

**Call for Proposals**  
**Midwest Taiwan Studies Graduate Student Workshop**  
**Exploring Taiwan: From Historical Roots to Contemporary Issues**

**Date: October 5, 2024**

**Location: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**

**Submission Deadline: July 31, 2024**

The Indiana University East Asian Studies Center's Taiwan Studies Initiative invites graduate students from the Midwest and beyond to submit proposals for the upcoming one-day in-person workshop "**Exploring Taiwan: From Historical Roots to Contemporary Issues.**" It aims to foster in-depth discussions, facilitate knowledge exchange, and highlight new research concerning Taiwan. We welcome contributions that span historical analysis and address contemporary issues facing Taiwan. The workshop organizers will provide modest travel grants (up to \$300 per presenter) and assist with lodging arrangements.

### **Themes and Topics**

We encourage submissions that cover, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- **Historical Perspectives:** Exploring Taiwan's complex past, from its indigenous history to its colonial and post-colonial struggles, experiences under authoritarian regimes, and the global Cold War.
- **Political Dynamics:** Analysis of Taiwan's recent domestic politics, cross-strait relations, and international relationships.
- **Economic Developments:** Studies on Taiwan's economic growth, industry innovation, and global trade relations.
- **Societal Changes:** Insights into Taiwan's social movements, cultural transformations, and demographic shifts.
- **Environmental Challenges:** Research on Taiwan's environmental policies, conservation efforts, and sustainability challenges.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Prospective participants are requested to submit an abstract outlining their proposed presentation. Submissions should adhere to the following format:

- **Title of the paper**
- **Abstract:** (250-300 words) summarizing the proposed presentation, including its relevance to the workshop themes, methodology, and anticipated conclusions.
- **Contact Information:** Full name, affiliation, and email address.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated based on their originality, relevance to the workshop themes, methodological rigor, and potential to contribute to broader understanding and dialogue on Taiwan.

### **Submission Process**

Please email your proposals to [taiwansp@iu.edu](mailto:taiwansp@iu.edu) with the subject line "Workshop Proposal Submission." Attach your proposal as a PDF document.

**Important Dates**

- **Submission Deadline:** July 31, 2024
- **Notification of Acceptance:** August 10, 2024
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** September 20, 2024
- **Workshop Date:** October 5, 2024

**Presentation Format**

- **Presentation Time:** 15-20 minutes per presentation, followed by a Q&A session.

**Contact Us**

If you have any inquiries regarding the call for proposals or the workshop, don't hesitate to contact the IU Taiwan Studies Initiative ([taiwansp@iu.edu](mailto:taiwansp@iu.edu)).

We look forward to receiving your insightful contributions and a fruitful discussion on the multifaceted aspects of studying Taiwan.

Sincerely,

IU Midwest Taiwan Studies Graduate Student Workshop Organizing Committee  
(Sharlene Chen, I-Lin Liu, Jeffery Shih-Chieh Wang, Fang-Yu Yang)