

International Conference on Remaking Communal Festivals  
and  
Social Boundaries in Socialist/ Post-Socialist Societies

(HKUST, 16-17 December 2013)

**Co-organizers:**

CUHK-SYSU Center for Historical Anthropology  
South China Research Center, HKUST  
Institute of Cultural Studies, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences

**Tentative Panel Topics and Schedule**

**Format**

Panelist's presentation: 20 minutes each  
Panel Chair's comments: 5-10 minutes  
Open discussion: 20 minutes

**16 December 2013**

**Welcoming and Photo-taking  
(9:15 – 9:45)**

**PANEL 1  
God, Ghost and Ancestor Worships in Communal festivals  
(09:40—11:15)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Prof. David FAURE  
Department of History, CUHK

NGUYEN Tuan Anh  
Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Title: Patrilineage boundaries and communal festivals in Central Vietnam:  
From the socialist to reform period

LIU Tik-sang  
Division of Humanities, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Title: Maintaining a Communal Festival:  
The Structure of a Cosmic Renewal Ritual in Hong Kong's New Territories

ZHENG Li  
Center for Folk Document Research, Xiamen University

Title: Ancestors and Lonely Souls:  
The Salvation Rituals in Zhongyuan Festival of the Henghua people in  
Ujong, Malaysia

### **TEA-BREAK**

#### **PANEL 2** **Gender and Communal Festivals** **(11:25—12:35)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Prof. HO Tsui-Ping  
Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica

KAO Ya-ning  
Department of Ethnology, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

Title: Doing Religion/Doing Culture:  
Performing Female Ritual Specialists (memoeds) in Zhuang Folk  
Culture and Art Festival

POON Shuk-Hwa  
Department of History, Lingnan University of Hong Kong  
and  
WONG Wing-Ho  
Division of Humanities, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Title: Local Society and the Re-creation of Festivals:  
The Double Seventh Festival at Zhu Village in Guangzhou

### **LUNCH**

#### **PANEL 3** **Communal Festivals and the Cult of Heroes** **(13:45—14:55)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Prof. MA Jianxiong  
Division of Humanities, HKUST

DINH Hong Hai  
Institute of Cultural Studies, Việt Nam, Hà Nội

Title: Phù Đổng Community Festival in Historical Context of Vietnam

LÊ Hồng Lý  
Institute of Cultural Studies, Việt Nam, Hà Nội

Title: From Village to National Festival:  
Assessing the Role of Tourism and the State in Folk Festivals

**TEA-BREAK**

**PANEL 4**  
**(De)Ethnicizing Identities and Religious Cults**  
**(15:05—16:15)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Dr. XIE Xiaohui  
Division of Humanities, HKUST

ZHAO Yuzhong  
Faculty of Social Sciences, Kunming University of Science and Technology, Yunnan

Title: Benzhu(本主) Cult in the Modern Chinese State:  
From a Cultural Legacy of the Han Chinese to a Cultural Marker of the  
Bai Nationality

LUI Wing-Sing  
Department of History, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Title: Cultural Property and the Creation of Traditions:  
The Making of “China Chiyou (蚩尤) Culture Protection Base” and  
Chiyou’s hometown in Central Hunan

**TEA-BREAK**

**PANEL 5**  
**Catholic and Protestant Church Communities**  
**(16:25—17:35)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Prof. HO Wai-yip  
Department of Social Science, HKIE

NGÔ Tâm T.T.  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity,  
Gottingen

Title: Protestant Conversion and the Ambiguities of Hmong ritual revival in  
Vietnam

SERIZAWA Satohiro  
Department of Social Research, Nara University

Title: Social Boundaries seen in the cases of the Chinese Catholic group in  
Ho Chi Minh City and the Vietnamese Catholic group in Hong Kong

**DINNER**  
**(18:00—20:00)**

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**PANEL 6**  
**The Mazu Cult in Southeast Asian Chinese Communities**  
**(09:15—10:25)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Prof. CHAN Shun-Hing  
Department of Religion and Philosophy, HKBU

CHOI Chi-cheung  
History Department, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Title: Standardizing the Ritual 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
Transnational Mazu-Tianhou Cult in Southeast Asia

NGUYEN Ngoc Tho  
University of Social Sciences and Humanities, HCMC

Title: The Vegetarian Festival of the Hakkas at Bien Hoa city, Dong Nai and  
Its Impacts

**TEA-BREAK**

**PANEL 7**  
**Communal Festivals on the Sino-Vietnamese Border**  
**(10:35—11:45)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Dr. MA Muk-chi  
Department of History, CUHK

NGUYEN thi Phuong Cham  
Institute of Cultural Studies, Việt Nam, Hà Nội

Title: Globalizing community festivals:  
The case of Wanwei, Dongxing, Guangxi

PAN Yanqin  
Division of Humanities, the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

Title: Crossing Boundaries:  
The Longdong Festival in Naheng on the Sino-Vietnamese Border

**LUNCH**

**PANEL 8**  
**The Cult of the Founding Fathers of Socialist States**  
**(13:00—14:10)**

Chairperson and Discussant  
Dr. HUANG Fei  
Division of Humanities, HKUST

NGO Tam T. T.  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity, Gottingen

and  
HO-TAI Hue-Tam  
Department of History, Harvard University

Title: Times, Histories and the Limits of Socialist Ritual Intervention  
in the Contemporary Cult of Ho Chi Minh

CHEUNG Siu-woo  
Division of Humanities, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Title: Symbolic Participation and Transgression of Religion, Science and  
Revolution: Mao Cult, Red Tourism and Ethnic Communal Festivals  
in Guizhou Province, Southwest China

**ROUND-UP DISCUSSION**  
**(14:10—14:45)**

**FIELDTRIP**  
**Jiao Festival in Yuanlong, New Territories**  
**(15:00—20:30)**