

The general public in Taiwan is relatively unfamiliar with the current writings of the new generation of authors. Yet, authors born after the 1980s are already a core part of the literary circles in Taiwan. Millennial authors—those born between 1980 and 2000—grew up in a mature economic environment, with access to global information, the rapid development of digital technology. Due to this, their style and subject matter carry some heritage from previous authors, but at the same time have their unique generational differences. The lecture series invited millennial authors Chongkai Huang, Salizan, Yuchin Chen, Yu-jia Luo, Fumin Yang, and Shuang-zi Yang to participate. Each session featured a scholar who specialized in Taiwan studies research to speak with an author. The audience was given a peek at the thoughts behind the creations of this new generation of authors, as well as the 21st century Taiwan reflected in their writings.

This lecture series was in the planning stages for close to a year. A total of six sessions were held, all on Saturday afternoons. The first three sessions could only permit 115 participants due to the need to leave every other seat empty because of the coronavirus pandemic. However, with the easing of the pandemic in Taiwan, starting on June 13, the remaining three sessions accommodated 400 participants.



NCL Director-General Tseng (2nd from right) with Chong-kai Huang (2nd from left) and Professor Minxu Zhan (left).

The themes of the six sessions were “The New Island in the Writings of Taiwan Millennial Authors,” “Mountain Forests on the Backs of New Aboriginal Authors,” “Taiwan Ethnology in Writings of New 2nd Generation Authors,” “Poetry, Resistance, and the Internet Generation Poets’ Social Participation,” “Sanheyuan Creative Writing Classes for Children Born after 1987,” “When the New Woman Passes through to Old Taiwan.”



2020 Summer Reading lecture series poster.

## ■ The First EUTW Forum for 2020 Was Held at NCL

The first European Union Centre in Taiwan (EUTW) Forum for 2020 was on “The EU’s Integration in a Time of Global Crisis.” Scholars and experts in European and international affairs and political science were invited to present and discuss important issues regarding the development of the EU’s political economy. The forum was held on June 19 at National Central Library. It was hosted by National Central Library, the European Union Centre in Taiwan, and the EU Jean Monnet Teaching Module Program at National Chengchi University.

Professor Tai-Lin Chang from National Chengchi University served as moderator for the forum. Tzu-Li Lin (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Tunghai University), Chih-ming Chung (Associate Professor, Institute of European Studies, Nanhua University), Kuo-chun Yeh (Professor, Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University), Ho-chun Chi (Assistant Professor, Department of Public Affairs, Ming Chuan University), and San-yi Yang (Professor, Graduate Institute of International Politics, NCHU) presented their research. Ling-Long Shen (Vice President, The Appacus Foundation) and Der-Chin Horng (Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica) were asked to be the discussants.

Professor Tai-Lin Chang mentioned that the first EUTW Forum was being held in June due to the coronavirus pandemic earlier this year. He expressed his gratitude for scholars concerned with the EU from across disciplines attending. Over the past six months, the world has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Politics, economies, and social order have become chaotic. Currently, it does not seem that the end to the pandemic is in sight. The World Health Organization has reminded us that Europe has some places experiencing a second wave of the pandemic. The situation in Europe and the challenges faced there are stark. Three conditions they facing are: 1) Amidst many varied difficulties, the EU produced a new leadership team; as soon as they started their tenure at the beginning of the year, the pandemic struck. 2) Brexit went into effect on February 1; however, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's contracting COVID-19 puts Brexit in an uncertain condition, causing some trepidation for Merkel and Macron. 3) The pandemic has led to criticisms of the core leadership. Lastly, in terms of international perspective, the antagonism between the US and China has put Europe in a predicament of loyalty on both sides.

In holding the EUTW Forum, top experts and scholars have been invited to share their observations and analysis, expanding both the depth and breadth of understanding, and allowing attendees to know more about these outstanding scholars and their research. It also provides a platform for those scholars and experts from industry, government, and academics to pool wisdom and to deliberate together.

The forum, put on by NCL and the EUTW, has recorded previous occasions and made them available on NCL's Digital Audio Visual Archive (<http://mdava.ncl.edu.tw/parts2.php?tid=53>).



*Group photo of EUTW Forum moderator, EUTW Director, presenters, and esteemed guests (from left: Kuo-chun Yeh, Der-Chin Horng, Tai-lian Chang, Ling-long Shen, Chih-ming Chung, Ho-chun Chi, Chia-ching Cheng).*

## CCS News and Activities

### ■ Visiting Foreign Scholars Attend Course on Utilizing Library Resources and Participate in Taiwan Research Experience Sharing Meeting

To assist recipients of National Central Library's Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Fellowship to have a full understanding of the distribution and use of scholarly resources while they conduct research in Taiwan, on May 27 NCL held the first "Using Library Resources course" of 2020. An