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New Issues and New Challenges in Uncertain Times

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS I

Structure/Mechanism Explanation and the Evolution of the Structure-Mechanism Relationship after the Big Bang

Abstract

Structure/mechanism explanation is the core of sociological analysis. But why does it have to be? For example, why is the explanation in physics centering on laws rather than the structures/mechanisms? And what is the relationship between structures and mechanisms in sociology? Specifically, do structures determine mechanisms or vice versa, or are there any other kinds of explanations? Driven by these confusions, I integrate my physics, chemistry, biology, and social sciences knowledge to propose a unified model that captures a constantly evolving and complex relationship between structure/mechanism, formed immediately after the Big Bang. Based on this model, I discuss how the structure-mechanism relationship evolves, what are the patterns behind, as well as what are the model's implications for social analyses.

Speaker: Professor ZHAO, Dingxin
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Bio

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Chair: Professor KAN, Ge Lin, Professor, Head of Urban Governance and Design Thrust, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou).

Discussant: Professor TIAN, Geng, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Peking University.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS II

Postcritique and the Sociology of China in Uncertain Times

Abstract

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, Western politicians, led by Trump in the US, were framing China as posing an existential threat to Western democracy. This trend has only gotten worse since the outbreak of the pandemic. As Weiss (2021) puts it, “No matter how carefully the [Biden] administration differentiates between the Chinese government and people of Chinese ethnicity, this good-versus-evil rhetoric creates a permissive environment for xenophobia, anti-Asian racism, and violence against anyone perceived as foreign.” The tasks for scholars who study China are not only how to avoid contributing to this good-versus-evil rhetoric, but also how to challenge it. I draw on insights from scholars of postcritique to explore possible new avenues of scholarly and public engagement. Postcritique is an intellectual trend with origins in the post-60s critique of self-serving social theory. In the recent decade, literary scholars have spearheaded a new wave of soul-searching which has come to be known as postcritique. The target of postcritique is the hermeneutics of suspicion underlying conventional forms of literary and social critique. With its Cold War roots, this hermeneutics of suspicion has led to a thought style that disparages the everyday life-world in favor of abstraction and theoretical explanation, where the objects of study are treated as criminal suspects and “accounting for the social causes of something serves as a means of downgrading it” (Felski 2015, p. 23). Postcritique is not a rejection of critique, but a call for a new orientation toward social analysis, one that is marked by empathy, sympathy, and hope. Implications for the sociology of China in these uncertain times are discussed.

Speaker: Professor YANG, Guobin

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Chair: Professor WEN, Ming, Professor, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

Discussant: Professor LIU, Sida, Professor, Faculty of Law and Professor by courtesy, Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong.

PANEL SESSIONS

Friday December 16th (UTC+8, Beijing Time) – Day 1

Plenary Session I: Day 1, 9:00 – 10:20 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)		
Session Title	Paper Title	Presenter
<p>Welcoming Remarks from Professor NI, Lionel M., the President of HKUST (GZ) Welcoming Remarks from Professor WU, Xiaogang, the President of ICSA Chair: KAN, Ge Lin (HKUST (GZ))</p> <p>ZOOM ID: 929 4752 1162 Time: 9:00-9:15 am (pre-registration required)</p>		
<p>Keynote Speech I</p> <p>Chair: KAN, Ge Lin (HKUST (GZ))</p> <p>Discussant: TIAN, Geng (PKU)</p>	<p>Structure/Mechanism Explanation and the Evolution of the Structure-Mechanism Relationship after the Big Bang</p> <p>ZOOM ID: 929 4752 1162 Time: 9:15-10:15 (pre-registration required)</p>	<p>ZHAO, Dingxin (ZJU, UChicago)</p>
Plenary Session II: Day 1, 10:25-12:00 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)		
Session Title	Paper Title	Presenter
<p>Keynote Speech II</p> <p>Chair: WEN, Ming (HKU)</p> <p>Discussant: LIU, Sida (HKU)</p>	<p>Postcritique and the Sociology of China in Uncertain Times</p> <p>ZOOM ID: 929 4752 1162 Time: 10:25-11:25 (pre-registration required)</p>	<p>YANG, Guobin (UPenn)</p>
<p>Nan Lin Graduate Student Paper Award Annoucement of ICSA Board Member Election Results and 2023 Meeting Site <i>Journal of Cities and Society</i> (《城市与社会学刊》) Chair: WU, Xiaogang</p> <p>ZOOM ID: 929 4752 1162 Time: 11:30-12:00 (pre-registration required)</p>		

