Multiculturalism and Globalization: Implications for Asian Digital Libraries

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- Multicultural
- Global
- Multidisciplinary
- Contributive

multicultural and
globalized contexts
present unique
challenges and
opportunities in
developing Asian
digital libraries

Asian Digital Libraries: Multicultural & Global

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- ASIA the most linguistically diverse area of the world, with its religious diversity largely a result of contact with traders, missionaries or colonial settlers (He & Kymlicka, 2005) >> indigenous, ethnic and diaspora communities
- Digital Library (collections, repositories)
- WHAT (content), WHO (developers), HOW to use (access)

DIGITIZATION: Some envision a universal archive—the basis for a total history of the human race. (Anthony Grafton, 2007)

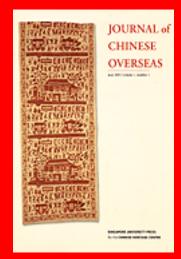






http://www.dimsum.co.uk/











Source:

http://www.echinaart.com/interview/xu_bing/int_xubing.htm



"Digitization and its discontents"

- Anthony Grafton, New Yorker, Nov. 5, 2007
- The commercial companies naturally concentrated on more marketable texts, while nonprofit sponsors concentrated on the texts that mattered to them. No over-all logic determined which texts were reprinted on paper, which were filmed, and which remained in obscurity.
- Other sectors of the world's book production are not even catalogued and accessible on site, much less available for digitization. The materials from the poorest societies may not attract companies that rely on subscriptions or on advertising for cash flow.
- Poverty, in other words, is embodied in lack of print as well as in lack of food. The Internet will do much to redress this imbalance, by providing Western books for non-Western readers. What it will do for non-Western books is less clear.

Of the 230+ countries in the world, only 1/3 have searchable digital collections (Chen, 2007; p. 7)

Of the 2347 world digital collections in *GMNet*:

- North America (3 countries) accounts for 62%, and 56.3% of this is from the U.S.A.
- Europe (50+ countries) accounts for 20.2%*
- Asia (30+ countries) accounts for 12.3%*
- Australia and New Zealand accounts for 2%
- Africa (50+ countries) accounts for 1.3%. Of this very small number, 1.1% represents digital applications that have been developed in Egypt and South Africa.

^{* =} not including non-English collections

Digitizing and Empowering the "Other":



Digital libraries as national treasures and representation of the national imaginary

"History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."

"History is written by the victors."

» Winston Churchill





 "No hubo un chino cubano desertor, no hubo un chino cubano traidor" (Not a single Chinese-Cuban deserter, nor a Chinese-Cuban traitor) - General cubano Gonzalo de Quesada

Photo: Nicolas Cosio Sierra http://www.gio.gov.tw/info/nation/sp/fcr/1997/no.6/6p14.htm

Digitizing and Empowering the "Other":

Dignitaries and railworkers gather to drive the "golden spike" and join the tracks of the transcontinental railroad at Promontory Point, Utah, on May 10, 1869.

SO,

digitize we must

OUR history, knowledge and culture depend on it

Information, Knowledge and Cultural Custodians (preservation, access, representation, empowerment)

- To develop digital, community-based (with/in) libraries of material relating to under-represented groups including publications, photographs, artwork, artefacts and multimedia from one to a range of collections
- To provide access to essential cultural and community information to individuals and communities of concern and the world at large
- To strengthen individuals and communities through knowledge and pride in who they are, where they come from and what they have contributed
- To strengthen identity and culture through making material available that is often difficult to access for lack of documentation, rareness and fragility of materials, physical reach, etc.

Problematizing the cultural/material production of digital libraries

- Reproduction of dominant culture
- Preserving national treasures; the grand narratives
- Distributive approach (equal access, local control)
- an act of nostalgia, of inclusion and exclusion, and of racial, social and sexual differentiation

Culture: Intersubjective Space

- Roots/routes
- Imagination
- cultures have been erased, fused, re-emerged or stayed static as a result of movements of peoples through migration, colonialism, assimilation, war and intermarriage, for example. These events have created creolized, transnational, diaspora, minority (e.g., linguistic, ethnic, racial, religious, etc.), and ethnically-or racially-mixed peoples and communities.

