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Alternative Geography)

一、緣起

東亞批判性地理學會(East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography, 簡稱 EARCAG)為以東亞區域為主題之另類地理研究學者之跨國網路, 並致力拓展東亞本地空間議題之研究視角(網址 <http://140.112.63.111/lab/r401/earcag/>)。這群具另類批判意識的知識工作者強調東亞的空間地理研究需要從本地脈絡出發, 而不是照搬西方理論。面對當前資本主義發展日益複雜的相互關聯和排除不均, 我們關注東亞從社區、城市、民族國家到地緣政治等不同領域和尺度的糾纏, 以及在此情境的空間與社會正義應該如何實現。為支持這樣的知識與行動, EARCAG 在韓國(1999、2008、2018)、香港(2001、2016)、日本(2003、2014)、馬來西亞(2012)及台北(2006)等地共舉辦了九屆研討會。

2022 年 EARCAG 年會將再次回到台北, 於 6 月 29 日至 7 月 1 日在台大地理系舉辦。本次會議已邀請到 6 位國內外頂尖學者擔任特邀講者 (keynote speakers), 預計接受 120 篇論文發表。會議全程使用英文進行。

二、舉辦目的及會議主題

本屆研討會主題為：**NEW GEO-POLITICS IN EAST ASIA**

我們正面對一個全新的世界。新形態的連結與排除正在深刻地改變我們所知的政治、經濟和社會。全球疫情最終會以某種方式離開, 但我們看待世界和被他人看待的方式將不再相同。

本屆研討會呼籲反思一切政治之「地緣」意義, 強調從知識的政治、情感的政治、到超越人 (more-than-human) 的政治, 都是在特定的空間關係中啟動、遭遇和糾纏。我們同時需要反思何謂東

亞，探究空間過程何以展現東亞的政治經濟面貌，而政治經濟過程又是如何形塑東亞的空間形式。規劃各場 session 主題包括（但不限於）：

- **Post-Covid Geography: Inequality of Health, Mobility, and Security**

全球疫情正印證了 Bruno Latour 所說的「我們不處於同一個星球」。COVID-19 暴露了這個世界的不平等，涉及種族、階級、性別等不同面向，而在地緣政治過程中加劇。東亞不僅面對著疫情，同時也受到美中新冷戰（包括美國從阿富汗撤軍）的夾擊，以及這兩者相互牽引下關乎健康、移動和安全之新形態地緣政治課題。當下全球疫苗的不均分配、防疫空間中的差異移動性、以及隨疫情誘發的國族主義騷動，都迫使我們需要重新思考何謂地緣政治、重新設想後疫情的地理學。

- **Hong Kong after the National Security Law**

自 1997 年主權移交中國以來，香港經歷了多次社會運動。2019 年爆發的反修例運動不僅加劇了香港與中國之間以及香港社會內部的矛盾，還影響了兩岸關係以及中國與其他西方國家的外交關係。2020 年《香港國家安全法》的通過，象徵著北京對香港控制的全面制度化。香港從殖民地、全球城市到中國特別行政區的社會變化，展現出香港與全球地緣政治的交互影響。香港在後國家安全法時代不斷變化的地緣政治地位，不僅牽動中港關係，亦影響兩岸之間以及中國與西方國家之間的地緣政治關係發展。

- **Geographies of Smart-Led Regeneration: Perspectives from the Global South**

面向智慧化／共享經濟之都市再生，被認為是解決全球南方城市環境和社會經濟問題的「新」發展範式。各種智慧化的政策、空間形式和發展路徑不斷被想像、組裝和合理化，並透過現代的政治、經濟和公民議程對於區域、城市、社區和建築進行更新。特別

是在東亞，這樣的議程重新塑造了國家的都市再生計畫，或為既有的房地產主導的發展或發展型國家的意識形態裹上了一層糖衣。然而，我們相對缺乏對於非西方背景下的智慧型發展和都市再生概念之間的相互依存關係、這些概念在全球北方和南方之間的轉移方式、以及在當地產生新的城市物件和治理主體的社會政治組合的理解和比較。我們需要「去殖民化」智慧化都市再生之地理研究。

