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Words of Welcome from the Highest Representative of Republic of China (Taiwan) in Germany

— Prof. Dr. Jhy-Wey Shieh 駐德國台北代表處 謝志偉代表

I am pleased to know that the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research has awarded four post-doctoral researchers funding for a four-year joint research project, “Taiwan als Pioneer (TAP)”, in which the University of Trier, the University of Tübingen and the University of Bochum will establish intra- and interdisciplinary networks over the next four years (February 2022 to January 2026), and in this way, Taiwan research will be sustainably anchored in the German academia.



Taiwan is often a focus and an issue in politics, and this aspect has been extensively researched or continues to be researched; however, there is much more than this that Taiwan offers. Taiwan’s innovative capacity and efficiency relevance to the challenges of globalization has yet to be fully exposed; Taiwan has demonstrated an impressive ability to combat the covid-19 epidemic over the past three years; and with the outbreak of the Russo-Ukrainian war since over the last six months, Taiwan’s special position and geographical location, particularly in terms of key capabilities and key industries such as semiconductor production, has once again become the focus of media attention.

I hope that this joint research project will stimulate more scholars to engage in Taiwan studies, and that the study of Taiwan’s history, culture, society, religion and other aspects will become more in-depth and extensive, so that it can gain a foothold in the German academic community and spread the benefits of Taiwan studies. Lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to those who have worked on this joint research project.

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TAP

Taiwan als Pionier



TAP — Taiwan as Pioneer A New Research Project

What TAP Is All About?

'Taiwan as Pioneer' (TAP) is an interdisciplinary and interregional postdoc research project. This joint project promotes the structural strengthening and networking of Taiwan research in sinology. The research focuses on Taiwan's role as an innovator in the dynamics of global megatrends.

TAP is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for the duration of four years (February 2022 – January 2026).

This research project seeks to establish a cross-institutional network between three universities. Under the head of the Sinology department at Trier University, chaired by Prof. Dr. Christian Soffel, TAP links institutionally with the European Research Center for Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT) at Tübingen University and the Research Unit for Taiwanese Culture and Literature at the Ruhr-University Bochum.

The interdisciplinary TAP team of postdocs includes researchers from different academic backgrounds, such as political science, anthropology, literature and history, to facilitate reaching out to major disciplines. Besides each postdoc's individual interest, the team wants to combine their academic backgrounds to strengthen the focus on Taiwan.

Why Focus on Taiwan as Pioneer?

For the study of how local innovation interacts with the dynamics of global megatrends in the past, present and future, Taiwan poses an excellent case. Given the fact of a challenging political trajectory, Taiwan presents a perfect case study in many aspects. Influenced by East Asian countries and shaped by Western traders and cultures over the course of several centuries, Taiwan has been tremendously contested in history. Among others, the island has been a port of Jesuit missionaries and served as the administrative seat of imperial Chinese traders and European's alike. It went through Japanese colonial rule and was 'repatriated' as part of the Republic of China in the aftermath of World War II.



TAP's First Network Meeting in Bochum, 11. February 2022

Owing to its favorable location, Taiwan has been on the global political agenda of the great powers striving for influence over the past 150 years. Furthermore, Taiwan has flourished into a vivid melting pot of political, social and civil influences that has created a characteristic trait of facing global challenges with participation and innovation. Today, the innovational strength and social inclusiveness of Taiwan appears as unique as its pioneering status among Asia in general and among Asian democracies in particular. Therefore, TAP team views Taiwan as the perfect case study.

How We Started? – Taiwan as Melting Pot and Innovation Hub

Starting with a preparatory workshop in May 2021, we formed our perspectives in a first publication that was presented at the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) book launch in April 2022. Our first publication is titled 'Taiwan as Melting Pot and Innovation Hub' and was edited by Professor Christine Moll-Murata, who specialised in Taiwan Studies at the Research Unit for Chinese Culture and Literature of Ruhr University Bochum. Here we pictured Taiwan's development into a political, ecological and social pioneer of globalisation.

From the case of quickly reacting against the novel coronavirus and the successful containment of the Covid-19 lung disease in 2020, to a wide-spread promotion of digital infrastructures and innovation hubs – just to name a few – this island is an Asian pioneer in digitalisation and a role model for network societies of the 21st century. With the establishment of a digital ministry under Audrey Tang 唐鳳 (*1981–, in office since 1. October 2016), the government has created new participatory and responsive platforms. Given its world-leading IT and ICT industries, Taiwan has also created both highly efficient channels for detecting disinformation and election manipulation and excellent cyber defences within the administration. Taiwan is essential for the development of global digital transformation, and does, therefore, pose one of the most intriguing case studies regarding the preparedness to encounter the challenges of global megatrends while shaping the development of innovation. Taiwan is a forerunner in numerous fields, e.g., regarding the changes in the era of the

Anthropocene or in terms of the civilizational condition of a compressed modernity. As such, Taiwan's farsightedness has led to many examples in which a political agenda or social trait became institutionalised, such as Amélie Keyser-Verreault's claims regarding the Yuezi Center (月子中心). With a population of 23.6 million composed of at least four ethnic groups living on 36,000 km², there are also interesting pioneering aspects in the field of linguistic studies. A more recent survey showed, 84 percent would be counted as Taiwanese, while 14 percent of Taiwan's population belong to mainland Chinese and only two percent are regarded as Formosan or indigenous. Those figures, however, give little insight on the diversity of dialects and their impact on how challenges of global megatrends are met. Thomas Fliß examines Taiwanese eco-poetry that has emerged since the first half of the 20th century and analyses how poems in dialects, Taiwanese Minnan poems in particular, interlink with the role of self-identification in times of major global shifts challenging the ontological foundation of a national identity. For understanding the development of the pioneering characteristics of contemporary Taiwan, the study of Taiwan's past is essential, We are looking forward to the contribution of our new Taiwanese colleague who will provide unique insights into the contested history.



If You want to find more information, please see here:

TAIWAN: MELTING POT AND INNOVATION HUB



Collected Essays by the Project Group

TAP

Chen Kuan-fei

Chien Hung-yi

Thomas Eduard Fliß

Amélie Keyser-Verreault

Josie-Marie Perkuhn



What Are Our Project Goals?

