



2021 Conference of the Taiwan and Asia Program
Democratic Governance in Taiwan
June 4 - 6, A Virtual Event

Friday, June 4

8:00—9:45 p.m. (EDT) (Saturday, June 5, 8:00-9:45 a.m., Taiwan time)

Session I: Taiwan, China, and the World

Chair: **John Hsieh**, University of South Carolina

Yuan-kang Wang (Western Michigan University)

“China’s Economic Statecraft in the Taiwan Strait”

Karl Ho (University of Texas at Dallas)

Tsung Chi Yu (National Taiwan University)

“Evaluating China’s Use of Force in Taiwan: A Policy Analysis”

Elizabeth Freund Larus (University of Mary Washington)

Agata Wiktorja Ziętek (Marie Curie Skłodowska University)

“Taiwan’s Military Posture toward China’s Confrontational Stance”

Zhiqun Zhu (Bucknell University)

“Taiwan’s International Space during the Tsai Ing-wen Administration: A Preliminary Report Card”

Discussants: **Chien-pin Li** (Sam Houston State University)

Lilly Lu (University of South Carolina)

Saturday, June 5

8:00—8:50 a.m. (EDT) (Saturday, June 5, 8:00-8:50 p.m., Taiwan time)

Opening remarks: Dr. John Hsieh and Dr. Robert Cox

Keynote Address: Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao

Representative Bi-khim Hsiao assumed her position as Taiwan’s Representative to the United States in July 2020, after serving as a Senior Adviser to the President at the National Security Council of Taiwan. She previously served four terms in the Taiwan Legislature. For many years she was ranking member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and previously the chair of the USA Caucus in the Legislative Yuan. She has taken on numerous leadership roles in international organizations. She was the Chair of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), an organization representing Asian democratic political parties. Between 2005 and 2012, she was elected Vice President on the Bureau of Liberal International (LI), a London-based global political party organization. She is also a founding Board Member of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy.

9:00—10:30 a.m. (EDT) (Saturday, June 5, 9:00-10:30 p.m., Taiwan time)

Session II: Politics, Bureaucracy, and Governance

Chair: **Robert Cox** (University of South Carolina)

John Hsieh (University of South Carolina)

“Regime Type and Governance: The Case of Taiwan”

I-chou Liu (National Chengchi University)

“Managing Voting for Democracy in Taiwan”

Don-yun Chen (National Chengchi University)

Hsiang-kai Dong (National Chengchi University)

“When Democracy Meets Bureaucracy: Studying Reforms of Taiwan’s Civil Service since Democratization in the Late 1980s”

Discussant: **Hans Stockton** (University of St. Thomas)

10:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. (EDT) (Saturday, June 5, 10:45 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Taiwan time)

Session III: External and Security Policies

Chair: **Marc Moskowitz** (University of South Carolina)

Wei-chin Lee (Wake Forest University)

“Charting the Way Forward: Taiwan’s Civil-Military Relations after 2016”

John Copper (Rhodes College)

“Taiwan’s Foreign Policy: Security, the Economy, Democracy and Other Matters”

T.Y. Wang (Illinois State University)

“David vs. Goliath: Taiwan’s Policy toward China”

Brett Benson (Vanderbilt University)

Emerson Niou (Duke University)

“Kicking the Can down the Road: The 1992 Consensus and the Logic of Strategic Delay in Bargaining”

Discussants: **Vincent Wang** (Adelphi University)

Katherine Barbieri (University of South Carolina)

12:45—2:15p.m. (EDT) (Sunday, June 6, 12:45 - 2:15 a.m., Taiwan time)

Session IV: Domestic Politics and Beyond

Chair: **Krista Van Fleit** (University of South Carolina)

Wei-ting Yen (Franklin & Marshall College)

Li-yin Liu (University of Dayton)

“When Democracy Meets the COVID-19 Pandemic: the Taiwan Experience”

Charles Wu (Purdue University)

Yao-Yuan Yeh (University of St. Thomas)

“Generations, Life-Cycle, Nationalist Education, and War Support in Taiwan”

Dennis Weng (Sam Houston State University)

“What matters most to Taiwan voters? Valence Politics in the 2020 Taiwan Election and Beyond”

Discussant: **Eric Chang** (Michigan State University)

Sunday, June 6

8:00—9:45 a.m. (EDT) (Sunday, June 6, 8:00-9:45 p.m., Taiwan time)

Session V: Economic, Welfare, Environmental and Social Policies

Chair: **Neal Woods** (University of South Carolina)

Yun-peng Chu (Soochow University)

“The Mutinous Mutation of the Developmental State Revisited”

Joseph Wong (University of Toronto)

“From developmentalism to post-industrialism: the evolution of the welfare state in Taiwan”

Dafydd Fell (SOAS University of London)

“Environmental protection after Taiwan’s democratic consolidation: Is democracy working for the environment?”

Wan-Ying Yang (National Chengchi University)

“From political democratization to the claim for social justice”

Discussants: **Yu-Shan Wu** (Academia Sinica and National Taiwan University)

Neal Woods (University of South Carolina)

10:00—11:45 a.m. (EDT) (Sunday, June 6, 10:00-11:45 p.m., Taiwan time)

Session VI: Legislative Politics and Authoritarian Nostalgia

Chair: **Matthew Wilson** (University of South Carolina)

Sanghoon Kim (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

“Voting for Nostalgia? Authoritarian Nostalgia and Political Behavior in East Asia”

Yucheng Liao (University of Houston)

“Debating Arguments on the Mandate-divide in Mixed-member Systems: Evidence from the Bill Initiation and Parliamentary Questions in Taiwan”

Edwina Chih-Yu Chen (University of South Carolina)

Yi-Min Huang (National Taiwan University)

“Constituency Pressure: A Preliminary Study on the Same-sex Marriage Bill Co-sponsorship”

Kuan-Wu Chen (University of South Carolina)

“Mobilization Against Organized Crime in Autocracy: A Comparison”

Discussant : **Matthew Wilson** (University of South Carolina)

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