

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHINESE STUDIES

Annual Conference Program, October 4-6, 2024, Las Vegas, NV, USA

Hosted by the University of Nevada at Las Vegas

Local Coordinators: David Fott and Austin Wang, Department of Political Science, University of Nevada at Las Vegas

Schedule:

Friday, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm:

### **AACS Registration**

Room: Embassy Suites \_\_\_\_

Friday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm:

### **AACS Welcome Reception**

Room: Embassy Suites \_\_\_\_

Saturday, 7:30 am - 8:30 am:

### **AACS Board Meeting**

Room: Embassy Suites \_\_\_\_

Saturday, 9:10 am - 10:40 am, panels:

### **Panel 1A: Challenges and Strategies in Chinese Eco-cinema, Omnibus Films, and TV series**

Room: Wright \_\_A

Chair: Simona Gallo, University of Milan

Discussants: Simona Gallo, University of Milan; Jinhui Wu, Rollins College

1 Unveiling Ecology's Fragility: Time Characteristic in Chinese Eco-cinema, Wanyao Liu, Duke University

2 Rise and Fall: An Analysis of Omnibus Films in Recent Chinese Cinema, Sirui Li, Peking University & Duke University.

3 Scent of Deception: Management Lessons from Legend of Zhen Huan, Chunjuan Nancy Wei, Wenzhou-Kean University

### **Panel 1B: Diplomacy, economic statecraft, and military power in Taiwan and the South China Sea**

Room: Wright \_\_B

Chair: Elizabeth Freund Larus, University of Mary Washington

Discussant: Dean Chen, Ramapo College of New Jersey

1 Taiwan's Foreign Policy Strategies towards Western Democracies, 2016-2024, Ewa Trojnar, Jagiellonian University

2 Navigating Taiwan's Economic Strategy amidst the U.S.-China Competition, Guan-Yi Leu, University of Mary Washington,

3 The Game for Taiwan: U.S.-China Relations From a Game Theory Perspective, Elizabeth Freund Larus, University of Mary Washington, and Agata Zietek, Marie Curie-Sklodowska University

4 U.S. Reengagement with the Philippines and Vietnam: Assessing Rebalancing in the South China Sea, Liang-chih Evans Chen, Institute for National Defense and Security Research

**Panel 1C: National Security and Economic Statecraft: A Shifting Paradigm of Geopolitical Competition between the U.S. and China**

Room: Wright \_\_C

Chair/Discussant: Dennis Weng, Sam Houston University

1 Techno-nationalism and Mercantilism: A Shifting Paradigm of US Foreign Economic Policy and its Implications for Taiwan, Peter C.Y. Chow, City University of New York

2 The Securitization of Economic and Industrial Policies: How China's Transforming Leninist Party-State Counters the U.S. Restrictions, Dean Chen, Ramapo College of New Jersey

3 The internationalization and digitalization of Chinese Renminbi: from the projective of the Ancient Silk Road, Abraham Lin, Brooklyn College

**Panel 1D: The History of Modern China**

Room: Wright \_\_D

Chair/Discussant: June Teufel Dreyer, University of Miami

1 Traditional Musicians Under the Storm of May Fourth Movement: the Duplicity of Zheng Jinwen and Shanghai Datong Music Society (1919-1935), Siqi Tong, Johns Hopkins University

2 "Little Woman with the Big Heart": The Pioneering Female American Missionary to China, 1830s-1840s, Huitan Xu, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

3 Make China Great Again: The Emergence of Humiliation Discourse in China in 1915-1945, Runjie Ou, New School for Social Research

4 China's Relations with Japan: The Rise and Fall of Power through History, Eric H. Honda, San Joaquin Delta College

5 Historical Origins of Violence: Collective Killings during China's Cultural Revolution, Yi-Nung Tsai, Academia Sinica

Saturday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm, panels:

**Panel 2A: Exploring Shifts in Identities, Anxieties, and Memories: Wang Bing's Dead Souls, PRC's Post-Covid Horror Cinema, and Namewee's Sinophone Music**