Critical and multicultural scholarship

- Juan Pérez de la Riva "historia de la gente sin historia" > giving voice, memory and existence
- Peggy McIntosh (White Privilege) and Critical Race Theory > counter-narratives
- James Banks cross-cultural perspectives (insider/outsider), multicultural citizenship
- Paulo Freire through literacy that individuals find their own voice and can eradicate cultures of silence that keep them oppressed or aim to assimilate them

Cultural Diversity or multiculturalism

• Cultural diversity (UNESCO, 2001): "culture should be regarded as the set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual and emotional features of society or a social group, and that it encompasses, in addition to art and literature; lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs."

Diversity is that space where differences are edged and become the cause/source for celebration, innovation, adaptation, or in the worse case scenario subjugation and suppression.

Multiculturalism in Asia (He and Kymlicka, 2005, p. 3)

• "managing diversity is therefore key to political stability in the region. The centralized, unitary 'nationstate' model adopted by postcolonial states appears increasingly unable to meet this challenge....Whatever the explanation, Asia is witnessing the rise of 'identity politics'. People are mobilizing along ethnic, religious, racial, and cultural lines, and demanding recognition of their identity, acknowledgement of their legal rights and historic claims, and a commitment to the sharing of power."

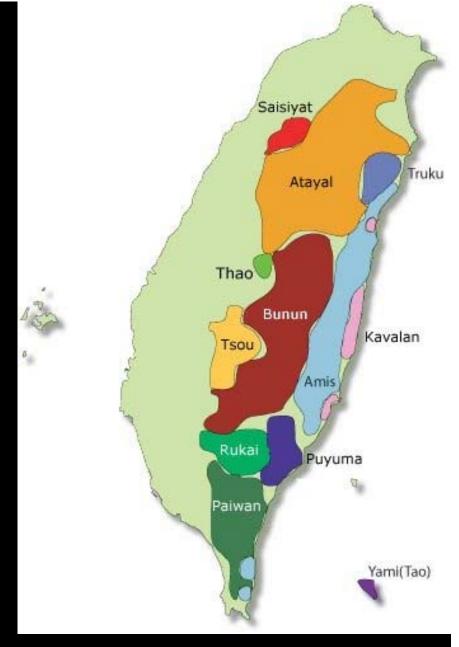
Population: Taiwanese (including Hakka) 84%, mainland Chinese 14%, indigenous 2%

Source: CIA World Factbook

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/theworld-factbook/geos/tw.html

»Recognized: Ami, Atayal, Bunun, Kavalan, Paiwan, Puyuma, Rukai, Saisiyat, Tao, Thao, Tsou, Truku, and Sakizaya.

»Unrecognized: Babuza, Basay, Hoanya, Ketagalan, Luilang, Pazeh/Kaxabu, Popora, Qauqaut, Siraya, Taokas, Trobiawan, Seediq



Map of Highland Tribes
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiwanese_aborigines