▪ **Digital and Geo-Political Transformations of Cities**

在過去的十年中，地緣政治和數位進程急劇重塑東亞城市。東亞內外的地緣政治動態影響了基礎設施、工作、消費、日常生活以及社會和政治行動之數位化途徑。此過程反過來又對城市數位生活帶來了進一步的張力，以及意料之外的效果。我們需要重新檢視並發掘數位化東亞帶來的新的地緣政治機會和挑戰。

▪ **Migration of "Somewhere in Between" in East Asia**

全球移民多半被認為發生在全球北方和南方之間，並暗示了這些移民的成功與失敗。然而，在既不是南方也不是北方，而是介於兩者之間的東亞，存在著一種特殊的人口遷移現象，它已經超越了南北地理框架，並深受地緣政治的影響。移工、跨國人才和留學生等在區域內的「南—南」流動體現當前東亞人口遷移的特點，我們需要填補全球南北遷移論述中的這個空白。

▪ **Redefining “geo” in geopolitics**

過去幾十年來，地理學家對重新定義「geo」一詞的熱情不斷高漲。地理學家從字面上審視動物、植物、真菌、土壤、水、岩石和空氣，希望揭開它們各自的行動力，從而揭示出超越人類（more-than-human）、更接地氣（down-to-earth）的地緣政治。我們經由探討氣候變化與正義、環境保護及其不滿、環保抗爭和環境治理性、本體論政治、伴侶物種的情感政治等議題，尋求於「人類世」中重新定位東亞。

三、 預期效益

在國際化上，基於前九屆研討會運作經驗，我們對於關注東亞發展研究的跨國社群連結與活絡，已有持續而深刻的貢獻。透過爭取將研討會於 14 年後再次回帶到台北舉辦，並邀請當前重要學者來台於會議中進行專題演講，將更有利於國內學者一探此領域學術發展前沿，並促進研究社群跨國交流互動。

在學術研究上，EARCAG 持續在地理學界內外不同領域如國際關係、邊界研究、發展/後發展、國家理論、區域研究之間尋求相互對話，而暫且名之「地緣政治經濟」為我們所珍視的批判/另類視角，反省並重新理解已身東亞境況的特殊性與一般性。目前確定邀請由加拿大 York 大學 Roger Keil 教授、Toronto 大學 Tania Li 教授、美國 Colorado 大學 Timothy Oakes 教授、新加坡國立大學的 James Sidaway 教授、Brenda Yeoh 教授以及台大地理系黃宗儀教授分別擔任六個場次的大會專題演講。

四、 籌備進度

- 投稿方式：將 500 字以內之論文摘要以電子郵件方式寄至會議秘書處，經 organizing committee 審查通過者於會議前提交論文全文。欲自組 session 者，亦將提案計畫包含主題、內容簡介及

預計參與人數，交由 organizing committee 審查。

- 自組 session 截止日期：2022 年 2 月 10 日
- 摘要截止日期：2022 年 3 月 31 日
- 摘要審查完成：2022 年 4 月底。
- 全文提交日期：2022 年 6 月 20 日
- 會議日期：2022 年 6 月 29 日至 7 月 1 日

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七、 特邀講者及講題

- Tsung-Yi Michelle Huang (National Taiwan University)
講題：Good Mountain, Good Water and Good Life: Tourist Gaze and Lifestyle Imagination of Hong Kong Immigrants in Taiwan
- Prof. Roger Keil (York University)
講題：Beyond COVID-19: Repairing the planet after urban society's first pandemic
- Prof. Tania Li (University of Toronto)
講題：Capitalist Transformations on Indonesia's Indigenous Frontiers
- Prof. Timothy Oakes (University of Colorado)
講題：Seeing like a Chinese city: rethinking the politics of infrastructure from the edges of urbanization
- Prof. James Sidaway (National University of Singapore)
講題：Dialogues in Decolonial Geography
- Prof. Brenda Yeoh (National University of Singapore)
講題：Transnational Migration and the Management of Diversity in (Post-)Pandemic Times

