

East Asian Symposium on Literature and Environment

Date: December 7, 2012 (Friday)

Venue: DFL Conference Room, Old Library Building (1F)
(舊總圖 1F 外文系會議室)

Host: ASLE-Taiwan

Co-hosts: Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Taiwan University
Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC), National Taiwan University

Program

9:30 – 9:50 Opening Ceremony

Master of Ceremony: Shiu-huah Serena Chou, Secretary General, ASLE-Taiwan; Assistant Professor, National Sun Yat-sen University

Chair: Yaofu Lin, Professor Emeritus, National Taiwan University; Honorary President of ASLE-Taiwan

Keynotes

(1) 9:50 – 10:20

● Robin Tsai, Professor and Chair, English Department, Tamkang University; President of ASLE-Taiwan
Topic: World Literature and Ecocriticism

Chair: Yanwing Leung, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Taiwan University

Tea Break: 10:20 – 10:40

(2) 10:40-11:10

● Simon Estok, Associate Professor and chair of Department of Translation Studies, Sungkyunkwan University
Won-Chung Kim, Professor, Sungkyunkwan University

Topic: Charting East Asian Ecocriticisms

Chair: Rose Hsiu-li Juan, Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Chung-Hsing University

(3) 11:10 – 11:40

● Yuki Masami, Professor, Kanazawa University, Vice President of ASLE-Japan

Topic: Post-Fukushima Literary Discourses on Food and Eating

Chair: Professor Iping Liang, Professor, Department of English, National Normal University

Lunch: 11:40 – 1:00

1:00 – 2:30 Session (1)

Chair: Peter Huang, Associate Professor, Department of English, Tamkang University

Presenters:

1. Yalan Chang, Assistant Professor, Huaan University

Topic: Transcorporeal Ecofeminist Reading of Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away* and Wang Shau-di's *Grandma and Her Ghosts*

2. Dong-hwan Lee, Lecturer, Gyeongin National University of Education

Topic: Animals in Man's Nature: Reading Picture Books Through the Ecocritical Lens of Minhwa

3. Keiko Fujie, Professor, Ehime University

Topic: The first two prophetic environmental literary texts: Herman Melville's "The Tartarus of Maids" and Rebecca Harding Davis's "Life in the Iron Mills"

4. Yingshan Chen, Lecturer, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

Topic: The Paradox of Ecology and Economy: From Spinoza's Natural Materialism to Marx's Historical Materialism

2:30 – 4:00 Session (2)

Chair: Professor Hsien-hao Liao, Executive Director, LTTC; Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Taiwan University

Presenters:

1. Chan-Je Wu, Professor, Sogang University

Topic: Phenomenon of "Sehando" and the East Asian Ecological Identity

2. Shinji Iwamasa, Associate Professor, Shirayuri College

Topic: Application of Zen's Koan to Ecocriticism

3. Chingching Lee, Lecturer, Dayeh University

Topic: Mountain Area as Place/Landscape in *Seediq Bale*

4. Doo-ho Shin, Professor, Kangwon National University; President of ASLE-Korea

Topic: Climate Change and East Asian Ecocriticism

Tea Break: 4:00 – 4:20

4:20 – 5:50 Roundtable: Networking East Asian Scholars of "Eco-mental" Discourse and Beyond

Chair: Prof. Yaofu Lin

East Asia, mainly China/Taiwan, Japan and Korea, is a sphere bonded/haunted by a stronger tie than it is with other global regions culturally, economically and perhaps even politically. The multiple entanglements ought to drive home an awareness of a shared destiny as we attempt to cope with our ecological-environmental ("ecomental") problems, and beyond. "Beyond" is, emphatically, not a mere tag but a central lexicon, a key word that brings into focus the open-endedness, the lack of closure, the "networkedness" of the web that is forever expanding, evolving, catching and incorporating us all. The roundtable will begin with one representative from each of the three ASLE associations and move "beyond" to involve all participants of this symposium, hoping to engage environmentally conscious East Asian scholars in a network of "ecomental" dialogue and "beyond."

1. Yaofu Lin, Professor Emeritus, National Taiwan University, Honorary President of ASLE-Taiwan

2. Doo-ho Shin, Professor, Samcheok National University; President of ASLE-Korea

3. Mayumi Toyosato, Associate Professor, Sapporo University; Secretary of ASLE-Japan

4. All participants

Closing Ceremony: 5:50 – 6:00

Robin Tsai, Professor and Chair, English Department, Tamkang University; President of ASLE-Taiwan

Banquet Dinner: 6:30 – 8:00