

## Practical information

### Talks

Keynotes 40 minutes + 10 minutes QA  
Regular talks 12 minutes + 3 minutes QA

### Key dates

April 25<sup>th</sup> Icebreaker reception  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Symposium I  
April 29<sup>th</sup> Symposium II  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> Return to Taipei, evening



### Visa

**Please make sure that you have the correct visa for visiting Taiwan.**

Most countries in Europe and North America are eligible for visa-exempt entry to Taiwan. Detailed information on visa regulations for Taiwan can be found here:

<https://www.taiwan.gov.tw/content3.php?p=33&c=52>

### Cell phone SIM cards

It is recommended to buy Taiwanese SIM cards in the **arrival hall at the airport**, as buying them later is much more complicated and time consuming.

### Accommodation

Hotel in Taipei (April 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>)

We have reserved rooms for the first night at the Howard Civil Service International House **for all participants.**

[https://www.howard-hotels.com.tw/en\\_US/HotelBusiness/98](https://www.howard-hotels.com.tw/en_US/HotelBusiness/98)

### How to get to Howard Civil Service International House?

1. Take the Airport Express MRT Line to Taipei Main Station (station A1).
2. Change to the MRT Green Line (Songshan–Xindian Line). Follow the signs for Beimen Station (G13) through the underground walk ways.
3. Ride southbound toward Xindian and get off at Taipower Building Station (G08) (about 6 minutes).
4. From Exit 2, walk about 10 minutes to Howard Civil Service International House.

More information on transportation from the airport:

<https://www.taoyuan-airport.com/transportation?lang=en>

Airport MRT information:

[https://www.tymetro.com.tw/tymetro-new/en/\\_pages/travel-guide/index.php#C](https://www.tymetro.com.tw/tymetro-new/en/_pages/travel-guide/index.php#C)

Information about the Taipei MRT network

<https://english.metro.taipei/Default.aspx>

## Field trip hotels

We have booked all hotels for the field trip, and transport between hotels will be taken care of by our conference mini-buses/vans.

## Climate and Clothing

Spring climate in Taiwan is warm-hot and humid, often with afternoon showers. Temperatures typically range from 24-29 °C, but feels hotter because of the high humidity. Sunscreen, umbrella, and extra clothes for changing every day are highly recommended. Most field stops are easy walking, a few will require hiking through a little bit of jungle. Proper field shoes/boots are recommended. Long-sleeved thin shirts and long trousers are good against thorns and insects, although personally I find them too hot.

## Transport

We will be travelling in two large minibuses/vans. Although they have a lot of storage space for luggage, please avoid oversized suitcases if possible.

## Hot springs

On the East Coast, we will have the opportunity to visit hot springs. Please bring swimming suit. Often a swimming cap is required (can usually be bought on site).

## Food

Most meals will be pre-arranged at restaurants along the way.

## Costs

We will collect money to cover transport, food, and hotels (according to your selected preferences) on the first day. Estimated cost, a detailed specification will be provided.

- Single accommodation: ~30.000 NT\$ (1000 US\$)
- Shared accommodation: ~ 20.000 NT\$ (650 US\$)

There is no cost for the symposia, which will be open to local students and researchers.

## Icebreaker reception on April 25<sup>th</sup> 19:00

The icebreaker reception will take place in the Department of Geosciences, National Taiwan University at 19:00 in the evening of April 25<sup>th</sup>.

NTU campus map:

<https://map.ntu.edu.tw/index.html?height=1456&cx=13529771.323903324&cy=2877609.960073337&layer=bnR1X2J1aWxkaW5nX2JvdW5k&apKey=OTM=>

Google Maps location:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/j6pJUNT5GrpVJwv87>