **Visiting Research Fellow Programme**, providing scholars with a focused research experience here with us in beautiful Tübingen. As a Visiting Fellow, you receive a stipend, office space, and full integration into the ERCCT's academic activities. **We are thus thrilled to introduce this year's exceptional fellows:**

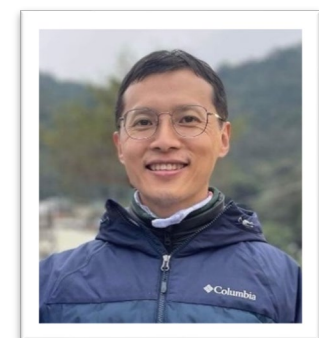
Cheng Ting-Wen: A PhD student at the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Chengchi University (Taiwan) who focuses on cross-strait relations, with practical experience in cross-strait youth exchange activities. She also focuses on the government system as well as implementation of public policies in Mainland China. Ms Cheng stayed with us from January 10th to February 10th.



Dr Chen Teng-Hsiang: A post-doctoral fellow at Academia Sinica's Institute of Sociology (Taiwan) who received his Ph.D. degree from the Sociology department at Goethe University. He investigates the transnational transmission of Chinese Buddhism in Europe and trust-building in mobile dating applications. Mr Chen stayed with us from January 10th to February 10th.

Dr Tsai Jia-Shin: A postdoctoral researcher at Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica (Taiwan) specializing in urban and rural Taiwan's civic actors and their engagement with capitalism.

Currently, he bases his research on the rural solidarity initiatives in Puli township since the 2010s. Dr Tsai stayed with us from June 29th to July 30th.





Wu Peng-Chi: A doctoral candidate at the History Institute of Cheng Kung University (Taiwan) specializing in the social and maritime history of the Ming Dynasty, with a keen interest in cultural asset preservation and restoration. In the past he participated in several government funded projects, such as "Nantou Pottery Development History Investigation and Research". Mr Wu stayed with us from July 5th to July 27th.

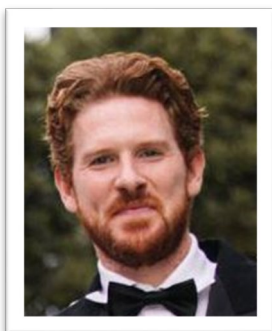
These accomplished scholars kindly contributed their diverse perspectives and expertise to our academic community, thus profusely enriching the research environment at ERCCT.

We once again extend our warmest welcome to these exceptional scholars and would like to emphasize our appreciation for their valuable contributions during their stay.

Please visit [our website](#) for further information on the application process for the programme in 2024.

Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme

In the **Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme**, the ERCCT extends a warm invitation to (typically) two Ph.D. students or postdoc researchers from both Europe and Taiwan annually, offering them the exciting opportunity to join our esteemed centre in Tübingen for a flexible period of three to six months. **This year we had the honour of welcoming the following scholar:**



Dr Daniel Davies: Meet Daniel Davies, who recently received his Ph.D. from National Sun Yat-Sen University in Kaohsiung, exploring multicultural Taiwan through innovative big-data and community-based research methods. His work investigates the interplay of national and local communities in areas like political representation, national identity, elections, and international relations. With a hands-on approach, Daniel actively



collaborates with local community associations, the Pingtung County Government, and the Council of Indigenous Peoples in community development, arts, and educational programs from his base in Pingtung County.

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Visiting Scholars Programme

The ERCCT also hosts **Taiwanese and European Visiting Scholars** who come to Tübingen during the academic term. They hold lectures or give brief seminars. Most importantly, they take part in the Taiwan Colloquium where they play an active role by **presenting their research in terms of content, theory, and methodology**. They also discuss and evaluate the ERCCT Research Fellows' projects, thereby helping them to prepare their fieldwork or assessing data brought back from the field.

Down below, **our visiting scholar Assistant Professor Lee Po-Han reports about his experience here at ERCCT and in lovely Tübingen.**

Hallo, I am Lee Po-Han, an Assistant Professor based at the Global Health Program and the Institute of Health Policy and Management of National Taiwan University. I am an interdisciplinary researcher initially trained in International Law in Taiwan and obtained my PhD in Sociology from the University of Sussex in the UK.