The TAP postdoc team is composed of interdisciplinary researchers from the fields of political science, sociology, literature and history, so that a connection to major disciplines is given. The team combines eight content-related elements and forms of mediation, which aim at a dialogue both within the disciplines and with the public:

1. Creation of an original subject network with annual conferences;
2. Creation of a shared database accessible to the public;
3. Individual studies on the respective research disciplines;
4. Interdisciplinary synergetic overall analyses;
5. Timely publications of research results in various formats;
6. Preparation of a methodological manual for China studies with a Taiwan focus;
7. Provision of digital teaching modules;
8. Designing a corresponding certificate program.

With this interdisciplinary approach, Chinese Studies with a focus on Taiwan will be institutionally strengthened and its visibility in the German research landscape will be increased.



The screenshot shows the website for the TAP project at Trier University. The header includes the university logo and navigation links: PROFILE, TEAM, STUDIES, EXAMINATIONS, RESEARCH. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: PUPILS' PROJECT "CHINA PICTURES IN MOTION" > TAP - TAIWAN AS PIONEER > 中文. There are also icons for DE, FR, and a search icon. The main banner features a pagoda on the left and the Shanghai skyline on the right. Below the banner is a row of service icons: PORTA, Stud.IP, E-Mail, Library, IT-Services, Subjects, News, Events, Canteen, Sports, and Self. The news section has a headline in Chinese: 台灣做頭陣：在全球大勢挑戰中的地方創新, followed by the English title: Joint Research Project Taiwan as a Pioneer (TAP). A short paragraph describes the grant from the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). To the right, a pink box announces the MAPPING RESEARCH ON TAIWAN - ANNUAL WORKSHOP, held at Trier University on October 04-07, 2022.

TAP Postdoc Team

Project manager

Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn leads the joint postdoc research project Taiwan as Pioneer (TAP) at Trier University and is non-resident-fellow at the Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK). She graduated in Political Science and Chinese Studies. Her postdoc interest is in Maritime Security and Peace Studies, Digitalization, Climate Change, Energy Supply and Global Health.



Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault is a postdoctoral fellow affiliated to the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan at Tübingen University. She holds a doctoral degree in sociocultural anthropology from Laval University (Canada).



In this project, Dr. Thomas Fliß studies Taiwanese literature and culture in the context of globalisation and the Anthropocene. After graduating in Chinese Literature at National Cheng Kung University in 2020, he worked as an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Taiwanese Literature at National Cheng Kung University.

Dr. Chien Hung-yi participated in the joint research project at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. In August 2022, Dr. Chien left TAP for her new position at National Cheng Kung University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History. She will continue to cooperate with the TAP team in the following years.



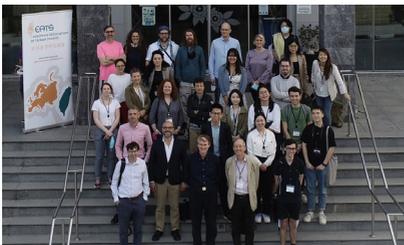
TAP Activities

Eager to promote the TAP research agenda, the team has been very busy in the first six months. Here is an outlook of our team's engagement:

TAP team at Sinophone Studies in Europe and the Americas (SEA)

The Research Center for Chinese Cultural Subjectivity in Taiwan organised the second International Young Scholars Conference of the series "Sinophone Studies in Europe and the Americas" (SEA 2022). Hosted by our colleague Barbara Witt at the NCCU, the conference took place from 24-26 March 2022 and brought together participants from Taiwan, Southeast Asia, Europe and the USA. The selected scholars presented their research papers on the conference theme "Borders, Territories, Spaces of the Sinophone World". On Thursday, 24 March 2022, the entire TAP team joined in and reported on the different research perspectives.

TAP meets on Cyprus



EATS participants at the University of Central Lancashire Cyprus Campus. 08. April 2022

From 6–8 April 2022, the 19th annual conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) was held at the University of Central Lancashire Cyprus Campus in Cyprus. The TAP team was represented by Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn and Dr. Thomas Fliß (in presence), and Dr. Chien Hung-yi and Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault (online). The conference provided an excellent opportunity to introduce the TAP project with the joint publication "Taiwan: Melting Pot and Innovation Hub", while at the same time getting in contact with colleagues working on Taiwan.

TAP Internal May Workshop in Trier



TAP team with Prof. Christian Soffel from Trier University, Chinese Studies at the internal workshop. 04. May 2022

After the project start in February, the TAP Team first got together for their initiation workshop from 4–6 May 2022 in Trier. This internal workshop was the first opportunity for the involved postdoc researchers to meet in person. The main topic was how to establish a suitable digital infrastructure for sharing research data in the next four years. In addition, the workshop participants gained interesting insights from

Ms. Yi-syuan Wu about the Taiwan Fellowship Program and digital research databases in Taiwan.

TAP's input discussion at "Iserlohner Kreis 2022"



Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn leads the discussion. 16. July 2022

The "Iserlohner Kreis" is a research community of young scholars who work on Chinese topics. This academic circle met from 16 to 17 July 2022 in Schwerte, Iserlohn. Under the title "Chinese Research and Academic Discourses in Contemporary China Studies", 15 young academics presented and discussed their research approaches and qualification projects from different perspectives. Dr. Perkuhn presented the Taiwan as a Pioneer (TAP) project and lead the input discussion titled "The stand on Taiwan Studies in Sinology". Against the background of the latest controversial debate on the platform „Taiwan Insight“, Perkuhn presented TAP's standpoint that was published in April this year. In this lively debate, the development of including more Taiwan studies in the curriculum of sinology courses was widely welcomed.



Please check the article "A dialogue about situating taiwan research within academia"

TAP as co-organizer in the online workshop "Return to Rural Hometowns: Lyrical Poetry"



Screenshot of online lecture with Wu Sheng (吳晟) and his son in the upper middle. 24. July 2022

On 24 July the well-known Taiwanese poet Wu Sheng presented his nativist and ecology related poetry together with its background and different development stages in the online workshop "Return to Rural Hometowns: Lyrical Poetry" (詩歌返農鄉). This workshop was held in Mandarin and was part of the workshop series "Gateways to the World: International Series of Taiwan Literature Online Workshop 2022" (前進世界：臺灣文學海外系列) organized by the Association for Taiwanese Literature (臺灣文學學會) and the Center for Chinese Studies (漢學研究中心). During and after the event Wu Sheng and his presentation received much positive and warm-hearted feedback from the audience.

