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Agenda

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Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Thomas Gold, University of California, Berkeley

10:30 AM

Rwei-Ren Wu, Academia Sinica

11:15 AM

Zlatko Šabič, University of Ljubljana

12:00 PM

Lunch Break

1:30 PM

Nenad Markovikj, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

2:15 PM

Horng-Luen Wang, Academia Sinica

3:00 PM

Coffee Break

3:30 PM

Mikael Mattlin, University of Helsinki

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Adina Zemanek, Jagiellonian University

5:00 PM

General Discussion

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Bi-yu Chang, SOAS University of London

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Martin K. Dimitrov, Tulane University

Natalie Koch, University of Syracuse

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Participant Biographies

Bi-yu CHANG, *SOAS University of London*

Bi-yu Chang is Deputy Director of the Centre of Taiwan Studies and Senior Teaching Fellow at SOAS, University of London. Her research interests are in the areas of identity politics, nation-building, cultural politics, and theatre. In recent years the focus of her research has taken a spatial turn, to include place identity, spatial construction, and cartographic representation. Since 2016, she has been researching the politics of Taiwan's tourism, unpacking the intricate relationship between identity, place, and power. She is co-editor of and contributor to a number of books and has published articles in journals both in Chinese and English. In 2015, her monograph *Place, Identity and National Imagination in Postwar Taiwan* was published by Routledge. Her most recent publication "Politics of Repositioning and State Spatiality: From 'Xiangtu China' to 'Oceanic Taiwan'" appears in *Connecting Taiwan: Participation – Integration – Impacts* (Routledge, 2018). Bi-yu is currently co-editing *Positioning Taiwan in a Global Context: Being and Becoming* with Dr. Pei-yin Lin, and the book is scheduled to be published by Routledge in March 2019.

Martin K. DIMITROV, *Tulane University*

Martin K. Dimitrov is Associate Professor of Political Science at Tulane University. His books include *Piracy and the State: The Politics of Intellectual Property Rights in China* (Cambridge University Press, 2009); *Why Communism Did Not Collapse: Understanding Authoritarian Regime Resilience in Asia and Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 2013); and *The Politics of Socialist Consumption* (Cielia Publishers, 2018). He has been a visiting fellow at the Aleksanteri Institute and has held residential fellowships at Harvard, Princeton, Notre Dame, the American Academy in Berlin, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He is currently completing a book entitled *Dictatorship and Information: Autocratic Regime Resilience in Communist Europe and China* and an edited volume entitled *China-Cuba: Trajectories of Post-Revolutionary Governance*. He has conducted fieldwork in China, Taiwan, France, the Czech Republic, Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, and Cuba.

Táňa DLUHOŠOVÁ, *Czech Academy of Sciences*

Dr. Táňa Dluhošová is a research fellow at the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague. Between 2015 and 2017 she was director of the Research Center of the Oriental Institute at the Academia Sinica in Taiwan. In cooperation with Dr. Alvin C. H. Chen (National Taiwan Normal University), Dr. Dluhošová recently obtained two collaborative grants (Czech Academy of Sciences-MOST, Czech Grant Agency-MOST). In 2011, she received 2nd prize in the Young Scholar Award granted by the European

Association of Taiwan Studies and the Annual Prize of French-Taiwanese Cultural Foundation of the French Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques as a recognition of efforts for a better understanding of Taiwan in Central and Eastern Europe. She published a monograph on Bai Xianyong (*Between Worlds: Bai Xianyong and Identity in Taiwanese Literature*, 2016, in Slovak), and she is currently preparing a monograph on early post-war Taiwanese literature (*Battle Fields of Early Post-war Literature: Periodicals, Debates, and Literary Works*, forthcoming in 2019, in Slovak). Her articles have appeared in *Archiv orientální*, *Studia Orientalia Slovaca*, the *Bulletin of Taiwanese Literature* (Chengchi University in Chinese), and in the proceedings *Digital Humanities: Between Past, Present, and Future* (The 6th Book of Series on Digital Humanities), edited by Hsiang Jieh (2016).