I am now an editorial board member for journals such as the *Taiwanese Journal of Sociology*, *Feminist Review*, and *Sociology Compass* and a Board of Director member of the North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA).

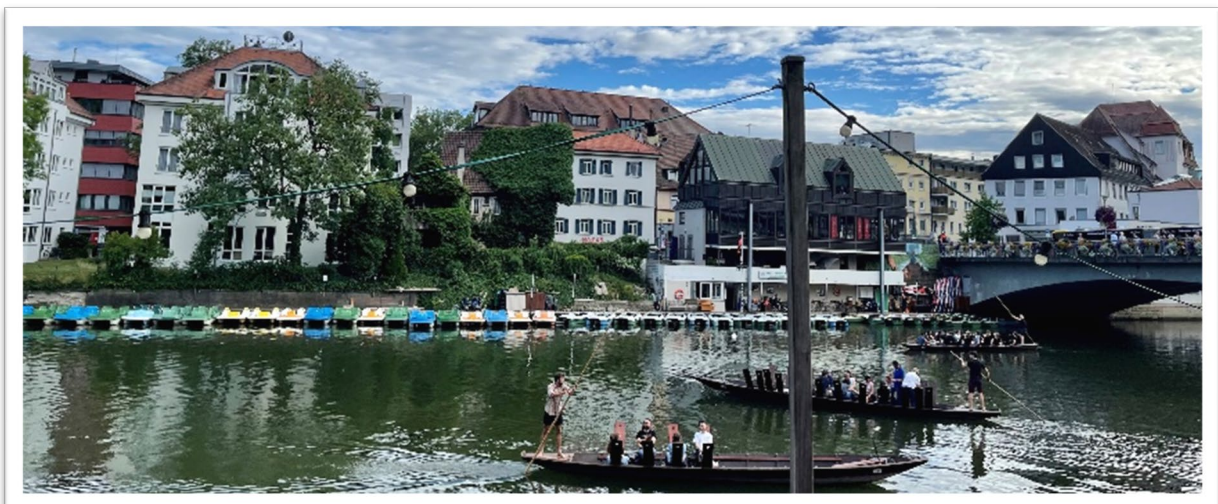
NATSA was the first space I found myself interested in seeing how 'Taiwan' is framed – socio-politically and discursively – as a field of study, a site of theorization, and a resourceful location for transnational social movements.



First academic event (between NCKU and ERCCT) I attended during my time at the Tübingen University

My encounter with the ERCCT can be traced back to January 2021, when the COVID-19 pandemic was still the focus of global attention. I was invited to give a talk, *Solidarity with Whom: Repositioning Taiwan Beyond Epidemiological (Inter)Nationalism*, at the Taiwan Colloquium. With the valuable feedback obtained from the participants (though online), the project was eventually pub-

lished in [the *Law Journal* \(法學叢刊\) in 2021](#) and as [part of the Special Issue of 'Law and the Virus' of Legalties](#). As an extension of the project, I wrote with Professor Kao Ying-Chao on health apartheid against Taiwanese people, published [by the *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*](#). I am working on the project's final output with Dr Eva



How can you not love this view from Neckarmüller Biergarten?



Li concerning the use of war analogies during the pandemic, which I hope to finalize during my stay at the ERCCT in beautiful Tübingen.

I decided to visit the ERCCT in person because of a small collaborative project between me and Dr Tseng Yuchin, the ERCCT's Co-Director, on the well-being of international students, a population often overlooked by migration and education studies.

Thus, an essential component of my stay in Tübingen is familiarizing myself with the German higher education system and co-facilitating several workshops to learn about international students' life experiences.



The first German beer we had at City Treff (Imbiss WHO) (left) | 'Saints & Scholars' (right)

Flying from Taipei, then London, to Tübingen, I have noticed interesting differences between the three cities. Being a much smaller-scale city, Tübingen seems home to diversity, perhaps due to the existence of a distinguished university and many international students and immigrant families.