Room: Wright \_\_A

Chair: Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside

Discussant: Han, Li, Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

1 Rescuing Memories in Wang Bing's Dead Souls, Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside

2 After Dark: Pre- and Post- Covid Horror Cinema in the PRC, Aleksander Sedzielarz, Wenzhou-Kean University

3 Against the China Wind: The Making of Post-Chinese Identities in Namewee's Sinophone Music, Chia-rong Wu, University of Canterbury (New Zealand)

**Panel 2B: Domestic Politics and Policy Implementations in Taiwan and China**

Room: Wright \_\_B

Chair/Discussant: John Hsieh, University of South Carolina

- 1 Transparent Content Moderation on Social Media Platforms: The Future Matters of Taiwan, Chien-Chih Lu, National Chengchi University; University of California, Berkeley
- 2 Challenges and Prospects: Reforming Taiwan's Indigenous Status Act, Chen, Shu-Juo, National Museum of Natural Science, and Batu Yulan, National Chengchi University
- 3 Asset-Based Community Development and Happiness in Community Residents in Taiwan, Li-Hsin Chuang, National Chi-nan University, Yuan-Shie Hwang, National Chi Nan University, and Chien-Chung Huang, Rutgers University
- 4 Between Reality and Representation: A critical analysis of China's urban planning, Bingzhe Lu, University of California, Berkeley/Peking University
- 5 Who are We? Youth, Mobilization and Social Change in Modern China, Lingzhou Cheng, Zhejiang University

### **Panel 2C: China's Engagement with the World**

Room: Wright \_\_C

Chair/Discussant: Wei-chin Lee, Wake Forest University

- 1 The Causes of Timor-Leste's Voting in the United Nations' General Assembly: Does China Call the Shots? Joel S. Fetzer, Pepperdine University, and Thomas Bidewell, University of Washington
- 2 South-South Migration: Social Advancement and Geoarbitrage among Chinese Migrants in Thailand, Sivarin Lertpusit, Thammasat University
- 3 The Road to Peace? Is China a Peacemaker or a Competitor?, Yun-Ju Huang, National Chengchi University
- 4 China's Participation in UN Peace Operations: Developmental Peace over Liberal Peace? Mohammad Yasin, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 5 Techno-Spiritual Imaginaries: Navigating Faith, Identity and Well-being among Chinese Christian Technologists in Silicon Valley, Yuan Zhang, University of Oxford

### **Panel 2D: Dynamics behind the Cross-strait Relationships**

Room: Wright \_\_D

Chair/Discussant: Robert Sutter, George Washington University

- 1 Military Threats and Blame Attribution: Evidence from Cross-Strait Relations, Samuel Liu, Cornell University
- 2 Curriculum Guidelines and Independence-Unification Issue in Taiwan, Jeffery Fu-Jui Chao, National Taiwan University
- 3 The impact of political tolerance on attitudes towards Chinese popular culture, Jun-Jie Tung, National Taiwan University
- 4 Public Support of Free Speech Limitations in Taiwan: The Partisan Connection, Timothy S. Rich, Western Kentucky University

Saturday, 12:20 pm - 2:00 pm:

### **Luncheon Roundtable: The 2024 Taiwanese Elections and Their Implications for Cross-strait Relations**

Room: Wright \_\_C

Chair: Jacques deLisle, University of Pennsylvania

Panelists:

Austin Wang, University of Nevada at Las Vegas

June Teufel Dreyer, University of Miami

Robert Sutter, George Washington University

Vincent Wang, Adelphi University

Saturday, 2:10 pm - 3:40 pm, panels:

**Panel 3A: Comparative Studies of Poetry, Poetics, and Fables**

Room: Wright \_\_A

Chair: Chia-rong Wu, University of Canterbury (New Zealand)

Discussant: Fang-yu Li, New College of Florida

1 The liminality of poetry, the centrality of the subject: the uncanny poetics of Hsia Yü's First Person 第一人稱, Simona Gallo, University of Milan

