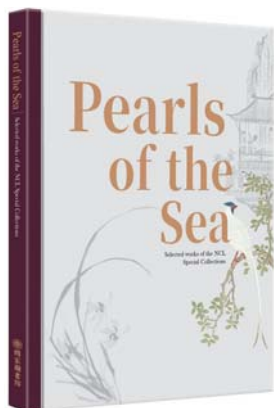


## ■ Pearls of the Sea : Selected Works of the NCL Special Collections



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In commemoration of the ninetieth anniversary of the NCL, and in presentation of the extensive curation and meticulous organization of our treasury of valuable ancient texts, a distinctive edition in the form of an English monograph titled Pearls of the Sea is being unveiled.

Within the pages of this volume, a selection of ninety representative works from our collection is introduced. These works are categorized into five main themes, namely handwritten works, woodblock-printed works, those produced using moveable type, hand-illustrated works, and printed illustrated works. These ninety pearls have been compiled for readers to first and foremost enjoy, and guide users to understand the historical heritage and inspire new knowledge. But in one respect, we desire to verify or even supplement the older records of these works, as well as showcasing original materials to assist Sinology research; and in another, by calling attention to developments in printing technologies, we hope to contribute to our overall understanding of the history of book production.

## 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 this end, the CCS established the

Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 1 to 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between April and June, 2023, 8 scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On April 25th, 2023, Prof. Ulug Kuzuoglu, Assistant Professor of History, Washington University in St. Louis, USA, gave the lecture on “Chinese Scripts in the Global Information Age.” At the same day, William Beswick, PhD candidate, University of Oxford, UK, gave the lecture on “ ‘The Openness of Death’: How the Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan Represent Themselves through ‘the Other.’ ”

On May 24th, 2023, Prof. Yoshihisa Amae, Research Fellow of Center for International Reconciliation Studies, Waseda University, Japan, gave the lecture on “Becoming Korean: Repatriation, Decolonization, and Everyday Lives of Ethnic Koreans in Postwar Taiwan.” At the same day, Thiago De Oliveira Braga, PhD candidate, University of California Davis, USA, gave the lecture on “Tea Art and the Politics of Tea Drinking in Taiwan.”

On June 13th, 2023, Christoph Henninger, PhD candidate, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, gave the lecture on “Festivals for Local Deities, Spirit Mediumship, and Cultural Heritage in Taiwan.” At the same day, Jiwon Kim, PhD candidate, The University of Tokyo, Japan, gave the lecture on “Imperialist Strategies in Establishing Colonial Universities.”

On June 28th, 2023, Prof. Evan Dawley, Associate Professor of History, Goucher College, USA, gave the lecture on “Ethnogenesis in Colonial Taiwan, 1880s-1950s: Reflections on *Becoming Taiwanese*.” At the same day, Prof. Lorenzo Andolfatto, Senior Researcher of Human Geography Research Unit, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, gave the lecture on “Between Nature and Nation: On the Cultural Politics of National Parks in Taiwan.”