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The Department of East Asian Studies/Chinese Studies is pleased to invite you to the lecture of



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From Cold War Military Frontline to International Art Islands

A Story of Matsu Islands' Dramatic Changes

The Matsu archipelago, located in the northwest of Taiwan Strait and composed of 36 islands, is geographically closed to the Chinese Mainland and had been functioned as the military frontline by the Nationalist Government in Taiwan against Chinese Communism since 1949. The role of the islands as a stronghold along the Pacific Ocean during the Cold War was reassured by the U.S. Government. For decades, the islands were not easily accessible for the ordinary people from Taiwan because of the military control. The function of the military front was lifted on the midnight of 13th May, 1994 and a new role is envisioned for both domestic residents and outsiders. In 2009, the military cultural landscape of Matsu was chosen by the government in Taiwan as a potential World Heritage site and beginning from 2016, a series projects named "Battlefield Transformation, Heritage Translation and Regeneration" started which foresee the Matsu Biennale Since 2022. The lecture will tell the amazing story of the changes of this remote archipelago.

Chao-Ching FU (Ph.D. University of Edinburgh) is Professor Emeritus at Cheng Kung University, Taiwan. He is a leading architectural historian and expert on heritage conservation. He has taught at the Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan since 1983 and lectured widely at numerous universities and institutes in Taiwan and overseas. He has published more than a thousand research papers and books since 1983. Among the most important books are: *New Chinese Architecture in Classical Styles: Historical Studies in the Institutionalization of New Chinese Architecture of the 20th Century* (1993); *History of Western Architecture* (2010); *Military Cultural Landscapes in Matsu* (2011); *A History of Modern Architecture in Taiwan* (2013); and *A History of Architectural Culture in Taiwan* (2019). Professor Fu received many architectural and cultural honors and awards, including *Honorable Award in Culture and Arts* (2009); *Alberti Award for Teaching and Research on History of Western Architecture* (2009) and *NCKU Distinguished Professorship Award* (2009), *Fellowship of the Architectural Institute of Taiwan* (2013) and *Tainan Culture Award* (2019).

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