

**FORUM COURSE DESCRIPTION****TAIWAN & HONG KONG****Saturday, April 16, 2011****Formosa Laughs: Surveying Taiwan's Postwar Transformation through Comedy Cinema**

By George Chun Han Wang

Since 1945, Taiwan has achieved a highly developed economy through rapid industrialization and progressive democratic reforms. For six decades, Taiwan's comedy cinema has essentially retained its distinctive grassroots flavors while faithfully documenting Formosa's impressive transformation with humor and laughter. This lecture presents a unique survey of Taiwan's postwar growth through the nostalgic lens of the island's select popular comedy titles, many of them rarely seen by the Western world.

Big Gods and Hidden Spectacle: The Daoist Jiao ritual of Cheung Chau, Hong Kong

By Frederick Lau

Jiao is a traditional Daoist ritual to ward off evil spirits, ask for protection, and make offerings to the deities. Practiced throughout China, jiao has absorbed many regional flavors and interpretations. This paper focuses on the jiao ritual as practiced on Cheung Chau, a small island off the coast of Hong Kong. Well-known for its spectacular shows, the annual Cheung Chau jiao has long been an important event for local residents, though in recent years it has become a popular tourism attraction. This talk considers how Cheung Chau jiao has become an iconic event in Hong Kong's campaign to transform its international image from a shoppers' paradise to a city with traditional culture and a past, and how this re-contextualization has altered local meanings and practices of the ritual.

FURTHER INFORMATION**Dates**

Hong Kong & Taiwan – April 16, 2011

APEC 2011 Hawaii – April 23, 2011

Taiwan & Hong Kong – April 30, 2011

*All sessions take place on Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

APEC 2011 HAWAII**Saturday, April 23, 2011****Higher Education Quality Issues within APEC**

By Dean Neubauer

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) represents a wide range of economies, societies, and systems of higher education. All, however, are situated within a range of change vectors that arise from and are linked to the very nature of globalization. This lecture focuses on (a) the range and differentiation of the higher education systems among APEC countries; (b) the challenges they face from global change; and (c) efforts under way and successes gained in efforts to create and assure higher education quality.

HONG KONG & TAIWAN**Saturday, April 30, 2011****What's So Special? Hong Kong and Macau as "Special Administrative Regions" of China**

By Cathryn Clayton

China has two "Special Administrative Regions": Hong Kong, which was a British colony until 1997, and Macau, which was under Portuguese rule until 1999. Their "special" status is an acknowledgement of their colonial past, and gives each of these cities an unusual degree of autonomy in running their present-day domestic affairs. How have these cities fared under Chinese control? What has changed, and what has not? This presentation will examine the past, present and possible futures of China's two most "special" regions.

Historical Development of Taipei: Globalization, National Identity & Cross-Strait Relations

By Reginald Yin-Wang Kwok

Globalization, national identity, and cross-strait relations are the key factors that shape Taiwan's history, with their full impact landing on the capital, Taipei. Taipei's spatial development, cityscape and landmarks reflect the historical dynamics of their interaction and dominance. This presentation traces the city's development, with illustrations, through four distinct historical periods: Dynastic incorporation (1683-1894); Japanese colonization (1895-1945); Kuomintang rule (1945-1988); and global competition (1988-2008). Finally, the talk will take past and present urban changes to project the city's probable future prospects.

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Place

University of Hawaii — Manoa Campus

• April 16 – Kuykendall Hall #311

• April 23 – Jefferson Hall - Koi Room (Basement)

• April 30 – Kuykendall Hall #210

Registration

All participants are requested to pre-register.

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FORUM FACULTY/SPEAKERS

Cathryn Clayton is Assistant Professor in the Asian Studies Program in School of Pacific and Asian Studies at UH-Manoa. She holds an MA in East Asian Studies from Stanford University and a PhD in cultural anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Her recent book, *Sovereignty at the Edge: Macau and the Question of Chineseness* (2009, Harvard) examines the intersections between sovereignty and Chineseness in Macau during its transition from Portuguese to Chinese rule.

Reginald Yin-Wang Kwok is Professor of Asian Studies, and Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, at UH-Manoa. After working as an architect in London and Hong Kong, he studied urban planning at Columbia University in New York. He has taught architecture in London, at Columbia University, and at the University of Hong Kong. At UHK, he was the founding Director of the Centre of Urban Planning and Urban Studies, before joining UH-Manoa. His interests and teaching areas include the political economy of Chinese development and urbanization, globalization in East Asia, urban economic development, and the cultural impact on urban form in Asia.