Thomas B. GOLD, *University of California, Berkeley*

Thomas B. Gold is Professor of the Graduate School at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his undergraduate degree from Oberlin College and a Masters in Regional Studies-East Asia and a PhD in Sociology from Harvard University. He taught in the UC Berkeley Sociology Department from 1981-2018. From 2000-2016 he was Executive Director of the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (IUP). He also served as Associate Dean of International and Area Studies, Founding Director of the Berkeley China Initiative, and Chair of the Center for Chinese Studies. He won a Distinguished Teaching Award from the Division of Social Science in 2007.

Professor Gold's research focuses on many aspects of the societies of East Asia, primarily mainland China and Taiwan. His book, *State and Society in the Taiwan Miracle* (1986) was the first to apply theories of dependency, world systems and dependent development – up to that time based mainly on the experience of Latin America - to an East Asian case. He continues to write about changes in Taiwan society since the end of Martial Law in 1987. In the largest sense, he examines the process of the emergence of the increasingly empowered and autonomous individual and a private sphere in societies that have combined traditional and modern forms of authoritarian rule. He explores this from many angles: youth and the life course, personal relations (*guanxi*, social capital), private business and entrepreneurship, popular culture, non-governmental organizations, and civil society.

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Natalie Koch is Associate Professor and O'Hanley Faculty Scholar in the Department of Geography at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. She is a political geographer focused on geopolitics, nationalism, and authoritarianism in the post-Soviet space and the Arabian Peninsula. Dr. Koch explores alternative sites of geopolitical analysis such as education, sport, spectacle, urban planning, and other allegedly positive expressions of authoritarian state power. She is particularly interested in how and with what effect certain resource-rich authoritarian states allocate rents to promote a positive image of the ruling regime, and she is currently working on a project about renewable energy initiatives and 'knowledge-economy' development in

Qatar and the UAE, where she will be on a Fulbright fellowship in 2019. Natalie has published extensively in journals such as *Political Geography*, *Geoforum*, *Central Asian Survey*, and *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, and she is the author of *The geopolitics of spectacle: Space, synecdoche, and the new capitals of Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2018) and editor of the book, *Critical geographies of sport: Space, power, and sport in global perspective* (Routledge, 2017). She is currently working on another book, *Liberal Selves, Authoritarian Others*, as well as an edited volume, *Changing geographies of the state: New spaces of geopolitics* (Edward Elgar 2020, with co-editors, S. Moisis, A. Jonas, C. Lizotte, J. Luukkonen). Dr. Koch serves on the editorial boards of *Geopolitics*, *GeoJournal*, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, and the Syracuse University Press. She is the founder and current Faculty Coordinator of Syracuse University's Central Asia and the Caucasus Research Group in the Maxwell School's Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs. In 2016, she received Maxwell's Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for Outstanding Teaching, Research and Service, as well as Syracuse University's Meredith Professors' Teaching Recognition Award. <http://nataliekoch.com/>

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Professor Markovikj defended his PhD thesis "The impact of civil society organizations on the democratic transition and consolidation in the Republic of Macedonia" in 2010 at his home university. He is founder and a senior researcher in the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" at Skopje and a member of the editorial board of the quarterly magazine "Political Thought." He is the president of the Macedonian Political Science Association (MPSA). His main interests are political theory, political philosophy, nationalism, civil society, and political culture/myth.

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Mikael Mattlin is acting Professor of Chinese Studies in the University of Helsinki, from where he also received his doctoral degree in political science. He is also the acting Director of the university's Confucius Institute, and he holds a Collegium Researcher position at the Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS), as well as a lectureship in the University of Turku. Professor Mattlin is an Associate Fellow of the European Research Centre for Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT) in the University of Tübingen, as well as a non-resident Research Fellow at the China Policy Institute (CPI) in Nottingham University. In his spare time he runs the Helsinki-based Foundation for Foreign Policy Research. Professor Mattlin's most recent book *Politicized Society: Taiwan's Struggle with its One-Party Past* was published in April 2018 by NIAS Press (Copenhagen University). The book is a revised and expanded second edition of his acclaimed 2011 book. His peer-reviewed journal articles have appeared in *The China Quarterly*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Journal of Contemporary*

China, Simulation & Gaming, Issues and Studies, Asia-Europe Journal, East Asia and China Perspectives. For more information, please visit Professor Mattlin's home page, <https://tuhat.helsinki.fi/portal/en/person/mamattli>.