Parallel Sessions: Day 1, 14:00 – 15:30 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)

Session No.	Paper Title	Presenter
1.1 Chair: HU, Anning ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Perceived Social Justice in Urbanizing China	GONG, Lin; CHEN, Juan; LIU, Mengyu
	Religious Diversity, Majority-Minority Status, and Outgroup Tolerance	ZHANG, Huiquan Tony
	Disease, Scapegoating, and Social Contexts: Examining Contextual Factors of the Support for Racist Naming of Covid-19 on Twitter	LU, Yun
	Intensive Intergroup Contact Polarizes Chinese Straight Youths' Attitudes toward LGB Peers	JU, Guodong
1.2 Chair: JI, Yingchun ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Differential Costs of Raising Grandchildren on Grandmother-Adult Child Relations in Black and White Families	HOU, Yifei
	The Children-Care Time-Use Study in the Inter-Generational Families	TANG, Jialu; WANG, Junhui; SHI, Yuzhu
	Reproduction of Inequality: Relative Earnings and Chinese Parents' Time Spent on Reproductive Labor	XU, Chi
	Are Children in Cross-National Families Disadvantage in Early Childhood Development?	LU, Shuya; YEUNG, Wei-Jun Jean
1.3 Chair: JIN, Lei ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	COVID-19 Survivors: How Pandemic Precautions Result in Lingering Discrimination in China	LI, Xiaoguang; GUO, Xiaoxian
	COVID-19 Experiences and Family Wellbeing: Latent Class Analysis	CHEN, Xuejiao
	Vaccination Rate, COVID-19 Death, and Economic Recovery —A Longitudinal Study of State-Level Indicators from April to December 2021	HAO, Feng
	Pandemic-Related Strain and Cyber Delinquency Among Urban-Native and Rural-to-Urban Migrant Children in China: A Moderated Mediation Analysis of Negative Emotions and Resilience	YAO, Wei; ZHONG, Hua Sara; JIA, Xin-Ge
1.4 Chair: SUN, Xiulin ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Social Consequences of Status Inconsistency in China, 2011-2021	FAN, Xiaoguang; GONG, Shun
	The Significance of Indigenous Socioeconomic Index in Contemporary China	WANG, Yanrong; HOU, Yujia
	Leisure or Labour? The “Punching-Card” Analogy of Museum Visits among Urban Middle Class Women in China	LI, Yifang; XIE, Jieyi
	Taxation and Equity: The Study of Additional Individual Income Tax Deductions	HE, Rui; LI, Jun

1.5 Chair: YU, Jia ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	What does marriage bring to working women? An Analysis Based on Social Capital Theory	JIANG, Yali
	Conflict Management Strategies and Marital Stability in Cross-border Stepfamilies in Hong Kong	TO, Wai-Chun Clara
	Conjugal or Intergeneration? Parental Intervention and Marital Well-Being in China	DU, Shichao
	How Much Do Chinese Couples Value the Children? – An Evaluation of Divorce Risk Based on 2010-2018 CFPS Data	YAO, Yuchao

Parallel Sessions: Day 1, 15:40 – 17:10 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)