Frederick Lau, director of the Center for Chinese Studies and Professor of Music (ethnomusicology) at UH-Manoa, is an ethnomusicologist, flutist, and conductor, active throughout Europe, Asia, and the US. His interests include a wide range of topics in Chinese, Western, and Asian music, and he has conducted ethnographic field research in the PRC, Thailand, Singapore, and Hawai'i, and published widely on traditional Chinese music, music and politics, and Chinese music in the diaspora, among others. In addition to a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he holds a performance diploma from the London Guildhall School of Music.

Deane Neubauer is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at UH, Senior Advisor to the East-West Center, and Director of the Globalization Research Network. He has been in the Department of Political Science at UH since 1970, serving as Chair from 1975 to 1978.

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George Chun Han Wang is Assistant Professor at the Academy for Creative Media, UH-Manoa. Born and raised in Taiwan, he received his MFA from the American Film Institute, and embraces diverse roles in filmmaking, education and research. He was assistant professor of film at UNevada-LV, faculty fellow at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, and American Pavilion faculty mentor at the Cannes Film Festival. He has written articles for the *Journal of Chinese Cinemas*, *Journal of Media Education*, and Italy's *Centro Espressioni Cinematografiche*.

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The focus of this year's "Asia Today" lectures is on Hong Kong, Taiwan, and APEC 2011 Hawaii (a forum for Asia-Pacific economies to cooperate on regional trade and investment issues). These forums will take a closer look at the burgeoning cultures and economies of these up-and-coming powers of East Asia, with interesting detours into Taiwan's comedy film industry, and a look at a spectacular and well-known festival on a small island outside of Hong Kong, among others.

The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange invites you to learn more about these issues at our 25th Annual "Asia Today" Series. Scheduled talks are as follows:

Saturday, April 16, 2011:

Dr. George Chun Han Wang: *Formosa Laughs: Surveying Taiwan's Postwar Transformations through Comedy Cinema*
Dr. Frederick Lau: *Big Gods and Hidden Spectacle: The Daoist Jiao Ritual of Cheung Chau, Hong Kong*

Saturday, April 23, 2011:

Dr. Dean Neubauer: *Higher Education Quality Issues Within APEC*

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Dr. Cathryn Clayton: *What's So Special? Hong Kong and Macau as "Special Administrative Regions" of China*
Dr. Reginald Yin-Wang Kwok: *Historical Developments of Taipei: Globalization, National Identity, and Cross-strait Relations*

All sessions take place from 9a.m. to 12noon on three consecutive Saturdays, with all entrance fees waived for local Hawaii residents.

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Please share this information with your friends and colleagues and plan to join us for one or more sessions. This opportunity is unique and space is limited, so please let us hear from you soon. All lectures are free to the public, however you are requested to pre-register by returning the registration form to CAPE by April 23, 2010.

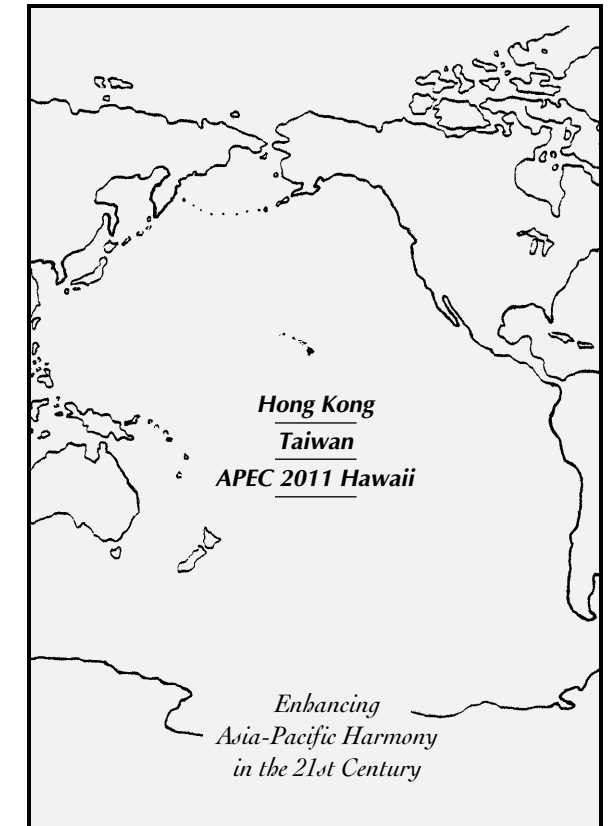
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