

the exhibition “A Classic Time for Reading: Discovering the Aesthetic Life of the Ancients,” which featured many ancient Chinese books.



*Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei received (second from right) Fr. Giuseppe Bellucci (right).*

2011.10.26 A visiting delegation of young scholars from America visited the Center for Chinese Studies. Meredith A. Taylor, head of the delegation and international trade project manager from Boise State University, was impressed with the Taiwan Scholarship offered by the Ministry of Education. During their visit they were able to see the exhibit on aesthetics of the ancients, during which they expressed much interested and excitement.



*Meredith A. Taylor (3rd from left), head of the delegation and international trade project manager at Boise State University, and others pose for a picture with Director Liao (front right) of the Bureau of International Exchange of Publications*

## Chinese Studies Symposium

2011.08.12

The CCS invited Shirley Yeh, a doctoral candidate at the History Department of Harvard University and Ministry of Foreign Affairs "Taiwan Fellowship" visiting scholar, to give a lecture on "A Shipping Perspective on the Modernization of Cities and Hydraulic Engineering in Contemporary China."

The lecture was chaired by National Chengchi University Department of History Professor Tang Chi-Hua. In her paper, Ms. Yeh noted that in the hundred years between 1850 and 1950, China experienced unprecedented economic and environmental changes. Using comparative case studies of particular cities and rivers, with special attention to issues of spatial politics, sovereignty, and international society, she outlined some of those changes. The paper asked what role different types of shipping and industry played in the changing perceptions and manipulations of China's coast and inland waters? And how were knowledge and politics about water control transformed in the process? The talk will draw on archival material housed in Germany, China, and Taiwan, and argue that



the transformation of water control was at the heart of modern China's integration into the global economy.

### 2011.08.23

The head of the Department of Asian and African Studies at University of Ljubljana in Slovenia and Ministry of Foreign Affairs "Taiwan Fellowship" visiting scholar Jana Rošker was invited to present a lecture on "Logic in Chinese Epistemology: Concepts and New Interpretations" at a CCS symposium on August 23. The symposium was chaired by Chung Tsai-chun, head of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy at Academia Sinica. Professor Rošker described Chinese philosophy (including epistemological thought) as a kind of "structuralist philosophy of life." In traditional Chinese philosophy, this survival structure is manifested most clearly in the conception of "logic." The epistemological premise of China's traditional world outlook is that the environment and mind (consciousness) have a definite order. The Chinese structural philosophy of life can be highly illuminating for people in facing the constant stream of problems and global issues today.



*Jana Rošker (center) presented a lecture at the CCS symposium*

### 2011.10.27-28

The CCS, Institute of Ethnology at Academia Sinica and the Harvard-Yenching Institute jointly hosted an international seminar, "Calling and Recalling: The Sentiments of Female Script (Nüshu)," on October 27 and 28, 2011. The main part of the seminar was the screening of the documentary "Calling and Recalling: The Sentiments of Female Script (Nüshu)" (directed by Guo Yu Yi) by a team of researchers on Nü Shu writing, led by Liu Feiwen, an associated researcher at the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica. Leading domestic and foreign scholars of Nü Shu writing also presented papers at the seminar. Nü Shu writing disciples He Yanxin and Hu Meiyue were invited to Taiwan to attend the seminar, as well. About 200 participated in the discussions.



*Hu Meiyue (left) and He Yanxin (right) were interviewed by Central News Agency, Taiwan*