

“Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” Invites Professor Chao-ju Chen to Deliver a Lecture Online

NCL co-hosted the fourth online “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” Series with SOAS, University of London on January 28. The lecture was given by Prof. Chao-ju Chen, entitled “Marriage on the Road to Equality: A Taiwan Story”. This lecture attracted more than 50 audiences who attended online to listen to Prof. Chao-ju Chen explain her point of view about same-sex couples' freedom to marry in Taiwan.

Prof. Chao-ju Chen is the Professor of Law at National Taiwan University and Director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at National Taiwan University. She has written extensively in the fields of feminist legal history, equality feminism, and social-legal studies. As an engaged feminist legal scholar, she has also been actively involved in legal, social, and political advocacy in Taiwan.

In this speech, Prof. Chen examined from a critical perspective, the dynamics of law and politics demonstrate a case of “interest convergence,” rather than the application of a determined political will, and advanced the questions of how same-sex marriage should and could have been legalized.

NCL plans to hold 8 overseas “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” with “Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS)” partners every year. Cohosting the lectures online is also considered to maintain internationally academic exchange under the pandemic.



Prof. Chen gives the speech online