TAP meet Taiwan Insight and Taiwan Studies Program at Nottingham University



Dr. Chun-Yi Lee, Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn and Raian Hossain at Nottingham University. 21. July 2022

Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn met her colleague Dr. Chun-Yi Lee, who is both Director of the Taiwan Studies Programme at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham. During her three days stay, Dr. Perkuhn also met with the team of editors, who are behind the project „Taiwan Insight“ that delivers fact-based articles and provides an active platform for the exchange of a diverse portfolio of information on Taiwan. The network trip provided also the opportunity to discuss TAP’s agenda in more detail and to explore future academic cooperation. For this, it was essential to get in contact with other young scholars, such as Raian Hossain who conducts his PhD project at Nottingham University on Taiwan.

TAP at EACS 2022



Dr. Thomas Fliß, Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn and Dr. Wen-de Huang. 24. August 2022

The TAP team participated in the 24th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS), held in Olomouc, Czech Republic, from August 24 to August 27, 2022. TAP successfully composed and presented each members project at the panel “Taiwan’s Innovative Roles in the Global Megatrends: An Interdisciplinary Approach”. In this hybrid panel, Dr. Perkuhn started with her individual project concerning the innovation-driven pathway that grounds Taiwan’s digital democracy today and is a good example for how Taiwan fulfils its pioneering role in the regional East-Asian context. Then, Dr. Chien reconstructed the history of adopting François Gouin’s Direct Method in the early phase of the Japanese colonial rule over Taiwan, tracing the later dissemination of the Method in modern East Asia. Dr. Fliß presented the results of a corpus analysis

dedicated to the rhyme features, and rhyme behaviour changes of Taiwanese rhyme literature. Dr. Keyser-Verreault concluded the presentation round describing Taiwan's institutionalization and marketization of traditional postpartum care.

TAP at Summer Academy

This year, the summer academy of the scholarship receivers for gifted studies (Studienstiftung) took place from 28.08.-04.09.2022 in Heidelberg. The annual topic of the year was „Demokratie im Wandel“ (Shaping Democracy!). Several foundations, such as the Hans Böckler Foundation, hosted workshops for the participants to select. Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn contributed to the week's programme with the workshop on "Digital Democracy Taiwan".

Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn contributed to the seminar program of the Hans Böckler Stiftung that offered the Workshop Program „Wege in die digitale Moderne: Visionen und Strategien aus Asien“ (pathways into the digital modernity: visions and strategies from Asia). With about 30 students she discussed Taiwan's innovative approach to democracy and the Taiwan Model that promotes political participation by means of telephone & co.

TAP Travel Grant

Supporting other scholars in their research endeavour to gather knowledge on and experience in Taiwan, TAP called for Travel Grant applications. This year, the project team awarded three promising candidates of different academic background and in different stages at their career. The TAP Travel Grant supports Taiwan-related research projects. Postdocs, doctoral students, and outstanding master's and bachelor's students who conduct independent research projects were eligible to apply. In the end of August, the TAP team selected 3 students for granting the opportunity to do field work research in Taiwan.

The scholarship holder will submit a written report at the end. The results of the research activity will be available to the public and presented at TAP on our website.



Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn, Dr. Hung-yi Chien and Dr. Christine Moll-Murata.
25. March 2022

TAP Team Assistants at Trier University

Yi-syuan Wu, M.A. is a research assistant in the project. She is a graduate of National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU). She worked at the National Central Library of Taiwan (NCL) for the MOFA Taiwan Fellowship as a senior project assistant for four years. Starting in October, she will study at the University of Trier in the master's program "European and East Asian Governance".



Alena Imgrund, M.A. is a research assistant in the project. She studied International Relations, Social Sciences and Management at the University of Erfurt and holds a Master's degree in "International Politics and International Law" from Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel.

Franziska Martini, B.A. is a research assistant in the project. She is currently studying "China - Culture and Communication" at the University of Trier and holds a Bachelor's degree in "Modern China Studies" and "Philosophy".



Workshop Agenda — Mapping Research on Taiwan

Tuesday, 4 October 2022

- 16:00-16:15 Arrival of participants at *Gästeraum der Mensa, Campus I*
- 16:15-17:00 Campus tour around Trier University
- 17:00-18:30 Reception & Welcome Greetings
Speech by the Guest of Honour — Director General
Wei-ta Chang 駐德國台北代表處法蘭克福辦事處 張維達處長致詞
- 18:30 Welcome Dinner: *Weinstube Gehlen*

Wednesday, 5 October 2022

- 09:00-10:30 Introducing the participants
and getting to know each other and our research
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-12:00 Presenting research projects and Taiwan research centres
- TransTaiwan: A Gateway to Research Taiwan Studies (TARGTS) & European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)
 - Taiwan Insight
 - European Research Center for Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT)
 - Research Unit for Taiwanese Culture and Literature
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch: *Glashaus*
- 13:30-15:30 What would my Taiwan research database look like?
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-18:30 *Conflict between China and Taiwan: Global Implications* —
Johan Englund, public hybrid session at Room A8
- 18:30 Dinner: *Jahreszeiten Gastronomie*

Thursday, 6 October 2022

- 9:00-11:00 Methodologies to study Taiwan
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:30 *How to finance Taiwan Research* —
Experiences of being the Treasurer of EATS — Ann Heylen
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch: *Great-Wok*
- 14:00-16:00 *What is your stand on "Taiwan Studies vs. Taiwan Research in Sinology?"* public hybrid session at Room A8
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-18:00 Outlook of TAP and how to continue cooperation?
- 18:00-19:30 City guide tour
- 19:30 Dinner: *Zur Glocke*

Friday, 7 October 2022 – Internal workshop



台灣做頭陣：在全球大勢挑戰中的地方創新 Joint Research Project Taiwan as a Pioneer (TAP)

Conflict between China and Taiwan: Global Implications

Join the discussion with the author Johan Englund



**Wednesday, 5
October 2022
4pm-6pm,
Room A8**

Find the ZOOM Link here:

<https://uni-trier.zoom.us/j/86275873091?pwd=RzIKMEV4Mno4MkdwbjJGK1c1bVRidz09>

What is your stand on “Taiwan Studies vs. Taiwan Research in Sinology?”