Session No.	Paper Title	Presenter
2.1 Chair: TONG, Yuying ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	The Twilight of Chinese Aristocracy: How Family Pedigree, Father's Position, and the Imperial Exam Shaped Social Mobility, 618-907 CE	WEN, Fangqi; WANG, H. Erik
	Income Inequality and Shadow Education in China: From The Perspective of Social Stratification	GONG, Yuexuan; XUE, Haiping; CHEN, Tao
	Is Shadow Education a Myth? How School Affects Private Tutoring in China	PAN, Zhi-Di
	The Long-term Effects of Early Childhood Education on the Academic Performance of Primary and Middle School Students in China	MA, Gaoming; ZHANG, Jiayu; DAI, Haijing
2.2 Chair: SHENG, Zhiming ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Neighbourhood Attachment, City Attachment, or Beyond? Residential Mobility and Scales of Place Attachment in Shanghai, China	LU, Tingting; KAM, Yui Chung; CHANG, Jiang; MAO, Sanqin
	Building Cohesive Neighborhood in Shanghai	MIAO, Jia
	Context-Dependency of Fairness Evaluations: Does Information About Inequalities Matter?	OLIVOS, Francisco; LIU, Minhui; CASTILLO, Juan Carlos
2.3 Chair: ZHOU, Muzhi ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Valuation of Domestic Work: Construction of Stay-at-Home Motherhood among Elite Chinese Migrants in Singapore	MU, Zheng
	Should I Learn Their Language? Economic Chasing and Social Integration of Chinese Immigrants in Cambodia	CHEN, Silu; TONG, Yuying
	How Social Networks and Provincial Crime Rates are related to the Employment Stability of Migrant population in China	YAO, Jinxin

	Which Hierarchy Matters? Subjective Social Status, Status Incongruence and Well-being among High-skilled Mainland Migrants in Hong Kong	SUN, Biyang, JIN, Lei
2.4 Chair: CAI, Tianji ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Coercive Parenting and Juvenile Delinquency in China: Assessing Gender Differences in the Moderating Effect of Empathic Concern	WU, Kehui; LI, De Spencer
	Tireless Toothless Tigers: Local Cyberspace Administration Offices in China	LIU, Jinjin
	Demonstrating Deservingness in College Tuition Crowdfunding Campaigns	HAN, Siqi
	Bring Family Back in: A Rational Choice Approach on Educational Gender Inequalities	GUO, Maocan
2.5 Chair: YE, Hua ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Cultural Norms or Rational Calculation? A Mixed-methods Analysis of Chinese Parents' Educational Aspirations	XUE, Kefan; LUO, Henglong; AINIWAER, Aikedan
	Capitalizing on Global Education Uncertainties: How International Education Agents in China and Taiwan Commodify Application Process to American Schools	TU, Siqi; CHEN, Han Kenneth
	Social Capital, Civic Participation, and Parents' Educational Expectation in Megacities of China	CHEN, Meng
	The Tension between Money and Culture: Inequality, Economic Capital, Cultural Capital and High School Students' Educational Achievement	WANG, Jingjing; WU, Yuxiao
Parallel Sessions: Day 1, 19:00 – 20:30 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)		
Session No.	Paper Title	Presenter
3.1 Chair: ZHONG, Hua Sara ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Market Transition, Occupational Status, and Depression in Urban China: A Population-based Multilevel Analysis	LAI, Dongpeng; XU, Yanhui; CHANG, Qingsong
	"The Unhappy Householders": Will Quality of Employment Alleviate Negative Emotions Associated with Mortgage Payments?	HUANG, Anqi; JIANG, Anli; WANG, Jiwen
3.2 Chair: ZHANG, Chi ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Network Ties, Relationship Quality, and Cognitive Function in Later Life	LI, Meiyi
	The Relationship between Internet Use and Cognitive Function among Middle-Aged and Older Adults: The Moderating Role of Education	GE, Linghan
	Socioeconomic Gradient in Chinese Parents' Mental Health: the Role of Parental Styles and Children's Performance	GU, Peiwei
3.3 Chair: LI, Angran	Why Women Own Less in China? Sibship Structure, Intersibling Transfer, and Gender Inequality in Homeownership	WEN, Fangqi; CHENG, Cheng

ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Rewards, Responsibilities and Risks: Gendered Experiences of Networking among Chinese Female Entrepreneurs	LI, Lulu; SONG, Jing
	Division of Household Labor and Married Couple's Subjective Well-being in China	HUANG, Yifei
3.4 Chair: SONG, Jing ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Cross-Spouse Influence in Child Care Time: The role of parents' education in Japan, South Korea, Italy, the United Kingdom and Finland	ZHOU, Muzhi; HERTOG, Ekaterina
	Unequal Parenting: Class, Ethnicity, and Upbringing in China	YANG, Miaoyan; WANG, Jia
	Migration of Minority Children to Chinese Cities: Opportunities and Constraints	LI, Qiao
	Rural Depopulation and Youth Development in China	GU, Xiaorong; HU, Shu
3.5 Chair: LI, Zhonglu ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	The Intergenerational Transmission of Political Views from Parents to Children in Hong Kong	ZHANG, Han
	The Mental Scar of Political Violence: The Long Shadow of the Mao Era	WEN, Fangqi; XU, Kim; PAYNE, Collin
	China's Social Volcano Revisited: Unfair Treatment due to Income Inequality and Political Evaluations in China	WU, Jinfeng; XU, Muyao
	Reformer's Paradox: Procedures and Protests	ZHU, Fangsheng

Saturday December 17th (UTC+8, Beijing Time) – Day 2

Mentoring Session: Day 2, 8:00 – 9:00 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)

Graduate School Application and Information Session

Chairs: WU, Xiaogang (NYU Shanghai) and ZHANG, Zhuoni (HKUST GZ)

Panelists:

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Parallel Sessions: Day 2, 9:00 – 10:30 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)

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4.1 Chair: SAKAMOTO, Arthur ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Exploring the Relationship Between Gender Inequality and Female-Victim Intimate Partner Homicide in Mainland China via Data Mining Approach	GU, Yuxuan; ZHONG, Hua Sara
	Online Media Use, Political Participation, Parental Status and Political Trust: Evidence from an Internet Survey on Public Attitudes toward a Child-Abuse Case in China	ASIAMA, Aikins Amoako; CHEN, Shuangye; ZHONG, Hua Sara
	Periodicity of Sex Worker Touring: An Image Assisted Analysis	CAI, Tianji
	Rethinking Victim-Offender Relationship: Evidence from Rape Sentencing Documents in China	CHEN, Manting; XIN, Yanyu
4.2 Chair: OU, Dongshu ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	“Open the Black Box of Schooling”: The Elimination of Town Students in Elite Urban High Schools	ZHANG, Xianni
	Towards Merit-based Labor Market? Evidence from the first job earnings of Chinese college graduate	LI, Zhonglu
	Educational Differences in Age-Graded Household Financial Trajectories	LI, Zhi
4.3 Chair: MIAO, Jia ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Self-perceived Discrimination during the Covid-19 Pandemic: Racial and Temporal Differences	AN, Weihua
	Two Years Later: The Early-2020 COVID-19 Outbreak in China and Subsequent Flourishing	QIAN, Yue; FAN, Wen
	The Impact of Lockdown on Police Service Calls During the COVID-19 Pandemic in China	XIA, Yiwei

