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Upcoming Conferences

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**East Asian Collection
The University of Melbourne**

2011 International Seminar on Chinese Digital Publishing and Digital Libraries.

2011 International Seminar on Chinese Digital Publishing and Digital Libraries is going to be held between August 29th, 2011 to September 3rd, 2011 in Beijing.

This seminar is co-organized by Tsinghua University Library and China Academic Journal Electronic Publishing House,(A division of CNKI) aiming at offering a communicative platform for East Asian librarians and scholars from all over the world to exchange ideas on applications and services of Chinese e-resources. About 132 experts, scholars and chief of libraries will attend the seminar, 112 of which come from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, U.S. Germany, U.K. Denmark, Israel, Czech, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, , Thailand and other countries or regions, 20 of which are experts in publishing, library and information management, and chief librarians of prestigious universities in China.

Along with the Seminar, there will be the library visit in Tsinghua University, Peking University Library and Capital Library. Lastly, a 3 day cultural visit in some tourist attractions with historical and cultural values is provided for librarians and scholars to promote the cultural exchange.

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East Asian Popular Culture Association 2011 Inaugural Conference, Taipei.

September 1 – 4, 2011
<https://sites.google.com/site/2011eapca/home>

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Call for Papers: Conference on Mao's China, Non-Communist Asia and the Global Setting, 1949-1976

Application Deadline: September 15, 2011

<http://tiny.cc/32812>

International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries (ICADL 2011)

24-27 October, Beijing, China.

<http://www.icadl2011.org/>

Dragon Tails 2011: sources, language, approaches

2nd Australasian conference on
overseas Chinese history & heritage
Museum of Chinese Australian History, Melbourne
11-13 November 2011

<http://dragontails.com.au/>

2011 Taiwan Studies Workshop. *Happiness and Sadness: Taiwan society and its emotional textures.*

8th - 9th December 2011.

The University of Melbourne

http://www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/events/events/2011_taiwan_studies_workshop

Rediscovered Past: Chinese Tropical Australia

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The fourth "no fuss" Conference

11-12 February 2012

**Organised by Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia Inc. (CHINA Inc)
at the Hotel Sheridan Plaza, 295 Sheridan Street, Cairns, QLD, 4870.**

Following on from the successful previous three *Rediscovered Past* conferences held in Cairns, the organisers are pleased to announce a fourth conference to be held in 2012. Again this will be a "no fuss" multidisciplinary event run over two days and will be open to contributions from all fields of Chinese Australian studies – including history, archaeology, heritage management, law, literature, linguistics, art, and library science. The conference will maintain the previous casual, friendly atmosphere that everybody has enjoyed.

The theme of the conference, 'Chinese Tropical Australia', aims to focus attention on the historic emergence of Chinese Australian communities in the Far North. Chinese

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have been part of the region for several centuries, starting with sporadic visits by traders and fishermen and culminating in the large scale immigration of miners, workers and business people during the 19th century. Yet these people have usually not been considered settlers, but rather transient visitors who remained separate from other communities and did not alter their cultural practices or identity. Research in recent years challenges this view, showing that early Chinese immigrants interacted, adapted and transformed themselves in diverse ways. They became part of the social fabric of their new land, established new ways of life, and founded families and communities.

The conference will comprise for a full day on the Saturday and a half-day on the Sunday. The program is yet to be finalised but the event will be run in consecutive sessions. As before, the popular Saturday night conference dinner and concluding yumcha lunch will be continued.

The fees are: Full Conference attendance of AUD \$45; Single Day (Saturday) attendance of AUD \$30; and Half-day attendance of \$15. The Conference Dinner and Yumcha will be pay as you go.

The city of Cairns has been a major regional historical site of Chinese Australian life since the 1870s. Researchers of Chinese history and heritage may investigate the Cairns Historical Society collections as well as the Pioneer and Martyn Street cemeteries. From Cairns, visitors may travel to Aloomba –a site of extensive Chinese sugarcane farming – to Innisfail (Geraldton) – a site of Chinese banana growing, and to Atherton – the site of the Hou Wang Chinese temple. Those who have the time could venture further afield to Croydon, where the remains of the former ‘Chinatown’ precinct exists as a significant Chinese Australian archaeological site, and to Cooktown, the site of early Chinese immigration associated with the Palmer River Gold Rush.

Cairns is a well-known holiday destination for domestic and international visitors. Information about travel and accommodation can be found through a Google search. Accommodation is available at the conference venue, the Hotel Sheridan Plaza, at a rate of \$110 per night. February is a relatively quiet period for Cairns and as a consequence flights and accommodation tend to be cheaper and more readily available.

If you think you would like to present at or attend the conference, please email an expression of interest to: china_nth@yahoo.com.au. The deadline for presentation proposals on the conference theme is 30 November 2011. Email abstracts to china_nth@yahoo.com.au. Conference registration will run from December 2011 and full registration details will be issued soon.

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2012 AAS Conference, March 15–18, 2012, Toronto, Canada

<http://www.aasianst.org/Conference/>