Join our discussion round with

Prof. Christopher Achen, Prof. Christian Soffel, Dr. Hung-yi Chien, Dr. Chun-yi Lee and Dr. Simona Grano



**Thursday, 6
October 2022
2pm-4pm,
Room A8**

Find the ZOOM Link here:

<https://uni-trier.zoom.us/j/84566591883?pwd=YVFPNi9aZ2hrRGFWbXZBTHhrcmJjQT09>



Workshop Participants

Prof. Christopher H. Achen

Chris Achen is an emeritus professor in the Politics Department at Princeton University, where he holds the Roger Williams Straus Chair of Social Sciences, Emeritus. His primary research interests are public opinion, elections, and the realities of democratic politics, along with the statistical challenges that arise from those fields. He is the author, coauthor, or co-editor of six books, including the award-winning *Democracy for Realists*



(with Larry Bartels), published by Princeton University Press in 2016, and *The Taiwan Voter* (with T.Y. Wang), published by the University of Michigan Press in 2017. He has also published many articles. Achen is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1995, and has received fellowships from the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, the National Science Foundation, and Princeton's Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. He was the founding president of the Political Methodology Society, and he received the first career achievement award from The Political Methodology Section of The American Political Science Association in 2007. He has served on the top social science board at the National Science Foundation, and he was the chair of the national Council for the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) from 2013-2015. He is also the recipient of an award in 1996 from the University of Michigan for lifetime achievement in training graduate students and a student-initiated award in 2017 from Princeton University for graduate student mentoring.

Recent Publications

Democracy for Realists (with Larry Bartels), Princeton University Press, 2016. Reviewed in *The Economist*, "Free Exchange: X Marks the Knot," July 9, 2016, p. 64; in *New York Review of Books*, Michael Tomasky, "Can the Monster Be Elected," July 14, 2016, pp. 42-44, and in several other publications.

The Taiwan Voter (co-author and co-editor with T.Y. Wang), University of Michigan Press, 2017.

"Shifting Standards for Political Methodologists?" (with Sara McLaughlin Mitchell). 2018. *PS: Political Science and Politics* (May): 574-579.

Karoline Buchner, M.A.

Karoline Buchner is a doctoral candidate in the research area of Medical Anthropology | Global Health at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at Freie Universität Berlin. Her doctoral project is entitled “Cultivating partnerships – Chinese medicine as a form of *public* and *everyday diplomacy* under Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy” and is funded by the



Elsa Neumann Scholarship of the State of Berlin. It examines the transformation of Chinese medicine as it is mobilized for diplomatic projects and the everyday transnational relations emerging from such collaborations. She graduated from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin with a Bachelor’s degree in Area Studies Asia/Africa and from Freie Universität Berlin with a Master’s degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology. She previously conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Taipei on lay knowledge and informal and professional Chinese medical education in Taiwan. Before beginning her doctoral project, she was a research associate at the Institute of Chinese Life Sciences (ICL) at Charité Berlin, working on a database project on Chinese historical healthcare manuscripts. Her research interests include complementary and alternative medical practices (CAM), (medical) diplomacy, science and technology studies, transnationalism, and issues of race and gender.

Recent Publications

Buchner, K. (2020). *Cultivating Competence: Chinese Medicine Student Clubs in Taipei, Taiwan* (master’s thesis). Freie Universität Berlin. Doi: 10.17169/refubium-27288

Kuan-Wei Chen, M.A.

Kuan-Wei Chen is now a doctoral public law researcher at the LMU Munich in Germany. She has a Taiwan attorney's license and served as a confidential secretary in the President's Office of the Judicial Yuan, where she conducted research on the Constitutional Court and judicial reform policies. She is also experienced as a research assistant and teaching assistant at the NTU and Academia Sinica in comparative constitutional law, comparative administrative regulation in East Asia, freedom of speech,



the law of AI and algorithms, and the security of the technological state. Her research interests include constitutional law, regulation, and human rights law. She holds an LL.M. at the National Taiwan University with her thesis '*Constitut and Implementing the Constitutional Right to Housing: Focusing on Judicial Review*', awarded as the Best Master Thesis of the Faculty of Law at the NTU in 2017. Her doctoral research topic is digitalization and democracy. She has long been concerned with human rights and transitional justice issues in Taiwan and has published publications on transitional justice.

Her future research will focus on comparing regulatory systems (information, energy, climate, etc.) and comparing the laws of East Asian democracies with European laws from the perspective of human rights protection and risk control. She has already presented her preliminary results at international seminars. In any case, the ultimate goal of her research is to make the world understand more about Taiwan and to optimize the democratic and legal systems through two-way feedback. She believes that Taiwan has a wealth of legal issues to study, not only in terms of human rights as a beacon of democracy in Asia but also in digital democracy, which has considerable potential for development. These discussions will enable Taiwan to interact better with the world.

Recent Publications

Chen, K.-W. (2021). Dealing with Disinformation from the Perspective of Militant Democracy: A Case Study of Taiwan's Struggle to Regulate Disinformation. In *Democracy and Globalization* (pp. 125–147). Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-69154-7_6

Dr. Hung-yi Chien

Dr. Chien Hung-yi participated in the joint research project at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. In TAP, she studied the modern education system in Taiwan and its contribution to the island nation's modernisation. She graduated from National Taiwan Normal University in 2017 and researched in Academia Sinica (Taiwan) and National Taipei University of Education as a postdoctoral researcher. In August 2022, Dr. Chien left



TAP for her new position at National Cheng Kung University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History. She will continue to cooperate with the TAP team in the following years.

Recent Publications

簡宏逸、2020.12、〈從鱗甲到社船：1650年代至1750年代臺灣北迴沿海航路的商業活動〉、《臺灣史研究》、第27卷第4期、頁1-34。

Chien, Hung-yi, 2020.02, "The Psalmanazar Affair and the Birth of Taiwan Studies in Europe: A Reassessment of the Historic Hoax." *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, vol.3 no.1, p.112-136.

