2014 Chuan Lyu Lectures in Taiwan Studies

Taiwan ‘Made in Holland’

Two lectures by Professor Leonard Blussé (Leiden University)

First Lecture: Early Modern Taiwan as a Laboratory of Colonial Society (1623–68)

May 19 (Monday), 5 pm, Rooms 8 & 9, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge (Sidgwick Site)

Second Lecture: The Discovery of Northern and Eastern Taiwan’s Aboriginal Societies

May 21 (Wednesday), 6 pm, the Lightfoot Room in the Old Divinity School, St. John’s College, University of Cambridge (across from the main entrance to St. John’s College) [Note: please arrive on time as the gate to the Old Divinity School building will be locked at 6 pm]

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