FORUM COURSE DESCRIPTION

TAIWAN & HONG KONG

Saturday, April 16, 2011

- 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 for protection, and make offerings to the deities.

- Historical Development of Taipei: Globalization, National Identity & Cross-Strait Relations
  By Cathryn Clayton
  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 (b) efforts under way and successes gained in efforts to create and assure higher education quality.

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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.

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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.

- Administrative Regions” of China
  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 (1980-2008). Finally, the talk will take past and present urban changes to project the city’s probable future prospects.

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.

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.
- Please complete a registration form and send it to CAPE.

Fees
- Fees are waived for all Hawaii residents.

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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. Deane Neubauer: Higher Education Quality Issues Within APEC
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
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