Chien, Hung-yi, 2019.11, "Tōa-Oan (the Big Pool) 1653–1983: A History of Water, Forests, and Agriculture in Northern Taiwan." *East Asian History* 43, p.75-88

Dr. Jens Damm

Dr. phil. Jens Damm holds an interim professorship at the Institute of Chinese Studies at Freiburg University. He is also an Associate Fellow at the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT), Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen. He was an Associate Professor at the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Studies, Chang Jung University, Tainan, Taiwan (2009-2019) and an Assistant Professor at Freie Universität Berlin until 2009 and PI of "China's Cultural Diplomacy and the Role of Non-state Actors", 2015-2017 (GARC) at the Oriental Institute Prague. His research interests include the new media and the Internet, the Taiwanese and Chinese diasporas, and gender studies.



Recent Publications

"China and Germany after the 2021 Election: Between Continuity and Increasing Confrontation". In Simona Grano and David Chiavacci(eds.) *International Responses to US-China Strategic Competition: Neutrality vs. Taking-Sides*. Palgrave (in print)

"The Impact of the Taiwanese LGBTQ Movement in Mainland China with a Specific Focus on the Case of the 'Chinese Lala Alliance' and 'Marriage Equality in Chinese Societies. In Carsten Storm (ed.) *Connecting Taiwan*. Routledge (2018);

"The Early Contradictory Approaches to Gender and Sexuality and the Re-course to American Discourses during Taiwan's Societal Transformation in the early 1980s". In H. Chiang and Yin Wang (eds.), *Perverse Taiwan*, London: Routledge (2016).

Dr. Johan Englund

Dr. Johan Englund is a researcher at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) in Stockholm, Sweden, since 2018. Prior to joining FOI, he obtained his Ph.D. in International Relations from the Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS) in the City University of Hong Kong. Before undertaking his doctoral studies, Dr. Englund served



as a Desk Officer at the Secretariat for Crisis Management of the Swedish government offices, while he has also interned and assisted on China-related issues at research institutes. He has also studied mandarin in Shanghai. His research mainly specializes on foreign and security policy issues related to China in specific and Indo-Pacific in general, with an increasing focus on the Taiwan Strait. He has published a number of research reports in both Swedish and English, on topics such as the great power rivalry between China and the U.S., China's maritime security, and China's efforts to isolate Taiwan.

Recent Publications

Johan Englund (2022) "Isolating Taiwan Beyond the Strait: Chinese pressure tactics in four democracies", FOI.
<https://www.foi.se/report-summary?reportNo=FOI-R--5250--SE>

Oscar Almén, Johan Englund and Björn Ottosson (2021) "Great Power Perceptions – How China and the U.S. view each other on political, economic and security issues", FOI.
<https://www.foi.se/report-summary?reportNo=FOI-R--5040--SE>

Dr. Thomas Fliß

Dr. Thomas Fliß has been a research fellow in the joint research project at Trier University since its beginning in February 2022. In this project, he studies Taiwanese literature and culture in the context of globalisation and the Anthropocene. After graduating in Chinese Literature at National Cheng Kung University in 2020, he worked as an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Taiwanese Literature at National Cheng Kung University.



Recent Publications

Fei Yang 費陽 (Fliß, Thomas): „Nian er yun“ dui Taiwan Minnanyu wenti yongyun zhi shiyongxing yanjiu 「廿二韻」對臺灣閩南語文體用韻之適用性研究 (Research on 22-Rhymes Applicability in Taiwanese Literature Current Rhyming – Mainly Based on Kua-a Books Corpus). Tainan City: National Cheng Kung University, 2020.

Fei Yang 費陽 (Fliß, Thomas): “Taiwan Minnanyu zhi yunbu fenlei zai lun --yi nian er yun xitong wei li” 臺灣閩南語之韻部分類再論——以廿二韻系統為例 (A Further Discussion of the Division of Taiwanese Southern Min Rhymes Using the Example of the 22 Rhyme System). Yinghua Xuebao 應華學報 20 (2019), S. 43–82.

Shen Xinfu 沈信甫, Fei Yang 費陽 (Fliß, Thomas): “Wei Lixian Yijing Dewenban, Daolun' zhong yigao” 衛禮賢《易經》德文版〈導論〉中譯稿 (The Introduction of the Ching in Richard Wilhelm's German Version). Hanxue yanjiu tongxun 漢學研究通訊 36 (2) (2017), S. 16–22.

Dr. Simona A. Grano

Simona A. Grano is Senior Lecturer and Director of the Taiwan Studies Project at the University of Zurich. She completed her Ph.D. in Chinese Studies at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy, in 2008 and is the author of *Environmental Governance in Taiwan: a new generation of activists and stakeholders*, Routledge (2015) and the editor of the soon-to-be-published volume: *China-US Competition: Impact on Small and Middle Powers' Strategic Choices*, Palgrave (2023).



Recent Publications

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Simona A. Grano. *Cat-Warriors vs Wolf Warriors: How Taiwan Promotes Its Brand in the Face of a More Assertive China*. University of Nottingham: Taiwan Insight. 2022.

Civil Society and the State in Democratic East Asia: Between Entanglement and Contention in Post High Growth, David Chiavacci, Simona Grano, and Julia Obinger (eds), Amsterdam University Press, 2020.

Dr. Ann Heylen

Dr. Ann Heylen is professor at the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature (TCLL) at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) (2008 -) and currently serves as the Executive Director of the International Taiwan Studies Center of NTNU. She holds a Ph.D. in Chinese Studies (Sinology) from Catholic University Leuven (K.U.Leuven) in Belgium, and an associate fellow researcher at the European Research center for Contemporary



Taiwan (ERCCT), Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen. She is one of the founding board members of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) and editor-in-chief of the *East Asian Journal of Popular Culture* (EAJPC, published by Intellect, UK) Her doctoral dissertation was published as *Japanese Models, Chinese Culture and the Dilemma of Taiwanese Language Reform* (Harrassowitz 2012) and she has published on topics that cover the history and historiography of Taiwan, with special attention to Dutch Formosa, the Japanese colonial period (1895-1945). She is currently working on a monograph exploring Formosa media narratives as part of a broader project on the relations between the Low Countries and East Asia. This research is combined with a continued work on the problematique of national/local/official language planning in Taiwan; and presents an application of sociolinguist Einar Haugen's matrix model in language standardization, see the chapter (2021) "A sociolinguistic approach to the standardization of *Taiyu* in the quest for a Taiwanese identity" (75-97) Furthermore, a renewed interest in the 17th century European presence in the China Seas, spurred by the forthcoming 2024 marking of the 400-year commemoration of Dutch-Taiwan relations. The focus is on a return to post-event publications of primary source material and their contribution to Taiwan historiographical studies.

