

## ■ Conference Held on “Manipulating the Media: News and ‘Fake News’ in China since Early Modern Times”

A conference on “Manipulating the Media: News and ‘Fake News’ in China since Early Modern Times” was jointly hosted by the Czech Academy of Sciences’ (CAS) Oriental Institute and the National Central Library (NCL). The conference took place from June 7-8, 2018, at the NCL’s International Conference Hall.

Many outstanding overseas scholars were invited to present papers at this conference, with the aim of encouraging academic dialogue and exchange between local Taiwanese and overseas scholars and experts in different fields, and inspiring new ways of thinking.



*The presenters at the opening ceremony.*

There were two keynote speeches held at this conference. Professor Wang Fan-sen from Academia Sinica was invited to give the first speech on "Public Opinion in Chinese Society from the Ming and Qing Dynasties down to Modern Times." The second speech "What is Fake News in the Digital Age?" was spoke by Professor Daniela Stockmann from Hertie School of Governance, Germany. In addition, the conference included 9 papers presented by scholars from different academic disciplines, and focused on different periods of history, observing and analyzing cases of media manipulation in China's past and present, and how this manipulation affected society.

## ■ The NCL Held Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies in Eastern Europe and East Asia

In conjunction with the establishment of new Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies (TRCCS), the National Central Library (NCL) regularly plans and hosts the Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies series. The purpose is to tap into the vibrant atmosphere surrounding Taiwan studies and Chinese studies to effectively promote domestic and international exchanges on research achievements in these areas. Doing so also deepens NCL’s relationship with the international Chinese studies community and with East Asian libraries. The NCL held a total of four lectures in May and June in Hungary, Slovenia, Japan, and Korea this year.

The first lecture of 2018 was held on May 8 at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Professor Wu Jui-jen from Academia Sinica’s Institute of Taiwan History was invited to speak on “Caught between Empires: Democracy and Nation-state Formation in Taiwan.” Dr. István Monok, head librarian at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, was the host of the event, with NCL’s Director-General Tseng attending and giving remarks.



*Prof Wu Jui-jen (right) gives a lecture at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.*

On May 10, the second lecture was held at the University of Ljubljana (UL) in Slovenia.