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Global Asia Research Center

Global Asia Research Center (GARC), National Taiwan University, was established in 2017 with the generous funding from Kim Koo Foundation, Republic of Korea.

GARC aims to promote research on Asian interactions and comparison, and to stimulate new ways of understanding Asian modernities in a globalized world. The mission of GARC is to form a platform for collaboration across disciplines and nations, and to build a network of research institutions in Asia and around the world.

GARC integrates outstanding scholars from various disciplines and fields, and incorporates both quantitative and qualitative approaches to explore the following studies:

Comparative Asia: to compare similar social, political, and cultural issues faced by Asian countries, such as demographic transition, social inequalities, democratic challenges, social activism, and urban development.

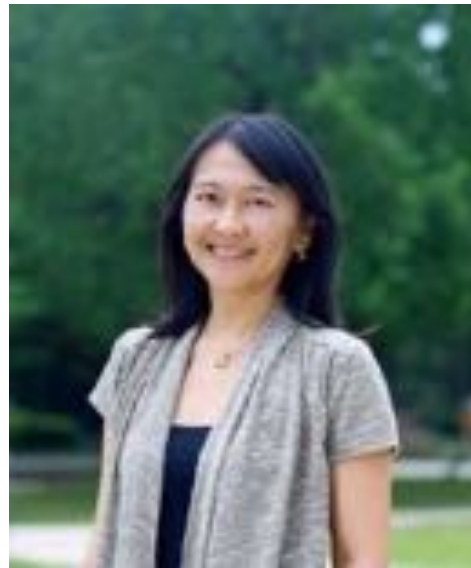
Transnational Asia: to study transnational movements of capital, culture, and people and their social consequences in Asia.

Global Asia: to examine Asian presence and impact outside Asia.



Director

Pei-Chia Lan
Director of Global Asia Research Center
Professor, Department of Sociology,
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Members

The members of GARC currently include 50 faculty members across different disciplines in social sciences and humanities. There are six research clusters: Family, Gender and Population; Ethnicity and Migration; Global Economy and Local Inequalities; Civil Society and Social Movements; Urban Development and Governance and Global Culture; Religion and Consumption.



Events in Honor of Kim Koo and Kim Shin

The Global Asia Research Center was founded under the aegis and generous donation of the Kim Koo Foundation. The Center has in previous years hosted visiting scholars and held conference forums in honor of Kim Koo and Kim Shin. The Covid-19 pandemic has unfortunately disrupted international travel and physical research exchanges since early 2020. In light of the circumstances, GARC has halted similar events and will resume when air travel returns to normal.

Going forward, GARC will hold several colloquiums and online workshop regarding South Korea and East Asia under pandemic impact in 2021. GARC will also keep making efforts to integrate scholars around the world and promote research on Asian comparison.

Events Promoting Comparative Understanding of South Korea and East Asia

September 19-20, 2020

The 2020 Annual Conference of the Population Association of Taiwan

The 2020 Annual Conference of the Population Association of Taiwan was held at the National Taiwan University from 19th-20th September 2020, gathering over 220 participants to discuss the conference theme: Demographic Change, Health, and Well-Being. As a co-organizer, GARC host the "Migration Flow and Migration Regime in Taiwan" panel discussing about modern migration issues. Researchers of GARC presented four speech on migration policy, infrastructure under labor migration, the interaction between migration regime and marriage migrants, and intimacy topic in marriage migrant respectively.



9/19 14:30-15:30

Panel: Migration Flow and Migration Regime in Taiwan

Organizer:

Global Asia Research Center

Pei-Chia Lan (Director of Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University)

Yen-Fen Tseng (Professor, Dept. of Sociology, National Taiwan University)

Chieh Hsu (Researcher of Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University)

Host:

Hsun-Hui Tseng (Assistant Professor, Department of Taiwan literature, National Cheng Kung University)

