



» **ROOTS OF CARE** **INTERDISCIPLINARY HYBRID** **WORKSHOP**

on Indigenous Knowings and Doings ‹‹

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Bringing together researchers from Taiwan, Mexico, and Germany, this interdisciplinary workshop explores Indigenous knowings and doings and systems of thought from a global and comparative perspective. Drawing on philosophy, social and cultural anthropology, linguistics, ethnopsychology, and ecology, it examines Indigenous knowledge not simply as an object of study, but as a source of theory, experience, and understanding in its own right.

The aim of the Workshop is to reflect critically on how Indigenous knowledge can be sustained and meaningfully engaged within contemporary democratic and culturally plural societies.

Guiding questions are:

- How is human experience articulated in language?
- How are concepts such as space and time conceptualized?
- In what ways is movement through space verbalized?
- What discursive resources are available to Indigenous communities today?
- How can traditional knowledge be sustained within modern democratic societies without losing its cultural and existential significance?

WEDNESDAY, 08.07.2026

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CET

Prof. Dr. Kai Marchal (National Chengchi University, Taipei)
Ways of Spatialization

Prof. Dr. Kurtis Pei (National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan)
Hunting and Animal Target-Trapping among Taiwanese Indigenous Groups

Prof. Dr. Rik De Busser (National Chengchi University, Taipei)
Space, Meaning and Power: Place Names in Indigenous Taiwan

1 p.m. *Lunch Break*

2 p.m. – 6 p.m. CET

Prof. Dr. Angelika Messner (Kiel University, China Centre/ROOTS Cluster of Excellence)
Knowing has a Place

Prof. Dr. Laura Alicia Soto Rangel (UNAM-Facultad de Estudios Superiores Acatlán, Naucalpan de Juárez, Mexico City)
The Layers of Coloniality: A Pluralist Critique from Mexican Philosophy

Tania Haide Espinoza Altamirano (UNAM-Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Naucalpan de Juárez, México City)
Transmodernity and Pluriversalism in Enrique Dussel: Critiquing Western-Centric Universalism

PD. Dr. Hilmar Schmiedl-Neuburg (Kiel University/UMass Boston)
The Plurality of Knowledges

6.15 p.m. *Farewell*

Organisation and Contact

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