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Heylen, Ann (2020) "Diaries and Oral Histories as Ego-documents in the Representation of the Taiwanese Nation", *European Journal of East Asian Studies* (EJEAS), 19 (April 2020), pp. 48-73.

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Dr. Amélie Keyser-Verreault



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Dr. Kristina Kironska

Dr. Kristina Kironska is a socially engaged academic with experience in East Asian studies, human rights, election observation, and advocacy. After her studies (Slovakia, Portugal, Taiwan) she worked for Amnesty International for a few years before entering academia (now she is still active at AI, as a Board Member of AI Slovakia). She has lectured at the University of Taipei, and currently, she is a Senior Researcher at the Palacky University Olomouc. Her main areas of expertise are Taiwan and Myanmar, with topics related to politics and human rights. At the same time, she is also active at the think tank Central European Institute of Asian Studies (CEIAS) as the Advocacy Director (one of her recent projects related to Taiwan is www.eu-twtracker.ceias.eu), and she occasionally participates in EU election observation missions around the world (the last one in Colombia). Besides academic articles and books (in English; see ORDIC for a full list), she has published (in cooperation with my colleagues at CEIAS) two popular science books – on China and on Taiwan – so far published in Slovakia (in Slovak) and in Czechia (in Czech), and coming soon also in English (by Routledge).



Recent Publications

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Dr. Frederic Krumbein

Since 2020, Dr. Frédéric Krumbein is Heinrich Heine Visiting Professor at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel. Previously, he has worked as a researcher in the Asia Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin, Germany. He was also a lecturer at the Institute of Political Science at the



Free University of Berlin and holds a PhD degree in political science from the same university. He was a 2019 and 2014 Taiwan Fellow at the National Taiwan University. He obtained his master's degree in international relations at the Institute of Political Science (SciencesPo) in Paris, France, and a German-French double diploma in political science from the Free University of Berlin and SciencesPo. Frédéric's research interests include human rights policies of mainland China and Taiwan, LGBTQ rights in Taiwan, the philosophy of human rights, cross-strait relations, populism in Taiwan, and EU-China and EU-Taiwan relations.

Recent Publications

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Dr. Chun-Yi Lee

Dr. Chun-Yi Lee is Associate Professor at school of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham. She is also the director of Taiwan Studies Program at Nottingham. Chun-Yi's first book was published by Routledge in 2011: *Taiwanese Business or Chinese*



Security Asset. The book is under Leiden Series in Modern East Asia History and Politics. Chun-Yi applied from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) with Prof. Andreas Bieler on the project, 'Globalisation, national transformation and workers' rights: An analysis of Chinese labour within the global economy' in 2010. This project successfully received the funding from the ESRC and started to operate from October 2011 till September 2014. In viewing the Chinese labour facing the challenge of industrial upgrading, Chun-yi applied a research project funded by Chiang-Ching-kuo (CCK) Foundation in Taiwan in relation to 'Chinese Investment in Taiwan: Challenge or Opportunity for Taiwan's Industrial Development'. This project has finished in December 2016. Currently, Chun-yi is working on a public policy research project, to compare Taiwan and UK government's strategies to counter Covid-19. Meanwhile Chun-yi is working her second monograph on the topic of Sticky decoupling: Globalisation and Geopolitics in the semiconductor industry'.

Recent Publications

Taiwanese Businesses or Chinese Security Asset, October 2011, London: Routledge, Leiden Series in Modern East Asia History and Politics.

Michael Reilly and Chun-yi Lee, *A New Beginning or More of the Same? The European Union and East Asia After Brexit*, March 2021, London: Palgrave

Sullivan Johnathan and Chun-Yi Lee, *A New Era in Democratic Taiwan: Trajectories and Turning Points in Politics and cross-Strait Relations*, July 2018 London: Routledge.

Dr. Julia Marinaccio

Julia Marinaccio is a political comparatist with a regional focus on China and Taiwan. She holds a PhD in China Studies from the University of Vienna and an MA in Political Science from National Chengchi University in Taipei. Currently, she works as a postdoc fellow at the Department of Foreign Languages at the University of Bergen. Julia lived and studied in Taipei between 2010 and 2013. Her main research interests lie in environmental politics in China and transnational political mobilization in Taiwan. In her current project, she explores the political networks and practices between political parties in Taiwan and Taiwanese voters residing abroad. She analyzes how Taiwan's relationship with China and China's bearing at the international level have affected these networks and their political practices in the context of national elections.



Recent Publications

"Dealing with the Absence of Absentee Voting: Electoral Mobilisation of Taiwanese Emigrant Voters during the 2020 Elections." *China Perspectives*, Sept/2022 (accepted for publication).

Together with Jens Damm (University of Freiburg) "Taiwan's Enduring Controversy on Absentee Voting and the Role of Media." *Taiwan Insight*, May 2022. <https://taiwaninsight.org/2022/05/25/taiwans-enduring-controversy-on-absentee-voting-and-the-role-of-media/>

Prof. Christine Moll-Murata

Christine Moll-Murata is Chair Professor for History of China and Director of the Research Unit on Taiwanese Culture and Literature at the Ruhr University Bochum, Germany. She is a co-applicant of the project „Taiwan als Pionier“ and hosts TAP’s Bochum postdoc research project. Her research interests include local history and



historiography of China, social and economic history of China and East Asia, labour history of China, Japan, and Taiwan, the history of crafts and industry in China, Northeast Asia, and Taiwan. At present, she is working as Vice Dean of the Faculty of East Asian Studies of the Ruhr University Bochum, and she is the Vice Chairperson of the German Association for Chinese Studies (DVCS).

Recent Publications

Moll-Murata, Christine (2022), “The Translation of Western Books on Natural Science and Technology in China and Japan: Early Conceptions of Electricity”, in Erich Pauer / Regine Mathias (eds), *Accessing Technical Education in Modern Japan*. Folkstone: Renaissance Books, vol. 1, 19–36.

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Moll-Murata, Christine (2022), “The Industrialization of Inner Mongolia in the Mengjiang Phase (1937–45): Diverging Japanese Accounts from Tumultuous Years”, in *Northeast Asia in Focus*, 29–44.

