

6th Annual K-12 Chinese Language Teachers Workshop
Organized by the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU)

Friday, August 28, 2015, 8:00am-6:00pm

Location: Hardenbergh Hall A2

Topic: Using Authentic Materials in Chinese Language Teaching and Assessment

Presenter: Prof. Hongyin Tao 陶红印 (University of California, Los Angeles)

Authentic materials are critical in improving learner proficiency in a target language and are thus an integral part of many recent language standards such as the 2015 ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages. Yet it can be problematic to determine what constitutes authentic materials and how to incorporate authentic materials in the curriculum. In this workshop, we will focus on both theoretical issues as well as practical issue in dealing with authentic materials in language teaching and learning. The workshop will be organized as follows.

Professor Tao is Professor of Chinese language and linguistics and applied linguistics and TESL and coordinator of the Chinese language program at UCLA. He is the immediate-past-president of the Chinese Language Teachers Association (CLTA), USA, and serves on over a dozen editorial boards of journals and book series. His areas of expertise include Mandarin discourse and grammar, corpus linguistics, and applied linguistics. Major publications include *Units in Mandarin Conversation: Prosody, Discourse, and Grammar* (1996), *Chinese under Globalization* (co-edited with Jin Liu, World Scientific, 2011), and *Working with Spoken Chinese* (Penn State University, CALPER Publications, 2011).

Registration: To register for the workshop, please go to “Course Search” on the Rutgers Continuing Studies website <https://ce-catalog.rutgers.edu/search.cfm> and choose “Confucius Institute at Rutgers” under the search option “Department”.

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This workshop, now in its fifth year, is organized by the **Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU)** in support of its mission to promote excellence in Chinese language and culture instruction and learning.

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Tentative Schedule:

8:00-8:45am Registration and Networking

8:45-9:00am Welcoming Remarks by Prof. Dietrich Tszanz, Rutgers University

9:00-12:00pm Session I: Overview of Issues

Theories of authenticity; types of authentic materials; textual materials; audio/visual materials; new media; issues in assessment.

10:30-10:45am Coffee break

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00-3:00pm Session II: Guided Practice.

Working with textual materials using corpus tools; working with audio/visual materials (film, TV shows, other video materials); working with new media materials;

3:00 pm Coffee Break

3:15-6:00pm Session III: Practical Application by Workshop Participants

Workshop participants develop and critique sample lessons involving authentic materials. Final evaluation.

Featured Speaker:

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