

at TamKang University, Dr. Yung-Djong Shaw from Academia Sinica's Institutum Jurisprudentiae (post-doctorate research fellow), and Professor Wu Fu-cheng, assistant director of the National Economic Development Strategy Center at Taiwan Institute of Economic Research. Wu Chih-chung, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, served as the discussant.

Professor Chang Tai-lin pointed out at the beginning of the forum that the EU's politics and economy are being heavily influenced and assaulted by such issues as Brexit, the change in Italy's parliament, the Polish legal crisis, and Putin's reelection. As such, experts were invited to reflect on various aspects of EU politics, economy, international affairs, society, and regional safety during this year, as well as discuss future prospects.

The four speakers and their topics were:

Professor Der-Chin Horng "Current Conditions and Future Prospects of Brexit"

Professor Chung-hung Cho "The Influence of Italian Parliament Elections on EU Political Situation"

Dr. Yung-Djong Shaw "Protecting the Values of the People: How the EU Should Respond to the Polish Legal Crisis"

Professor Wu Fu-cheng "Russo-European Relations in the Age of Putin 4.0"

NCL has been co-hosting the EUTW Forum with the EU Centre in Taiwan since 2012, holding 5-6 sessions each year. Top experts and scholars are invited each time to share their deep and broad observations and analyses, allowing those who are interested in EU affairs and developments—especially experts in industry, government, and academia—to pool ideas and insights and enjoy a

platform for discussion and dialog. The recorded proceeds of past forums can be found on NCL's audio-visual services platform (<http://mdava.ncl.edu.tw/parts2.php?tid=53>).



EUTW Forum host, presenters, and VIP attendees; fifth from the right is Deputy Minister Wu Chih-chung.

■ Public Library Regional Resource Centers Begin Offering a Convenience Store Book Pick-up and Return Service

In June 2017, the National Central Library (NCL) began offering an interlibrary loan delivery service at city and county Public Library Regional Resource Centers (PLRRC) across Taiwan. In order to expand the scope of this service even further and maximize the benefits of the PLRRC collections, the NCL has partnered with a convenience store distribution network. From December 12, 2017, the public are now able to use the Public Library Resource Sharing Service Platform (<http://rrcils.ncl.edu.tw/nclrrcc/RRCrq>), which integrates a book selection facility with convenience store distribution, to pick up and return books at 7-11 convenience stores.

Readers need only hold a library card issued at any of Taiwan's city or county public libraries. After completing a simple application procedure, readers are then able to conveniently borrow or return a book from a Regional Resource Center collection. The service is free of charge, and greatly simplifies access to the collections.