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■ 2021 Annual Report on Taiwan Scholarly Resource Influence



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This is the 2021 Annual Report on Taiwan Scholarly Resource Influence. National Central Library has long been striving to preserve important scholarly resources in Taiwan. Under this mission, the library has created three important databases: the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan, the Taiwan Citation Index – Humanities and Social Sciences, and the NCL Taiwan Periodical Literature. Each year the use of these databases is analyzed, showing how theses and dissertations, as well as other scholarly resources in Taiwan are used. Popular research topics in recent years are also highlighted in the analysis.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The Center for Chinese Studies Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies Lectures

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To realize this goal, the CCS established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 15-20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of 3 to 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the outcomes of their researches, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between April

and June, 2021, ten scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On April 15th, 2021, Dr. Andrea S. Goldman, Associate Professor of Department of History at UCLA, USA, gave the lecture on “The Acteur-Actrice from the Perspective of a French Devotee of Chinese Opera in Late-Qing.”

On April 29th, 2021, Dr. Hsuan Chang Kitano, Lecturer of Historical Performance Institute, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, USA, gave the lecture on “The development of Musical Improvisation in Taiwan 2000-2021.” On the same day, Dr. Ching Yau, Adjunct Professor of Centre for China Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, gave the lecture on “(C)old Bodies in a New War: A Biopolitical Reading of Taiyupian.”

On May 13th, 2021, Dr. Jennifer Liu, Associate Professor of Department of History at Central Michigan University, USA, gave the lecture on “Two Different Organizations: The Three People’s Principles Youth Corps and the China Youth Corps.” On the same day, Mr. Mátyás Mervay, Ph.D Candidate of Department of History at New York University, USA, gave the lecture on “Internationalization, Refugees, Diaspora: Republican-Era China’s Hungarian Community (1924-1940).”

On June 10th, 2021, Dr. Luke Habberstad, Associate Professor of Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at University of Oregon, USA, gave the online lecture on “The Benefits, Harms, and Qualities of Water: Three Perspectives on Hydraulic Engineering During the Two Han Dynasties.” On the same day, Ms. Arina Mikhalevskaya, Ph.D Candidate of Department of History at Yale University, USA, gave the online lecture on “Sacred Trees and Heavenly Horses: Bureaucratic Knowledge Production during the Qianlong Reign.”

On June 17th, 2021, Mr. Henning von Mirbach, Ph.D Candidate of Department of History at UC Santa Barbara, USA, gave the online lecture on “Remembering the Family: Local Memories in the Landscape Paintings of Fa Ruozen (1613-1696).”

On June 24th, 2021, Mr. Yi Meng Cheng, Ph.D Candidate of Department of History at Beijing University, gave the online lecture on “Advantages

and Disadvantages of KMT's Overseas Community Affairs in the 1950s.” On the same day, Mr. Jun Matsuba, Ph.D Candidate of Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, Japan, gave the online lecture on “Railroad Finances Structure of the Government-General of Taiwan.”

CCS News and Activities

■ Taiwan Fellowship Scholars' Presentation on Their Research Outcomes

On May 5 2021, the National Central Library held the year's first Taiwan Fellowship Scholars' presentation, whose title was “Stability and Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific Region—Taiwan's Possible Role.” The event focused on two topics: Taiwan's roles under the influence of Taiwan- Japan relations and Sino-US relations. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Klement Gu, Director-General of the Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Two fellowship winners were invited to share their perspectives on current international issues, and domestic scholars were invited as discussants.

The speaker presenting on Taiwan-Japan relations was Dr. Madoka Fukuda (professor at Hosei University, Japan). He discussed “Japan-Taiwan Relations in the Indo-Pacific Region.” Professor Fukuda argued that there had been changes in three aspects of Taiwan-Japan relations since 1990: 1. Interaction between Japan and China; 2. Economic and cultural exchanges with Taiwan; 3. Mainstream consciousness among various communities and Taiwan's performance on the international stage 2019 in the light of the coronavirus pandemic had brought phased changes to the relationship between Japan and Taiwan. In consideration of the role of Taiwan-Japan relations in the Indo-Pacific region, the two sides' governments had signed several substantive agreements with each other in the past ten years and taken cooperative measures in response to China's expanding weapons deployments. The discussant for this topic was Dr. Yujen Kuo, Director, Center for Japanese Studies, and Professor, Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University.

The speaker presenting on Sino-US relations was Mr. Wen-Ti Sung (Lecturer, The Australian National University), who spoke on the theme of "Taiwan's Search for a Grand Strategy after US-China Engagement." Mr. Sung argued that when Sino-US relations is in an "establishing diplomatic relations" mode Taiwan can achieve a certain degree of balance. Trump's "ambiguous" attitude towards China in 2016, however, had brought tension to Sino-US relations. This in turn tilted Taiwan's "balance." Taiwan therefore needed to consider a corresponding "strategy" in the context of "post-US-China engagement". The scholarly discussant on this topic was Dr. Kuan-Hsiung Wang, Professor, Graduate Institute of Political Science, Department of East Asian Studies, National Taiwan Normal University.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Fellowship has been in operation since 2010. To date it has been awarded to 1117 scholars from 83 countries, with the National Central Library's Center for Chinese Studies handling applications. Scholars from domestic academic institutions were invited, and more than 30 attendees participated actively. These research outcomes sharing presentations provided other visiting scholars and important Taiwan academic institutions opportunities to share their ideas and research findings.



Group photo taken before the event.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ The First National Archives Started in Linkou, with Archives the Equivalent of 200 Taipei 101s

Archives, libraries, and museums are the three pillars of the knowledge system in mature developed