

## **Outside the U.S. Frame: Asian Canadian Perspectives**

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*[Editor's note] On August 1-4, 2013, The Institute of European and American Studies at Academia Sinica held the Summer Institute in Asian American Studies in Taipei, Taiwan. Professor Donald Goellnicht was invited to give a plenary talk at this summer workshop. Here is the transcript of his speech. His talk was responded to by Professor Guy Beauregard and Professor Kate Liu, and these two responses are published right after this transcript.*

Earlier this summer, I traveled to Taiwan via Victoria, British Columbia, where the annual Congress of Social Science and Humanities in Canada was being held. I was there to attend the inaugural meeting of the Asian Canadian Studies Network, which is not yet a professional academic organization with an official status but a newly-formed, loose grouping of scholars who study various aspects of Asian Canadian issues and materials. The website of the Asian Canadian Studies Network advertised the meetings that took place in Victoria as follows:

With the support of the University of Victoria, scholars, graduate students and community activists from across Canada will gather on June 1-2, 2013 to found the Asian Canadian Studies Network. The Network will bring together universities and communities to advance Asian Canadian Studies as a distinct field of study, research and cultural production for social justice. ("Conference Announcement")

Despite this bold proclamation, when the meetings ended there was no consensus that the Network should form the kind of institutional infrastructure normally associated with "a distinct field of study, research and cultural