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Nature, Ecology and Oceanic Imagination in Relation to Postcolonial Environment and Taiwanese Literature

ABSTRACT

The lecture proposes to study contemporary Taiwanese postcolonial eco-literature. Colonized successively by the Dutch, the Japanese, and the Republican Chinese, the natural, the socio-political and the socio-economic environments of the island are significantly tied to its colonial and postcolonial experiences. These experiences are not only kept in Taiwanese authors' memory, but are also recorded or evoked from their literary imagination, notably their imagination of oceans and rivers. The objective of this lecture therefore aims at presenting some contemporary Taiwanese literary works, which examine Taiwan's postcolonial environment through creating and articulating literary imagination of its nature and ecology (particularly through the creating of aquatic imagination).

Overall, the lecture will be presented in such order: (1) a brief introduction of the Taiwanese postcolonial environment and its historical progression in relation to the development of Taiwanese literature; (2) an analysis of the relationship between postcolonial literature and ecological writings in a global literature context; (3) a presentation on recent transformation of Taiwanese literature (nominally, its growing interest and gradual attachment to creative ecological writings). (4) a detailed textual analysis of some selected works of the authors mentioned above, particularly in regard to the aspect of oceanic imagination.

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Altes AKH, Campus, Spitalgasse 2, yard 2, entrance 2.3
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Introduction and discussion lead by Dr Astrid Lipinsky – University of Vienna
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