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Director's Preface

I am honored to be the director of the GARC.

The first time I went to Korea was in 1992, when I was conducting fieldwork for my doctoral dissertation. Over the years, my research has always included comparisons between Taiwan and Korea, from labor protests in the early years to women's movements and political participation in later years. The GARC was established with a donation from the Kim Koo Foundation, which holds personal significance for me and underscores my connection with Korea.



Under the leadership of our former directors, Prof. Lan and Prof. Tsang, the GARC has made significant strides in studying Asia from global, transnational, and comparative perspectives. In the past year, we have resumed organizing lectures and NTU-KIM KOO Lectures, and we have continued to share the results of our colleagues' research with the general public through podcasts.

As we look ahead, we are filled with anticipation for the future of the GARC. We are eager to see the fruitful research results that the GARC-affiliated scholars will continue accumulating, further enriching our understanding of Asia and its global significance.

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March 29, 2024

The Global Asia Research Center

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

The GARC aims to promote research on Asian interactions and comparison, and stimulate new ways of understanding Asian modernities in a globalized world. The mission 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.

The 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

Chang-Ling Huang
 Director of Global Asia Research Center
 Professor, Department of Political Science,
 National Taiwan University

Members

The 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.

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Events in Honor of Kim Koo and Kim Shin

As Taiwan gradually emerged from the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic and reopened its borders, all of the GARC's events for the current year have been held in person. However, we retained the valuable experiences gained during the pandemic, incorporating a hybrid approach in some events to allow broader participation across time and geographical constraints. Together, we aim to explore phenomena and theories related to East Asian societies.

From April 2023 to April 2024, the GARC organized a total of 10 events, all conducted in person. These included four international conferences, one international workshop, and five public lectures. Additionally, we produced and broadcasted five podcast episodes covering topics such as environmental protection, air governance, gender politics, transnational families, and social movements. We also established a grant to subsidize postgraduate students' fieldwork in other Asian countries on a competitive basis. We hope this newly-founded grant will encourage students at the National Taiwan University to engage in innovative and meaningful comparative research on Asia.

Kim Koo-NTU Professor lecture series

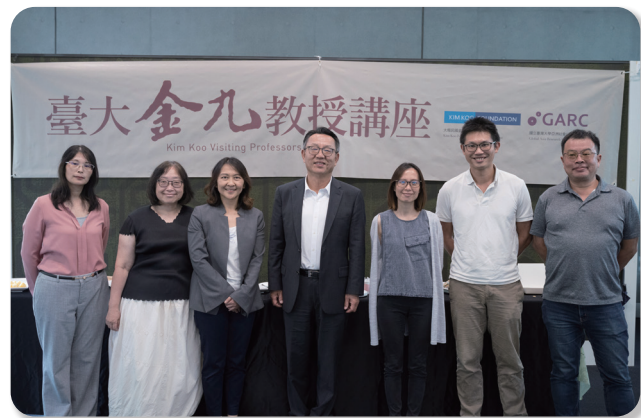
Talent Giants in the Asia-Pacific Century

May 23, 2023, and May 29 to June 1, 2023

After the long disruption caused by the global COVID pandemic, we were pleased to resume the Kim Koo-NTU Professor lecture series. It was our honor to have Professor Gi-Wook Shin from Stanford University as our esteemed Kim-Koo Professor in 2023.

Professor Shin is the founding director of the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center and the Korean Studies Program at Stanford University. He is also a professor of sociology and the William J. Perry Professor of Contemporary Korea. He published several outstanding works exploring social movements, nationalism, international relations in Korea, and social innovation and talent migration in East Asia.

The lecture series “Talent Giants in the Asia-Pacific Century” included four classes and a public lecture delivered by Professor Shin, and two introductory sessions taught by Professor Yan-Fen Tseng from the Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University. It explored how important countries in the Asia-Pacific region, including Japan, Australia, China, India, and South Korea, used different strategies to attract international talent, what challenges these policies faced, and what impact they had on other countries (including Taiwan). In his public lecture, Professor Shin also discussed how South Korea’s social emotions have shifted from anti-Japanese sentiment to anti-China sentiment.



Course Description:

How can countries utilize human resources, or “talent,” to contribute to economic development? What strategies do different nations employ for managing talent, and what factors shape those strategies? This course will explore how leading countries in the Asia-Pacific region have managed various forms of talent in their rise to economic power, looking at national talent strategies as “portfolios” consisting of four “Bs”: brain train, brain gain, brain circulation, and brain linkage. We will examine in depth the talent development strategies of Japan, Australia, China, and India, looking comparatively at the historical, cultural, and institutional factors that shaped each of the four countries’ talent portfolios with success. From the experiences of the four countries, we will consider implications for the talent strategies of other nations, including Taiwan. We will also think analytically about challenges to talent development, such as growing competition for global talent, deepening demographic crisis, continuing brain drain, intensifying geopolitical tensions, and, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. How might countries adjust their talent strategies to overcome these challenges?