2 Chinese Poetry and Badiou's Age of the Poets, Lucas Klein, Arizona State University

3 Cat Got Your Tongue? Anthropomorphic Animals in Kalila wa Dimna and Chinese Literature, Clare O'Brien, UC Riverside

**Panel 3B: Economics in China**

Room: Wright \_\_B

Chair/Discussant: Abraham Lin, Brooklyn College

1 The Track of Coal: American China Development Company and the Origin of Sino-American Infrastructure Investment, Baiyi Du, University of Wisconsin at Madison

2 Alibaba's Resilience and the Evolving Dynamics of Government-Enterprise Relations in China during the COVID-19 Pandemic : A Case Study of Alibaba Taocaicai, Fang-Chih Lin, National Taiwan University

3 Huaren Identities Branded: A Case Study of Taiwanese Businesses in China, Michelle Hui-Ju Tsai, Washington College

**Panel 3C: US-China Globally Strategic Competition**

Room: Wright \_\_C

Chair/Discussant: Vincent Wang, Adelphi University

1 Biden's Legacy—Advancing US “positions of strength” in competition with

China in the Asia-Pacific, Robert Sutter, George Washington University

2 Africa? US? Or China? The Impact of Policy Framing on Public Support Toward a Closer US-African Engagement, Yongzheng (Parker) Li, University of British Columbia

3 Navigating the Margins to the Center: China's Strategic Engagement in the ITER Project Amidst US-EU Rivalry in Global Fusion Technology Leadership, Yea Jen TSENG, Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology

4 Air Disputes: Unraveling the Controversies over the M503 Flight Route and the Taiwan Strait Median Line, Chunjuan Nancy Wei, Wenzhou-Kean University

**Panel 3D: Gender Politics with Chinese Characteristics**

Room: Wright \_\_D

Chair/Discussant: Doris Chang, Wichita State University

1 The Affect of Haunting: Gender, Industrial Work, and Postindustrial Memory in Taiwan, Anru Lee, John Jay College, CUNY

2 "Sis, do you want a straight boyfriend?" Chinese Heterosexual Value Comparison Across Social Media Platforms, Keyu Zhou, Tulane University

3 Resistance through Pleasure: 玩儿 (Play) as Queer World-making in Dongdan Park, Beijing, Nathan Shui, University of California, Berkeley

4 Knowing Women, Peace and Security in Cross-strait Tensions: A New Possibility of Old Enemies, Anita Chu, National Chung-Hsing University, and Wayne Tan, National Chung-Hsing University

Saturday, 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm, panels:

**Panel 4A: "Killing Writers," Cyborgs, and Digitality in Contemporary Narratives from China, Taiwan, and the Diaspora**

Room: Wright \_\_A

Chair: Jing Jiang, Reed College

Discussants: Jing Jiang, Reed College; Lucas Klein, Arizona State University

1 Killing Writers in Contemporary Chinese Fiction, Fang-yu Li, New College of Florida

2 Archiving (New) Taiwan: Postcolonial Embodiment of Queer Cyborgs in Climate Science Fiction, Seoyeon Lee, University of Southern California

3 Fox, Woman, and Cyborg: Identities and Power in Ken Liu's 'Good Hunting', Jinhui Wu, Rollins College

4 Mapping Covid-19 Chinese Diasporic Narratives, Melody Yunzi Li, University of Houston

**Panel 4B: Roundtable on Biden vs. Trump 2024: Security and Economic Implications for US Relations with Taiwan, China, the Indo-Pacific, and Rest of the World**

Room: Wright \_\_B

Chair: Dean Chen, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Panelists:

Robert Sutter, George Washington University

Yuan-kang Wang, Western Michigan University

Yao-Yuan Yeh, University of St. Thomas Houston

Charles K.S. Wu, University of South Alabama

Chien-Kai Chen, Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

**Panel 4C: Cross-Strait Relations and Their Role in Domestic Politics in China, Taiwan, and South Korea**

Room: Wright \_\_C

Chair/discussant: Chien-Wen Kou, National Chengchi University

1 From Educators to Advocates? The Influence of Cross-Strait Educational Exchanges on the Political Identity of Teachers in Taiwan, Hsin-Hsien Wang, National Chengchi University

