

Chih-Chieh Tang

Education:

- 1989.06 B.A. Electrical Engineering, National Taiwan University
1992.07 M.A. Sociology, National Taiwan University
2002.09 Ph.D. Social Science, Fakultät für Soziologie, Universität Bielefeld

Academic Appointments:

- 2003.01-2009.09 Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
2009.10-2020.01 Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
2020.02- Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Professional Experiences:

- 2004.01-2005.12 Associate Secretary-General & Chief-Editor of Newsletter, Taiwanese Sociological Association
2004.02-2011.01 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
2010.01- Advisory Board Member, European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan, University of Tübingen, Germany
2011.02-2019.12 Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
2015.01-2016.12 Editorial Board of *Taiwanese Sociology*
2016.01-2019.10 Editorial Board of Thought and Words: Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences
2017.04- Soziale Systeme: Zeitschrift für soziologische Theorie, Editorial Board

Awards and Honors:

- 1996.09-2000.12 Scholarship of Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)

Fields of Specialties and Interests:

Systems Theory, Historical Sociology, Traditional China Study (Sinology), Taiwan Study

Brief statement of research:

The core of my academic concern is to search for an adequate description and understanding of contemporary Taiwan. Since my doctoral dissertation, I tried to approach this ideal by studying Taiwan's past, which is interwoven by indigenous, Chinese, Japanese and European influence. I adopted Niklas Luhmann's perspective of systems theory, especially his view on different forms of system differentiation to investigate the long-term structural change from traditional China to modern Taiwan. I attempted to build a framework that was general enough to offer a guide for my studies of different social spheres, and heuristic enough to stimulate my future engagement for developing a native theory. Until now I have explored the systems of politics and religion, and have made some more detailed and intensive studies about economic semantics, the public/private distinction, the public sphere, and the history of sport and exercise. Keeping this line of research, I wish to begin to place more emphasis on the mutual influence between semantics and societal structures, as well as a comparative study of civilization.

Biography

Tang, Chih-Chieh is an associate fellow of the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica as well as adjunct associate Professor of Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University. He received his Ph.D. degree of social science from Universität Bielefeld in 2002, and served as the vice secretary of Taiwan Sociological Association (2004~2005). His research and teaching interests include systems theory, historical sociology, the Chinese history and Taiwan study. Recently, his research focuses on the issue of multiple modernities and the comparative studies of civilizations.

Publications

Works in English:

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- Revolution and After”, Pp.1128-1153 in *The SAGE Handbook of Political Sociology*, edited by William Outhwaite & Stephen Turner. London: Sage.
- 2018 “A Rewriting Experiment of Modernity from the Perspective of Connected Histories: Taiwan as a Laboratory of Modernity,” *Journal of Historical Sociology* 31(3), 330-345.
- 2018 “Literatization vs. Civilization: A Preliminary Comparison of the Development of Sport in China and the West with a Focus on Violence,” *Soziale Systeme* 23(1-2): 174-190.
- 2014 Hsiao-Mei Juan & Chih-Chieh Tang, “The Issue of Individualised Risk Viewed from the Perspective of the Development of Taiwanese Society,” Pp. 60-74 in *Risk Society: Individualization in Young Contemporary Art from Germany*, edited by J. J. Shih. Taipei: Taipei Culture Foundation.
- 2013 “Towards a Really Temporalized Theory of Event: A Luhmannian Critique and Reconstruction of Sewell’s *Logics of History*,” *Social Science Information (SUR LES SCIENCES SOCIALES)* 52(1).
- 2010 “Yundong: One Term for Two Different Body Cultures,” *East Asian Sport Thoughts: The International Journal of Sociology of Sport* 1: 73-104.
- 2010 Mau-kuei Chang, Ying-Hwa Chang & Chih-Chieh Tang, “Indigenization, Institutionalization and Internationalization: Tracing the Paths of the Development of Sociology in Taiwan,” Pp. 158-191 in *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for a Global Sociology Vol.2*, edited by Michael Burawoy, Mau-kuei Chang, and Michelle Fei-yu Hsieh. Taiwan: Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, Council of National Association of the International Sociological Association.
- 2010 “Public and Private in China and the West: A Preliminary Observation on the Interaction between Semantics and Societal Structures,” paper presented at International Workshop *Comparative Studies of “Public” and “Private” in Japan and China*, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Hong Kong: The University of Hong Kong, 2010-08-08 ~ 2010-08-10.

Works in German:

- 2024 “Die strukturelle Kopplung von Stratifikation und politischen Amtsdiensten in der chinesischen Geschichte: Eine vorläufige Studie,” in *Systemtheorie und Antike Gesellschaft*, edited by Aloys Winterling. Oldenbourg: De Gruyter.
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- 2014 “Tiyu oder Yundong? Warum es im Chinesischen zwei Begriffe für Sport gibt,” *Kulturaustausch: Zeitschrift für internationale Perspektiven*, 2014/1: 27.
- 2007 “Ereignis/Struktur: Eine unterentwickelte, aber vielversprechende Unterscheidung in der Systemtheorie von Niklas Luhmann,” *Soziale Systeme: Zeitschrift für Soziologische Theorie* 13 (1+2): 86-98.
- 2004 *Vom traditionellen China zum modernen Taiwan: Die Entwicklung funktionaler Differenzierung am Beispiel des politischen Systems und des Religionssystems*. Wiesbaden: Deutscher Universitäts-Verlag.

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- 2023 “An Adventure for Searching Alternative Reference Frame: Reconsidering East Asian Modernity by Escaping from Empire as Analytic Guideline,” pp. 97-178 in *Reflection and Transformation: Academic Paradigm, Social Issues, and Local Development*, edited by Kuang-Hui Yeh. Taipei: Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica.
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- 2016 Hung-Chang Wu, Fengtsan Lin & Chih Chieh Tang, “The Sunflower Movement Viewed from the Horizon of the Structure of Cold War,” Pp. 75-114 in *(En-)Lightening: The Amplitude, Depth and Horizon of the Sunflower Movement*, edited by Hsiu-Hsin Lin & Rwei-ren Wu. Taipei: Rivegauche.

- 2015 “Book Review: The Issue That Taiwan Must Face: Greeting the Publication of War and Society,” *Taiwanese Sociology* 56: 241-247.
- 2014 “The Paradoxical Coexistence of Civilization and Violence: An Exploratory Study of the Chinese Civilizing Process Illustrated with the Rise and Fall of the Ball Games,” *Router: A Journal of Cultural Studies* 19: 91-152.
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