八、 論文出版計畫

前兩屆 EARCAG 主要研究成果分別於期刊”Environment and Planning A“及”Geopolitics”以專刊出版。本屆同樣比照先前運作模式，我們準備在會議論文中選擇適當者於”Environment and Planning A”或相等性質國際期刊集結專題，或與出版社接洽以專書形式出版。

九、 Call for Paper

Call for Papers for the 10th East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography
(EARCAG)

NEW GEO-POLITICS IN EAST ASIA

Date: June 29 (Wed.)-July 1(Fri.), 2022

Venue: National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Organizer: Department of Geography, National Taiwan University

It is a critical moment in which we are heading towards a brave new world. New forms of differentiation and articulation are profoundly changing politics, economics and society as we know them. The pandemic will eventually leave, in some way, but the way we see the world and are seen by others may never be the same.

We call for a rethinking of the “geo” of politics on every thing. From the politics of knowledge, the politics of emotion, to the more-than-human politics, all are activated, encountered, and entangled in specific spatial relations, producing certain effects. Also, we need to reflect on the “geo” of East Asia, even though it seems to be an unquestionable geographical category. What is the specific spatial relatedness that makes the politics of everything exhibit a certain kind of East Asian quality and how these political processes are further forged into a particular space form called East Asia, remain questions worthy of our inquiry.

The EARCAG has provided a platform for critical geographers and other social scientists to debate social and spatial issues in East Asia for over 20 years. Given the

increasing complexities, interdependence and inequalities in the development of capitalism around the world, we are concerned with how different territorial and scalar questions of community, city, nation-state, and geopolitics are entwined in East Asia, and how spatial and social justice should be reclaimed and realized in this context.

Potential **session topics** include, **but are not limited to**:

▪ **Post-Covid Geography: Inequality of Health, Mobility, and Security**

The global pandemic has made explicit what Bruno Latour once said, "We do not live on the same planet." Indeed, COVID-19 has exposed the inequality of our world which is geographically marked, conditioned by race, class, and gender, and exacerbated by geopolitical calculations. The new geopolitics of East Asia has to grapple with the inequality of health, mobility, and security that is ushered in by the pandemic and intensified by the new Cold War between the US and the PRC. This topic invites geographers and cultural critics to engage in the imagination and analysis of post-Covid geography by tackling the issues of inequality, as currently manifested in the global disparity of vaccine distribution, the reduced mobility due to public health concerns, and the breaches of security produced by the coupling of climate change, pandemic racism, and global geopolitical shifts, such as the withdrawal of U.S. military from Afghanistan. We believe it is imperative to the rethinking of geopolitics as a humanity-based project, rather than an inter-state dynamic. We invite scholars to consider:

- intensified global inequalities across geography, race, class, and gender in the pandemic
- impacts on the human rights for health, mobility, and survival in the context of geopolitical realignments

▪ **Hong Kong after the National Security Law**

In the two decades since the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997, Hong Kong has experienced a number of social movements. The outbreak of the anti-amendment movement in 2019 not only exacerbated the conflicts between Hong Kong and China and within Hong Kong society, but also affected cross-strait relations and China's diplomatic relations with other Western countries. The passage of the Hong Kong National Security Law in 2020 symbolizes the full institutionalization of Beijing's control over Hong Kong. The social changes in Hong Kong since the transfer of sovereignty show the influence of Hong Kong on global geopolitics in the process of its development from a colony, a global city to China's special administrative region. Against this context, this panel calls for papers address the changing geopolitical position of Hong Kong in the post-National Security Law era, focusing on the geopolitical relations between China and Hong Kong, the two sides of the Taiwan Strait, and China and the West.