http://www.joshuaproject.net/countries.php?rog3=TW

▲ People Groups (click people name for profile)	Population	% Evangel	% Adherent	Least Reached	Progress Scale	Primary Religion	Primary Language	Pho	Мар	Т
Americans, U.S.	9,400		78.00 %		4.1	Christianity	English	•		•
Amis, Ami	158,000	38.98 %	90.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Amis	•		
Amis, Nataoran	2,300		80.00 %		2.1	Christianity	Amis, Nataoran			
Babusa	200		80.00 %		2.1	Christianity	Babuza			
British	50		78.00 %		4.1	Christianity	English	•		
Bunun, Bunan	44,000	50.00 %	80.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Bunun	•		
Deaf	83,000			Υ	1.2	Ethnic Religions	Taiwan Sign Language			
Drukai, Tsalisen	8,800	50.00 %	80.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Rukai			
Filipino	89,000		100.00 %		3.2	Christianity	Tagalog	•		
Han Chinese, Hakka	2,365,000	0.20 %	2.50 %	Υ	1.2	Ethnic Religions	Chinese, Hakka	•		•
Han Chinese, Mandarin	3,714,000	3.50 %	5.36 %		3.1	Non-Religious	Chinese, Mandarin	•		•
Hoklo, Taiwanese	16,297,000	1.77 %	5.50 %		2.1	Ethnic Religions	Chinese, Min Nan	•		•
Hui, Chinese Muslim	56,000	0.00 %	0.00 %	Υ	1.1	Islam	Chinese, Mandarin	•		
Japanese	12,000	1.27 %	3.00 %	Y	1.2	Buddhism	Japanese	•		
Jew, Mandarin Speaking	200		1.00 %	Υ	1.2	Ethnic Religions	Chinese, Mandarin			•
Kanakanabu	300			Υ	1.0	Unknown	Kanakanabu		•	•
Kavalan, Kuwarawan	100		80.00 %		2.1	Christianity	Kavalan			
Korean	6,800	27.94 %	40.00 %		4.2	Ethnic Religions	Korean	•		
Malay	12,000	0.00 %	0.00 %	Υ	1.1	Islam	Malay	•	•	•
Mongol	Unknown			Υ	1.0	Buddhism	Mongolian, Peripheral	•		
Mongol, Khalka	7,000	0.02 %	0.02 %	Υ	1.2	Buddhism	Mongolian, Halh	•		
Paiwanese, Tamari	71,000	30.46 %	80.00 %		4.1	Christianity	Paiwan	•		
Pyuma, Puyuma	9,500	18.36 %	70.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Puyuma			
Saaroa	300			Υ	1.0	Unknown	Saaroa		•	•
Saiset, Seisirat	4,900	11.06 %	70.00 %		4.1	Christianity	Saisiyat			
Sediq, Taroko	34,000	29.33 %	80.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Taroko			
Tayal, Atayal	51,000	49.20 %	90.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Atayal			
Thai, Central	102,000		0.40 %	Y	1.2	Buddhism	Thai	•		
Thao, Sau	400	30.33 %	79.95 %		4.2	Christianity	Thao			
Tibetan	2,300		0.10 %	Y	1.2	Buddhism	Tibetan, Central	•		
Tsou, Northern Tsuu	6,400	50.00 %	70.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Tsou			
Uyghur	200	0.00 %	0.00 %	Y	1.1	Islam	Uyghur	•		•
Yami, Botel Tabago	4,700	50.00 %	80.00 %		4.2	Christianity	Yami			
Total People Groups: 33	23,151,000			13	2.2			18	3	g
Unclassified / Other Individuals	23,000									
World Christian Database (2007)	23,174,000									

Latin America: Home and Migration

- Did the Chinese Discover America?
 - http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Tower/1217/asia.html
 - Menzie, Gavin. 1421: The Year China Discovered America.
 William Morrow and Company, 2003. http://www.1421.tv/;
 http://www.kenspy.com/Menzies/
- Latin America as home, citizenship
- Recent migration: secondary migration to the U.S., return migrants, Cuba?
- Relationship with China and Taiwan
- Scholarship: (a) Area Studies or Ethnic Studies, (b) evolving areas of study: Diaspora, Transnational, and Comparative Ethnic Studies

Digitization:

CONTENT (I)

The typology of crosscultural researchers has four types of knowers or researchers (Banks, 1998):

- the indigenous-insider,
- the indigenous-outsider,
- the external-insider ("adopted" insider), and
- the external-outsider

Examples of the sort of cultural exploitation that is passed of as "economic development" in Taiwan



- "Aborigines go better with Coke" (Source: http://www.taiwanfirstnations.org/)
- The government sponsored Formosan Aboriginal Cultural Village was "built to preserve Taiwan's Aboriginal cultures and develop the tourism industry" (lack of authenticity)

Content selection/priorities

- user needs
- organizational (e.g., library) objectives
- purpose/use (e.g., research, teaching, etc.)
- cost
- Minority, under-represented cultures (e.g., race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, etc.) and experiences (e.g., counter-narratives)
- TO digitize or NOT TO digitze

Examples of Digital Libraries/Projects

- Global Memory Net (GMNet) http://www.memorynet.org
 (over 2400 digital collections from over 80 countries; multi-collection, multilingual, multimedia) "Ethnic Groups" category
- World Heritage Memory Net (WHMNet) universal access to multilingual and multimedia information, including available photographs, videos, audio clips, on 830 World Heritage Sites in 138 countries
- Open Content Alliance http://www.opencontentalliance.org/
- Google Library Digitization Project
- Million Book Project
- US-Korea Joint Workshop on Digital Libraries
- Institute of Ethnology (Academia Sinica), Council of Indigenous Peoples, also see: http://www.ritual-and-identity.uni-hd.de/Contributers/Dr_Michael_Rudolph/Sino/index.htm
- Non-existent for Chinese in Latin America

