

CITY MUSEUMS GLOBAL MAPPING PROJECT WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

City Museums: Perspectives from the Asia Pacific

Taipei and Online, 28–29 April 2023

<https://camoc.mini.icom.museum/projects/city-museum-global-mapping-project/>

<https://citymuseums-mapping.com/>

Venue: MoNTUE - Museum of the National Taipei University of Education
No.134, Sec. 2, Heping E. Rd., Taipei; Google Maps: [MoNTUE 北師美術館](#)
<https://montue.ntue.edu.tw/en/>

Workshop partners: ICOM CAMOC (City Museums), ICOM COMCOL (Collecting), ICOM ASPAC (Regional Alliance for Asia-Pacific) and National Taipei University of Education (NTUE), with the support of the Chinese Association of Museums (CAM)

THE GLOBAL CITY MUSEUMS MAPPING PROJECT

In 2020, CAMOC launched a special project to understand the evolution of city museums worldwide. Together with partners ASPAC, COMCOL and NTUE, we are collecting data about where city museums exist, what they are doing, and how they see their role. The project objectives are:

- To find a common-ground **conceptual framework** to identify city museums in the world in their diversity, embracing different styles and scales of museums, acting for the city, not just about the city.
- To design a **methodology** to better recognize and follow the current international trends in city museums in the different regions and answer questions like “how many city museums are there in the world?”, “how old are city museums?”, “what are the new forms of city museums?”, etc.
- To **collect data** from and **engage in discussions** with the widest possible range of city museums.
- To **share these findings and analysis** through a project website, the first-ever digital map of city museums throughout the world, and a published project report guide.

Thanks to two ICOM grants, the City Museums Global Mapping project has developed a theoretical glossary and survey translated into 12 languages that has received 150+ responses. It has also created a growing online map of museums, with 75+ entries. Now, the first project workshop will provide an opportunity to look more closely at the research concepts and findings as they relate to city museum experiences in the Asia Pacific.

THE WORKSHOP

This workshop, entitled **City Museums: Perspectives from the Asia Pacific**, will explore both the physical and conceptual territory of city museums. Participants will strengthen connections with fellow professionals in the region by contributing to an intellectual map of what city museums do.

The workshop will consist of:

- keynote address by the scientific coordinator Dr Francesca Lanz (Northumbria University)
- presentation of the survey findings by Dr Shih-Yu Chen (National Taipei University of Education)
- interactive sessions on city museum practices and possibilities
- explorations of the changing practice of prominent museums from across the host region

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Schedule subject to change.

Workshop Day 1 – Friday, 28 April

9:00–16:00 UTC+8 CST

Welcome

Keynote - Francesca Lanz

Presentations by the Taipei team and Shih-Yu Chen, with initial findings from the survey and discussion about the digital map

Interactive breakout sessions and discussion on keywords and a conceptual map of city museums

City tour and evening reception (for onsite participants)

Workshop Day 2 – Saturday, 29 April

9:30–13:00 UTC+8 CST

Presentations from city museum experts across the Asia Pacific

Interactive breakout sessions and discussion on missing concepts and thematic approaches

Final round table and debate on regional trends, plus defining next steps

Excursion Day (for In-Person Participants) – Sunday, 30 April

More information coming soon!

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

We invite all those interested in discussing the city museum trends, key concepts and possible definitions, especially our colleagues from the Asia-Pacific region, to join us at the Taipei workshop, in person or online.

Important info

Language: **English**

Format: **on site + online**

Max. participants: **30 onsite + 50 online**

Registration fee: **Free to register**

Registration deadline: **1 April (in-person), 25 April (online)**

[To register, please fill in the form at this link](#)

If you have questions about the workshop,
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