



The 21st Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies in Austria
Vienna Center for Taiwan Studies (VCTS)
University of Vienna, Vienna, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies
8–10 April 2024

Call for Papers

Conference Theme: Conceptualising Gender, Women and LGBTQI+ in / and Taiwan: Subjectivity, Objectivity, and Every Positionality In-Between

Submission deadline: **15 September 2023**

Organising institution

The Vienna Center for Taiwan Studies (VCTS) was established in the Sinology Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Vienna in January 2009, and celebrated its 10th anniversary three years ago. The managing director of VCTS arrived in Vienna as an expert in 'women and law', which subsequently shaped the centre's focus on gender, intersectionality, migration studies, literature, and other related areas of research and teaching. In 2018, VCTS expanded its outreach beyond the university by establishing a regular Taiwan film weekend at the Admiral Cinema, held once per term. Through this initiative, VCTS has developed a network of experts and lecturers specialising in Taiwan film.

Conference theme

The year 2024 marks several pivotal milestones: Tsai Ing-wen will step down after two terms in office, and the 16th president of the Republic of China (ROC) will be elected. It will also be the fifth anniversary of the legalisation of same-sex marriage, prompting a re-evaluation of the concept of 'women', gender, and LGBTQI+ beyond its normative biological meaning, and fostering academic debates related to these notions. Five years will have passed since the escalation of the Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill movement in Hong Kong, which led to the passing of the Hong Kong National Security Law. This established Taiwan as the only Chinese-speaking region with a vibrant civil society unencumbered by the state. Concepts such as subjectivity, objectivity, positioning, marginalisation, oppression, and emancipation aim to encourage contemplation and discussion with regards to the situation of Taiwanese women

and LGBTQI+ individuals, as well as Taiwan itself, in geopolitical, socioeconomic, cultural, and historical contexts.

In this vein, we invite academic contributions from all disciplines that broadly relate to the aforementioned conceptualisation of 'women', gender and LGBTQI+, and its subjectivities and agencies.

We suggest the following topics:

- Women's roles in society, politics, religion, arts, and more
- Postcoloniality in Taiwan
- Remembering and forgetting: Heritage policies in Taiwan
- Taiwan during and after the pandemic
- LGBTQI+ rights and gender equality in Taiwan
- Taiwan in the global context
- Taiwan in East Asia
- Intersectionality in literature and film
- Geopolitics and identities: Taiwanese overseas
- Diversity and ethnicities
- Taiwan and Hong Kong

To provide a diverse range of perspectives, the conference invites researchers from various backgrounds and disciplines to share their studies in the aforementioned fields and beyond. We welcome research papers across all periods, aiming to understand both the current situations and the progress made over time.

Submission

Regular panels

Please submit your abstract to <https://www.conftool.net/eats2024> by **15 September 2023**. Please note that you will have to create a user account first. **One applicant may submit one abstract only. Applicants submitting to the Young Scholar Award are not allowed to submit to regular panels.**

MA panels

EATS welcomes submissions from students currently enrolled in MA programmes. MA panels are **not** restricted to the theme of the conference, although they should be relevant to the broadly defined field of Taiwan Studies. Please submit your abstract to <https://www.conftool.net/eats2024> by **31 October 2023**. Please note that you will have to create a user account first. **One applicant may submit one abstract only. Applicants submitting to the Young Scholar Award are not allowed to submit to regular panels or MA panels.**

Review and acceptance

After a double-blind review process, EATS will announce the successful submissions around **15 November 2023**, but we will strive to announce the results earlier. Accepted postgraduate presenters (PhD and MA students) who are affiliated with European institutions will receive a travel grant.