

Announcement and Call for Papers

University Of Melbourne International Conference On Taiwan Studies

Spatial Cultures and Cultural Spaces in Taiwan: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.

Conference dates: 9-10 December 2010
Conference location: Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Australia
Conference website: www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/taiwanconference
Deadline to submit: 31 August 2010
Submissions to: Taiwan-conference@unimelb.edu.au

The Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne, in association with the Melbourne University Taiwan Research Reading Group, invites submissions for papers for an International Conference on Taiwan Studies, to be held at the Asia Institute, University of Melbourne on 9-10 December 2010. The conference title is *Spatial Cultures and Cultural Spaces in Taiwan: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*.

Conference themes:

There has been strong interest in the interest in the relationship between culture and space in humanities research worldwide in the last few decades. Space has ceased to be the sole province of geographers, but has become an interest to scholars in anthropology, history, sociology, literary studies, political science and sociology. The question of how people in Taiwan relate to the spaces which they inhabit has been one of the major issues in cultural discussions taking place there in the last 20 or 30 years.

This conference will address the way in which cultural practices interact with physical spaces in Taiwan, including both how space is culturally organized and how culture manifests itself spatially (spatial cultures) and how particular spaces, such as museums, historical sites, art galleries, religious buildings and memorials, are designated as having specifically cultural significance (cultural spaces). It aims to bring together scholars from Australia, Taiwan and other countries who are interested in looking at the reciprocal relationships between culture and space as these are played out in Taiwan. It will be multidisciplinary in focus, and participation by academic researchers working in any area related to the space and culture relationship and by those working in the arts and other domains of cultural activity is welcomed.

The conference will run in conjunction with a **Postgraduate Symposium on Taiwan Studies** to be held on the **7-8 December 2010**, also at the University of Melbourne. Details of the postgraduate symposium can be found at the following website:

www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/events/2010/taiwan_studies_postgraduate_symposium/index.php

How to submit a paper:

Abstracts of approximately **300 words**, with paper titles and the name and institutional affiliations of the presenter should be submitted to Taiwan-conference@unimelb.edu.au by **31 August 2010**.

Any academic enquiries should be directed to Dr Lewis Mayo lmayo@unimelb.edu.au or Dr Du Liping lpd@unimelb.edu.au.

Further details about the conference, including registration costs, accommodation in Melbourne and other matters will be posted soon on the [conference website](#).