May 23 Pre-lecture Talent migration to and from Taiwan

May 29 Lecture 1: Theoretical Underpinnings and Strategies for Talent Development

May 30 Lecture 2: Contrasting Approaches: Japan’s Brain Train and Australia’s Brain Gain

May 31 Lecture 3: Putting Overseas Talents to Work: China’s Brain Circulation and India’s Brain Linkage

June 1 Public Talk: From Anti-Japan to Anti-China: South Koreans’ Changing Public Sentiments and Implications for the Indo-Pacific Region

June 2 Lecture 4 : Talent in Taiwan and the “Little Dragons”

International Workshops and Conferences

The 3rd SNUAC-NTUGARC Joint Migration Workshop: Migration and Multiculturalism in South Korea and Taiwan

April 6, 2023

On April 6, 2023 (Thursday), Our affiliated research fellows, Prof. Pei-Chia Lan, Prof. Yen-Fen Tseng, and Prof. Tsung-Yi Huang attended the SNU-NTU migration workshop held at the Seoul National University (SNU) in South Korea. This marked the first in-person international workshop between the two universities since the borders of South Korea and Taiwan re-opened after the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop began with a speech by Professor Soojin Park, the Director of Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUAC). Our research fellows, along with Prof. Hyunjoo Jung, Prof. Jaemin Song, Dr. Minkyung Koh, Dr. YoonKyung Kwak, Dr. Jungwon Huh, Prof. HaeRan Shin, and Dr. Gi Yeon Koo, presented papers discussing immigration governance in Taiwan, South Korea, and neighboring Asian countries, as well as the identity recognition of immigrants and children raised in inter-Asian families.



Transnational Families and the Second Generation in Asia

July 19-20, 2023

Globally, the number of migrants for work, study, or marriage purposes has increased from 153 million in 1990 to 281 million in 2020 (International Organization for Migration 2021). Asians make up 40% of these migrants, and around 60% of Asian migrants move within Asia (International Organization for Migration 2019, 2021). This means that approximately one-quarter of all migrants worldwide are Asian migrants moving between Asian countries. Some family members of these Asian migrants move with them, while others remain in their home country for various reasons. Additionally, cross-national and cross-cultural marriages are becoming more common, resulting in an increase in the number of children raised in cross-cultural and transnational families. Scholars refer to these dynamic processes of organizing and maintaining households through transnational exchanges and movements as “global householding”.

East Asia has been widely considered ethnically homogeneous, with the acquisition of citizenship often determined by an individual’s ethnic background. However, the growing number of marriage migrants and their children has significantly challenged the ethnic identity, cultural landscapes, and institutional systems in this area (Chung, 2020). Research on the experiences of inter-Asian migration, particularly those associated with marriage and labor migration, has recently increased. Nevertheless, migration within Asia is still understudied and needs further exploration.

Global Asia Research Center 07.19 → 07.20 2023

Transnational Families and the Second Generation in Asia

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Speakers

Jechun KIM · Judith TREAS · Tuen YI CHIU · Ruby YS-LAI · Hyun Mee KIM (金慧美) · Minjeong KIM · Iju KIM · Jocelyn CELERO · Chaho OGATA · Wei-Chi CHEE (徐祥芝) · Yuk Wai CHAN (陳玉瑛) · Hsu-hua SHEN (沈秀華) · Hsiao-Chuan HSIAO (高顯傳) · Tsung-yi HUANG (黃宗穎) · Pei-Chia LAN (藍佩慈) · Chien-Ping LIU (劉千萍)

主辦單位 GARC 國家亞太研究發展中心 臺灣社會發展研究中心 共同主辦

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報名資訊

Day One

09:30-09:40	OPENING REMARKS	
09:30-09:40	LAN, Pei-Chia <i>National Taiwan University</i>	
09:40-12:10	PANEL ONE—The New Natives or Half?	
Presider	CHUNG, Wei-Yun <i>National Taiwan University</i>	
09:40-10:10	OGAYA, Chiho <i>Ferris University</i> Discussant: CHIU, Tuen Yi <i>Lingnan University</i>	Filipino, Japanese or Nontypical “HAFU” ? : Dynamics and Differences of Identity Negotiation of Japanese Filipino Youths
10:10-10:40	Lan, Pei-Chia <i>National Taiwan University</i> Discussant: KIM, Jeehun <i>Inha University</i>	Navigating Ambivalent Identities in Geopolitical Contexts: Second-Generation Children of Chinese Immigrant Mothers in Taiwan
10:40-11:10	KIM, Minjeong <i>San Diego State University</i> KIM, Ilju <i>Utsunomiya University</i> Discussant: HSIA, Hsiao-Chuan <i>National Chengchi University</i>	Adult Multicultural Children’s Perception of Public Support Programs for Multicultural Families
11:10-12:10	DISCUSSIONS and Q&A	
12:10-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30-16:00	PANEL TWO—Identity Making in Uncertain Times	
Presider	HUANG, Tsung-Yi Michelle <i>National Taiwan University</i>	
13:30-14:00	CHAN, Yuk Wah <i>City University of Hong Kong</i> Discussant: LAI, Ruby YS <i>Lingnan University</i>	Living Two Lives in One City: New Immigrant Youth in Hong Kong
14:00-14:30	CHEE, Wai-Chi <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i> JIANG, Yanru <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i> Discussant: SHEN, Hsiu-Hua <i>National Tsing Hua University</i>	Shifting Identities of South Asian Youth in Hong Kong’s Momentous Protests
14:30-15:00	KIM, Hyun Mee <i>Yonsei University</i> Discussant: CELERO, Jocelyn O. <i>University of the Philippines Diliman</i>	Crafted Identities of the Second- Generation Returnees Living in Vietnam
15:00-16:00	DISCUSSIONS and Q&A	
16:00-16:30	TEA BREAK	
16:30-17:30	ROUND TABLE: What’s Special about the Second Generation in East Asia?	
Presider	LAN, Pei-Chia <i>National Taiwan University</i> LIU, Chien-Ping <i>National Taiwan University</i> KIM, Hyun Mee <i>Yonsei University</i> OGAYA, Chiho <i>Ferris University</i> CHEE, Wai-Chi <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	
18:00	DINNER (By invitation)	

