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Is Global Governance Bad for East Asian Queers?

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Abstract: The rise of transnational systems and networks of governance and norms since the 1990s and the emergence of the so-called “global civil society” hold out promises of equity for LGBT advocates and marginal groups in East Asia as pride marches, lesbian and gay cultural events, and booming queer Internet communities corroborate the impression that queer Asia may be much more than a concept. Yet, there is a growing retrenchment in the same region as various states take up measures quite inhospitable to queer existence. Christian NGOs in particular are quite aggressively raising social discontent and mobilizing opposition against the growing visibility of gay lifestyles and the equity demands launched by queer activism. The present essay analyzes this new “reign of civility” and its construction of “child protection” as a universal imperative; it also demonstrates how developments in juridification are suturing up global governance, East Asia’s liberal states, and conservative NGOs into a new power bloc that fosters anti-queer and anti-sex climates in the region.

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- Lecture will be in English with no translation
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- 2005-2007 President, Cultural Studies Association, Taiwan
- 2004-present Chair, English Department, National Central University
- 2003-present Coordinator, UST Cross-Campus Postgraduate Program in Cultural Studies
- 2003 Visiting Professor, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001-present Professor, National Central University, Dept. of English
- 1995-present Founder and Coordinator, Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University
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Honors and Awards

- 2006-2009 Distinguished Professor, National Central University
Nominee, 1000 Women for Nobel Peace Prize
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Publications

Books

- 2007 Gender/Sexuality Troubles: Rethinking Taiwanese Gender Politics. (In Japanese)
- 2006 (Ed.) The Zoophilia Webpage Incident. Chungli: Center for the Study of Sexualities, NCU. (in Chinese)
- 2005 Introduction to Politics of Sexuality: Lectures on Sex Rights Movement in Taiwan. Collaborative work with Naifei Ding and Yin-Bin Ning. Chungli: Center for the Study of Sexualities, NCU. (in Chinese) Reissued in simplified Chinese as Recent Trends in Taiwan Sex Rights Movements, Beijing: JiouZhou Books, China, 2006.
- 2003 (Ed.) Trans-gender. Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University. (in Chinese)

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