In Tübingen, my partner and I stay in a quite quiet neighborhood around WHO Erlenweg. People are curious about us and have been friendly and helpful, especially when we look confused on the streets or at stores. We arrived on a Sunday afternoon when no shop was open. We found a small community bar owned by a Lebanese man who speaks several languages.



‘Welcome to Utopia!’ (left) | This house’s front door shouting ‘Kein Mensch ist illegal!’ (right)

Besides the multicultural element, on the day we arrived and since, we have seen people with different abilities and neurodivergent persons travelling easily on the streets and engaging in social events. That surprises me, as I also observed that in London and Taipei, it is rare to see people with different body-minds mingle in everyday spaces so naturally. Disability-friendliness and multilingualism indeed grasp my attention in Tübingen.

I have enjoyed listening to Chinese, English, German, Cantonese, and Spanish at get-togethers with colleagues here; I am also amazed by the inclusivity of persons with diverse gender expressions and abilities in different places. Both speak to my heart.



Previously I worked on queer activism in Taiwan. Recently I have studied the intimacies and sexual health of persons with disabilities in Taiwan. On 27 July, I delivered a public lecture on ‘Disabled sexualities and crip ambivalence’, based on a paper I co-authored with Ms Stephanie Torres Celis published [by Sex Education](#). The talk interrogates the entanglement of ableism and heteronormativity that systematically denies the sexual rights of people with disabilities.

I believe I will return to Tübingen (especially in the beautiful summertime) for its liveliness and learn more about German society.

For more information on our Visiting Scholars Programme, follow this [link](#).

Other Visiting Fellows

In this category, we pay tribute to **esteemed scholars who have visited the ERCCT either through their own initiative or external funding**. We take pride in having had the **privilege of welcoming the Dr Di Qing, who stays in Tübingen from July to December 2023**.



Dr Di holds two Ph.D. degrees, one in Management with a focus on industrial economics, and the other in Sociology with an emphasis on culture and aesthetics. He possesses a deep understanding of the social, political, and economic landscapes in mainland China and Taiwan, acquired through extensive fieldwork and research in both regions. With 12 years of experience at different universities in Shanghai he is well-versed in both research and teaching. Dr Di’s research focused in the past on the exploration of traditional Chinese aesthetics in society, the management and policy of the Shanghai Free-Trade Zone and the organizational behavior and creativity of Chinese state-owned companies on mainland China.

Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2022

Continuing the tradition after nearly three years of pandemic, the ERCCT proudly presented the **16th Taiwan Documentary Film Festival at Kino Arsenal on Friday and Saturday, November 25th to 26th, 2022.**

The festival commenced with welcoming remarks by ERCCT Director, Professor Gunter Schubert, and an opening message from Dr Dieu Ian-Tsing 趙彥清, the Director General of the Munich branch office of the Taipei Representative Office to the Federal Republic of Germany, who graciously supported the event.



Professor Gunter Schubert officially opens the Taiwan Documentary Film Festival 2022

This time, the festival program centred around the works of Lee Hui-Jen 李惠仁 (Kevin H. J. Lee), a former news cameraman turned documentary filmmaker. We had the honour to welcome Director Lee himself to the event here in Tübingen where he presented and engaged in active discussions about several of his films.

As a discerning observer of Taiwanese society and politics, Lee's works primarily focus on contemporary problems and issues. The festival opener, "Eye on the Left" (睜開左眼), and the Saturday morning screening of "Taste of Apple" (蘋果的滋味), shed light on the problematic developments within Taiwan's mass media—a subject that holds particular significance for Lee Hui-Jen due to his personal career. Screened on Friday afternoon, "Self-Censorship 并控制" delves into the two-hour tour de force exploring

the Chinese Communist government's control and suppression of dissent, extending its reach beyond mainland China into Hong Kong and Taiwan.

In "The Incredible Disappearing School 上學去" the director tackles the issue of Taiwan's tertiary education in the private sector, which faces pressures stemming from the country's demographic crises and inadequate regulation under the law governing private universities.



