Editorial

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In this editorial, I shall echo Professor Hsin-huang Michael Hsiao's¹ ambition that we want 'Taiwan studies to go boldly beyond area studies and to reach the globe' (see Conference Report in this issue). The vision of this journal has always been to broaden the horizons of Taiwan studies, to maximise geographical outreach, and to facilitate discussion, not only between the different disciplines that form the field but beyond, to inform and be informed by other relevant fields.

We are delighted that in this issue, we have achieved parity between the humanities and social sciences. The research papers published here address subjects such as literature, indigenous articulations, history, political communications, gender and election, and migration studies. The contributors come from institutions based in a wide range of places, including the U.K., U.S., Taiwan, New Zealand, and Australia. Moreover, we have introduced books written by authors from Australia, U.S., U.K., Taiwan, and France, and they are reviewed by scholars working in the U.K., Slovenia, Thailand, U.S., and Germany. Slowly but surely, the *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* is engaging in an increasingly diverse scholarly community and extending its impact. We hope that our effort will ultimately enrich the Taiwan studies field, and in turn, enable Taiwan studies to make a greater contribution to the scholarship and knowledge about the world we live in.

With the publication of this issue, the *IJTS* is officially entering its second year. I would like to express gratitude to the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for awarding us a one-year publication grant in 2018, which allowed us to set up an editorial office at the Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank colleagues in Aberystwyth for hosting the journal during its formative stage. Our editorial team has gained valuable experiences over the past year. As the grant concluded and our arrangement with Aberystwyth University came to an end, it is my pleasure

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to announce that from 2019 onwards the *IJTS* editorial office will relocate to the Centre of Taiwan Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. We believe that the *IJTS* will thrive even further in the new environment.

Meanwhile, we are sorry to lose two board members: Professor Michael Shiyung Liu (Academia Sinica) from the Executive Editorial Board, due to his other work commitments; and Professor Jih-wen Lin (Academia Sinica) from the Associate Editorial Board, who sadly passed away. However, we welcome three new board members: Professor Lung-chih Chang (Academia Sinica) and Professor Sung-sheng Yvonne Chang (University of Texas at Austin) to the Executive Editorial Board, and Dr. Yasuhiro Matsuda (University of Tokyo) to the Associate Editorial Board. We appreciate fruitful exchanges and look forward to forming a productive working relationship with all our board members.

The *IJTS* always endeavours to improve and innovate. For example, one of the significant features of the journal is our occasional forum discussion, which is designed to inspire debate and/or understand how we may advance Taiwan studies. The three forums run in the first and the second issues so far have generated critical attention. If you wish to contribute to our forum, please do not hesitate to contact our editorial office.² Another new initiative that the *IJTS* will embrace in forthcoming issues is to plan and run topical sections in order to put a spotlight on important research trends relevant to our field. An open call for proposals was circulated at the end of 2018 and the preparation for suitable topical sections are well under way. Please watch this space for future development.

Finally, I would like to reiterate that the *IJTS* welcomes original research articles that are localised in focus (for example, analysis of a specific historical or current event) but that are more global in their outlook (for example, forging links between Taiwan and a wider international, cultural, or theoretical/intellectual context). Researchers are encouraged to position Taiwan and the relevant issues they examine in different global, regional, and local contexts and processes. In addition, we believe in the value of book reviews to keep our readers informed of recent publications. While our reviews are written in English, we accept reviews of books published in any language. We strongly encourage publishers, authors, and potential reviewers to get in touch with our Book Review Editor, Professor Gary Rawnsley (University of Nottingham Ningbo China),³ about your publications or if you wish to write a review. For the *IJTS* to be successful and sustainable, we depend on and value your input.

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