

Eye of the Tiger Conference Agenda

2025, May 29th – 31st | Banff Centre



Day 1 | Thursday - May 29, 2025

6:00 PM Welcome Reception

Day 2 | Friday - May 30, 2025

8:15 AM Opening Remarks

Ashley Esarey, University of Alberta

Jieh-min Wu, Academia Sinica

Philippe Rheault, University of Alberta

Angel Liu, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vancouver

8:30 AM Stage Setting Presentation: **Jieh-min Wu**, Academia Sinica, “Taiwan’s China Problem”

Discussants: **Philippe Rheault**, University of Alberta | **Ho-Fung Hung**, John Hopkins University

9:00 AM Q & A

9:30 AM Taiwan and Chinese Imperial Legacies:

Victoria Hui, University of Notre Dame, “What “Unification”? How “China” Has Expanded Territorial Conquest”

Ho-Fung Hung, John Hopkins University, “The Rise and Fall of Independent Taiwan in Seventeenth-Century East Asia”

Peter Perdue, Yale University, “Taiwan in World History: Some Reflections”

Ching-Huan Kuo, University of Michigan, “The First Battle in Four-Hundred Years: How New Party Elites Constrained the Mobilizing Power of “Taiwan Independence” in the 1994 Taipei Mayor Elections

10:50 AM Discussants: **Peter Perdue**, Yale University | **André Laliberté**, University of Ottawa

11:10 AM – 11:40 AM Q & A

1:30 PM Political Competition in Cultural and Economic Spheres:

André Laliberté, University of Ottawa, “Chinese Buddhism and Taiwan’s Soft Power: The Rising Challenge from the CCP United Front”

Kuei-min Chang, National Taiwan University, “Nationalizing Land, Privatizing Charity: The Dismantlement of a Local Welfare Regime in Post-War Taiwan”

Ming-Cheng M. Lo, Christine Pan, Jyun-Jie Yang, University of California-Davis, “Creative Performances of Taiwaneseeness in International Sports Events” (remote)

Rena Sasaki, John Hopkins University, “Strengthening Taiwan-Japan Paradiplomacy: The Strategic Case of the Yaeyama Islands”

Po-Yi Hung, National Taiwan University, “When Taiwan and China Meet on the Ocean: Fisheries and the Reconsideration of State Territoriality Maritime Borders”

3:10 PM Discussants: **Jackson Yeh**, University of Alberta | **Kuei-min Chang**, National Taiwan University

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Q & A

Day 3 | Saturday – May 31, 2025

9:15 AM Opening Remarks

9:30 AM Taiwan’s China Issue in International Relations and Security Considerations:

James Lee, Academia Sinica, “The United States, the UK, and the Sovereignty of Taiwan”

Kuan-Chia Lin, National Taiwan University, “Chinese Public Attitudes Toward Taiwan: Nationalism and Military Unification in the Xi Jinping Era” (remote)

Ashley Esarey, University of Alberta, “Youth Views of China as a Military Threat in Politically Divided Taiwan”

Titus Chen, National Chengchi University, “Reactive Revisionism: Quantifying and Attributing China’s Revisionist Coercion in the Taiwan Strait”

10:50 AM Discussant: **Andrew J. Nathan**, Columbia University (remote)

11:10 AM – 11:40 AM Q & A

1:00 PM Roundtable: Conclusions & Next Steps

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