In association with the Chuan Lyu Foundation, the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies is delighted to present the following talks by Liao Ping-hui (廖炳惠), Endowed Chair in Taiwan Studies at the University of California, San Diego

Second Lecture

**WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2011**

**The Temple of Boom and the Tao of Creolized Second Harmony**

Venue: Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Talk: Rooms 8 and 9 at 5.00p.m
Wine Reception: In the Common Room after the lecture

Liao’s second Chuan Lyu Lecture will discuss the growing interest of the Chinese diaspora’s high-tech communities in using a modern technological imagination to shed light on traditional notions of the body and environment. He focuses on the success of the HoChi/Heqi (和氣) movement as a post-secular science religion in attracting hundreds of thousands of Overseas Chinese through its use of transnational music in simulated bio-medically engineered settings. In addition to analysing the growing role of these trans-regional institutions in espousing a new spirituality and bio-politics, he will explore how Heqi’s message has linked the search for true selfhood with the aim of achieving physical well-being through the elimination of harmful elements in the body, and the ways in which Heqi manages to develop creolized forms of trans-cultural and interdisciplinary articulation to gain wide popularity among the largely rich Chinese in diaspora.