

[From Taiwan to New Caledonia: Conversations with Film Director Laha Mebow \(with film screening\)](#)

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November 3, 2021 to November 4, 2021

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Join us for the two conversations with Taiwan indigenous film director Laha Mebow.

Laha Mebow is the first female indigenous film director in Taiwan. After years of living and studying in cities, she returned to her Atayal tribe and directed several films about indigenous people's life and culture. Her film *Hang in There, Kids!* (Atayal: Lokah Laqi) was selected as the Taiwanese entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 89th Academy Awards. Her documentary *Ça Fait Si Longtemps* focuses on two Taiwan indigenous musicians who were invited to Caledonia for a month of musical exchange with local Kanak musicians. What motivated Laha Mebow to return to the tribe? What challenges do female indigenous filmmakers face in the contemporary Taiwan film industry? How does Laha Mebow tell stories about indigenous children and musicians in her films? And how are we to understand the international connection between indigenous cultures in her films? Join us for the two conversations with Laha Mebow hosted by UBC professor/filmmaker Aynur Kadir and PhD student Yuqing Liu. In the two events, Laha Mebow will share with us her experience of telling Taiwan indigenous stories to the world.

Growing Up Atayal: A Conversation with Director Laha Mebow about Indigenous Feature Filmmaking in Taiwan

Date & Time:

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 | 4:00pm-6:00pm (PDT)

Location: online via Zoom

*Conducted in English and Mandarin

Free & open to the public. Registration is required via the link below. Registering once will grant access to both events.

Register here: https://ubc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Eaj8tKo7S0u3RCCWzznGVQ

Moderator

Yuqing Liu is a Ph.D. candidate in Asian Studies at UBC. She received her BA degree at Fudan University and MA degree at National Taiwan University. Her research focuses on modern Chinese language, literature, and cinema. As a literary scholar and writer, she has also published many essays

and fictions in Taiwan and Mainland China. Her essay about the lives of Atayal teenagers won the Cross-Strait Non-Fiction Literature Prize in 2014.

From Taiwan to New Caledonia: A Conversation with Director Laha Mebow about Indigenous Documentary Filmmaking

Director Laha Mebow will be in conversation with Dr. Aynur Kadir (Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia) the day following the first panel.

Date & Time:

Thursday, November 4, 2021 | 4:00pm-6:00pm (PDT)

Location: online via Zoom

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Aynur Kadir is an Indigenous Uyghur scholar, filmmaker and curator with a research focus on the documentation, conservation and revitalization of Indigenous cultures and languages. Her work bridges the gap between Indigenous studies in Canada and in Asia. Her research interests are in global indigeneity from the Uyghur in China to Coast Salish and Six Nations in Canada; transnational Indigenous diplomacy; and the safeguarding and revitalization of languages and cultural heritage through digital technology and collaborative initiatives.

* Two films **Hang in There, Kids!* (Atayal: Lokah Laqi), and *Ça Fait Si Longtemps* are available for screening on November 1, 8 pm PDT - November 4, 8pm PDT. Open to all the registered audience whose IP is located in Canada for free. The screening information will be sent through email prior to the screening time

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