



國立東華大學
NATIONAL DONG HWA UNIVERSITY

**The Ph.D. Program
in Asia-Pacific
Regional Studies (APRS)**



Introduction

NDHU

- A **comprehensive university** founded in July 1994 in eastern Taiwan
- There are **eight academic faculties** and **multiple academic majors**, together with appropriate administrative support
- In 2022, **Times Higher Education** announced that NDHU ranked **17th overall in Taiwan, 301-350th in Asia**
- The beautiful and natural green campus



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- An integrative program initiated in 2019
- The program is **highly interdisciplinary** and focus on the Asia-Pacific region, and **the basic learning outcomes** include the following:
 - Ability to research and master the development of professional trends
 - Capable of transnational political, economic, social and cultural academic research
 - Ability to use theoretical methods, comprehensive analysis, logical reasoning and thesis writing
 - Ability to integrate multiple values in the international community and integrate issues
 - Ability to have a regional presence and independently conduct research and teaching
- Students can apply their skills in **governments, universities, research institutes, industries,** and **international non-profit organizations** post-graduation, depending on their career aspirations

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- Faculty members
 - Jointly appointed professors from several departments of the Humanities and Social Sciences College
 - Department of Economics
 - Department of Public Administration
 - Department of Sociology
 - Department of Taiwan and Regional Studies
 - Department of English
 - Department of Law
 - Adjunct professors from Japan, South Korea and the United States



Faculty

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Director

Professor Yan-Shu Lin

Ph.D., Department of Economics,
National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Fields:

**International Trade Theory, Regional Economics
Industrial Organization, Microeconomics**



The former Director

Professor Hurng-Jyuhn Wang

Ph.D. in Natural Resource and Environment
(Environmental Policy),
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

Fields:

**Environmental Policy, Sustainable Development,
Non-Profit Organization Studies**



Faculty

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- **Associate Professor Ai-Chun Yen**

Ph.D., University of Nottingham School of English, UK
Fields: Literature Teaching, Literature Applications to Language Education, Technology Applications to Language Education, Sinophone Teaching

- **Professor Ming-Jen Chang**

Ph.D. in International Business, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Fields: Financial Engineering, International Finance, Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics

- **Professor Hui-Yen Hsu**

Ph.D. in Law, Graduate School of Law, Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan
Fields: International Economic Law, International Human Rights Law, Public International Law

- **Associate Professor Li-Fang Liang**

Ph.D. in Sociology (with certificate in women and gender studies program), Syracuse University, USA
Fields: Migration Research, Care and Care Work, Gender Studies, Institutional Ethnography

- **Assistant Professor Yung-Yuan Chang**

Ph.D., Global Politics, Free University of Berlin, Germany
Fields: Regional Studies, Regional Integration, International Relations, China Studies

Faculty

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- **Adjunct Professor Doo Chul Kim**
Ph.D. in Geography, Nagoya University, Japan
Fields: Rural geography, Environment geography, Comparative study of Japan, Korea and Northeast China, Area study of Vietnam, International Migration

- **Adjunct Professor Peter Kang**
Ph.D. University of Minnesota, USA
Fields: Pre-modern History of Taiwan, Toponymic Studies

- **Adjunct Professor Markus Porsche-Ludwig**
Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Giessen, Germany
Habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) in Political Science (Ph.D. with Habilitation), University of Kassel, Germany
Fields: International Politics, Public Administration, Comparative government and politics, Law and Politics, Political Theory, Theory of the State, Religion and Politics

- **Adjunct Professor Sang-Chul Park**
Habilitation in Political Science at Giessen University, Germany (Full Professorship) Docent in Economics at Gothenburg University, Sweden (Full Professorship)
Fields: Innovation Policy, Regional Development Strategy, Sustainable Development Strategy, Global Economy, Regional Economic Integration, Global Trade

- **Adjunct Professor Michael Shihyung Liu**
Ph.D. in History Dept. Univ. of Pittsburgh, PA. USA.
Fields: the History of Contemporary Medicine, the History of Public Health and International Health in Twentieth Century, East Asian Environmental History

Curriculum

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- **Adviser**
 - A general adviser is assigned when the student first enrolls in the Program
 - Before the second semester, the student has to choose the adviser
- **Graduation Credit**
 - **28 course credits**, including compulsory courses 13 credit hours and elective courses 15 credit hours
- **A fulfilled Ph.D. dissertation is required**



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- **Candidacy Examination and Dissertation Proposal Review Meeting**
 - the student has to pass preliminary examination to become a Doctoral Candidate
 - The examination and the review meeting will be arranged by the adviser and the doctoral committee
- **Publications**
 - The student has to publish **at least two journal articles or conference papers** (full text required) related to their research topic under the auspices of the “Ph.D. Program in Asia-Pacific Regional Studies, National Dong Hwa University” prior to graduation

Resources

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- **Scholarships**

For international students studying at NDHU

- MoE/MOFA Taiwan Scholarship
- MoE Elite Scholarship Program
- NDHU International Student Scholarship
- The Scholarship for Elite Ph.D. Students Award
- Research Assistantships (RA stipends)

- **Research Supports**

- Over 2.6 million volumes of books (including e-books and databases)
- Inter-library cooperation among 41 Taiwan universities
- Study Carrels and Group Study Rooms



Admissions

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- **Application Period**

There are two admission applications for international students each year

- 2023 Fall semester
 - study beginning in **2023 September**
 - 1st Round application: **January 2-March 15, 2023**
 - 2nd Round application: **March 16-April 14, 2023**
- 2024 Spring semester
 - study beginning in **2024 February**
 - The application: **September 1-October 31**



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- **Applicant Eligibility for the Ph.D. Program in APRS**
 - Individuals who have a master's degree or equivalent to a master's degree recognized by the Program Director
 - English language proficiency:
Applicants who are from non-native English-speaking countries require
 - A minimum TOEIC score of 700;
 - A minimum of TOEFL score of 71 for iBT, 197 for CBT, and 530 for PBT/ITP;
 - A minimum IELTS overall band score of 5.0.



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- **Applications are all processed online. And applicants shall upload the required documents below:**
 - Color ID photo
 - Proof of nationality
 - Academic credentials in Chinese or English
 - Full transcript of records (including explanation of grading system)
 - Autobiography
 - Study Plan
 - Language Proficiency Certificates
 - Recommendation Letters
 - Financial statement
 - Other materials that benefit the application
- **NDHU Applying Admissions**
<https://oia.ndhu.edu.tw/intl-student/campus-information/intl-admissions>

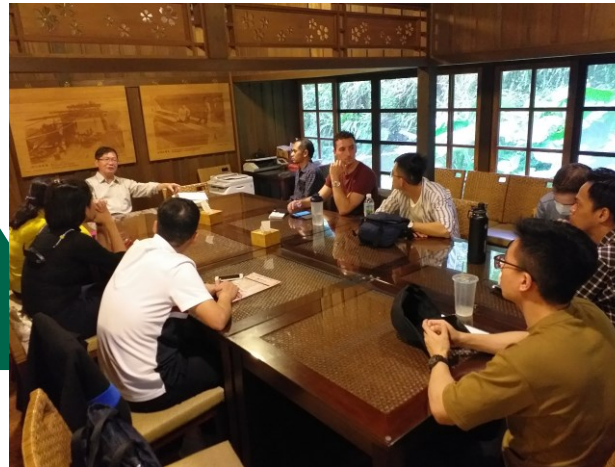
The collection of life in Taiwan

The opening of the program's office



The collection of life in Taiwan

The field trips to the communities and institutes



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The student and teacher meetings, and celebrations over the years





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