- the national security law and its impact
 - the changing geopolitical positions of Hong Kong
 - Sino-Hong Kong relationship
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- **Geographies of Smart-Led Regeneration: Perspectives from the Global South**

Regenerating city towards the smartised/sharing economy are promoted as the 'new' developing paradigm to many urban environmental and socio-economic problems in global south. Diverse policies, forms and trajectories of being smartised are idealised, assembled and normalised to regenerate regions, cities, neighbourhood and buildings in line with political, economic and civil agendas of further modernisation. Particularly in East Asia, such agendas have re-shaped state's urban regeneration schemes, or sugar-coat the old ideology of property-led development or developmental state. Nevertheless, we have less understanding and comparison of inter-dependence between concepts of smart-led development and urban regeneration within different non-western context, and the ways in which such concepts transfer between Global North and South,

and shape the socio-political assemblages to generate the new urban objects and subjects of governance on the ground. We wish to “decolonize” the above phenomena by excavating and foregrounding the following issues:

- mechanisms and rationalities of smart-led urban regeneration
- intersections, circulations, and representations of smart-led urban policies
- new forms of inequalities and geographies produced by smart-led regeneration

▪ **Digital and Geo-Political Transformations of Cities**

East Asian cities have been immensely shaped by geopolitical and digital processes in the past decade. Geo-political dynamics in and beyond East Asia affects how the digitization of infrastructure, work, consumption, everyday life and social and political contestation unfolds. This process in turn creates further tension and unintended consequences to digital life in and around the city. We invite submissions that examine opportunities and challenges associated with new geo-politics in digitized East Asia, paying attention to the following issues:

- changing digital cultures, socialities or spatialities
- digital and data infrastructures for social, economic, environmental or political life
- governing digital city, region, state or supracity

▪ **Migration of "Somewhere in Between" in East Asia**

Most global migration is thought to occur between Global North and South, and hints at the respectively success or failure of these expatriates. However, in East Asia, which is neither South nor North, but somewhere in between, there is a special phenomenon of population migration, which has transcended the North-South geographic framework and been influenced deeply by geopolitics. The “South-South” mobility of migrant workers, talents, students, etc. within the region portrays the characteristics of the current population migration in East

Asian and fills the gaps in the Global North-South migration discourse. In this session, we hope to focus on several topics:

- migrant workers in East Asia
 - female expatriates in East Asia
 - talent flow and knowledge transfer in East Asia
 - international students in East Asia
 - returning migration in post-Covid19 in East Asia
- **Redefining “geo” in geopolitics**

The past few decades have witnessed geographers’ rising enthusiasm in redefining the term “geo.” Geographers literally interrogate animals, plants, fungi, soils, waters, rocks, and air, in the hope of unveiling their respective agency and therefore revealing more earthly, more-than-human and down-to-earth geopolitics. This conference seeks papers that replace East Asia in geopolitics as such. We are particularly interested in but not limited to the following topics:

- climate change and justice
- environmental conservation and its discontents
- environmental protests and emerging forms of environmentalism
- ontological politics
- affective politics of companion species
- relocating East Asia in Anthropocene

Keynote Speakers

- Tsung-Yi Michelle Huang, National Taiwan University
- Roger Keil, York University
- Tania Li, University of Toronto

- Timothy Oakes, University of Colorado
- James Sidaway, National University of Singapore
- Brenda Yeoh, National University of Singapore

Submission of Abstracts

If you are interested in participating in this conference, please send an abstract, no more than 500 words, to earcag2022@gmail.com by March 31, 2022. The organizing committee will review the abstracts and contact you with the result by April 30, 2022.

Organised Sessions

If you are planning to organise a session, please send the title and description of the session to earcag2022@gmail.com by February 28, 2022.

Registration Fee

- Participants from the OECD member countries, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong
 - Faculty: US\$ 150
 - Students: US\$ 70
- Participants elsewhere
 - Faculty: US\$ 70
 - Students: US\$ 35
- EARCAG to offer 5 travel grants for outstanding student papers. Details to be announced later on our website (<http://140.112.63.111/lab/r401/earcag/>).

Accommodation

To be announced

Post-meeting field trip

To be announced

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