We thus brought together 16 scholars from the United States, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Taiwan to discuss their research on inter-Asia families in this two-day conference. The discussions will shed light on and theorize the lived experiences of members of inter-Asia families and hopefully provide pragmatic policy recommendations for a more inclusive society.

The conference took on a hybrid format, combining both in-person and online participation, with around 100 attendees from Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Europe, and the United States. The presented papers during the conference revealed how macro-level geopolitics, ethnic relations, and societal contexts influence parenting practices' temporal, spatial, material, and emotional frameworks. Through the lens of social welfare policies, language use, and political practices, the papers discussed how new immigrants and their children shape their identity in Asian societies. The analysis focused on how they navigate, manifest, or negotiate their identity within social constraints and opportunities, acquiring resources and constructing their citizenship in the process.

In addition to the academic exchange among scholars and participants, the conference featured dialogues between Taiwanese second-generation advocates and scholars, breaking down invisible barriers between researchers and the researched, and fostering a deeper connection between theory and practice. During a closed-door meeting before the conference's conclusion, presenters explored the possibilities of international research collaboration. It was decided that the papers presented at the conference would be published as a special issue in an international journal and an academic book. This initiative aims to enhance the visibility of inter-Asian immigrant families in the international academic community, promote relevant academic discussions, establish the uniqueness of East Asian theories, and anticipate that the research outcomes will contribute to the formulation and implementation of social policies. This, in turn, would assist East Asian countries facing demographic transitions in creating more immigrant-friendly and culturally respectful policies.



Day Two

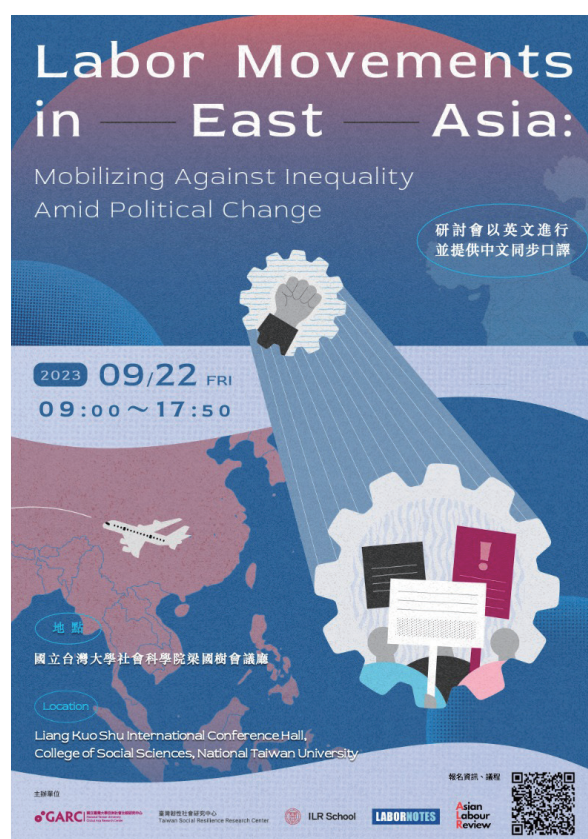
09:30-12:00	PANEL THREE— Parenting across the Border	
Presider	LUI, Lake <i>National Taiwan University</i>	
09:30-10:00	SHEN, Hsiu-Hua <i>National Tsing Hua University</i>	Growing Up with Periodic Fathering and Everyday Mothering: Children of Transnational Taiwanese Business Families
	Discussant: KIM, Minjeong <i>San Diego State University</i>	
10:00-10:30	CHIU, Tuen Yi <i>Lingnan University</i>	Spatio-Temporality of Cross-Border Parenting and Familyhood before and during the COVID-19 Pandemic
	LAI, Ruby YS <i>Lingnan University</i>	
	Discussant: CHEE, Wai-Chi <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	
10:30-11:00	KIM, Jeehun <i>Inha University</i>	Becoming and Switching to Many ‘Mom’ Types: A Typology of Mothering of Korean Females Married to Non-Korean Spouses in Singapore and Los Angeles
	TREAS, Judith <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	
	Discussant: KIM, Hyun Mee <i>Yonsei University</i>	
11:00-12:00	DISCUSSIONS and Q&A	
12:00-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30-16:00	PANEL FOUR—Parenting in Cross-cultural Families	
Presider	CHEN, Yu-Hua <i>National Taiwan University</i>	
13:30-14:00	HSIA, Hsiao-Chuan <i>National Chengchi University</i>	My Children, My Fight to the End: A Qualitative Retrospective Study on the Underdog Strategies of Marriage Migrants in Parenting While Stigmatized as “Foreign Brides” in Taiwan
	Discussant: CHAN, Yuk Wah <i>City University of Hong Kong</i>	
14:00-14:30	HUANG, Tsung-Yi Michelle <i>National Taiwan University</i>	Being Strong as a Mother: Taiwanese Women as Marriage Migrants in South Korean Families
	Discussant: KIM, Ilju <i>Utsunomiya University</i>	
14:30-15:00	CELERO, Jocelyn O. <i>University of the Philippines Diliman</i>	Migration, Care and Educational Aspirations for Children in International Marriage Families: Generational Difference between Filipino Mothers Raising Japanese-Filipino Children
	Discussant: OGAYA, Chiho <i>Ferris University</i>	
15:00-16:00	DISCUSSIONS and Q&A	
16:00-16:30	TEA BREAK	
16:30-17:30	CLOSED SESSION Discuss possible collaboration and the writing plan Presenters and organizers only	
18:00	DINNER (By invitation)	