Materials

- Monographs and Serials (e.g., scholarly, popular, literature, etc) [major and small presses, self-publication]
- Dissertations, theses
- Indexing and bibliographic resources
- Official records (e.g., legislation, census data, record of Parliamentary debates, immigration records, other legal records, etc.)
- Mass media: newspaper, magazine, radio, television [minority/mainstream, local/national/international]
- Art, photography, performance arts, culinary arts, crafts
- Multimedia: sound recordings, video, film, etc.
- Websites: digital forms of traditional genres, blogs, social networks, social content, social tagging, etc
- Institutional records (e.g., community organization): publications, documents, photographs, artifacts, etc.
- Personal records: documents, photographs, artifacts
- Realia: maps, globes, architectural drawings, artefacts, etc.

 Historically, there was no written form of their native languages. Cultural knowledge and values within the different tribal groups was often transmitted through folk tales. These folk tales offer a valuable window into the rich cultural history of the Aboriginal Peoples of Taiwan.





http://www.museum.org.tw/



Introduction to the Nine Aboriginal Tribes

Introduction

Rituals

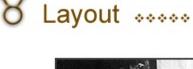
Costumes 4

Handicrafts

Websites

[HOME]

- Ami Tribe
- ◆ Puyuma Tribe
- Paiwan Tribe
- Atayal Tribe
- Rukai Tribe
- Bunun Tribe
- Tsou Tribe
- Saisiyat Tribe
- Yami Tribe





1. Origins

Aboriginal legends in this section describe the origins of life and their ancestors.

2. Tribe Distribution

Distributed throughout Taiwan, the nine distinct aboriginal cultures

http://edu.ocac.gov.tw/local/tour_aboriginal/english/a/a1.htrm





The worldwide voice of the indigenous tribes of Taiwan.



Management

E-mail ATAYAL

2007 Indigenous Culture Summit

Indigenous Voices Heard Around the World

The ATAYAL organization is supporting the 2007 Indigenous Culture Summit held in Taiwan Dec 29 - Jan 7. ATAYAL founder Tony Coolidge is the North American representative of the Summit. We are looking for individuals, performers and leaders of tribal nations and organizations to register for the summit and share your voices.

Learn More About The Indigenous Culture Summit

View Itinerary | Register for the Event

Welcome To Our Online Tribal Community!

ATAYAL, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to nurturing the spirit and culture of the indigenous tribes of Taiwan and spreading its seeds worldwide. To learn more about the organization and this web site, read below:

THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION - The ATAYAL
organization is committed to providing the indigenous
peoples of Taiwan with economically and environmentally
sustainable opportunities in a world market. By facilitating
the development of the unique culture into marketable
assets overseas, the indigenous people of Taiwan will
have additional incentives to embrace and value their
heritage. Learn more about the mission and get inspired.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To find out how you can make a difference for the indigenous people and their culture, CLICK HERE.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BOARD?

To find out about the opportunities available, CLICK HERE.

MAKE A DONATION

To help fund the projects that will give the indigenous tribes a worldwide voice, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

INDIGENOUS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

To learn more about the international festival for all tribes created by the ATAYAL organization, CLICK HERE.





The Hakka People
Hakka Language Study Topics
Hakka Villages







The Jews of Asia

The term "Hakka" was not originally a designation for a certain ethnic group living in a particular area. When the term "Hakka" first appeared in household registries during the Song Dynasty, it was used to indicate "guests" who had left their homelands to settle down in other parts of the country, in contrast to residents originally from the area. Although evidence is sketchy, the Hakkas are thought to originate from the lands bordering the Huang River (Yellow River) or Shanxi, Henan, and Hubei Provinces of the Northern China of today. To escape

Descendants of Africal People Taiwan 全球非裔聯盟 Organizing the Diaspora in Taiwan

Taiwan

Home > About D.A.P. >

D.A.P. stands for Descendants of African People. D.A.P. was founded in Taipei City, Taiwan in March 2004. It was founded by two, black American women who shared the need to create a community for those expatriates who were residing in or passing through Taiwan.

Jaleaa Price, who presently lives in Thailand, and is from Arizona spent five years in Taiwan. She along with Elissa Russell, a Mississippian, who presently resides in Taiwan founded the organization.