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Ferenc Németh is currently enrolled at the Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Programme in Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz, Austria. He holds an MA in International Relations from the Corvinus University of Budapest. Additionally, he was a member of the Eötvös József College for Advanced Studies and the Advanced College for Security Policy, institutions offering extra-curricular courses for talented scholars.

Ferenc worked as a student assistant at the Institute for International Relations at the Corvinus University of Budapest. Further, he taught courses for undergraduate students at the Eötvös József College for Advanced Studies. His non-academic experience includes working as a journalist and covering Southeast European politics. He also interned at Transparency International Hungary and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

His research topics focus on the Western Balkans and security studies. He wrote his BA thesis about the security challenges of Bosnia and Herzegovina. His MA thesis focused on the societal security dilemma in Kosovo. He is currently interested in and researches inter-ethnic relations in Albanian-inhabited areas of the Balkans.

Zlatko ŠABIČ, *University of Ljubljana*

Zlatko Šabič, Ph. D., is a Professor of International Relations and Director-General of the East Asia Resource Library at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences. In Central Europe, he was one of the initiators of networking of scholars from Central and Eastern Europe. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, generally acclaimed to be the best International Relations journal in Central Europe, and one of more influential ones on the Continent. He also served as President of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA) from 2006 to 2010. Globally, he is most proud of the World International Studies Committee (WISC) conference in Ljubljana in 2008, which he co-organized, and which generated over 1,100 scholars from 70 countries from all continents. His most recent book project was on "International Relations in Central Europe" (published by Palgrave in 2012). He publishes mostly on international organizations, international parliamentary institutions, European integration, the Balkans, and Slovenian foreign policy. His recent project is on international relations of Taiwan's national parliament.

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Mirosław Michał Sadowski is an LL.M. student at the University of Wrocław, Poland. His main interests lie in the law of Hong Kong and Macau SARs, sociology of law, cultural heritage law, and collective memory, but he also explores international law, psychology, sociology, linguistics, political science, and literature. So far he has published seven articles,

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Michal Thim is a Taiwan analyst at the Prague-based NGO think tank, Association for International Affairs (AMO), and currently works as a cybersecurity and policy specialist at the National Cyber and Information Security Agency of the Czech Republic. As AMO research fellow he focuses on cross-strait relations, East and Southeast Asian regional politics and security, and Taiwan's democratic development. Michal was director of the AMO Research Centre (AMO RC) from July 2007 until August 2010. During his tenure as an AMO RC director, he led two projects on sharing experiences from

Czech democratic transition with partners in Georgia. He also supported similar AMO projects in Belarus and Ukraine. Michal holds an MA in political science from Charles University in Prague. In 2010-2012 he studied in the Asia-Pacific Studies program at the National Chengchi University in Taiwan. In 2014 he returned to Taiwan as a visiting researcher in the Taiwan Fellowship program.

Jacob TISCHER, *Boston University*

Jacob Tischler was born and grew up in Leipzig in the last years of the waning German Democratic Republic. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, he went to school in post-socialist East Germany. Politically, he came of age just in time for the re-election of Gerhard Schröder's coalition of Social Democrats and Greens in 2002, which would go on to undermine the social welfare state. One year later, he started studying Sinology and Religious Studies at the University of Leipzig. He went to Sweden for a year, and then to Taiwan, and visited China in 2007. He went back to Taiwan in 2009 for a research stay at Academia Sinica to prepare his MA thesis on Mazu temples and multiple identities in Taiwan, published in 2014 by a publishing house in Berlin. After that, he returned in 2014 and 2017 for a total of three years in Taiwan. In 2013, he enrolled in a PhD program in Berlin. He then decided to start over with a PhD program in Anthropology at Boston University, completed with two years of classwork. He is currently working on applying for funding for a project on the impact of environmental policies and thinking on popular religious practices. He is also working on a research project on his friends, the generation of Taiwanese in their 20s and 30s,

their worldviews, economic pressures, and life in urban Taiwan. His academic work can be found at <https://bu.academia.edu/JacobFTischer>.