Labor Movements in East Asia: Mobilizing Against Inequality Amid Political Change

September 22 to 24, 2023

To advance innovative analysis of labor movements centered around Asia and understand the dynamics of personnel, ideologies, and strategies in the labor movements in the Asian region, the GARC, Cornell University, and the Asian Labour Review jointly organized a 3-day international conference from September 22nd to 24th. We invited scholars researching labor movements from various countries and practitioners engaged in organized activities, collective bargaining, and strike experiences to participate. Through academic debates and public dialogues, the conference explored urgent issues facing contemporary East Asian workers, such as government repression, stagnant wages, workplace discrimination, disruptive technological introductions, exploitative guest worker programs, and more. The discussions focused on how workers can defend their rights and interests and the potential new patterns and practices in labor movements.

The first day of the event featured open presentations and forums for the public, while the second and third days consisted of closed-door workshops for scholars and labor practitioners. To eliminate language barriers and promote academic exchange, impromptu interpretation was provided throughout the three-day conference. The event was open only for physical attendance, with approximately 150 participants from East Asia, Southeast Asia, the United States, and Europe engaging in lively discussions during the conference.



Hybrid Transnational Social Protection in Global Asia: (Re)constructing Safety Nets across Borders

December 18-19, 2023



In the continuously conflicted era of globalization, various challenges and elusive uncertainties confront national policies, social safety nets, and immigration policies. Consequently, the concept of “transnational social protection” is gradually taking shape. Using Asia as a case study, this forum explored the significance, forms, and related issues of transnational social protection. It brought together scholars from the USA, Canada, Singapore, Norway, Australia, Hong Kong, and Taiwan to delve into how social safety nets are formed and negotiated within a transnational context and understand the roles played by states, markets, non-governmental organizations, and social networks. Additionally, they analyzed strategies immigrants use to avoid risks and examine their impact on social policies. The conference adopts a hybrid format, with over 100 participants, and the discussions are highly engaging.

December 18

Room 108, College of Social Science	
09:40-10:00	OPENING REMARKS
09:40-09:50	Yen-fen Tseng <i>Director of Global Asia Research Center National Taiwan University</i>
09:50-10:00	Chia-ling Wu <i>Department Head of Department of Sociology National Taiwan University</i>
10:00-12:00	KEYNOTE SPEECH
10:00-10:50	Chairperson: Lake Lui <i>Department of Sociology National Taiwan University</i> Speaker: Peggy Levitt <i>Wellesley College and the Global (De)Centre</i> “Hybrid Transnational Social Protection: Social Welfare Across National Borders”
10:50-12:00	Critics and Q&A Pei-chia Lan <i>National Taiwan University</i> Elaine Ho <i>National University of Singapore</i>

Room 319(for speakers) &103(for audience), Department of Sociology	
12:00-13:30	LUNCH BREAK