Director Lee Hui-Jen (right) addresses his movie in an interview with ERCCT's Stefan Braig (middle)

Although somewhat unique in Lee Hui-Jen's body of work, "No. 37 Huafushan 寄居蟹的諾亞方舟" offers a captivating portrayal of life within a disabled persons' care facility located at 37 Huafushan Rd. in New Taipei City's Bali district. The film depicts the inhabitants' hopes, dreams, joys, friendships, as well as their frustrations and experiences of discrimination. Concluding the festival program on Friday evening was Cheng Yu-Chieh's feature film, "Dear Tenant 親愛的房客." The story revolves around Lin Jian-Yi, who assumes the responsibility of caring for his deceased partner's mother and child-son, only to be falsely accused of murder upon the old lady's passing.

We extend our **heartfelt gratitude to the team at Kino Arsenal** (Arsenal Kinobetriebe Stefan Paul KG) for hosting us and for their seamless cooperation throughout the festival.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to future editions of the Taiwan Documentary Film Festival. **The 2023 edition is already in the final planning stage.**



TÜBINGEN RESEARCH NOTES

Judy Lee Goes Taiwan

My ongoing PhD project deals with **the recently exiled Hong Kongers in Taiwan, particularly focusing on those who arrived after the 2019 anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill protests**. This is undoubtedly a broad topic, and I have been seeking a specific research question that holds significance for the fields of Hong Kong and Taiwan studies and for the diaspora community. As a linguist, I am interested in observing people's linguistic and cultural behavior, but with my background in politics and law, issues of political participation and social movements also intrigue me. With this indecision (or decidophobia?) in mind, I traveled to Taipei for a month in late February 2023, as soon as the borders were open for Hong Kong passport holders.



During my time in Taipei, I met with personal friends and colleagues who are also participants in a book project, making them ideal subjects for my research—oh, the sweet serendipity and synergy that comes from being a "slashie"! We discussed the challenges they faced in obtaining residency, healthcare, and employment, which led to a sense of insecurity and uncertainty about their immediate and future prospects.

My friends, in turn, introduced me to other potential interviewees. Among them was the founder of a Hong Konger association in Taiwan. Having been a former student activist in Taiwan and maintaining contact with important officials, he provided background stories that linked historical contexts with current policies and shared the bittersweet encounters of individual Hong Kongers in Taiwan.

Additionally, I had the privilege of meeting with Professor Ho Ming-sho, an expert in political sociology and social movements, whose insights and research experiences offered valuable ideas for my project. At the moment, I am organizing my thoughts to develop a qualitative research approach for studying the Hong Kong diaspora. I plan to



An ERCCT friends' reunion in Taipei. Karoline Buchner (left), Huang Yin-shan (centre left) and Earvin (centre right) stayed with us in Tübingen in summer 2022 and participated in our Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Workshop. They are certainly coming back for more fun!

return to Taiwan later this summer, hopefully with a longer visa duration, to not only gain momentum in my general research but particularly in my fieldwork.

Meanwhile, here at ERCCT in Tübingen, I have the opportunity to discuss my project with my colleagues and other scholars, thanks to the Center's

various programs and activities.

I am looking forward to more interactions and adventures!

Judy Lee

ERCCT Resident Fellow

「路漫漫其修遠兮，吾將上下而求索。」 *The Lament*, Qu Yuan (c.340–c.278 BC)

Amélie Keyser-Verreault Goes Japan

Dr Keyser-Verreault is currently conducting **fieldwork in Japan with Taiwanese migrants**. While several studies have been carried out on Taiwanese migrants in other parts of the world, there is limited research on Taiwanese individuals living in Japan. Most of these migrants reside in urban areas and are primarily entrepreneurs, skilled workers in specific fields recruited through recent efforts by Japanese companies to attract highly qualified foreign workers, Taiwanese international students at Japanese universities, and Taiwanese individuals married to Japanese citizens.



This study aims to document Taiwanese women's cross-cultural and gender negotiations within the context of compressed Japanese modernity. The main outcome of this project is a collaboration with Isabelle Cockel from the University of Portsmouth, as part of the Amplifying Their Voices project. The biographies of Taiwanese migrants in Japan will be presented in the first person, allowing these individuals to share their lived experiences and to challenge the power dynamics between the researcher and the subjects.

