

News and Events

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***EASTS* Editors Win 4S Awards**

Two of this year's 4S awards, the Infrastructure Award and the Bernal Prize, have gone to *EASTS* editors. Created in 2015, the Infrastructure Award is a relatively new one, aiming to "recognize exemplary initiative to build and maintain infrastructure supporting Science and Technology Studies." *EASTS* is not only the first academic journal to receive this award but also the first recipient based outside of Europe and the United States.

The selection committee notes that "*EASTS* was established just over a decade ago but has become an exciting, well-respected forum for publishing STS scholarship. Thanks to each of its issues it is possible to enjoy careful work centered on the wide range of STS topics that bridge STS with others, amplifying interpretations, languages, and insights, presented moreover in distinctive and attractive covers to the audience."

On behalf of all of *EASTS*'s editors, Wen-Hua Kuo has penned an acceptance statement:

Though a relative newcomer, *EASTS* has been an active and visible presence at 4S meetings via its editorial meetings, paper sessions, and activities like "*EASTS* night." This in turn makes East Asia visible to the world—through not only the scholarly articles *EASTS* carries but also the research notes, forums, review articles, and essays. Since its very inception, *EASTS* has committed itself to being more than "just another STS journal"; aside from its own publishing role, *EASTS* has provided an umbrella for a growing network of STS scholars across Asia, transcending the various national STS societies and giving a space for global scholars to work within. By recognizing infrastructure as a network and a platform for building society, we are grateful that our work with the journal has been recognized this way. With this award, *EASTS* will continue to work closely on an expanding, interactive, and also challenging STS world in which East Asia is not an outsider but is a permanent part.

In *EASTS*'s receiving of this award, we would like to thank Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology for its unconditional and generous support. We also want to thank Duke University Press, our publishing partner since 2012, for their world-class service and professionalism.

Trevor Pinch, a senior member of *EASTS*'s advisory board, is the winner of this year's Bernal Prize. A renowned scholar in the field, Pinch has a deep connection to *EASTS*. He was one of the few mainstream scholars consulted and invited to the first *EASTS* conference in Taiwan back in January 2006, and since then he has become a firm supporter of the journal. His commentary paper for that first conference, titled "Studying Scientific Controversy from the STS Perspective"¹ and coauthored with Christine Leuenberger, is not only a piece that witnesses the history of *EASTS* but also remains an accessible, valuable work for those who want to understand the potential of East Asian STS as seen from the perspective of our first-ever issue. We congratulate Professor Pinch on his distinguished achievement and are deeply grateful for having him with us.

Other *EASTS* editors who have won the Bernal Prize include John Law (2015), Adele Clarke (2012), Evelyn Fox Keller (2011), and Brian Wynne (2010). For more information about the 4S Prize announcement, see <http://www.4sonline.org/prizes>.

***EASTS* Holds Workshop with HKIHSS**

Collaborating with the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong (HKIHSS), *EASTS* held the first international workshop on food technology in Hong Kong and in Puli, Taiwan, in May (for details, see below).

EASTS has been committed to the promotion of STS scholarship in Asia since our inception. Nonetheless, unlike our international conference meetings, held regularly every two or three years (the last one in 2017 at the 4S), this workshop was a more theme-focused, publication-oriented occasion for which scholars were carefully chosen and invited to present their work alongside a commitment to be a part of future thematic issues of *EASTS*.

Getting off the ground in August 2017 through several discussions with Wen-Hua Kuo, the workshop's key organizer is Angela Leung, an *EASTS* advisory editor and the director of HKIHSS. To benefit scholars in both Hong Kong and Taiwan, the workshop had two parts. The first was a one-day workshop in Hong Kong under the Collaborative Research Fund project by the Hong Kong Government's Research Grant Council, "Making Modernity in East Asia: Technologies of Everyday Life from the Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Centuries." Scholars from Hong Kong, Taiwan, the PRC, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and the United States brainstormed on the technologies of making tea, soy sauce, soy milk, and alcohol in East Asia from the late nineteenth century to the present. As a progress meeting for the Collaborative Research Fund project, this workshop was preparation for an in-depth conference to be held in 2019.

Moving the stage to Puli, one of the most famous places for tea production and a historical winemaking site, the second part of the workshop started on May 10 with an informal meeting with Professor Leung and other presenters in Hong Kong, after a two-day field trip in southern Taiwan. It also provided a chance for scholars in Taiwan to share ideas on food and society with their international colleagues. Hosted by the

¹ Available at researchgate.net/publication/265245795_Studying_Scientific_Controversy_from_the_STS_Perspective.

Department of History at the National Chi Nan University, structured discussions took place on May 11. Three Taiwanese scholars presented their work on tea, tiger bone liquor, and *katsuobushi* (dried skipjack tuna), while people from Hong Kong shared their preliminary fieldwork findings. This workshop concluded with a keynote speech by Eric Rath titled “Food Technology in Japan and Taiwan: A Comparison Made on Field Work.”

EASTS is profoundly grateful to have been able to work alongside the HKIHSS, who made this workshop possible. Our gratitude also goes to Professor Lanfang Lin, head of the History Department of Chi Nan University, for her generous support and hospitality.

The EASTS-HKIHSS Workshop

Part I

Date: May 7, 2018

Place: May Hall, University of Hong Kong

Participants: Angela Leung (梁其姿, organizer/presenter), Izumi Nakayama (中山和泉, chair/presenter), Lawrence Zhang (張樂翔, chair/presenter), Eric Rath (commentator), Jenny Smith (commentator), Huichuan Fan (樊汇川, presenter), Po-yi Hung (洪伯邑, presenter), Yajun Fan (范雅鈞, presenter), Tae-Ho Kim (金兌豪, presenter), Kyoungjin Bae (裴景珍, presenter), Hallam Stevens (presenter), John Wong (王迪安, presenter)

Part II

Date: May 10–11, 2018

Place: School of Humanities, National Chi Nan University

Participants: Lanfang Lin (林蘭芳, organizer), Angela Leung (梁其姿, organizer), Wen-Hua Kuo (郭文華, organizer), Eric Rath (keynote speaker), Chunghao Kuo (郭忠豪, presenter), Lingyi Tseng (曾齡儀, presenter), Po-yi Hung (洪伯邑, presenter), Izumi Nakayama (中山和泉, presenter), Lawrence Zhang (張樂翔, presenter), Tae-Ho Kim (金兌豪, presenter), Kyoungjin Bae (裴景珍, presenter), Hallam Stevens (presenter), John Wong (王迪安, presenter)