	Religion and Suicide in China: A Preliminary Study	ZHANG, Jie
4.4 Chair: ZHANG, Yongjun ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Teachers' Beliefs about Educational Quality: Examining the Power of School Settings through Survey Experiments	YUAN, Xiao; OLIVOS, Francisco
	Duration and Timing of Parental Out-migration on Early Childhood Development in China	YANG, Xiuqi
	Migrant Children's Digital Deficit In Online Learning During The Covid-19 Pandemic: Evidence From Stone School In Hangzhou, China	ZHANG, Guanli; ZHOU, Muzhi; WALKER, Robert; YANG, Lichao
	Caring for Parents and In-Laws in China: Implications for Cognitive Functioning of Adult Child Caregivers	LIN, Zhiyong
4.5 Chair: SONG, Xi ZOOM ID: 961 0360 4127	Ascribed Factors, Achieved Factors and Housing Career of Residents in Urban China	MU, Xueying; CUI, Can; XU, Wei
	The Intergenerational Transfer of Housing Advantage: Examining Tenure and Residential Location Outcomes	CUI, Junru; ARUNDEL, Rowan; CUI, Can
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Parallel Sessions: Day 2, 10:40 – 12:10 (UTC+8, Beijing Time)		
Session No.	Paper Title	Presenter
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	Demographic Pathways and Intergenerational Effects of Changes in Women's Education: Evidence from China	HAN, Xiaowen
	The Rising Educational Hypogamy among Internal Migrants in China	WANG, Yu
	Can Positive Educational Assortative Mating Lead to Happy Ending?: Positive Educational Assortative Mating and Divorce	LI, Bing; ZHAO, Peixuan; GUO, Dongmei; SUN, Weizeng
5.2 Chair: ZHANG, Zhuoni ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Changes in Family Investment in Children's Extracurricular Education in China 2010-2018	LIU, Airan; LI, Wangyang; XIE, Yu
	Educational Inequality in A Risk Society Risk Attitudes and Family Educational Investments	ZHANG, Chongjiu
	Do Cultural Norms and Socio-economic Resources Matter? Young Adults' Headship of Intergenerational Co-residence Families in Hong Kong	JIANG, Jin

	Gender and Parents in the Transition to Adulthood Decision-Making Process	KANE, Danielle
5.3 Chair: WU, Yuxiao ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Peers, Teachers, and Schools: Understanding Youth Delinquency in China	SUN, Guyu
	Family and Community Social Capital on Early Childhood Behavior in Singapore	LI, Nanxun; YEUNG, Wei-Jun Jean
	What is the Dominant Culture in Elite Universities of China and How it Generates Struggles: A Multi-Method Case Study	ZHENG, Yajun
	Inclusive Assimilation: Middle-Class Asian Parenting in Suburban America	TIAN, Ziyao
5.4 Chair: XU, Hongwei ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Changes in Policy, Changes in Fertility? An Examination of Changes in Fertility Aspirations in China	BLAIR, Sampson
	Labor Disability, Marriage and Reproduction in the Past: Evidence from Northeast China	LIU, Ruijie; DONG, Hao
	Unequal Duties and Unequal Retirement: Decomposing the Women's Labor Force Decline in Post-Reform China	FENG, Kai
	Considering the Key Member: Household Head's Livelihood Choice and Income Growth in Rural China	TONG, Yuying; GAN, Yiqing
5.5 Chair: XU, Duoduo ZOOM ID: 968 1197 2564	Effects of Rural-to-Urban Migration on People's Trust in Local Government: Evidence from China	ZHANG, Chen
	Effects of Rural-to-Urban Migration on Wealth Accumulation in Rural China	XIN, Di
	Disenchanted with the Immigrant Dream: The Sociological Formation of Chinese Ex-Immigrant Subjectivity	THOMAS, Jacob
	Anti-Asian Racism: Selective Inattention	ZHANG, Cynthia MALLICK, Rafia

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History

The North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) began without a name in the 1970s as an informal pay-as-you-go dinner gathering of Chinese-speaking sociologists in North America during the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Those sociologists included, among others, Haitung King, Ronald Chen, William T. Liu, Lucie Cheng, Che-Fu Lee, Nan Lin, Wen-Hui Tsai, Yung-Mei Tsai, and Esther Chow. While some of these senior sociologists have since retired, all but one of them were or have been active members of NACSA. By 1981, Nan Lin who was then at the State University of New York at Albany decided to form a loose network of Chinese-speaking sociologists and gave it a name—the North American Chinese Sociologists Association. He began collecting membership dues of \$10/year to cover some of the expenses in publishing a newsletter and a directory. By the late 1980s, he had succeeded in transforming the group's annual gathering into a more systematic sharing of information following the dinner during the ASA meetings. Participants from North America got acquainted with one another during the dinner; guests from abroad were introduced to North American Chinese sociologists; and news of sociological research activities developing in China and Taiwan were reported. The medium of verbal communication was Chinese (Mandarin), while the newsletter was published in English.

