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“Empires Of The Sinophone”

Seminar and Conversation with Shu-mei Shih (UCLA)

Date: September 30, 2025 | **Time:** 2:30 PM (GMT +2)

Venue: University of Milan, Room T9,
Piazza Indro Montanelli 1, Sesto S. Giovanni

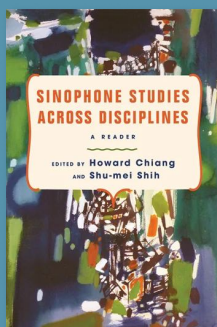
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Shu-mei Shih

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Her influential book *Visuality and Identity: Sinophone Articulations across the Pacific* (2007) has been credited with inaugurating the field of Sinophone Studies and has gone through several printings. For the field, she has co-edited *Sinophone Studies: A Critical Reader* (2013) and *Sinophone Studies across Disciplines* (2024), and authored *Against Diaspora: Discourses on Sinophone Studies* (2017). Her forthcoming book is *Sinophone Divergences: Empire, Race, Theory*. Beyond Sinophone Studies, her research interests include comparative literature, Taiwan studies, modernism, critical race studies, and critical theory.



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