NCL Co-host “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” with Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, University of Toronto

NCL cooperated with Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library of the University of Toronto to hold the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” Series on February 5 online. We are pleased to invite Prof. Awi Mona (Chih-Wei Tsai) to speak on "National Apology and Reinvigoration of Indigenous Rights in Taiwan". A recording of the lecture is also available on our website.

Prof. Awi Mona is the Director and Associate Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies at National Dong Hwa University. His research is primarily in the areas of indigenous law, Aboriginal title law, and cultural and education law. He also collaborated on indigenous rights movements with the local communities in Taiwan.

The speech began with the introduction of indigenous nations and peoples across Taiwan and the impacts of colonial histories on indigenous peoples from the 19th century onward. Prof. Mona also spoke on the 2016 national apology delivered by President Ing-wen Tsai and ongoing movements by indigenous peoples for recognition and rights. He concluded with a brief discussion on critical next steps to continue moving toward transitional justice.

Despite the impact of COVID-19, NCL is dedicated to promoting academic lectures overseas online with our “Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS)” partners.
Prof. Awi Mona, National Dong Hwa University

Hana Kim, Director of Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, University of Toronto
Catherine Y. M. Hsu, Director-general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Toronto

Prof. Tong Lam, Director of the Global Taiwan Studies (GTS) Program at the University of Toronto
Prof. Awi Mona gives the speech online