In addition to providing services for the local community such as information regarding shopping, employment, visa, and heath/beauty products and more; D.A.P. provides event-planning services.

D.A.P. organizes culture-based performances ranging from African Dance/Drum to fashion shows and cultured performances from Brazil and beyond. Contact us at deptermental dept

People of African descent in Taiwan are invited to join as members as well as those outside of the African Diaspora. To join email deptaiwan@yehoo.com, and request that you be added to our mailing list. Members will receive email updates and gain access to services, notices, and the DAP events calendar.

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About D.A.P.

In the Spotlight

Who's Who

In the News

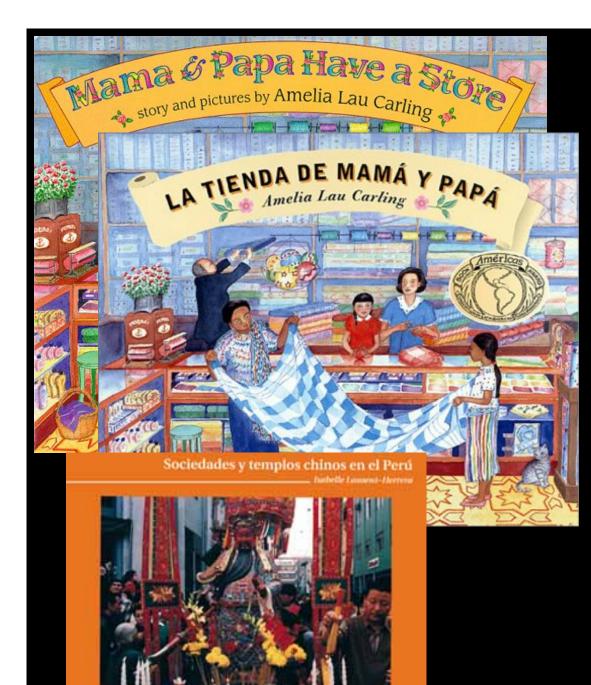
Taiwan FAQ

Events

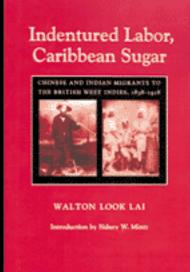
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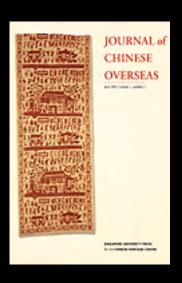
Downloads

http://www.daptaiwan.org/About_DAP/about_dap.html



Monographs and Journals





Lausent-Herrera, Isabelle; 2000.

Mass Media



Chinese language dailies:

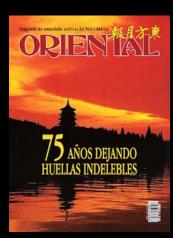
- iii Diario Comercial Peruano Chino
- *Man Shing Po* "Diario del Pueblo" (1911-present)
- La Voz de la Colonia China (1911-22 weekly, 1922-present daily)

Bilingual weeklies:

- "Ch'iao Pao "Diario de los chinos de ultramar"
- Chung Wha Po (1992-present)

Magazine:







Photographs and other archival materials

Chinese coolie laborer on sugar cane plantation, Chicamita, Peru, 1860s or 1870s.

http://www.skidmore.edu/~jdym/hi228



HIMNO DEL COLEGIO "DIEZ DE OCTUBRE"
HERMOSO PABELLON CUAL UN PALACID
EL GOLEGIO DIEZ DE OCTUBRE
PROPAGA LA CULTURA CHINA
Y REVIVE SU FILOSOFIA
IRRADIANDO COMO EL SOL
EL SABER DE NUESTRA PATRIA
Y LA REPUBLICA CHINA
CON SUS TRES BELLOS PRINCIPIOS
DEMOCRACIA PATRIOTISMO Y BIEN SOCIAL
CULTIVEMOS LA MORAL Y LA VIRTUD
ESTUDIANDO CON EMPEND Y CON FE
DE APRENDER JAMAS NOS CANSAMOS
PUES SABEMOS QUE SOLO ASI LOGRAREMOS
SUPERARNOS Y TRIUNFAR EN LA VIDA

PACEM IN TERRIS

La paz en la tierra, profunda aspiración de los hombres de todos los tiempos, no se puede establecer ni asegurar si no guarda integramente el orden establecido por D105.

