

Tentative Program of International Conference on “Overseas Chinese and the Modernization of China”

15-18 May, 2013, Xiamen University

Co-organized by the Research School for Southeast Asian Studies at Xiamen University (PR China), the Max Weber Foundation in Bonn (Germany), the Department of History at the University of Freiburg (Germany), and Xiamen Overseas Chinese Museum

Wednesday, 15th May

Registration: Lobby of Hilford Hotel

Thursday, 16th May

Opening Ceremony (9:00-9:30)

Keynote Speech: (9:30-10:10)

“The Concept of Nationstate Revisited – Chinese Migration in global Perspectives” (English)

Zhao Xiaojian (UC Santa Barbara)

Comment: Heinz Duchhardt (Max Weber Foundation, Bonn) (English)

Photo Taking and Tea Break (10:10-10:40)

Panel 1: Contributions of Overseas Chinese to the Modernization of China (10:40-11:40)

Chair: Zhuang Guotu (Xiamen University)

“US Overseas Chinese and their contribution to the modernization of the Chinese sciences”

Li Yinghui (National Chi Nan University, Taiwan) (Chinese)

Comment: Sabine Dabringhaus (University of Freiburg) (English)

“The investigation report on the connection between Chaoshan overseas and their hometown” (Chinese)

Huang Xiaojian and Chen Yong (Hanshan Normal University)

Comment: Wang Wangbo (Xiamen University) (Chinese)

Lunch Time (12:00-14:00)

Panel 2: Homeland Linkages (14:00-15:00)

Chair: Sabine Dabringhaus (University of Freiburg)

“Remittances network and social mobility in the hometowns of Overseas Chinese in North America – A case study of Kaiping and Taishan in the late Qing and Republican period” (Chinese)

Liu Jin (Wuyi University)

Comment: Chao Longqi (Jinan University) (Chinese)

“Overseas Chinese and the spread of Christianity in Guangdong’s Four Counties” (Chinese)
Chao Longqi (Jinan University)
Comment: Liu Jin (Wuyi University) (Chinese)

Tea Break (15:00-15:30)

Panel 3: Integration in Southeast Asia (15:30-16:30)

Chair: Heinz Duchhardt (Max Weber Foundation, Bonn)

“Changing diaspora identities and modern nation building in Indonesia” (English)
Sabine Dabringhaus (University of Freiburg)
Comment: Huang Jianli (National University of Singapore) (English)

“Main factors of Hokkiens as the largest Malayan Chinese dialect group in the early 20th century” (Chinese)
Wang Fubing (Xiamen University)
Comment: Huang Xiaojian (Hanshan Normal University) (Chinese)

Panel 4: Transcultural Individuals (16:30-17:30)

Chair: Zhao Xiaojian (UC Santa Barbara)

“Translocality in the Chinese diaspora: Lee Kong Chian & his Southeast Asian business empire, 1920s-1960s” (English)
Huang Jianli (National University of Singapore)
Comment: Shi Xueqin (Xiamen University) (English)

“‘Vasily’ of China and his Russian friends. Transcultural identities in the Sino-Soviet borderlands” (English)
Sören Urbansky (University of Freiburg)
Comment: Wong Sin Kiong (National University of Singapore) (English)

Dinner (18:00-20:00)

Friday, 17th May

Panel 5: Migration and Families (9:00-10:00)

Chair: Heinz Duchhardt (Max Weber Foundation, Bonn)

“International migration and the left-behind families in China in the first half of the twentieth century: Challenges and sustaining” (Chinese)
Shen Hui fen (Xiamen University)
Comment: Li Yinghui (National Chi Nan University, Taiwan)

“Taishanese ‘widow’ and American concubine – Reconstructing transnational migration and marriage” (English)

Huping Ling (Truman State University Kirksville)

Comment: Shen Huifen (Xiamen University) (English)

Tea Break: (10:00-10:30)

Panel 6: China’s Policies towards Overseas Chinese and China’s Politics Overseas (10:30-11:30)

Chair: Huang Jianli (National University of Singapore)

“Changes and continuities between the ROC and PRC in their policies toward the Overseas Chinese, 1911–1966” (English)

Han Xiaorong (Lingnan University, Hongkong)

Comment: Sören Urbansky (University of Freiburg) (English)

“China’s politics in Nanyang: Reflections from an assassination attempt in Singapore” (Chinese)

Wong Sin Kiong (National University of Singapore)

Comment: Fan Hongwei (Xiamen University) (Chinese)

Closing Ceremony (11:30-11:45)

Closing remark: *Sabine Dabringhaus (University of Freiburg)*

Lunch Time (12:00-14:00)

After-Conference Tour (14:00-16:00): Xiamen Overseas Chinese Museum

Dinner (18:00-20:00)

Saturday, 18th May

Departure