Title	Presenter
Directions and Limits of Reforming Migration Policy in Taiwan	Yen-Fen Tseng (Professor, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University)
The Flexible Assemblage of Migration Infrastructure: Brokerage Networks for Vietnamese Migrant Workers to Taiwan	Pei-Chia Lan (Director of Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University) Yung-Ta Chien (Independent Journalist, visiting researcher in GARC, National Taiwan University)
Migration Regime and Marriage Migrants' Dependency in Taiwan	Chieh Hsu (Researcher of Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University)
From Tourist to Marriage Migrant: Intimacy, Sense of Place and Lifestyle Aspiration in Hong Kong-Taiwan Cross-border Marriages	Tsung-yi Huang (Professor, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University)

EVENTS PROMOTING COMPARATIVE UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTH KOREA AND EAST ASIA

August 19-20, 2020

The 12th East Asian Online Junior Workshop

Every summer, Department of Sociology, NTU, Kyoto University, and Seoul National University will take turns to hold events for academic exchange. Due to the pandemic situation, this year the event became an two-day online workshop participated by the scholars and students from three Universities. Students shared their research and exchanged opinions on social diversity, social interaction, identity, social change and inequality within East Asia.



Program

Day 1 Aug. 19, 2020	
Time (Duration) KJ: Korea/Japan time TW: Taiwan time	Content
KJ: 9:30-10:00 TW: 8:30-9:00	Testing and pre-coordination
KJ: 10:00-10:10 TW: 09:00-09:10 (10')	Opening by chair, introduction of the program Professor IM Dong-Kyun (SNU)
KJ: 10:10-11:10 TW: 09:10-10:10 (60')	Special Lectures Chair: Prof. Stephane HEIM (KU) The Spectacle of Mega-Events in East Asia ● Prof. KANG Jaeho (Dept. of Communication, SNU) COVID-19 and Korean Society ● Prof. IM Dong-Kyun (Dept. of Sociology, SNU)
10'	Break
KJ: 11:20-12:35 TW: 10:20-11:35 (75')	Session I: Harnessing the Diversity Chair: Dr. HSU Chieh (NTU) ● Negative sentiments towards other East Asian societies: Could there be an East Asian integration? - AN Yerim, JUNG Yewon (SNU) ● State-led or Civil Society-led? A Comparison of the Development of Consensus Conferences in Three East Asian Countries, 1998-2008 - CHEN Ting-Yen (NTU) ● Female political advances and Feminism in East Asia - HASHIMA Chisato (KU)
KJ: 12:35-13:50 TW: 11:35-12:50 (75')	Lunch Break
KJ: 13:50-15:05 TW: 12:50-14:05 (75')	Session II: Interactions in Contexts Chair: Prof. OCHIAI Emiko (KU) ● The change of social interaction in Korean society during the COVID-19 epidemic - LEE Hyun-june, OH Jung-yun (SNU) ● What caused the different attitude towards euthanasia between Netherlands and Japan? - MAENO Shiran (KU) ● Educator Mother in East Asia - HAN Jaehyun (KU)
10'	Break
KJ: 15:15-16:30 TW: 14:15-15:30 (75')	Session III: Contested Identities Chair: Prof. KWON Hyunji (SNU) ● Always 'Bi' My Side: Indigenous and Bi-ethnicity in Taiwan - HSIEH Kun-Ting (NTU) ● The inclusiveness of the LGBTs people in the market in Japan - NOSHITA Tomonori (KU) ● Shincheonji and COVID-19: Qualitative inspection on Youtube comments - KIM Jaemin, YOO Hye-gang, KIM Eunjin, CHO Yarin (SNU)
	Closing Remarks - IM Dong-Kyun (SNU)

