

CCS News and Activities.

Conference on Ming Literati Collections and Studies

The Center for Chinese Studies hosted a conference on Ming literati collections and studies from April 28 to 30 at the NCL, drawing over 100 participants, including scholars from mainland China. A total of 41 papers were delivered on four major topics on Ming literati collections. These included studies of collection editions, comparative studies between collections and historical anthologies, studies of collections from various aspects of Ming society, and an overview of collection compilation.

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CCS Seminar

The Center for Chinese Studies held a seminar on May 6 discussing the relation between psychoanalysis and ethnic identity as seen in popular literature.

Mr. Perry Johansson, a researcher at Stockholm University in Sweden delivered the keynote speech at the event, which was chaired by Dr. Tsung-hui Huang (黃宗慧), an assistant professor at National Taiwan University.

Drawing on the work of French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan and Slovenian sociologist Slavoj Zizek, Johansson's paper discusses the issue of self-identity in China based on two popular novels and two movies, addressing in particular the differences and similarities between "the other" as treated by Lacan and Zizek. He concludes that for Hong Kong and Taiwan, mainland China is "the other," representing a threat but also strengthening their sense of self-identity.