

Conference Announcement

Transnational Migration from the Global Perspective

The 7th International Conference of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries
for Chinese Overseas Studies (WCILCOS)
in Conjunction with the Centennial Jubilee of the Cornell University
Library's Charles W. Wason Collection on East Asia

Co-organizers:

Cornell University Library and Ohio University Libraries
with the assistance of the Institute of Overseas Chinese at Hua Qiao University

September 27-28, 2018

Cornell University Library and Ohio University Libraries are pleased to announce that they will jointly organize *the 7th International Conference of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies*, from September 27 to 28, 2018, at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, USA. This event is held in conjunction with the centennial jubilee of Cornell University Library's Charles W. Wason Collection on East Asia. The Institute of Overseas Chinese at Hua Qiao University will provide assistance to this academic gathering.

Conference Theme

The conference theme will be *Transnational Migration from the Global Perspective*. During the past two decades, scholars and librarians around the world have greatly increased their interest in the study of transnational migration and related archival materials. Many migrants maintain various ties to their homelands while they are incorporated into their adopted countries. The study of transnational migration has emerged as an inherently interdisciplinary field across borders, even as the political and cultural salience of nation-state boundaries remains strong. Therefore, the 7th WCILCOS conference will expand its scope from overseas Chinese issues to a wide range of topics concerning transnational migration. Scholars and librarians are inseparable partners in academic pursuit. This conference will bring them together to examine critical issues related to transnational migration, to exchange ideas and experiences, to understand and analyze each other's challenges, and to share common concerns. This event will also honor the 100th anniversary of the Charles W. Wason Collection on East Asia at Cornell University Library. An exhibition on the history of the Charles W. Wason Collection will be held at Cornell University Library.

Topics

The conference seeks roundtable, panel and paper proposals revolving around, but not limited to, the following topics:

1. Theoretical and methodological developments for migration studies
2. History of the transnational migration
3. Migration societies
4. Assimilation, acculturation and multiculturalism
5. Identity issues
6. Culture and cultural impacts
7. Economy
8. Government policies

9. Law and Regulations
10. Relations between migrants and their original countries
11. Ethnic relations
12. Religions
13. Education
14. Literature
15. Business networks
16. News media
17. Genealogies
18. Archeological discoveries
19. Family relations
20. Medicine and Health
21. Women status
22. Social organizations

Papers and Registration

Proposals are welcome from academics, librarians, graduate and undergraduate students. Continuing with the WCILCOS tradition, the conference will accept papers in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. For individual papers please submit a 300-500 word abstract and a brief personal bio. Abstracts should include email address. For panel presentations, please submit a panel abstract of 450 words or less, along with the names and paper titles of each presenter, contact email information for the primary contact person, and a brief bio for each presenter. Panels should include three to four presenters. We will provide moderators for each panel session.

Please email the abstract and proposal to wason2018@cornell.edu. All abstracts and bios should be sent in one single attachment in Microsoft Word document (.doc) format. Name the attachment with your last name and the words "paper proposal" (for individual paper) or the panel organizer's last name and the words "panel proposal" (for panel presentation). The text should be prepared on letter/A4 size paper (8.5"x11"), single-spaced, and in 12-point font.

Important Deadlines:

Abstract Submission due by August 1, 2018.

Acceptance Notification will be sent by August 15, 2018.

The conference will select high-quality papers to be published.

Registration: With financial support from Cornell University Library and Ohio University Libraries, conference attendance is being offered free of charge. We do, however, require that [all attendees register](#) in advance.

Conference Site

The [City of Ithaca](#), nestled in the scenic [Finger Lakes](#) region of upstate New York, is best known for being the home of [Cornell University](#) and is famous for its great natural beauty surrounded by gorges, creeks, waterfalls, sparkling lakes, picturesque hills, and meandering footpaths. By car, Ithaca is an hour's drive from [Syracuse](#), two hours from [Rochester](#), three hours from [Buffalo](#), and five hours from New York City. By flight, [Ithaca](#) is served by Delta (1-800-221-1212) via Detroit, American Airlines (1-800-433-7300) via Philadelphia, and United (1-800-864-8331) via Newark. There is frequent intercity bus service to Ithaca from [New York City](#) and limited bus service to Ithaca from [Syracuse](#), [Rochester](#), and [Buffalo](#)

provided by Greyhound Lines, New York Trailways, and Shortline. More [travel information](#) can be found on the conference website.

Accommodations

Attendees are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. However, the conference has reserved a number of room blocks for the conference participants at the Statler Hotel, Ithaca Marriott Downtown on the Commons, the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Ithaca, and the Hotel Ithaca, with special pricing available until late August/early September. Any rooms not booked by the contract date will be released back to the hotel for general sale. As hotel rooms in Ithaca are in extremely high demand, we strongly urge participants to make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations can be made online or by calling the hotel directly. More [hotel information](#) can be found on the conference website.

Web Site

For more information, visit the conference website at: asia.library.cornell.edu/conference2018

Cornell University

Cornell University, founded in 1865, is a member of the Ivy League. With the motto “any person can find instruction in any study,” Cornell has produced 58 Nobel laureates, two Chinese ambassadors to the US, and one US ambassador to China.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University

Ohio University

Ohio University is the first university chartered by the Act of Congress in the US in 1787. Officially founded in 1804, it is also the oldest university in Ohio. Sir Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, Nobel laureate and President of the Royal Society, is one of the distinguished among 240,000 living alumni.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_University

Hua Qiao (Overseas Chinese) University

Hua Qiao University, founded in 1960, is a national university for the Chinese diaspora to study in China. It is famous for Overseas Chinese research. In 2015 the university successfully held the 6th WCILCOS conference.

http://en.hqu.edu.cn/About/Huaqiao_University.htm

WCILCOS Conference

Since 2000, the WCILCOS has organized international conferences in Athens, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guangzhou, Vancouver, and Xiamen. That these conferences were well received is evident by the fact that Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa met with the Ohio University delegation led by President Robert Glidden and Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents Roderick Chu in the 2003 conference; Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo delivered the keynote speech at the 2005 conference, and Canadian Prime Minister Harper and British Columbia Province Premier Clark sent congratulation letters to the 2012 conference. The following is a brief summary of each conference.

2000 Ohio University / 57 attendees from 10 countries and regions (US, Canada, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, Japan, Russia, and Australia) / 4 panels

2003 The Chinese University of Hong Kong / 142 attendees from 19 countries and regions (US, Canada, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, India, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, France, Switzerland, and South Africa) / 18 panels

2005 National Library Board of Singapore / 260 attendees from 17 countries and regions (US, Canada, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Australia) / 23 panels and 5 public lectures

2009 Jinan University of China / 204 attendees from 23 countries and regions (US, Canada, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Netherlands, UK, South Africa, and Cuba) / 32 panels

2012 University of British Columbia / 152 attendees from 14 countries and regions (US, Canada, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, UK, France, Cuba) / 28 Panels

2015 Hua Qiao University / 176 attendees from 14 countries and regions (US, Canada, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Russia, Netherlands, Germany, UK, and Switzerland) / 27 panels

<https://overseaschineseconfederation.org/>