Dr. Mariana Münning

Dr. Mariana Münning is assistant professor (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin, Assistenz der Professur) at the Institute for Chinese Studies at Heidelberg University. Her research and teaching interests include history of Chinese linguistics, language planning and language teaching. In her PhD project about the phonologist Wei Jianguo, she has also traced his activities in Taiwan 1946-48 in connection to the national language movement (推行國語運動). In her research on history and language textbooks, she has compared teaching material from the Republic in Taiwan and the Mainland. She is currently pursuing a research project on the greater trajectory of language teaching material and its connection to linguistics, language policy and greater political developments in the PRC and in Taiwan.



Recent Publications

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<https://hasp.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/catalog/book/939> (open access)

Operation Covid: Umgang mit dem Coronavirus von Wuhan bis Taipei, edited with Josie-Marie Perkuhn, Esslingen: Drachenhäus Verlag, 2022 <https://www.drachenhäus-verlag.com/operation-covid/>

“World History at the Service of the Ruling Party: The Image of Russia and the West in ROC and PRC History Curricula and Textbooks 1949-90”, in: Gotelind Müller-Saini und Nikolay Samoylov (Hg.): *Chinese Perceptions of Russia and the West: Changes, Continuities, and Contingencies during the Twentieth Century* (Heidelberg ; Berlin: CrossAsia-eBooks, 2020) <https://crossasia-books.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/xasia/catalog/book/661> (open access)

Manlai Nyamdorj, M.A.

Manlai Nyamdorj joined Sinology department at the University Trier in 2020. Before coming to Trier he obtained his MA degree in Contemporary East Asian Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen and BA in Sociology from Yuan Ze University, Taiwan.



His current projects looks at China's communication comparatively in three different localities - Taiwan being one. The project takes critical approach analyzing Taiwan's national media system and its role in Taiwan's still ongoing democratization process.

Recent Publications

March, 2022, After the Januray events: Why Mongolia can't and won't produce broad mass movements?

<https://lefteast.org/why-mongolia-cant-and-wont-produce-broad-mass-movements/>

December, 2021(forthcoming) Connected but dispersed: Navigating postmodernity in the Belt and Road spaces Dispersed and Connected: Mobilities, Materialities and Belonging(s) in Mongolia and beyond International Mongolian Studies Symposium,Vienna

May, 2020, Dragged into a power struggle: Mongolia caught between Dalai Lama and Beijing Mongolia focus UBC

<http://blogs.ubc.ca/mongolia/2020/guest-post-dalai-lama-succession-mongolia-tibet-china-shugden/>

Meng-Hsi Pan, M.A.

Meng-Hsi Pan is a Ph.D. student in Sociology. Currently, she is enrolled in the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS program) at the University of Bielefeld. With the title "Chinese Diaspora in Germany and their responses to "Chinese Dream": An Analysis of Chinese Nationalism through the Lens of Migration," her research project aims to discuss: how do the political identities of the Chinese diaspora in Germany interact with the ambivalent discourse of Chinese nationalism? By analyzing in-depth the lived experiences of Chinese in Germany, their networks, and their identity construction, this study intends to reconsider the concept of Chinese overseas (huaren) and the transformation of their sense of belonging. Apart from her research project, her research interest covers Post-Colonialism, Migration studies, Political Sociology, and Gender inequalities.



Recent Publications

16-18.05.2019: Paper presented at North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference 2019 (University of Washington), Conference Presentation under the panel of Women's body, Topic: Power Mechanism among Cross Border Marriage: A Case Study on marriage migrants in Taiwanese Society

Dr. Stefano Pelaggi

Stefano Pelaggi received a MA in Sociology and a Ph.D. in History both from Sapienza University of Rome. He is currently Adjunct Professor at Sapienza University, Senior Fellow Researcher at Centro Studi Geopolitica.info and at CEMAS Research Center of Sapienza University of Rome. He collaborated in the opening of a Taiwan Studies Center within Sapienza University, for the CEMAS Study Center. The Taiwan Studies Center will be inaugurated between late 2022 and early 2023. His research field is mainly focused on the concept of soft power and public diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly in Taiwan and in the Chinese projection in Europe and Italy. He has been a recipient of the Taiwan Fellowship in 2017 and 2019. He has published several articles in peer reviewed scientific journals and two monographies mainly focusing on the history of Taiwan, the processes of re-configuration of the Taiwanese identity, Taiwanese Public Diplomacy in Europe and Italian-Taiwanese relations. He is also a Research Fellow at Taiwan Center for International Strategic Studies (TCISS) and editor of the Taiwan Spotlight column for the Geopolitica.info.



Recent Publications

Pelaggi, S. 2019. "Evolution and Dimensions of Taiwanese Soft Power and its Effectiveness in Europe" in *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs*, Jan 2019, pp. 49-118, DOI:10.6185/TJIA.V.21.N1.P49.P.118.

Pelaggi, S. 2019. "I tecnici italiani nel Regno di Birmania. L'esportazione di emigrazione qualificata e le tentazioni coloniali del Regno d'Italia nel sud est Asiatico" (Italian technicians in the Kingdom of Burma. The export of qualified emigration and the colonial temptations of the Kingdom of Italy in South East Asia) in *Studi Emigrazione*, April- June 2019 n.214, pp. 49-118, ISSN 0039-2936, Ref.:<http://www.cser.it/studi-emigrazione-214/>

Pelaggi, S. 2018. "Il ruolo strategico di Taiwan nella nuova politica statunitense nell'Indo-Pacifico" (Taiwan's Strategic Role in the New US Policy for Indo-Pacific), in *Rivista Trimestrale di Scienza dell'Amministrazione*, 3-18, ISSN 0391-190X ISSNn 1972-4942. Ref.: http://rtsa.eu/RTSA_3_2018_Pelaggi.pdf

Dr. Josie-Marie Perkuhn

Josie-Marie Perkuhn leads the joint postdoc research project Taiwan as Pioneer (TAP) at Trier University and is non-resident-fellow at the Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK). She graduated in Political Science and Chinese Studies. Her PhD research concerned the PRC foreign policy regarding International Relations. At Heidelberg University, she taught at the Institute of Chinese Studies and worked as project manager for a training program in cooperation with Taiwan DGPA in 2012, 2015 and 2016. In 2017, she pursued her research interest as Taiwan Fellowship receiver at the NCCU, Taipei. Being an active member of the East Asia Institute (OAI e.V.) situated in Bonn she also followed her interest in cultural heritage and diplomacy. During the pandemic situation, she started the academic online feature series chinnotopia: Future designed by China and built on her postdoc interest in Maritime Security and Peace Studies, Digitalization, Climate Change, Energy Supply and Global Health.