Room 401, Department of Sociology	
13:30-15:20	PANEL ONE—State and Its Role in Social Protection
Presider and Discussant	Ken Chih-Yan Sun <i>Villanova University</i>
13:30-13:50	Karen Liao <i>Peace Research Institute Oslo</i> Transnationalising ‘Welfare’ for Filipino Migrant Workers? Distress-induced Returns and Fragmented Pathways to Protection in Repatriation
13:50-14:10	Nana Oishi <i>University of Melbourne</i> The East Asian Regime of Migrant Social Protection? The Case of Japan and Its Regional Implications
14:10-14:30	Chengshi Shiu <i>National Taiwan University</i> “The health workers bring antiretroviral therapies to us. But the soldiers shoot them”: Cross-border health service network and its challenges during COVID and coup for displaced Myanmar migrants in Mae Sot, Thailand.
14:30-15:00	DISCUSSIONS
15:00-15:20	TEA BREAK
15:20-	PANEL TWO – Transnational Labor and Family Protection
Presider and Discussant	Peggy Levitt <i>Wellesley University and the Global (De)Centre</i>
15:20-15:40	Elaine Ho <i>National University of Singapore</i> Considering Transnational Social Protection Dialogically: Eldercare Work and Domestic Worker Migration in Singapore Ting Wen-Ching <i>National Chung Cheng University</i>
15:40-16:00	Andy Scott Chang <i>Florida State University</i> Sojourning Abroad for Transnational Social Protection at Home: Indonesian Migrant Women’s Negotiation of Familial Responsibilities to the Left-Behind.
16:00-16:20	Yasmin Ortiga <i>Singapore Management University</i> Staying Afloat: Seeking Protections from the Global Cruise Industry
16:20-16:50	DISCUSSIONS
18:00	DINNER (By invitation)

December 19

Room 401, Department of Sociology		
9:30-12:00	PANEL THREE— Commodification of Transnational Social Protection	
Presider and Discussant	Ken Chih-Yan Sun <i>Villanova University</i>	
9:30-9:50	Denise Tang <i>Lingnan University</i>	Taking the Leap: Transnational Health Protection Among Hong Kong Transmen and Transmasculine Persons Seeking GRS in Thailand
9:50-10:10	Kenneth Chen <i>National Taipei University</i>	Navigating Educational Risks: Cultural Training and the Role of Transnational Shadow Education
10:10-10:30	Lake Lui <i>National Taiwan University</i>	In Search of Education and Political Security: The Experience of Mainland Chinese Students in Canada
	Qian Yue	
	Manlin Cai <i>University of British Columbia</i>	
10:30-10:50	Yi-chun Chien <i>National Chengchi University</i>	Negotiating with the States: Comparing Migrant Workers' access to Social Protection in Taiwan and South Korea
10:50-11:20	Discussion	
11:20-12:00 TAKING STOCK AND LOOKING FORWARD		



The Transformation of East Asian Welfare States in the Post Covid19 Era: Challenges, Opportunities and Futures

March 15-16, 2024

Over the past decade, East Asian welfare states have encountered numerous formidable challenges in the post-COVID-19 era, stemming from the international political and economic environment as well as the impact of COVID-19. These challenges encompass low wages, non-standard employment, high housing prices, fiscal pressure from aging populations, and population decline. However, changes in political economy and social demographics will give rise to various structural pressures and challenges for welfare states, compelling them to undergo reforms to align with contemporary social and economic structures. Therefore, the challenges confronting welfare states also represent opportunities.

Nevertheless, countries react in diverse ways due to their distinct histories, varying interpretations of the issues among policy actors, and differences in policy ideas, interests, and power relations. Thus, the questions arise: How will East Asian welfare states address these structural pressures and challenges? Will there be distinct response patterns among them? Will East Asian welfare states persist in maintaining the so-called developmental/productive welfare regime, or will they diverge, paving the way for diverse paths in welfare development?

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The Transformation of East Asian Welfare States in the Post Covid19 Era: Challenges, Opportunities and Futures

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This conference brought together experts from both Asia and Europe, aiming to illuminate the potential trajectories of East Asian welfare states. The conference uncovered distinct response patterns through rigorous discussion and analysis and identified policy implications that can guide these states toward more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable welfare systems.

**The Transformation of East Asian Welfare States in the Post Covid19 Era:
Challenges, Opportunities and Futures**

Venue: Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University.

15th~16th March, 2024

Day 1: 15th March 2024, Friday

Time	Schedule	
09:00-09:30	Registration	
Session 1: 09:30-10:45	Keynote Speech (Room 302) Chair: Yeun-Wen Ku	
	Keynote Speaker	Title
	Ka Ho Mok	Managing the Rise of Older Adults in Hong Kong: Towards a Community-based Integrated Care and Health Approach in Post-COVID-19 Crisis Era
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break	
Session 2: 11:00-12:30	Authors	Title
	Chair: Ryozo Matsuda (Room 300)	
	Traute Meyer Shih-Jiunn Shi Chung-Yang Yeh	Introduction
	Masato Shizume	Old-Age Income Mixes in East Asia
	Chair: Yasuhiro Kamimura (Room 302)	
	Gary Tang Eva Hung Samson Yuen	Unsettling Neoliberalism: The Moderating Effect of Social Precarity on Neoliberals
Rami Hin-Yeung Chan Lucille Lok-Sun Ngan	Expatriates and Overseas Returnees' Perceptions and Reactions Towards Social and Public Health Incidents in Hong Kong and their Migratory Plans	
12:30-14:00	Lunch (Invited Participants: Room 401 Other Participants: Rooms 202 & 204)	