EVENTS PROMOTING COMPARATIVE UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTH KOREA AND EAST ASIA

Day 2 Aug. 28, 2020	
Time (Duration) KJ: Korea/Japan time TW: Taiwan time	Content
KJ: 8:45-10:00 TW: 8:45-10:00	Teasing and pre-orientation
KJ: 10:00-10:05 TW: 09:00-09:05 (5')	Opening by chair, introduction of the program Professor IM Gung-Kyun (SNU)
KJ: 10:05-11:20 TW: 09:05-10:20 (75')	Session IV: Macro Process and Micro Changes. Chair: Prof. Stephanie HCM (KU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Policies and Family Planning in East Asia - SONO Fumiko (KU) ● Economic Changes Brought by Aging Society in East Asia - DR. Younsoo, CHOO Se-hyun (SNU) ● Analyzing Female Sexuality from Deep (Safe on the Internet: The Case of Sex Forum on Daed - HUANG Yi-Ching (NTU)
10'	Short introduction to the Socializing Session (by IM Gung-Kyun) and Break
KJ: 11:30-12:30 TW: 10:30-11:30 (60')	Students' Socializing Session 1) Free Conversation and Exchange Link: https://fburl.com/3mefichet03a 2) Culture Conversation: pop culture, food, and travel Link: https://fburl.com/3mefichet03a
KJ: 12:30-12:45 TW: 11:30-12:45 (15')	Lunch Break
KJ: 12:45-13:25 TW: 12:45-14:25 (100')	Session V: Old and New Inequalities Chair: Dr. HSU Chia, NTU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Multicultural Coexistence in Japan - HOSHINOH Kazuo (KU) ● Labor Market Entry Positions and Wage Trajectories: A Growth Curve Analysis of Wage Trajectories for Workers in Taiwan - HSU Li (NTU) ● Wealth inequality in Japan - SATO Kai (KU) ● Intergenerational Home Share - ZHENG Hanjing (KU)
KJ: 14:25 TW: 14:25	Final Wrap-up and Closing Remarks (by all faculty participants) Group Photo

Colloquiums at Global Asia Research Center

july 2, 2020

The Promise of Legalization? Assessing Taiwan’s Same-Sex Marriage Law from the Perspective of LGBT Families

Wei-Hsian Chi, Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies, Indiana University

One year has passed since Taiwan’s legislature passed the “Judicial Yuan Interpretation No. 748 Implementation Act” on May 17, 2019. Lauded as a progressive milestone that made Taiwan the “first in Asia” to legalize same-sex marriage, the Act has enabled more than three thousand couples to marry and approximately thirty families to establish legal relationships between both spouses and their child(ren). This talk asks what lies beyond these numbers. What benefits has the Act brought to LGBT families specifically and what obstacles or new forms of stigmatization has it created? Based on more than two years of non-consecutive ethnographic research with LGBT parents, families, and NGOs, the talk assesses the promise of legalization and what it has meant for the recognition of diverse kinds of families and intimacies.

June 23, 2020

Governed by the housing market: The obstacles of homeowner society in Taiwan from an East Asian comparative perspective

Yi-Ling Chen, Associate Professor, School of Politics, Public Affairs & International Studies, University of Wyoming

This talk uses an East Asian comparative perspective to analyze the features of the Taiwan housing system. It explains how homeowner society in Taiwan was formed under the lassie-fair housing system without protection on housing rights. Homeownership has been the survival strategy of the individual family. However, homeownership increasingly becomes a conservative power that is against any progressive change. The consequences are extremely expensive housing with very low quality, the impediments for urban regeneration according to new needs, and the barriers of producing a new economy. A large amount of capital on the real estate market presses the government to sustain the housing prices. Housing hence becomes a good investment tool and intensifies social inequality.

September 29, 2020

Book Launch- Happiness and Distress in China and Hong Kong: The Cultural Politics of Emotion in Developmentalism

Tsung-Yi Michelle Huang, Professor, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University

October 8, 2020

Book Launch- Family Migration and the Path to an Occupation: The (Early) Experiences of Skilled Taiwanese and Chinese “Wives”

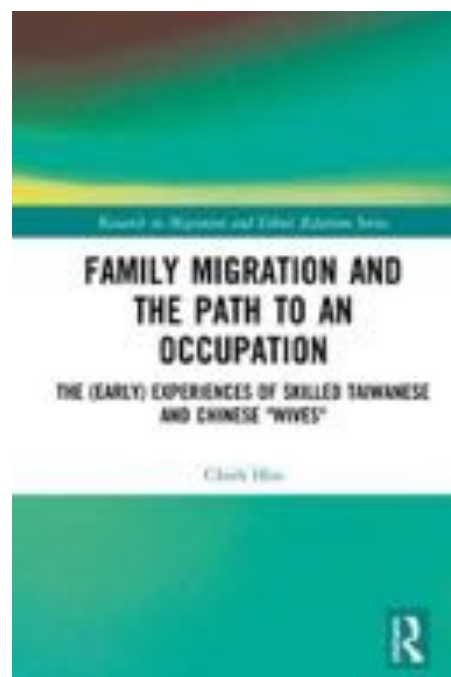
Chieh Hsu, Researcher, Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University / Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University