Recent Publications

Chinas Dynamischer Rollenkonflikt Wie Faktionen das internationale Integrationsverhalten im 21.Jh bestimmen. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften. 2021.

„Contested Southeast Asia and Taiwan’s Objectives“. *Taiwan Insight*, August 2019.
<https://taiwaninsight.org/2019/08/15/contested-southeast-asia-and-taiwans-objectives/>

Perkuhn, Josie-Marie. „How is Taiwan Facing the Coronavirus?“ *Taiwan Insight*, 2020.
<https://taiwaninsight.org/2020/03/05/how-is-taiwan-facing-the-coronavirus/>

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Dr. Oleksii Polegkyi

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He is also function as an Academic Director at the Center for Public Diplomacy, Ukraine. Previously he was a Bayduza Fellow at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta, MOFA research fellow at the National Chengchi University in Taiwan and visiting fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies Koszeg (iASK), Hungary. He received an MA in Philosophy from the T. Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine and earned PhD in Political Sciences from the University of Wroclaw, Poland and the University of Antwerp, Belgium.



Recent Publications

Friendship or vassal-dependence? Russian-Chinese strategic and economic relations, In: *Politics of China in the Eastern Europe*, IES Policy Papers, 5/2022 (forthcoming)

Security issues of Ukraine in the context of Russian-Ukrainian conflict, In: Marta Drabczuk and Tomasz Stepniowski (eds.) *Ukraine under Zelenskyy: Domestic, Foreign and Security Policy in Flux*, IES Policy Papers, Institute of Central Europe, Poland, 10/2021, pp. 51-67.

The Intermarium in Ukrainian and Polish foreign policy discourse, Special issue on the Black Sea region, *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies*, VIII, No. 2, 2021, pp.29-49.

Tamina Renner, M.A.

Born in Dortmund, Germany, 2015–2020 study of Sinology and German Studies at Ruhr-Universität Bochum (B.A.). September 2017–June 2018 working as a German teacher at Wuhan Business University 武汉商学院, PR China, while simultaneously teaching English to kindergarten children, supporting the English Corner and participating in other cultural projects. 2019 semester abroad at the Department of Chinese as a Second Language, National Taiwan Normal University, 國立臺灣師範大學 Taipei (funded by DAAD PROMOS scholarship). September 2019–August 2021 student assistant at the International Office of Ruhr-Universität Bochum to support the application and selection processes for the DAAD PROMOS scholarship. November 2019–September 2021 German teacher at A Top Class 覓糖外語, Shanghai, and conducting on-line classes for Chinese kindergarten children and elementary school students. Bachelor's thesis on the relationship between democratization and women's rights in Taiwan politics. Since 2020 parallel Master program of East Asian Studies (M.A.) and German and Chinese (M.Ed.) at the Ruhr-Universität. Since September 2021 research assistant with Bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies (Section History of China), since February 2022 entrusted with supporting the TAP project in Bochum.



Recent Publications

Welchen Zusammenhang gibt es zwischen Demokratisierung und Frauenrechten? Eine Betrachtung der aktuellen Situation der Frauen in der Politik Taiwans. Ruhr-Universität Bochum (bachelor thesis), 2020.

(Cooperation in Other Projects)

Translation of the musicians' biographies and their work descriptions with Ulrike Wilmes-Schmitz for the concert "KLÄNGE AUS OSTASIEN. Zeitgenössische Musik aus alten und neuen Traditionen Taiwans" from the Ostasien-Institut e.V. (OAI) 2022.

Participation in Tagai, Tokuhei: "Zwei Tagebücher der Reise nach Jedo im Jahr 1826 von Heinrich Bürger und Philipp Franz von Siebold. Acta Sieboldiana XI", in Christine Moll-Murata (ed.), Veröffentlichungen des Ostasien-Instituts der Ruhr-Universität, Bochum (publication expected in 2022).

Prof. Christian Soffel

Christian Soffel is Sinology professor at the University of Trier (Germany) since 2012. He studied Sinology in Munich and Taipei and got his PhD from Munich University in 2001 with a dissertation on the late Southern Song thinker Wang Yinglin. From August 2002 to August 2004 he received a Feodor-Ly-



nen-Scholarship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for research at the Arizona State University (Tempe AZ, USA), and from January 2007 to December 2008 he worked as post-doc scholar at the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica, Taipei, on a project dealing with the Confucian scholar Qian Mu. He takes part in the interdisciplinary research projects "Russian-Language Poetry in Transition" (2017–2022) and "Taiwan as Pioneer" (2022–2026). His main research interest lies in the field of Chinese cultural history, in particular Confucianism from the 12th to the 20th centuries, traditional Chinese literature, and the impact of traditional culture in the contemporary Chinese cultural region. He served as president of the German Association of Chinese Studies (Deutsche Vereinigung für Chinastudien, DVCS) from 2013–2019, and as Secretary of the European Association of Chinese Philosophy (EACP) since 2017.

Recent Publications

together with Ralf Hertel [Hg.]: *People and Cultures in Motion: Environment, Space and the Humanities* (*Yidong de kongjian – shenghuo shijie yu renwen kexue guoji huiyi lunwenji* 移動的空間——生活世界與人文科學國際會議論文集). Taipei: Guoli zhengzhi daxue wenxueyuan, 2017.

together with Hsiung Serafima Tsung-Huei 熊宗慧 [Hg.]: *Interface – Journal of European Languages and Literatures*. Volume 10: *Poetry and Transculturality in Asia and Europe – Philosophical and Psychological Aspects*. Taipei: Interface, 2019. <https://interface.org.tw/index.php/if/issue/view/18>

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Recent Publications

"China's widening divide" Merics Short Analysis. Sep 2020

(with Katja Drinhausen) "Chinese and Russian media partner to "tell each other's stories well"" Merics Opinion Piece. Dec 2020

Kuan-Wei Wu, M.A.

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