# The 13th International Junior Scholars Conference on Humanities and Culture

# History of the Conference

In 2007, the "International Junior Scholars Conference on Chinese Literature" was first held at Lingnan University in Hong Kong by Prof. Leung Ping Kwan. In 2009, in collaboration with Prof. Kuei-fen Chiu, the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Literature and Transnational Studies at National Chung Hsing University joined the conference. After Prof. Park Jae-woo had supported this conference, Lingnan University, National Chung Hsing University, and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies have become the mainstay of this conference, which is held annually in Hong Kong, Taichung, Taiwan, and Seoul, Korea on a rotating basis. In 2016, the "The International Junior Scholars Conference on Chinese Literature" was merged with the "East Asian Humanities and Societies Graduate Forum" co-organized by National Taiwan Normal University, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Shanghai University, and Yanbian University at the suggestion of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, and the first joint conference after the merger was hosted by National Chung-Hsing University. It was hosted by Shanghai University and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in rotation, but was suspended due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Since this conference has a history of nearly 15 years, it has long been important for promoting the exchange of young scholars between East Asia, and many of the young scholars who presented in the past have now entered the academic field and even become well-known creators. Therefore, the representatives of Chung-Hsing University, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, and Lingnan University, Prof. Kuo-Wei Chen, Dae-Geun Lim, and Mary Wong, felt that although the Covid-19 epidemic has had a significant impact in the past two years and academic exchanges have undergone significant changes in the emerging technological environment, young scholars still need to conduct more diversified and new forms of exchanges in response to the trend of the times. Therefore, after discussions among the representatives of the three universities, it was decided to relaunch the conference under the name of "International Junior Scholars Conference on Humanities and Culture", and it is hoped that the spirit of exchange will be continued and the number of sessions will be directly accumulated to show the deep academic friendship and tradition of long-standing cooperation. In 2022, the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Literature and Transnational Studies at National Chung Hsing University again hosted the first conference after the relaunch, which was held online under the theme of "Intercultural Communication in East Asia in the Emerging Technology Environment". In 2023, the conference alliance was expanded by inviting Professor I Lo-fen of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and the Chinese Department of the university has joined the conference.

# Invitation to the 13th Conference

The 13th "International Junior Scholars Conference on Humanities and Culture", organized by the Graduate Department of Global Culture and Contents, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in 2023, will focus on "Cultural Identity: Opportunities and Challenges of Asian Narratives and Cultural Creativity", and explore the issues of cultural identity in history, literature, art, film, television, and cultural creativity across Asia. In addition, the conference will also address the following topics: (1) Re-imagining History and Literary Narratives; (2) Cultural Identity in Asian Traditional Arts; (3) Cultural Identity in Asian Cultural Creativity; (4) Intercultural Dialogue between Asia and the West; and (5) Cultural Identity in the Digital Age, in the hope of inviting young scholars from membership schools to establish a field for academic exchange and to discuss and share the issues of cultural identity in the new era.

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#### Organizer

Graduate Department of Global Culture and Contents, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

### **Co-organizers**

Graduate Institute of Taiwan Literature and Transnational Studies, National Chung

Hsing University

Department of Chinese, Lingnan University, Hong Kong Department of Chinese Language, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

# Collaborators

Institute of Taiwan Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Asian Cultural and Creative Institute, Korea
Text & Image Studies Society, Singapore
College of Liberal Arts, National Chung Hsing University
Bachelor of Arts in Taiwan Humanities Innovation Program, National Chung Hsing University
Higher Education Advancement Program, Faculty of Arts Sub-Program "East Asia

# Time

Friday, July 14 ~ Saturday, July 15, 2023

International Young Scholars Academic Alliance Program"

# Format

Online ZOOM