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世界和平guan Papa XXIII

世界和平是人們歷代深切的新求,若不遵照

天主 諭下的詠幸,是不能維持和保障的。







Tribute to Che Guevarra

La Patrona del Barrio Chino

Pedro Eng's Art



1847 Yemayá recibe a los Chinos culíes en Regla

http://www.ewtn.com/spanish/Maria/caridad_del_cobre.htm



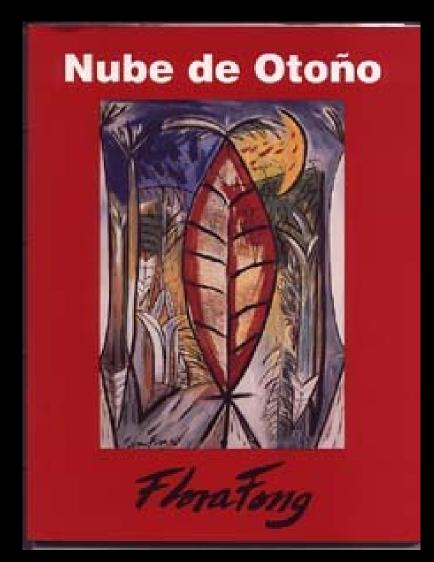
La procesión de Guan Gong en el barrio chino



Altar to Cuan Cung in Casino Chung Wah



Flora Fong, 1948- with photo of mother & father





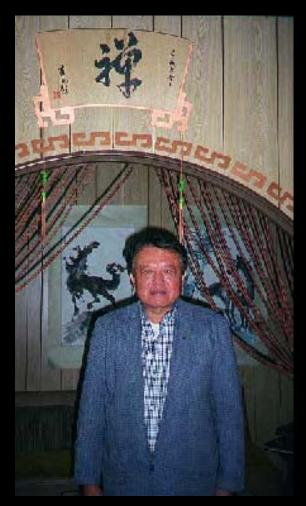


Wifredo, Jonas, Eskil and Timour Lam, 1973. In the garden of Albisola http://www.uol.com.br/23bienal/ especial/iela24g.htm



Nu à la Chaise, 1942. http://www.uol.com.br/23bienal/esp ecial/iela02g.htm

Le Tropic de Capricorne, 1961 http://www.uol.com.br/23bienal/especial/iela 20g.htm





Eduardo Auyón Gerardo, Chinese Mexican Artist

Identity and Representation through music and film

Chino Latino Musicians

Source: http://www.amazon.com



Ana Gabriel

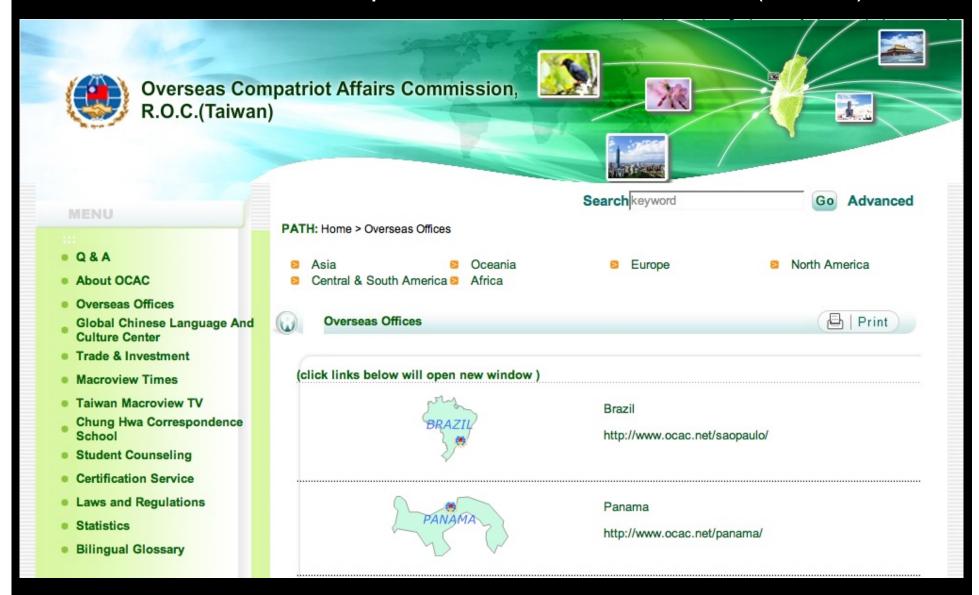




http://www.tissa.com/

María Guadalupe Araújo Yong

The Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission (OCAC)



http://www.ocac.gov.tw/english/service/service_list.asp?no=685&SERAREA=3

Community social content: Videos, blogs, websites, etc.



