International Conference
Western Critical Theory and Chinese Literary Scholarship
Cum Journal Launch

Prism: Theory and Modern Chinese Literature

Organized by the Centre for Humanities Research, and the Department of Chinese, Lingnan University

Date: May 23-24, 2019
Language: English
Venue: Paul S. Lam Conference Centre
3/F, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

Program
May 23, 2019

9:30 Opening Ceremony
Leonard K Cheng, President of Lingnan University
Zong-qi Cai, Director of the Centre for Humanities Research

10:00 Journal Launch – Prism: Theory and Modern Chinese Literature
Zong-qi Cai, Leo Tak Hung Chan, Haomin Gong, Wendy Larson, Carlos Rojas

11:00 Panel 1: “Re-thinking Theoretical Concepts”
Chair / Discussant:
Carlos Rojas, Duke University
Haomin Gong, Lingnan University

Marxist Literary Theory and Liu Cixin’s The Poetry Cloud
Wendy Larson, University of Oregon

“The Orient” vs. Dongfang: The Reconceptualization of the Orient in Modern China
Xiaolu Ma, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Traveling Theory Reconsidered: A Case Study on the Travel of New Humanism
Xuying Yu, The Open University of Hong Kong

The Lexical-Conceptual History of Qing 情 in Chinese Literary Thought, with Comparative References to Western Emotion Studies
Zong-qi Cai, Lingnan University
13:00 Lunch

14:30 Panel 2: “Modernity”
Chair / Discussant:
Mary Scoggin, Humboldt State University

Looking, Reading, and Intertextuality in Ding Ling’s *Shafei nushi de riji*  
Keru Cai, The University of California Berkeley

Anamorphic Diagram of Modernity: Spectatorial Aporia in Eileen Chang’s Novellas  
Yiwen Wang, The University of California San Diego

Old Dreams Retold: Lu Xun as Mytho-Ecological Writer  
Ban Wang, Stanford University

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Panel 3: “World Literature”
Chair / Discussant:  
Xiaolu Ma, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Mary Shuk Han Wong, Lingnan University

IWP: The Untold Stories of Chinese Literature as World Literature  
Jin Feng, Grinnell College

Reading Eileen Chang as a World Literature Author  
Hoyan Hang Fung Carole, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Theory and Practice of the Long Novel: Mao Dun’s *Midnight* and Representational Problems between Fiction, Locality, and Nationhood  
Kenny K. K. Ng, Hong Kong Baptist University

18:30 Welcoming Dinner

May 24, 2019

10:30 Panel 4: “Poetry”
Chair / Discussant:  
Lucas Klein, The University of Hong Kong  
Zong-qi Cai, Lingnan University

An Intertextual Brocade: Yu Xin’s “Imitations of ‘Singing My Feelings’”  
Mengwen Zhu, Hong Kong Baptist University

Carving Dragons, Many at a Time: On Ambiguity in Liu Xie’s *Wenxin dialong*  
Dinu Luca, National Taiwan Normal University

Cratylian Readings Around *Ekphrasis* and *Fu*  
Martin Svensson Ekström, University of Gothenburg
Cultural Memory and Poems on History in the Six Dynasties
Yue Zhang, Valparaiso University

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Panel 5: “Gender”
Chair / Discussant:
Wendy Larson, The University of Oregon
Jin Feng, Grinnell College

A New Species: Gender, Sexuality, and Taxonomic Logics in Sinophone East Asia
Carlos Rojas, Duke University

About Chinese Women? Écriture féminine and the Male Translator of Female Chinese Poets
Lucas Klein, The University of Hong Kong

Poststructuralist Feminism in Re-examination of Chinese Women’s Writings of Socialist Period
Xi Liu, Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

Constructing a New Sexual Paradigm: Emergence of a Modern Subject
Liang Shi, Miami University

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Panel 6: “Anthropology, Ethnography, Philosophy”
Chair / Discussant:
Martin Svensson Ekström, The University of Gothenburg
Lucas Klein, The University of Hong Kong

Irony’s Arrow: Launching Contra in Chinese Linguaculture
Mary Scoggin, Humboldt State University

Scholar-Officials Turned Scholar-Writers: A Ranciérean Reading of Chinese Social Roles
Kacey Evilsizor, The University of Arizona

Responding to Great Minds: Poetic Reclarification and Revitalization of Western Philosophy in Contemporary Chinese Poetry
Junfu Wong, The University of Cambridge

18:00 General Discussion

19:30 Dinner