

Call for Papers “Sustainable Taiwan”

**15th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)
Zurich, Switzerland, 4–6 April 2018**

Deadline for submission of abstracts to

Regular Panels: 31 August 2017

MA Panels: 31 October 2017

In environmental sciences ‘sustainability’ means ‘the quality of not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance’. However, ‘sustainability’ is more than a recent buzzword and embraces a much broader philosophy and practice. If we consider ‘sustainability’ as an ecosystem, a lifestyle, a community or a world that is capable of supporting itself and its surroundings indefinitely, we believe ‘sustainability’ is an equally important concept for scholars and students of all disciplines – social sciences, arts and humanities, or Taiwan Studies generally.

The 15th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) adopts a broadly defined theme of ‘sustainability’ and invites researchers of all backgrounds to address the following questions: How have the people on Taiwan survived political, social and cultural challenges? How may Taiwan contribute to a more sustainable world in the future? What are the issues facing the islanders today to maintain their lifestyles and what solutions to them could be proposed? Are Tsai Ing-wen’s approaches to transitional justice, gender equality, cross-strait relations, economic growth, environment, and cultural development sustainable?

For submission, please send an abstract of **500 words** (including **3–5 keywords in Word Document**), together with a separate page indicating your **first name, surname, affiliation, status (i.e. Faculty, MA, PhD, Researcher), gender and email contact** to info@eats-taiwan.eu (subject: abstract of SURNAME, Given Name) and cc. adina.zemanek@eats-taiwan.eu by **31 August 2017**. After a double-blind external review process, we will announce the successful submissions by **30 November 2017**.

To encourage junior researchers, EATS will organize special panels for students currently enrolled in MA programmes to practice their presentation skills and to receive critical feedback on their work. The MA panels are not confined by the theme of the conference, although it should be relevant to the broadly defined field of Taiwan Studies. To submit to MA panels, please send an abstract of **300-500 words on a topic of your choice**, together with a separate page indicating your **first name, surname, affiliation, gender and email contact** to info@eats-taiwan.eu (subject: MA abstract of SURNAME, Given Name) and cc. adina.zemanek@eats-taiwan.eu by **31 October 2017**. After a double-blind review process, we will also announce the successful submissions by **30 November 2017**.

Accepted postgraduate presenters (PhD and MA students) who are affiliated with European institutions, or the 2018 Young Scholar Award finalists, will receive a travel grant of €150.