November 3, 2020

A Price to Pay? How autocratization in Thailand drives anti-establishment protests

Janjira Sombatpoonsiri, Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

Not only did Thailand belong to the 3rd wave of democratisation after the 1992 democratic openings, the country is also a part of an emerging trend of the 3rd wave autocratisation as it underwent two major episodes of democratic breakdown since 2006. Against the odds, Thailand’s pro-democracy movements are currently gathering forces to counter the entrenchment of autocratic elites and institutions. In this talk, I give an overview of how this process unravels, arguing that autocratisation paradoxically creates conditions that foster and sustain a democratic struggle.



December 9, 2020

Maid to Queer

Francisca Yuen-Ki Lai, Assistant Professor, Center of General, National Tsing Hua University

Maid to Queer, the first book about Asian female migrant workers and their same-sex relationships, aims to create a dialogue between Asian labor migration and LGBT studies. The author will come to share her ethnographic study of same-sex relationships among Indonesian domestic workers in Hong Kong, including the political and cultural context of Hong Kong, the relationships between migrant workers and their employers, and the processes of leaving home and returning home. How do these factors enable the Indonesian workers, who are Muslims, to accept same-sex relationships? The field research was started in 2010; a total of 43 Indonesian workers, who have had a same-sex relationship, were interviewed.

March 4, 2021

Peripheries and Mutual Aid under the COVID-19 Pandemic

Jeffrey Hou, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington

While the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in sweeping changes around the world, its impact has been uneven with the most vulnerable populations faring the worst. From North America to East Asia, those without access to proper healthcare and personal protection equipment have been exposed to high risks, and so were those without the ability or the luxury of working from home. Lockdowns and stagnation of economic activities have exacerbated those at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder. In the meantime, in the face of these impacts, acts of voluntary support and mutual aid have also flourished during the pandemic, even in regions long seen as having a weak civil society. While the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the longstanding disparities in society, does it also result in a window of opportunity for the strengthening of civil society in Asia? Are the current events only a short-lived phenomenon, or are there long-term implications?



April 9, 2021

Institutionalizing Equality: The Politics of Women's Rights in Taiwan and South Korea

Minhee Go, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Ewha Womans University.

Korea and Taiwan have shown a considerable variation in ensuring women's rights. In Taiwan, electoral competition and judicial activism led to institutional reforms on various progressive issues, allowing for an opportunity to generate a pluralistic political structure within which the gender issue could be mobilized along with other progressive agenda. In contrast, the corporatist political structure prioritized labor issues over other progressive agenda and continued to influence electoral politics in Korea's class-based democratic consolidation. By tracing the divergent paths toward gender equality in the two countries, this research suggests that inclusion and expansion of social rights may not necessarily follow from democratization per se but has to be acquired through mobilizing and coalescing with various social groups in a new democratic system.

April 15, 2021

Fugitive Subjects of Secret Doctors and Un/seen Laboring Intimacies of Illegal Alliances

Chien-Ting Lin, Associate Professor, Department of English, National Center University

In this talk, I juxtapose historicized cultural texts including a collection of ethnographic stories, "Zhaonandong," by Chen Yingzhen and Our Stories by Ku Yuling to analyze how they reflect upon miyi (secret doctors) informal labor and how it is produced within epistemic categorizations and periodization within historical transitions, including structural changes in family and social relations. I pursue a genealogy of the miyi alongside a reading of my ethnographic materials, observing an engendered tension and contradictions in the process of Taiwan's postwar medical modernization. I maintain that this tension relies upon the outsourcing of care work for professionalized labor divisions as well as the medical institutionalization and legalization of care practices to establish the hierarchies within medical professionalism. I argue that this occasions a threshold space for undocumented miyi migrant and laboring subjects within a progressivist historicization. I hope to propose an alternative genealogy and methodology to understand the queer secrecy and the intimacies of illegal alliances within vertically structured historical relationalities, thereby offering a renewed understanding of contemporary Taiwan's transnational care modernity.



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