By providing an opportunity for the migrants to tell their own stories, this research seeks to gain a deeper understanding of their experiences and perspectives, shedding light on their unique lives in Japan. This approach also fosters a more inclusive and empowering research environment, where the voices of the individuals being studied are amplified and respected.

Overall, **this study fills a gap in the current research landscape and offers valuable insights into the lives of Taiwanese migrants living in Japan.** It will contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of migration patterns and experiences in the region, with a particular focus on cross-cultural and gender dynamics.

Taiwan as a Pioneer: A BMBF Project

Dr Keyser-Verreault is working on the project 'Gender, Innovation, and Human Capital: Doing and Undoing Family in Contemporary Taiwan' as part of the interdisciplinary and supra-regional joint project BMBF-funded 'Taiwan as a Pioneer' (TAP). This **research addresses the global mega trends of demographic shift. Taiwan, like many other societies, is experiencing a sustained decline in fertility rates and increased life expectancy, resulting in population aging.**

Through multi-sited ethnographic work and digital ethnography, Dr Keyser-Verreault analyses case studies around the phenomenon of (un)doing the Taiwanese family in the context of 'compressed modernity,' where heterogeneous influences coexist and interact.

Case 1: Taiwan as a Pioneer in the Development of Postnatal Care Centers - Dr. Keyser-Verreault conducted an ethnography of Taiwan's private postpartum nursing care



centres in 2022-2023, representing an investment 'from the beginning' in precious newborns. Related peer-reviewed publications are expected to be released in 2024-2025.

Case 2: The Gender Factor in Parental Investment in Contemporary Taiwan - This study focuses on 'human capital at home' in Taiwan, challenging the dominant understanding of neoliberalism and illustrating how Taiwanese women and gender minorities negotiate with their parents regarding life choices and gendered expectations. They strive to compromise competing or incompatible discourses, such as the tension between conventional womanhood, filial piety, and individual autonomy. Two peer-reviewed publications are forthcoming for this subproject.

Case 3: The Anti-Aspirationalist Trend in Taiwan - This case study is based on women's first-hand voices in a 'post-compressed modern era,' where a sense of doom regarding the future and social mobility, combined with still robust gender inequities, has led to various forms of anti-aspirationalism. The lying-down ethics are of interest in research on neoliberalism because they put two crucial components of neoliberal rationality to the test, namely, its aspirational and reproductive infrastructure. Dr Keyser-Verreault is currently conducting fieldwork for this project.

Junior Professor Tseng Yu-chin: Health and Wellbeing of International Students

A roundtable discussion was held at the College of Public Health at the National Taiwan University on 31 March 2023, marking **the first event of the international collaborative research project titled "Health and Wellbeing of International Students in the Higher Education Sector: The Examples of Taiwan and Germany."** This research is conducted by Junior Professor Yu-chin Tseng (University of Tübingen) and Assistant Professor Po-han Lee (National Taiwan University), and it is funded by the NTU International Collaboration Seed Funding.



During the event, Jun. Prof Yu-chin Tseng was joined by renowned migration scholar Professor Hsiao-Chuan Hsia (National Cheng-Chi University) and pioneer scholar on the topic of international students in Taiwan, Associate Professor Ai-Hsuan Ma (National Cheng-Chi University). The discussion focused on the history and current situation of the higher education sector in Taiwan and the people migrating to Taiwan for study or other reasons.



Roundtable discussion at the National Taiwan University

As the first research dedicated to the issue of health and wellbeing of international students in Taiwan, the research team presented the preliminary findings from their fieldwork conducted in late 2022. They suggested examining international students' health-related behaviors through three aspects: their reflections, reflexivity, and referentiality.

The event was attended by students with an interest in the topics of public health and sociology.



UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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Yu-chin Tseng, (forthcoming in late 2023), "Gender and Migration in Taiwan", in *Encyclopedia of Taiwan Studies*, Brill



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulatory Note

The CCKF-ERCCT Team hereby wishes to compliment Professor Chun-I Chen on taking up the position of the President of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation in May 2023. Having met President Chen during a dinner which the Foundation generously hosted in March, we are more than convinced that the Foundation is in good hands with him and look very much forward to continued cooperation.



ERCCT New Staff Announcement



It is our pleasure to announce the **newest member of our team, Mr Lukas N. Eggert**, who will be joining us at the Chair for Greater China Studies. Mr Eggert brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise as he holds a Master of Laws degree from Renmin University of China and a Master of Arts degree from King's College London.

During his academic journey, Mr Eggert conducted insightful research on the guiding principles of German parties in shaping China policy, as well as an in-depth analysis of Cross-Strait relations over the past five years. His extensive studies have provided him with a deep understanding of these critical areas.

Following his graduation, Mr Eggert embarked on a traineeship at the European Commission in the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), where he gained valuable experience in the field of international relations.



Subsequently, he worked as a project manager for a German NGO specializing in investigative journalism.

We are pleased to have Mr Eggert with us as he **pursues his Ph.D. in Sinology, guided by ERCCT director Prof. Schubert.** In addition to his academic pursuits, **Mr Eggert will lend his expertise to various administrative tasks in support of the ERCCT.**

A warm welcome to Lukas N. Eggert! We are confident that his qualifications and dedication will greatly contribute to our mission and further enhance the CCKF-ERCCT.

Visiting Fellow Programme 2024

We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the **CCKF-ERCCT Visiting Fellow Programme**, inviting Ph.D. students and postdoctoral fellows from our esteemed partner institutions in Taiwan. The programme offers a unique opportunity to work as a Visiting Fellow at our centre in Tübingen for a one-month period, from January 8th to February 9th, 2024.

As a Visiting Fellow, you will have access to a stimulating academic environment, including office space and invaluable opportunities to engage in research discussions. To support your stay, we are providing **a stipend of € 500 for living expenses, a free round trip air ticket (up to € 1,250)**, accommodation assistance, and insurance coverage during your time in Tübingen.

To apply for the programme, **please submit your application by September 15th, 2023.** For more detailed information about the programme and the application process, kindly **visit the following [website](#).**

If you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to reach out to the ERCCT Managing Director, Stefan Braig, at stefan.braig@uni-tuebingen.de.

Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme 2024

We are also delighted to announce that applications are now open for the **Short-Term Resident Fellow Programme.** This programme offers an opportunity for Ph.D. or



postdoctoral researchers to join the **CCKF-ERCCT** for a **flexible period of three to six months between January and July 2024**.

As a Resident Fellow, you will be granted a monthly **stipend of 400 EUR to support your living expenses, along with a travel grant of 600 EUR**. This ensures that you can fully immerse yourself in your research and make the most of your time at the CCKF-ERCCT. To apply for the programme, please ensure that your application is submitted by the deadline of September 15, 2023. For detailed information on how to apply, we invite you **to visit [our website](#)**.

We encourage Ph.D. and postdoctoral researchers to seize this opportunity to collaborate with our team at the CCKF-ERCCT and further their research objectives. We look forward to receiving your applications.

Alternatively, feel free to reach out to Stefan Braig at stefan.braig@uni-tuebingen.de with any specific inquiries you may have.

Call for Papers: Handbook of Taiwan Research

As part of the **Taiwan as Pioneer project**, our colleague, Dr Amélie Keyser-Verreault, is currently undertaking the creation of a Handbook of Taiwan Research: New Perspectives & Innovative Methods.

In light of this endeavour, she kindly **requests your valuable contributions**. The **editors of this handbook welcome contributions** that engage with a broad range of methods - quantitative (statistics, big data, database, etc.) and qualitative (ethnography, interviews, archives, text analysis, etc.). We invite submissions that primarily have a reflexive focus on innovative methodologies and new perspectives on Taiwan studies.

We would like to invite you to submit your proposal for consideration no later than October 30, 2023.

Should you require further information about the project, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Amélie Keyser-Verreault directly at amelie.keyser-verreault@uni-tuebingen.de.



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