Background

Taiwan has been going through a period of democratic transition since the late 1970s. Accompanying this process is a deep going multi layered change in every aspect of society on Taiwan.

This workshop will focus on changes in the areas of historical thought, legal culture, political culture, the redefinition of gender roles and the impact of immigration on society.

Participants will address various challenges Taiwanese society is confronted with in the process of democratization: the immigration of sizable numbers of so-called „foreign brides“, the re-definition of historical memories, human rights in a global and local (bentuhua) perspective, political participation in a pluralistic society without strong democratic traditions etc.

This workshop will bring researchers from National Chengchi University together with researchers from the University of Vienna preparing the ground for future collaborations in research and teaching.

Workshop Language: English
MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

09.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10.00 FIRST PANEL: THE IMPACT OF THE PAST ON DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION (Chair: Kao Yuang-Kuang, National Chengchi University)

Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, University of Vienna: Writing History in Taiwan

Peng Li-chung, National Chengchi University: Diverse Identity and Group Anxiety: Twists and Turns in the Thinking of Post-war Taiwanese Intellectuals

Christian Schafferer, Overseas Chinese University Taiwan: Consolidation of democracy and historic legacies: a case study of Taiwan

Discussion

11.00 Lunch Break

14.00 SECOND PANEL: COMPARING LEGAL CULTURES IN EUROPE AND IN TAIWAN (Chair: Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, University of Vienna)

Thomas Simon, University of Vienna: Back to the Roots. Finding New Insights in a Historic Comparison of European-Chinese Legal Cultures

Chen Hwei-syin, National Chengchi University: The Reception of a Legal System in 100 Years – The Comparative Perspective of Legal Culture

Agnes Schick-Chen, University of Vienna: What's legal culture got to do with it - from ‘pingfan [redress and rehabilitation]’ to ‘transitional justice’ in Taiwan?

Discussion

16.00 Coffee Break and Informal Discussions exploring future possibilities of joint research

18.00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Julia Strauss, School of oriental and African Studies, London: From the mainland to Taiwan: Guomindang state building across the divide of 1949

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10.00 THIRD PANEL: TOWARDS A DEMOCRATIC RE-DEFINITION OF GENDER ROLES (Chair: Chen Hwei-syin, National Chengchi University)

Astrid Lipinsky, University of Vienna: The Taiwan Women’s Movement and Democratization: Gendering Taiwan by Law

Wei Mei-chuan, National Chengchi University: Female New Immigrants’ Public Participation in Taiwan - a Cultural Perspective

Discussion

11.30 Coffee Break

12.00 SPECIAL LECTURE: ECONOMICS

Tommy Shih, Land University: Scrutinizing an economic development model – The Taiwanese semiconductor industry revisited

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 FOURTH PANEL: TRANSITION TOWARDS AN IMMIGRANT SOCIETY. COMPARING THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON SOCIAL CHANGE IN EUROPE AND TAIWAN (Chair: Wei Mei-chuan, National Chengchi University)

Wan-Ying Yang, National Chengchi University: Citizen’s Rights in a Pluralistic Culture – The Experience(s) of Foreign Migrant Brides in Taiwan

Ilse Reiter-Zallouk, University of Vienna: Migration and Gender: The legal situation in Austria in the 19th and 20th century

Discussion

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 GUEST LECTURE ON TAIWANESE ART IN VIENNA

Bettina Zorn, Museum of Ethnology Vienna: Friedrich Hirth’s Taiwan Collection in the Museum of Ethnology Vienna - a Sinologist’s choice

WEDNESDAY, 30 September 2009

10.00 FIFTH PANEL: WHAT IS TAIWAN IDENTITY? POLITICAL CULTURE IN TAIWAN (Chair: Agnes Schick-Chen, University of Vienna)

Kao Yuang-Kuang, National Chengchi University: From Indirect to Direct Democracy: Taiwan’s Case

Martin Giesel, University of Vienna: Towards Creating the Visual Repository: Picturing Identity in Contemporary Taiwan Cinema

Discussion

18.00 Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik: Concluding Remarks