	Authors	Title
Session 3: 14:00-15:30	Chair: Traute Meyer (Room 300)	
	Chung-Yang Yeh	Bismarck Meets Beveridge in Taiwan: The Emergence of a New Pension Model
	Shih-Jiunn Shi	Pension Reform in China: Tackling Regional and Occupational Inequalities
	Chair: Fen-ling Chen (Room 302)	
	Edward Kwabena Ameyaw Padmore Amoah Adusei Obidimma Ezezika	Effectiveness of mhealth Applications for Maternal Healthcare Delivery: A Systematic Review of Systematic Reviews
	Chi Kit CHAN	Shifting Risk Assessment and Appetite: Post-Covid China's Economy in Asian Financial News Discourses
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break	
Session 4: 15:45-17:15	Authors	Title
	Chair: Hung-Yang Lin (Room 300)	
	Won-Sub Kim Hyungyung Moon	Ideas and Advocacy Coalitions of the Basic Pension in Korea
	Chair: Julia Shu-Huah Wang (Room 302)	
	Fen-Ling Chen San-Lin Chung	Gender Analysis of Pension Reform and Elderly Poverty: An Example of Empirical Study in Taiwan
	Inhoe Ku Chung-Yang Yeh	Asset-based Welfare Regime and Its Implications for Public Pension Reforms in East Asia
18:00	Dinner	

Day 2: 16th March 2024, Saturday

Time	Schedule	
09:00~09:30	Registration	
Session 5: 09:30-11:00	Authors	Title
	Chair: Won-Sub Kim (Room 300)	
	Traute Meyer	Women's Gains Offsetting Men's Losses? Pension Reform, Labour Market Change, and the Pensioner Household in Europe, Japan, Korea and Taiwan
	Fang-Yi Huang	Change, and the Pensioner Household in Europe, Japan, Korea and Taiwan
	Chung-Yang Yeh	In Search for New Institutional Equilibrium: Institutional Continuities and Changes of the Corporate Pension System in Japan and Taiwan
	Chair: Ijin Hong (Room 302)	
	Yasuhiro Kamimura	Long-term Care in East Asia
	Genghua Huang Zhaiwen Peng Yawen Weng	The COVID-19 Pandemic, the Growth Regime, and Their Impact on the Ongoing Welfare Transformation: A Case Study of China's Long-Term Care Reform
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
Session 6: 11:15-12:45	Authors	Title
	Chair: Masato Shizume (Room 300)	
	Kenzo Yoshida	The End of Pension Crisis and the "Last" Reform for Japan?
	Dah-Mi Lee	Dismantling of the Developmental Welfare System in South Korea?
	Won-Sub Kim	Explaining the Civil Service Pension Reforms
	Chair: Jen-Der Lue (Room 302)	
	Julia Shu-Huah Wang	Geographic Variations in Welfare Benefits in Taiwan - Evidence from a Model Family Approach
	Padmore Amoah Adusei Edward Kwabena Ameyaw	Seeking Refuge in a Productivist Welfare Regime: Well-Being of African Asylum Seekers in Post-COVID-19 Hong Kong
Ijin Hong	Partisan Politics of Childcare Policies in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan	
12:45-14:00	Lunch (Invited Participants: Room 401 Other Participants: Rooms 202 & 204)	

	Authors	Title
Session 7: 14:00-15:30	Chair: Traute Meyer and Shih-Jiunn Shi (Room 300)	
	Discussion on the Preparation of Special Issues for Pension Reforms in East Asia	
	Chair: Padmore Amoah Adusei (Room 302)	
	Ying-ho Kwong Mathew Y. H. Wong	Lessons from Policy Completion: A Comparative Analysis of Post-Pandemic E-Government Support in East Asia
	Yeun-wen Ku Fang-Yi Huang Hsin-Hsin Pan Chung-Yang Yeh	Who are Deserving Poor in Taiwan: A Conjoint Experiment Survey
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Public Talks

Strategic Resistance against Gender Binaries: Chinese Women Doing Zhongxing in Hong Kong and Urban China

April 18, 2023

*Dr. Eva Cheuk-Yin Li, Lecturer,
Department of Sociology,
University of Lancaster, United Kingdom*

“Zhongxing” refers to young women in contemporary Chinese-speaking societies in East Asia who, regardless of their sexual orientation, exhibit non-conventional gender expressions since the mid-2000s. The GARC invited Dr. Li from the Sociology Department at Lancaster University in the United Kingdom to share insights on how “Zhongxing” serves as a form of resistance against mainstream gender norms. Using in-depth interviews and discourse analysis from online narratives, Dr. Li explored the experiences of gender-neutral living among women in urban China and Hong Kong. Dr. Li argued that a simplistic understanding of identity orientation could not fully comprehend the uncertainty and instability experienced by individuals occupying a non-binary position in gender. Instead, she proposed a practical approach based on an interdisciplinary framework informed by transnational feminism and Asian queer studies to understand women’s strategic resistance against the fluidity, instability, and situational nature of gender binaries in their everyday lives.