Hornng-Luen WANG, *Academia Sinica*

Hornng-luen Wang received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and is Research Fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, and Adjunct Professor at National Taiwan University. His research interests include social theory, historical sociology and cultural sociology, with special focus on nationalism and modernity. In addition to publishing widely in English and Chinese academic journals, he also edited *War and Society: Theory, History and Subjective Experience* (Taipei: Linking, 2014) and co-edited *Ethnicity, Nation and the Modern State: Rethinking Theory and Experience in Taiwan and China* (Taipei: Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, 2016), as well as *At the Edge of Empires: Investigating Modernity in Taiwan* (Taipei: Socio Publishing, 2010). A recipient of the Wu Ta-you Memorial Awards and the Awards for Junior Research Investigators, he was a visiting scholar at Waseda University and the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken). He is currently a visiting scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University. His project at HYI examines the rise/revival of nationalisms in East Asia since the 1990s, particularly in Taiwan, China and Japan, by analyzing the interplay between state institutions, the legacies of war, and the "structures of feeling" among the people in this region.

Rwei-Ren WU, *Academia Sinica*

Rwei-Ren Wu, a scholar-activist from Taiwan, received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago, and is an associate research fellow of the Institute of Taiwan History at Academia Sinica, Taiwan. He is the author of "Redeeming the Pariah, Redeeming the Past: Some Taiwanese Reflections on the Murayama Statement" (in Togo ed. 2013, 68-90), "The Lilliputian Dreams: Preliminary Observations of Nationalism in Okinawa, Taiwan and Hong Kong" (*Nations and Nationalism* [2016.10]), and "On the Black Tide: A historical and politico-economic analysis of Taiwanese Nationalism and the Sunflower Movement" (in Kim & Lee ed. 2018, 161-177). He has also published extensively in both Chinese and Japanese on the modern political and intellectual histories of Taiwan and Japan, with emphases on themes such as nationalism, state-formation, colonialism, postcolonial critique and left-wing movements. Some of these essays were included in his book *Prometheus Unbound: Formosa reclaims the world* (受困的思想：臺灣重返世界) (Taipei: Acropolis, 2017), which is being translated into Japanese and due to be published by Misuzu Shobo. He had been actively involved in the social movements of Taiwan during the past decade that culminated in the outbreak of the Sunflower Movement of 2014. As one of the authors of the *Discourse on Hong Kong Nationalism* (香港民族論, 2014), he has been banned by the HKSAR from entering Hong Kong since 2017. Besides his many articles in English and Chinese, he is also known for having translated Benedict Anderson's *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* into Chinese (China Times Publishing Co., 1999, 2010).

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Adina Zemanek is a native of Romania, who moved to Poland in 2000 while in her twenties and has been living there ever since. She obtained her PhD in cultural anthropology at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, where she works as Assistant Professor at the Institute of Middle and Far East. In 2016, she was elected Board Member of the European Association of Taiwan Studies. Her research is located within the disciplines of cultural studies and cultural anthropology, and her main interests focus on texts of popular culture (linguistic, visual, and cinematic), which she approaches within the frameworks of discourse analysis and grounded theory. She is currently working on a project concerning the construction of a local Taiwanese identity in popular culture as grassroots nation branding. She has written on the image of women in Mainland Chinese fashion magazines and TV series, as well as on Taiwaneseess (issues related to history and memory, generations and ethnicity) in tourist souvenirs and graphic novels. She has also published a two-volume textbook of Chinese grammar targeted at university students and the general public, and edited an anthology of Chinese aesthetics. Her recent articles have been published or accepted for publication by journals such as *China Perspectives*, *Culture, Theory and Critique*, and *positions: asia critique*.