In 1990 when Nan Lin moved to Duke University, he turned over the task of maintaining this informal network of Chinese-speaking sociologists to Yung-Mei Tsai of Texas Tech University, who agreed to serve for only two years, from September of 1990 to August of 1992. Against the background of history of budget deficits, Yung-Mei Tsai decided to institute a Life Membership Program, as the contributions from the members were irregular and voluntary, which averaged mostly \$10 per person. A total of 9 Life Members, each donating \$150, were accepted by April 30, 1992. Despite efforts to raise funds, this informal network of sociologists had no budget. The network was not legally an association yet, because it did not have the bylaws, a Board of Directors, and elect officers.

A teaching and research opportunity in Taiwan forced Yung-Mei Tsai to turn over the responsibilities of coordinating NACSA's activities to Elena Yu four months earlier than originally planned. She agreed to serve as Coordinator of NACSA from May 1, 1992 until August 31, 1994, although no successor was immediately found who would follow her term. Elena Yu's first action was to file for a Tax Identification Number (T.I.N) with the Internal Revenue Service, followed by an application for a non-profit and tax-exemption status. Next, an annual membership fee was established at \$20 effective immediately in 1992, and beginning January 1, 1993, a Life Membership fee of \$300 per person was collected. The membership size jumped from 43 to more than 70 within less than 12 months. Among the more than 100 members today, 30 are Life Members. During Elena's term, she succeeded in obtaining a grant from Ford Foundation for an NACSA-sponsored conference on gender during the ASA meetings in Miami, Florida in 1993. Due to Elena's wise investment decision, NACSA's assets would also grow substantially.

In 1995, Dudley Poston succeeded Elena Yu as President of NACSA. During his term, with Alvin So as Secretary-Treasurer, the semi-annual newsletter of the association was on track with extensive information on members' research activities, conference announcements and programs, and sociological developments in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. NACSA sponsored another conference right before the ASA annual meetings in Toronto in 1997. In 1997, Alvin So was appointed President by the Board to succeed Dudley Poston, and Xiangming Chen became the Secretary and edited the newsletters. In 1998, Alvin So's career move to Hong Kong led the Board of Directors appointing Xiangming Chen as the next President for a two-year term. Xueguang Zhou became the Secretary and edited the newsletters. In 1999, NACSA sponsored another conference right before the ASA meetings in Chicago (see below). A new President will be appointed at the next Board meeting in 2000. Ping Chun Hsiung will edit the newsletters for the year 2000.

Counting its informal gestation phase, NACSA's history has spanned over the last two decades of the 20th century. This period has witnessed a most rapid growth in the sociological research on Chinese societies and populations on both sides of the Pacific Rim, especially the People's Republic of China. This research is characterized by innovative theoretical development, extensive use of both survey and case study methods, and close collaboration between North American sociologists and their Chinese counterparts in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The published research results have made their way repeatedly into the top journals of mainstream sociology in North America. NACSA's history has also coincided with rapidly growing numbers of students from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong obtaining sociology Ph.D. degrees in North American universities. A significant group of them (estimated in the 30s) has become faculty members at North American universities and colleges, with some establishing themselves at the top-tier sociology departments. Many others have returned to China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan to become key players in a new generation of researchers and teachers at universities and institutes. Poised to take advantage of this dynamic research environment and talent pool, NACSA's prospect in the 21st century looks bright indeed.

(*This is partly based on a document written by Elena Yu in 1997) .

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