Sexuality and the Rise of China: The post-1990s gay generation in Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China

June 15, 2023

*Prof. Travis Kong, Professor,
Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong*

The GARC invited Prof. Travis Kong from HKU Dept. of Sociology to share his upcoming book, “Sexuality and the Rise of China.” Prof. Kong’s research focused primarily on sexuality/gender among Chinese populations, masculinity, and the social impact of HIV/AIDS. This new book not only explored the changes in personal identities, communities, and culture among young gay men in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China but also discussed how the study of LGBTQ+ community culture and identity within Sinophone societies challenged Western-centric perspectives in gender studies and shed light on the diverse gender cultures and social phenomena within a globalized world. Approximately 70 people were at the venue, filling every seat.

Concepts, Frameworks and Ideas to Capture Asian Gender and Family Changes

November 20, 2023

*Prof. Emiko Ochiai,
Professor of Sociology at Kyoto Sangyo University &
Emeritus Professor at Kyoto University*

Prof. Emiko Ochiai has long been devoted to studying the family structures of modern and contemporary Asia. Through the lenses of historical sociology and comparative sociology, she examined the social organization of Asian families and delved into the theoretical analysis of intimate relationships and kinship from the perspectives of gender and cultural diversity. In this captivating lecture, Prof. Ochiai synthesized her research findings on modern Asian families from a gender and cultural standpoint. She anticipated that related studies would contribute to Japan’s implementation of suitable family policies. She believed that “de-familialized care” could moderately support the unstable family structures and labor conditions caused by modernization. About 70 people attended this lecture, and the lively Q&A session involved discussions between participants and Prof. Ochiai on exploring the possibilities of the humanities and social sciences from an Asian perspective.

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This presentation is based on my book, *Sociology of the Intimate and Public Spheres*, which was published in March, 2023, just before my retirement from Kyoto University. My research as a sociologist has been focusing on family and gender, in most cases, from an Asian perspective. The challenges I always faced were to create adequate concepts and frameworks to do justice to the social reality and life experience of the Asian people. Please let me take this opportunity to share the ideas I have developed in these decades with you and discuss the future of Asian sociology.

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鑲金的鳥籠：科技，發展，及中國的國家資本主義
The Gilded Cage: Technology, Development, and State Capitalism in China



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自2000年中期起，中國沿海省份面臨著勞動密集型出口導向型經濟發展模式所帶來的侷限。為了回應這些挑戰，科技在經濟發展中的角色得到了加強。到了2020年，中國已成為世界第二大數位經濟體。雷雅雯教授闡述了中國科技發展體制的興起及其特點，尤其是該體制過度依賴工具理性的困境。這一體制引發的各種矛盾包括現實與表象之間的鴻溝、國家與資本之間的緊張關係、國家與公民之間的衝突，以及勞工與資本之間的對抗。

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The Gilded Cage: Technology, Development, and State Capitalism in China

January 5, 2024

*Prof. Ya-wen Lei, Professor,
Department of Sociology, Harvard University*

This lecture was based on Prof. Ya-wen Lei's new book "The Gilded Cage: Technology, Development, and State Capitalism in China". Approximately 80 people attended the event. Prof. Lei examined the concept of the "techno-developmental regime" by analyzing China's economic shift between the mid-2000s and 2022, during which China had transformed itself from a labor-intensive and export-oriented economy to an economy with significant technological development. Inspired by the study of the history of science and technology, Professor Lei aimed to analyze how institutions, concepts, cultures, materials, and practices, both within and beyond the nation-state, interacted to influence and shape technology-oriented social and economic development. She employed a bottom-up fieldwork approach, starting from workers and enterprises, demonstrating grassroots workers' sentiments, adaptations, and resistance during the transition between old and new industries toward technological development. Additionally, she explored how the high-tech industry, as the "new bird," formed unequal symbiotic relationships with the state, categorizing labor and industries through the combination of technology and meritocracy, maintaining control over the lower-tier workforce, and causing tension between technology and equality. The Q&A session following the lecture was lively and insightful, with scholars in various disciplines discussing with Prof. Lei about the uniqueness and future prospects of the techno-developmental regime and its comparability with other developmental states.

To Go Nuclear or Not? Nuclear Regimes in Taiwan and South Korea, 1960s-1990s

March 19, 2024

Dr. Hwa-Jen Liu, Associate Professor,
Department of Sociology,
National Taiwan University

From the mid-1980s, the nuclear expansion projects of Taiwan and South Korea led to different outcomes. Professor Liu contended that the root cause for these differences can be traced back to the creation of diverging nuclear regimes in the 1960s. Facing a nuclear-armed rival and lacking a security guarantee from the U. S., Taiwan poured manpower and financial resources into its atom bomb project, and yet this did not yield research and development benefits to the civilian uses of nuclear energy. Planners and technocrats could not foster a domestic market that would incubate indigenous manufacturing and facilitate foreign technology transfer. In contrast, South Korea was under the U.S. nuclear umbrella and devoted the majority of its science and technology resources to civilian nuclear technology. South Korea continuously approved new reactor projects and formed an expanding yet protected market to nurture the designated national champion, KEPCO. To bid in the stringently regulated market, foreign capital had to promise technology transfers to the state-sponsored research institute (KAERI) and to indigenous manufacturers of nuclear fuel, turbines, and steam supply systems. Once these manufacturers matured, they were all incorporated into KEPCO and became its subsidiaries.



