**Wendy Huang Lectures**

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Wendy Huang Lectures, formerly known as The Formosa Lectures in Philosophy (2013) and Wendy Huang Visiting Fellowship (2014-2016), was founded in 2013 and is hosted by the Department of Philosophy at National Taiwan University. Funding was sourced from annual donation by Miss Wendy Huang and her Shun Yih Ltd. The primary concern of this funding is to promote the research of logic and analytic philosophy in Taiwan, especially in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophical logic, the philosophy of language, and some other related fields.

Each year we invite one or two renowned philosophers/logicians to give a series of (3-5) lectures. The series of lectures are attended by professional philosophers, students, members of the public. Topics of this series of lectures will be expected to have a breadth of coverage, ranging from formal logic, both mathematical and philosophical, to philosophical issues in general, and perhaps falling mainly under the wide scope of contemporary analytic philosophy. However, at the moment, special attention will be paid to topics bearing a close connection between logic and philosophy. Our primary concern with this orientation is rather Russellian-style in that logic should be fundamental in philosophy.

To make this series of lectures have more significant and substantial impact on the philosophical community in Taiwan and Asian area, associated with each series of lectures, we also organize a conference during the period of the deliverance of lectures. More specifically, we have established two series of biennial conferences − Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium (TPLCs, since 2012) and Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMCs, since 2013). The central issue of the delivered lectures will be one of the main themes for the corresponding TPLC/TMC-conference. And the invited lecturer will address a keynote speech at the conference. It is expected that some of the invited/contributed talks will focus on, or have some connection with the main theme of the delivered lectures.

In 2013, Professor David Charles (Oriel College, Oxford University) was invited to give the first Formosa Lectures in Philosophy (during 15 September to 9 October 2013),　entitled: *Essence, Modality and the Master Craftsman*. Professor Charles also gave the keynote speech − ‘Are actions events? An Aristotelian perspective’, at the First Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-2013, 4 October, 2013). In 2014, to honour Miss Wendy Huang’s contribution, the program for the series of lectures was renamed as ‘Wendy Huang Visiting Fellowship’. Professor Hiroakira Ono (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST), Japan) was invited as the first Wendy Huang Visiting Fellow, and delivered a series of four lectures, ‘Nonclassical logics − from algebraic viewpoint’, in October 2014, which was followed by Professor Daniel Stoljar’s (Australia National University) lectures, entitled ‘Philosophical progress and reasonable optimism’ during 24 November - 5 December, 2014. Professor Maxwell John Cresswell (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) gave a series of lectures, entitled ‘Modality in Wittgenstein, Carnap and Quine’ for 2015 Wendy-Huang Visiting Fellowship. Professor Rob Goldblatt (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) was invited as the 2016 Wendy-Huang Visiting Fellow; his lectures focused on structural modelling of non- classical logic.

In fact, in 2016 we organized a joint conference of the third Asian Workshop on Philosophical Logic and the third Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium (AWPL-TPLC 2016) during 5-8 October. Professor Timothy Williamson was initially invited to act as the 2016 Wendy Huang Visiting Fellow to address a series of lectures on modal reality. But as it happened, we organized a special workshop on his five influential books in the joint conference, including more than five sessions, at least one invited speaker for each of Williamson’s five books by then. Williamson gave a keynote speech for the workshop and made comments and replies to all speakers at the workshop.

In 2017, Professor Jennifer Hornsby (the School of Philosophy, Birkbeck College, University of London; All Souls College, Oxford University) suggested the title ‘Wendy Huang Lectures’ as a replacement of the Wendy Huang Visiting Fellowship, and gave the 2017 Wendy Huang Lectures on “The Metaphysics of Agency” during 1-6 November, including: Lecture I— ‘*Cause and Causativity*’; Lecture II: ‘*Predication, propositions, events, situations, et cetera*!’; and Lecture III: ‘*Agency and Time*’.

The 2018 Wendy Huang Lectures was addressed by Professor Dorothy Edgington (Birkbeck College, University of London) during 19-26 November, 2018, entitled ‘Vagueness, Conditionals and Causation’ — I: ‘*Vagueness and Indeterminacy of Truth Value*’; II: ‘*Conditionals: Why We Need a Suppositional Theory*’; and III: ‘*Causation and Counterfactuals*’, in addition to her keynote speech ‘*Indeterminacy, Uncertainty and Conditionals*’ at TPLCIV-2018, the main theme of which is ‘Conditionals: Truth-conditions, Probability, and Causality’.

Professor Hartry Field (New York Universtiy) will give the 2019 Wendy Huang Lectures during 7-16 January 2020, entitled ‘Naive Truth and Semantic Paradox’— I: *The Power of Naive Truth*; II: *Naive Truth and Restricted Quantification*; III: *Ordinary Conditionals and Naive Truth*. He will also give a keynote speech ‘The objectivity of mathematics’ at TMC-IV 2020 – The Fourth Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, the main theme of which is ‘the realism-antirealism debates’.

Professor Melvin Fitting (The Graduate Centre, City University of New York) has accepted our invitation to give the 2020 Wendy Huang Lecture during mid-October and November 2020.

We hope that in near future this series of lectures will become one of the most prestigious annual events in philosophical societies around Asian region.