Abstract

In the upcoming sharing, I would like to talk about my research projects: drawing praxis, oral history writing, nūshu (women’s script, a set of writing script practiced exclusively by women in a small region in China). I would share how I have appropriated nūshu in my works, both writing and drawing practice. It aims to show practice-led research has been a significant tool of integrating (ordinary) women into historical scholarship and provide a means for transformation of the social meaning of history. While my practice is concerned, I would also like to extend the notion of drawing, a form of communication, is a cognitive instrument for cumulating knowledge and understanding. In other words, practice of drawing is a mindful process of innovation and imagination. While integrating with cultural resources such as human related objects, albeit ordinary, drawing practice connects to our social life and the world.

Speaker

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