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因核而生? 台灣與南韓的核能開發體制 (1960s-1990s)



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台灣與南韓的核能開發，從1980年代中期開始，就呈現停滯與擴張兩種相反的趨勢。要解釋這項差異，不能僅從反核運動的強弱著眼，而必須追溯兩國從1960年代以來如何打造出兩種不同的核能開發體制。台灣在兩岸軍力失衡且缺乏安全保證的條件下，將大量人力與經費投入原子彈研發，一方面排擠了核電部門的研究人力與預算，另一方面也無法打造核電內需市場帶動技術轉移、產業化與核工系所的擴張。南韓則被納入美國於東北亞的核保護傘，將資源大幅投入民用核能開發與核電機組增建，並修改核電內需市場的進場規則，讓韓國原子力研究院與韓國電力公社為首的開發機構，一方面從外國公司進行技術轉移，另一方面再由研究機構的衍生公司來執行設備、燃料製造國產化。南韓核電內需市場的擴張，也創造了數波成立大學核工系所的熱潮，進而造成「應用研究—技術轉移—產業化—人才培育」的循環。



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Taiwanese Wives, Crow Mothers? The System and Challenges of Marriage Migration in Germany featuring Dr. Chieh Hsu.

Speaker: **Dr. Chieh Hsu**

Dr. Chieh Hsu obtained her Ph.D. in Sociology from Heidelberg University in Germany. Before taking her current role as an Assistant Professor at the University of St. Gallen's (Singapore campus), she was an Assistant Research Fellow at the GARC. Her research focuses on family and migration, and she is the author of the book "Family Migration and the Path to an Occupation."

Anchor: **Prof. Pei-Chia Lan**

Prof. Pei-Chia Lan is Professor in the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University and the founding Director of the GARC.

Recording and Post-production: **Mr. Jhao-Min Cio.**

Mr. Jhao-Min Cio is the GARC's former Executive Secretary.



Seeking Diversity in Similarity, Finding Similarity in Diversity. The Struggle and Fragmentation of Identities in the Gender Equality Movement featuring Prof. Huang Chang-Ling.

Speaker: **Prof. Chang-Ling Huang**

Prof. Chang-Ling Huang is the Director of the GARC and Professor in the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, she has served as a board member and president for the Awakening Foundation, the first feminist organization in post-war Taiwan, and has dedicated to the study of gender politics and East Asian politics.

Moderator: **Dr. Wei-Yun Chung**

The Dr. Wei-Yun Chung is an Assistant Research Fellow at the GARC. Before joining GARC, she obtained her Ph.D. in geography from the University of Cambridge and worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow at ARI, National University of Singapore.

Recording and Post-production: **Mr. Jhao-Min Cio**





#MeToo Movement in East Asia featuring Prof. Chang-Ling Huang.

Speaker: **Prof. Chang-Ling Huang**

Moderator: **Dr. Wei-Yun Chung**

Recording and Post-production: **Mr. Jhao-Min Cio**

Toward a “Just Transition” to a Low-Carbon Society: Sociological Issues in Decarbonization featuring Dr. Chung-En Liu.

Speaker: **Dr. Chung-En Liu**

Dr. Chung-En Liu is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University, also a joint faculty member of the International Graduate Program on Climate Change and Sustainable Development at NTU. His research interests revolve around studying climate change and various environmental issues from a sociological perspective, with a particular focus on just transitions and carbon pricing in Taiwan.

Moderator: **Dr. Wei-Yun Chung**

Recording and Post-production: **Mr. Jhao-Min Cio**



Whose Social Movement? Why Study It? Class, Technology, and Research Issues in Social Movements featuring Prof. Ming-sho Ho.

Speaker: **Prof. Ming-sho Ho** is Distinguished Professor in the Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University. His research focuses on political sociology, social movements, and labor sociology. He has recently been studying the dynamics of the anti-extradition movement in Hong Kong.

Moderator: **Dr. Wei-Yun Chung**

Recording and Post-production: **Mr. Jhao-Min Cio**



Grant for Graduate Students' Fieldwork in Asia



This year's awardee is Mr. Bo-Xiang (Cartus) You. He is a Master's student in geography. He utilized this scholarship to conduct interviews and fieldwork in Singapore.

Mr. You's research "Zoning the Cloud: The Geopolitical Economy of Global Data Governance and Digital Sovereignty in Taiwan and Singapore" examined how the recent appeals to digital sovereignty invoke novel territorial configurations and geopolitical concerns in Taiwan and Singapore. Both boosting themselves as the regional "digital hub" in Asia, Taiwan and Singapore have been actively developing their digital economy strategies in response to the evolving frameworks of global data governance. Despite their shared legacies of state-guided development and advanced high-tech industries, Taiwan and

Singapore have adopted similar yet differentiated approaches to global data protection frameworks due to their different geopolitical situations. Mr. You explored such differences through the alignment between global data governance and local policies of cloud industries in these two countries. He suggested moving beyond the never-fulfilled promise of a borderless digital world and focusing on the changing organization and configuration of cloud geographies from physical infrastructures to layered technical architectures.





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