



On Oct. 10, 2016 Dr. Miriam Seeger of the Berlin State Library came to visit the NCL and talked about the cooperation on the e-database of the union catalog of Chinese rare books.

## Chinese Studies Symposium

### ■ Global Chinese Studies Lecture Series

On November 9, Prof. Sergey Vradiy, who has previously been awarded research grants by the CCS and belongs to CCS Scholars Worldwide, from the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Oriental History, Archeology, and Ethnic Studies, lectured on "Russia's Relations with Taiwan: Image and Reality."

On November 15, Prof. Xin-min Liu (劉辛民), the recipient of the CCS research grants in 2016, from the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures at Washington State University, spoke on "The Picturesque in Chinese Art Moves West: Comparing and Contrasting Human Perceptions of Nature from the View of Chinese Flower Garden Art Culture." The term 'picturesque' implies a view that looks as if it had been painted, and



*Prof. Federica Casalin's lecture.*

is a standard and thought pattern of universal aesthetics.

On November 23, Prof. Federica Casalin from the Italian Institute of Oriental Studies (ISO) at Sapienza University of Rome, also awarded research grants by the CCS in 2016, was invited to lecture on "The Three Great Leaders of Italian Nationalism and China: Mazzini, Garibaldi, and Cavour in Late Qing writings (1898-1904)." Prof. Casalin performed qualitative and quantitative analysis exploring why Mazzini, Garibaldi, and Cavour frequently appeared in Chinese writings between 1898 and 1904, as well as to understand conditions during this period of history.

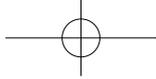
On Dec. 8, 2016, there were two research grants recipients presenting their recent research at the NCL. Assistant Prof. Eli Alberts from Department of History of Colorado State University spoke on "Manipulating Imperial Symbols on the Southern Frontier: The Proclamation for Crossing the Mountains." On the same panel, Associate Prof. Yau Ching (游靜) from Department of Cultural Studies of the Lingnan University, Hong Kong, lectured on "Romance on the Pearl River: Local Demand and Exports Elsewhere."

Associate Research Fellow Prashant Kumar Singh from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, spoke on "New Southbound Policy: A New Horizon for India-Taiwan Relations" on Dec. 13, 2016 at the NCL.

### ■ The CCS Holds a Colloquium for MOFA Taiwan Fellowship Scholars

On October 12, 2016 there were four MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) Taiwan Fellowship scholars invited to present research.

The first presenter was Prof. Valerie Junod from the University of Lausanne and



*From left: Prof. Valerie Junod, Prof. Zheng Yiwei, MOFA Deputy Director General of Policy Planning Liu Jing-Yen, Prof. Michael Reilly, and Prof. Zheng Canmo.*

the University of Geneva. She spoke on “The Lessons to be Learnt from Taiwan’s Implementation of Its NHI Smart Card.” The second presenter was Prof. William Cheng from Troy University. He spoke on “Beijing’s New Economic Initiatives and Taipei’s Options through the Lens in Washington.” The third presenter was Senior Fellow Michael Reilly from the China Policy Institute at Nottingham University. He spoke on “Taiwan’s Pursuit of Free Trade Agreements: A Misplaced Priority?” The final presenter was Prof. Chanmo Chung from Inha University in Korea. He spoke on “Quo Vadis TPP? And How We Can Save It.”

On December 13, the CCS held the research presentations for MOFA Taiwan Fellowship scholars once again. Four scholars were invited to share their research findings. The first presenter was from Catholic University of Leuven, Paulo Duarte. He spoke on “China’s One Belt One Road: Quo Vadis.” The second presenter was Prof. Mikhail Karpov from the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Russia. He spoke on “When the Short Leash Starts to Choke: Freeing Capital in Taiwan (ROC) and China as Political Crisis Management.”

The third presenter was a Ph.D. candidate

from Melbourne University, Shiao Ching Wong. She spoke on “Applying Hybrid Media System Theory to Case Studies of Activism in Taiwan: Opportunities, Issues and Challenges.” The final presenter was a Ph.D. candidate from Sapienza University of Rome, Davide Vacatello. He spoke on “Imagined Communities across Virtual Borders? Echoes of the Baodiao Movement on the Internet in Taiwan.”

## CCS News and Activities

### ■ Visiting Foreign Scholars Are Invited to Attend the National Day Reception

The 2016 National Day reception was held on Oct. 10 at the Taipei Guesthouse. The NCL made special arrangements to have CCS’s recipients of the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ recipients of the Taiwan Fellowship and their spouses to attend the festivities. This year a total of 47 foreign scholars and their family members from 29 different countries were in attendance. The group enjoyed music, as well as singing and dancing performances in the Baroque styled building and out in the courtyard.



*Visiting scholars attending the National Day reception at the Taipei Guesthouse.*

During the reception, the foreign scholars and other foreign dignitaries had an opportunity