2 The China Factor in Taiwan's Democratic Consolidation: Public Opinion on Unification/Independence and Attitudes towards Democracy, Hsin-Hao Huang, National Taiwan Normal University

3 Intellectuals Matter: Investigating China's Think Tanks' Position on Taiwan via Scholars' Public Comments, Wei-Feng Tzeng, National Chengchi University

4 South Korea's Shifting Stance on Taiwan Contingency and its Impact on Sino-South Korean Relations, Florence W. Yang, National Chengchi University

**Panel 4D: Activism and Protest in and outside China**

Room: Wright \_\_D

Chair/Discussant: Pei-te Lien, University of California at Santa Barbara

1 Navigating a Transnational Political Field: Emerging Chinese Grassroots Political Groups in the U.S., Yung-Ying Chang, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

2 Digital China: Narratives, Spaces, and Encounters of Young Feminist Activism, SON, Sugyeong, Seoul National University

3 Why Do You Protest? A Conversation between Relative Deprivation Theory and Resource Mobilization Theory, Yen-Hsin Chen, Sul Ross State University

4 Televised confessions at and beyond China's borders: new discourses on individual identity and political legitimacy, Liz Carter, Vassar College

Saturday, 5:30 pm - 8 pm:

**Banquet and Keynote Address on LGBT Rights in Taiwan and Singapore**

Speaker: Stewart Chang, University of Nevada at Las Vegas

Room: UNLV Alumni Center, Grand Hall

Sunday, 7:30 am - 8:30 am:

**AJCS Board Meeting**

Room: Embassy Suites breakfast room

Sunday, 9:10 am - 10:40 am, panels:

**Panel 5A: Perception, Translation, and Representations in Cross-Cultural Encounters**

Room: Wright \_\_A

Chair/Discussant: David Kenley, Dakota State University

1 New Insights from a New Manuscript: The Discovery of an Autograph Manuscript of 'Ali Akbar Khatayi's "Book of China" in the Ottoman Libraries, John J. Curry, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2 "Your customs are rough; that's why we stopped sending you ambassadors." A Moldavian envoy at the court of Emperor Kangxi, Vlad Sirbu, University of California, Riverside

3 Shanghai as 'Paris of the East': exotic representations of 1930s Shanghai, Ambra Minoli, University of Warwick

**Panel 5B: Wellbeing and Political Participation among Asian and Chinese Americans**

Room: Wright \_\_B

Chair: Chien-Chung Huang, Rutgers University

Discussant: [tba]

- 1 Privileged yet Disadvantaged: Notes on Anti-Asian Racism in US History and Contemporary Politics, Pei-te Lien, University of California at Santa Barbara
- 2 How Does Culture Impact Mental Health Help-Seeking Behaviors in College-aged Chinese Americans? Natalie Hui Ching Chan, University of Nevada at Las Vegas
- 3 Evidence-Based for Whom? Jean Chen, New York University
- 4 First-Generation Chinese Americans' Support of Trump: A Relative Deprivation Explanation, Gengsong Gao, University of Virginia

**Panel 5C: The Politics of Identity in Contemporary China: Legacies and Transnational Experiences**

Room: Wright \_\_C

Chair: ChorSwang Ngin

Discussants: William Jankowiak, University of Nevada at Las Vegas; Melody Yunzi Li, University of Houston

- 1 Processed History: Collective Memory Reconstruction within the Chinese Paper Media Circle during Early Years of the Nanjing Decade, Jiacheng Dong, Indiana University
- 2 Ruling by Shortcut: Categorization in Authoritarian Co-optation and Repression, Yipeng Zhang, Tulane University
- 3 Chinese Organizations and Nationalism in Jamaica during the 1940s, Zichan Qiu, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 4 Constructing a "Chinese" Crime: Transnational Policing of Online Scams between China and Cambodia, Zhou Zhou, Rice University

