

WCILCOS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sixth International Conference of Institutes & Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies

Co-sponsors:

Institute of Overseas Chinese, Huaqiao University, China
Research School for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China
Ohio University Libraries, USA

Overseas Chinese in Contemporary Asia

Conference Dates: **October 15-18, 2015**

Conference location: **Huaqiao University, Xiamen, China**

Conference website: **<http://overseaschineseconfederation.org>**

Introduction:

Huaqiao University, Xiamen University and Ohio University are pleased to host the Sixth International Conference of Institutes & Libraries for Overseas Chinese Studies. The purpose of this conference is not only to provide a platform for scholars to interact and exchange ideas with librarians/archivists and collectors, but also to provide an opportunity for examining issues in collection development and resource sharing. Therefore, we welcome proposals from scholars, librarians, archivists, collectors, graduate students and undergraduate students. In the past, the Ohio University Libraries has successfully organized and co-organized five WCILCOS conferences: Athens (OH) USA (2000), Hong Kong (2003), Singapore (2005), Guangzhou, China (2009), and Vancouver, Canada (2012). The 6th conference will take place in Xiamen, where both Huaqiao University and Xiamen University are located. Xiamen is a beautiful coastal city in southeast China, and is also the hometown of a large population of overseas Chinese who currently reside in Southeast Asia. Huaqiao University and Xiamen University both have a long tradition of research and collection-building on Chinese Overseas Studies and both also hold strong programs on Overseas Chinese studies.

Conference Title: Overseas Chinese in Contemporary Asia

Suggested Themes:

1. Research Themes

Chinese Overseas and the Cold War
Transnational Networks and Chinese Overseas
Chinese Overseas and Sino-Foreign Relations
Immigration and Emigration Policies

Identity, Values, Religion and Culture
Chinese Overseas Literature
Overseas Chinese Communities
Business, Trade and Entrepreneurship
Education, Language and Chinese Identities
Gender and Women in the Diaspora
Film, Popular Culture and the Internet
Chinatowns

2.Libraries, Archives, and Documentation Themes

Introduction to Research Materials and Methodologies
Genealogies and Family Histories
Collection Development on Overseas Chinese Studies
Digitizing Projects / Database-building
Documenting the Internet and Non-print Media
Resource Sharing and Open Access
Curriculum Integration
Management of Data
Indexing and Cataloging Issues
Public Outreach
Exhibitions, Museums, and the Chinese Overseas

Besides the themes above, the conference also seeks roundtable and panel participants, individual paper proposals and poster presentations.

Conference Theme :

Overseas Chinese in Contemporary Asia.

Dates:

October 15, 2015: Arrival and registration

October 16-17, 2015: Conference

October 18, 2015: Field trip (optional)

Important Deadlines and Requirements:

April 15, 2015: Paper title and Abstract (no more than 450 words), a personal bio (no more than 150 words) and a C.V.

May 15, 2015: Notification of acceptance and invitation letter are sent.

August 15, 2015: Deadline for submitting the formal conference paper

(The postmark date and the sending date of e-mail will be regarded as the date of submission.)

Abstract (in Microsoft Word format) must be written in **English** or in **Chinese** and should include:

1. Title of the submission

2. Name(s) of the authors(s)
 3. Affiliation(s) of the author(s)
 4. E-mail address (es) of the author(s) or Address (es) of the author(s) or
 5. The format for the conference paper submission is as follows:8.5"x11" paper (A4 letter size), 1" margins, single-spaced
- English version: font size: 11-point; font: Times or Times New Roman.
Chinese version: font size: 5, Font: Song.

Registration Fee:

Regular: CNY 400 (around \$65)

Students: CNY 200 (around \$33)

Conference Languages:

English and Chinese

Submission and questions should be made electronically via e-mail to: hqu2015@163.com

Co- Chairs:

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