ON <u>www.youtube.com</u>:

- Dragon Chino en el Corso de "Wong" 2007
- Danza del Dragon Chino de T'ai Valencia (Spain)
- "Casino style" Salsa dancing -- Chinese man with Cuban woman (Huo, Yao Fei (David)) http://www.huoyaofei.com/)

Digitization:

DEVELOPMENT TEAM (II)

Scholarship of Dialogue: A framework for rethinking and reformulating NOT reproducing dominant discourse (Chu,2005)

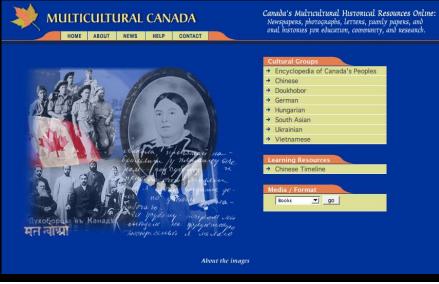
Dialogue (Freire, 1970) as conceptualized by Freire (1970) informed literacy and education:

- Respect working <u>with</u> rather than acting on
- Critical thinking challenging normativities, naming privileges and re-drawing them, identifying differences
- Praxis informed action enabling reciprocal learning
- Conscientization awareness in order to transform reality to create social change

Participatory, Contributive Development

- Commercial vs. non-commercial approach
- Participatory development: open, equitable, collaborative, contributive; community participation, integrity-based process
- Custodians and new documentation efforts (e.g., oral histories): individuals/community lending materials,

shared responsibility. E.g.,



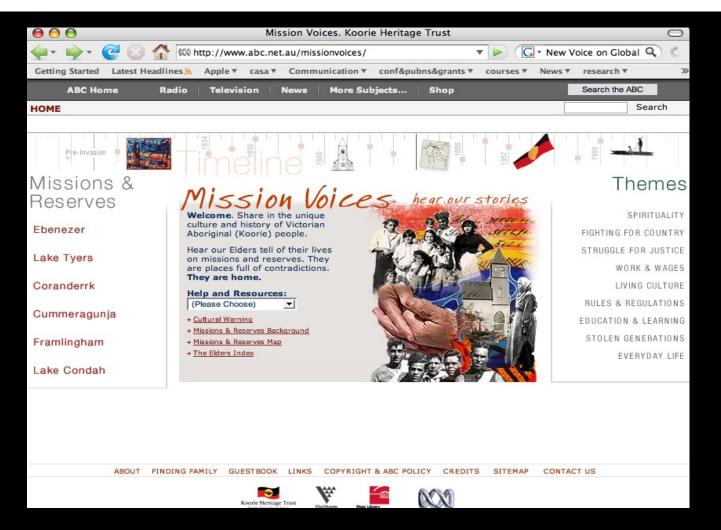
from OBJECT to SUBJECT

Digitization:

ACCESS (III)

Access issues

- Architecture
- Interactivity
- Search vs. browse
- Compliant with standards, interoperability
- Color/Design issues
- Multilingual (language of practice and for preservation)
- Culturally appropriate search vocabulary (ontologies)
- TO see/hear or NOT TO see/hear



• Cultural Warning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander users are warned that the Mission Voices website may contain images of deceased persons and images of places that could cause sorrow.

Digitizing and Empowering the "Other"

• multicultural and globalized digital libraries would guarantee the right for all cultural voices to be included, would acquire the necessary funding to pursue multicultural projects, and would enable underrepresented voices to speak for themselves, to determine what cultural heritage and community (including individual) experiences are to be digitized, and how the information will be accessed (limited or full access, language, interface, etc.).

A PEOPLE WHO HAVE A PAST, A HISTORY, AND CULTURE.
A CULTURE WITH HISTORY WILL NEVER DIE.
CONQUERED? MAYBE.

FORGOTTEN...NEVER!