**Panel 5D: China's State Capacity and Policy Implementation**

Room: Wright \_\_D

Chair/Discussant: [tba]

- 1 The Start and End of the PRC Reserve Officer Training Corps Program, 1999-2017, Austin Dean, UNLV
- 2 Socialist Science in Mao's China: The case of Acupuncture Anesthesia, Yimeng Dai, Zhejiang University
- 3 Transition and Remedialism: An Analysis on the Civil War in Guangxi from an Institutional Perspective, Genn Ruan, University of California, Riverside
- 4 Democracy or Autocracy: Which One Do Chinese People Choose and Why?, Yen-Hsin Chen, Sul Ross State University

Sunday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm, panels:

**Panel 6A: The Techniques of *Plum in a Golden Vase*, Li Yu's Mediation Philosophy, and Lu Xun's Trans-dualism**

Room: Wright \_\_A

Chair/Discussant: Aleksander Sedzielarz, Wenzhou-Kean University

- 1 A Book of Warmth and Cold -- Engineering Domestic Sensibilities in *Plum in a Golden Vase*, Nellie Ting Yang, Yale University.
- 2 Incessant Playacting: Li Yu's A Couple of Soles and Mediation Philosophy, Yen-hao Liao, Yale University.
- 3 Lu Xun's Trans Modernism: Trans-dualism as Methods, Yoon Ahn, University of Arizona

### **Panel 6B: Quantitative Analysis and the Politics in China and Taiwan**

Room: Wright \_\_B

Chair/Discussant: Andrew Lugg, University of Nevada at Las Vegas

1 Rivalry on Human Rights Discourse: Sentiment Analysis and Topic Modeling of 2000-2022

China-U.S. Human Rights Reports, Keyu Chen, Georgia State

2 Experimental and observational analysis of misinformation and policy during the 2024

Taiwanese Presidential Election, Ho-Chun Herbert Chang, Dartmouth College

3 When Independents Dominate: Subnational Legislative Networks in Taiwan, Kuan-Wu Chen, University of South California

4 Strategic Voting (or Lack Thereof) in the 2024 Presidential Election in Taiwan, John Fuh-sheng Hsieh, University of South California, Ching-hsin Yu, National Chengchi University, and Yi-ching Hsiao, Tamkang University

### **Panel 6C: The Politics of Identity in Contemporary China: Searching for Anchors in Times of Uncertainty**

Room: Wright \_\_C:

Chair: Melody Yunzi Li, University of Houston

Discussants: William Jankowiak, University of Nevada at Las Vegas; ChorSwang Ngin, California State University at Los Angeles

1 Exploring the Politics of Identity: Chinese Unmarried Women's Reproductive Choice over Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), Yuqi Zhuang, University of Florida,

2 After the County Seat Disappeared: Administrative Transition and Selfhood at China's Northwest Periphery, Yadong Li, Tulane University,

3 The Cultural Turn for Urban Social Movements in China: A Case Study of Guangzhou, Yimeng Yang, Northeastern University

4 Playing while Protesting: Examining the Chinese Gacha Game Community in 2023, Siheng Zhu, University of Rochester

### **Panel 6D: Historiography, Biography, (Auto) Biography, and Hagiography: Early Medieval Buddhist Monks and Nuns, Ming Buddhist Temple Amalgamation, and a Speculator in the Ming-Qing Transition**

Room: Wright \_\_D

Chair/Co-Discussant: John J. Curry, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Co-Discussant: Guo Wu, Allegheny College

1 Historiography, Biography, and Hagiography: How Early Medieval Chinese Buddhist Monks and Nuns Were Written into History, Guo Wu, Allegheny College

2 Mapping Autocracy in the Hangzhou Region: Emperor Zhu Yuanzhang's Buddhist Temple Amalgamation in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), Jeffrey Liu, University of South Dakota

3 Narratives of Opportunism: (Auto) Biographical Writings of a Speculator in the Ming-Qing Transition, Rui Ding, University of British Columbia