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We wish you a happy Chinese New Year! The book *Affective Spaces: The Cultural Politics of Emotion in China*, supported by the Excellence Publication Scheme (EPS), will be published this month. Two academic events, including the International Workshop on Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence and an academic salon, will be featured this month.

Event Summary

1 IAS Fellow's publication published by Edinburgh University Press

Professor Shih-Diing Liu from the Department of Communication, Faculty of Social Science, is set to publish his work *Affective Spaces: The Cultural Politics of Emotion in China* with Edinburgh University Press in February 2024. The book explains why and how emotions create new ways of understanding contemporary cultural politics. It serves as a starting point of reconsidering the dynamics and tensions in East Asia and beyond. The publication is sponsored by the Excellence Publication Scheme (EPS) of the IAS.

Through a detailed analysis of public cultures, the book presents informed explanations based on vivid portraits of various emotional spectacles, scenes, encounters, and practices. It also explains why the notion of affective space holds promise for innovative research beyond China, enabling a nuanced exploration of topics such as nationalism, regional and international conflicts, and state-society relations. Professor Liu delivered the book talks at the East Asia Program at Johns Hopkins University and the Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, in December 2023. The IAS is scheduled to organize a book event on the related topic in March.

Apart from this book, Professor Liu He is also the author of *The Politics of People* (State University of New York Press, 2019). His research has appeared in various academic publications: *Asia Critique*, *Social Movement Studies*, *New Media and Society*, and *New Left Review*.

Professor Liu was the awardee of the 2023 Excellence Publication Scheme of the IAS. EPS aims to encourage UM academic staff to excel in research and publish their specialized research findings on world-class publishing platforms. Funding will be given to successful candidates to appoint substitute teachers to reduce their teaching workloads, cover some of their publishing costs, or pay for their or their postgraduate students' attendance at international academic conferences.

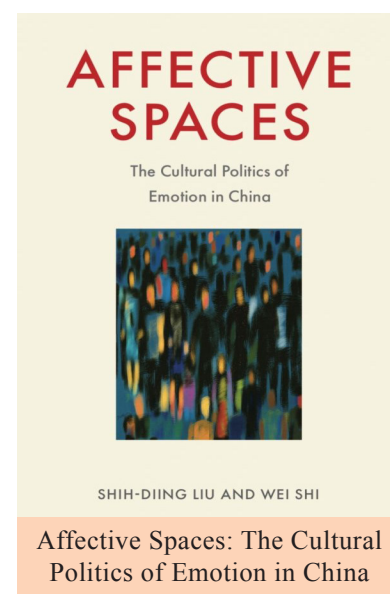




Photo taken at the University of Pennsylvania



A book talk at the Johns Hopkins University

Upcoming Events




IAS x Interdisciplinary Academic Salon – 1

高研院跨學科學術沙龍-第一期

Topic: 哲學、歷史、法律對話：探索知識與社會的交融

Date: 20 February 2024

Venue: Common Room (3007, E34)

Registration: 




Workshop on The Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: China-EU Dialogues

人工智能的治理：中國與歐盟的對話

Date: 21-22 February 2024

Venue: E1 UM Gallery Auditorium / Zoom

Zoom ID / Passcode: 998 1145 6402 / 240220

Registration: 

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