



CALL FOR PAPERS

Recognising Taiwan: A Conference Exploring Taiwan's Society and Political World

16th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies

Nottingham Trent University, UK, 10-12 April 2019

Keynote Speech: Professor Harry Harding (University of Virginia)

'America's Taiwan Dilemma: During and After Derecognition

Deadlines for Submission

Regular Panels: 31 August 2018

MA Panels: 31 October 2018

To mark the 40th anniversary of Taiwan's derecognition by the United States during the winter of 1978-79, the EATS 2019 Conference invites scholarly papers and panel proposals engaging with any aspect of Taiwan, its recognition, and the recognition that Taiwan bestows upon others. Beyond the political realm, the conference is keen to explore aspects of Taiwan's recognition including military alliances, its international trade links, its efforts at environmental preservation and towards environmental consciousness, its cultural diversity and liberalism, its contribution to film, literature and other arts, and its engagement with international charity and foreign aid. However, issues such as the Taiwan legal system's continued willingness to endorse the death penalty also lead to arguably more critical international appraisals that should also be explored. The conference hereby acknowledges the broad spectrum of the 'recognition' theme and enthusiastically encourages papers or panel proposals from across the social sciences, arts and humanities and beyond.

Taiwan's marginalised diplomatic status and lack of widespread formal diplomatic recognition continues to be a pressing concern for the island's government. Under President Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan has once again started to lose formal diplomatic allies to the PRC with Burkina Faso the latest country to renounce its ties in May 2018. In response, the Taiwan government has attempted to enhance other aspects of its diplomatic network with its bid to become a full member of the World Health Assembly the most notorious of these. Nevertheless, Taiwan

continues to be broadly recognised as a strong and stable social, economic, cultural and environmental actor that adheres to international norms of behaviour and makes a positive contribution to this global world. The extent to which diplomatic recognition concerns the Taiwanese people is a lot more contestable and something that the conference also looks forward to exploring.

For submission, please send an abstract of **300 words** (Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 spacing, **3–5 keywords in Word Document**), together with a separate page indicating your **first name, surname, affiliation, status (i.e. Faculty, MA, PhD, Researcher), gender and email contact** to info@eats-taiwan.eu (subject: abstract of SURNAME, Given Name) and cc adina.zemanek@eats-taiwan.eu by **31 August 2018**. Panel proposals should be submitted as one document showing the names of panel organisers with personal information as required above and including 3-4 abstracts in the same format as specified above (subject: panel proposal of SURNAME, Given Name).

To encourage junior researchers, EATS will organise special panels for students currently enrolled in MA programmes. The MA panels are not confined by the theme of the conference, although it should be relevant to the broadly defined field of Taiwan Studies. To submit to MA panels, please send an abstract of **300 words on a topic of your choice** (Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 spacing) together with a separate page indicating your **first name, surname, affiliation, gender and email contact** to info@eats-taiwan.eu (subject: MA abstract of SURNAME, Given Name) and cc adina.zemanek@eats-taiwan.eu by **31 October 2018**.

After a double blind review process, we will announce the successful submissions by **30 November 2018**. Accepted postgraduate presenters (PhD and MA students) who are affiliated with European institutions, or the 2019 Young Scholar Award finalists, will receive a travel grant of €150.