



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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AUGUST MEETING



***Contemporary China –
Visual Culture and New
Technologies***

A presentation by Dr Paola Voci, an expert on Chinese Film.

Wednesday 12 August 7.00pm

Dr Voci is Associate Professor in the University of Otago Department of Languages and Cultures. She teaches Chinese language and culture, as well as papers on Chinese cinema and Asian Popular cultures. Dr Voci's research focuses on visual culture and in particular, film and videomaking practices in contemporary China.

The presentation will cover Chinese cinema with a particular focus on the role of Chinese documentary practices in contemporary China.



China On Video is the first in-depth study that examines smaller-screen realities and the important role they play not only in the fast-changing Chinese mediascape, but also more broadly in the practice of experimental and non-mainstream cinema.

Fascinating background to whet your appetite for an interesting evening

<http://otago.academia.edu/PaolaVoci>

Venue Seminar Room 3N7 (Third floor of Arts Building, North Corridor). Otago University, Albany St.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Welcome to new members:

Damien and Sandi Adams, Linda Miles, Paul Coultas, Therese Madden

And to new member Dr Ian Hall

Dr IAN HALL and his wife Professor Xiong Wei Peng ...*Thank you for allowing me to join your throng of China and Chinese friends. I have to admit that despite having visited China many times since the late 1990s my command of the language is pitiful. I could blame my wife, stepson, nieces and nephews for speaking very good English. There again I could try to confess that my brain is not wired the right way (8% in my final French language test when I was 14). Or I could blame the wonderful programs for mobile phones and computers that do a fair job of translating. But the truth is probably somewhere between laziness and fear.*

However, I am not lazy in other regards so I would be happy to volunteer us or me to give a talk.As you might have guessed Wei Ping and I are both specialists in mushrooms. Hers are the aboveground species and mine mostly the subterranean truffles. It is what brought us together in 2010 in what has become a fairytale story....

I would be happy for you to put a link into your newsletter about poisonous mushrooms in NZ, especially the death cap mushroom. The more people who get to recognise the death cap increases the chance of saving more lives.

Kind regards

Ian

Honorary Fellow University of Otago
National poisons Centre, University of Otago

see www.trufflesandmushrooms.co.nz he is **the** NZ expert!!.. Maybe a talk and taste evening sometime next year!

POISONOUS MUSHROOMS – What you need to know!



There have been some serious mushroom poisonings in New Zealand which could have been avoided if people had been educated as to what is edible and what is not. These A3 posters by Ian Hall and John Fountain were originally produced for the New Zealand National Poisons Centre. ALL RIGHTS ARE RESERVED but we are happy for schools to print these for educational purposes.

Simply left click on the pdf file, left click on the disk icon, save to a pen drive and then take this into a print shop and ask them to print it - you may wish to take a copy of this web page with you to show that we have given permission to print.

Also below is a pamphlet we have produced in Chinese, English and Vietnamese on the death cap. Again ALL RIGHTS ARE RESERVED but we are happy for you to print this pamphlet for educational purposes.

<http://www.trufflesandmushrooms.co.nz/poisonous%20mushrooms.html>



Beginner Mandarin Lessons

Interested in learning Mandarin? The current 8 week course is well underway.

One of the Mandarin Language Assistants reports: *'Last Thursday we cooperated very well with (teacher) Wei, and had a great time with the passionate Mandarin learners there.'* Sia

If you want to receive info about **future courses**, send your expression of interest *"Please send me info about the NZCFS Mandarin Course" (for those not at school or University Mandarin course).*

Send to Course Facilitator, Dunedin NZCFS Branch member Martha Bell:

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There will be an end of course celebration on Aug 6

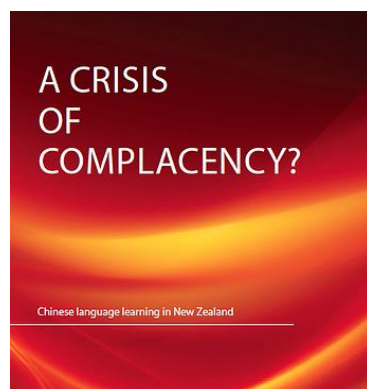


Columba College 2014 S.I. Confucius Classroom of the Year

but nationally ... this report from the New Zealand China Council shows "we need to lift our game".

Chinese language learning in New Zealand secondary schools is way out of step with the country's growing trade and cultural

relationships with China - the world's biggest economy. A New Zealand China Council report has revealed that, for every \$1 million of New Zealand's exports to China, just two students are learning Chinese - compared with 63 for French, 31 for Spanish, 17 for German and 10 for Japanese.



"China is our most important trading partner, our largest source of (international) students and second biggest source of tourists," says NZ China Council executive director, Pat English.

"There is an economic need to have more Kiwis communicating and understanding China in a cultural context. Chinese now make up a large and growing percentage of New Zealand's population, so we need to lift our game."

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11439736

Full report: <http://www.nzchinacouncil.com/#!/A-Crisis-of-Complacency-Chinese-language-learning-in-New-Zealand/cykj/555a84860cf23d0164a50440>



NZCFS National President Dave Bromich is a member of the NZCC Advisory Board. Dave has been actively involved in China since the 1990's; he has worked in rural poverty reduction and English teacher placement, as well as organising educational and project tours on behalf of NZCFS.



雕石成璧 Turning Stone into Jade

The History of the New Zealand Chinese Association

by David Fung



Published with support from the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, ***Turning Stone into Jade*** tells the story of one of New Zealand's oldest

Chinese community organisations. In its early incarnations, the NZCA offered kinship and a united voice for an often marginalised and fragile minority. As the New Zealand Chinese evolved into a community with a sure sense of place in the country's growing diverse population, the NZCA has had to adapt and change to reflect its current and future needs. ***Turning Stone into Jade*** is the story of how a community founded by sojourners and migrants has adapted to a new homeland, far from the place of their ancestors' birth.

Written by David Fung, this book comprises an extensive range of records from the Association's archives and other historical research, with photos, illustrations and contributions from its branches across the country.

A4 softcover ♦ 312 pages ♦ \$40

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Barock Choir
(from OBHS and OGHs) performing *Maranga Ra* at the 32nd Shanghai

International Music Festival, 2015

More photos and a very good report are on the NZCFS website here:

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/21020/barock-school-choir-takes-part-in-shanghai-spring-international-music-festival-may-2015/>

Branch President...Paul Fawcett

Look forward to a talk by branch president Paul Fawcett on his experiences in Mongolia with the NZCFS tour.

Wednesday 6 September

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

"Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations"

Learn more about the aims of NZCFS, its history, its current projects

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>



Contact the secretary for a membership form.

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