

Yen-Jen-Chen Report

The unforgettable memory in this summer must have been attending the ALMS conference in Berlin. This experience enlightened my horizon as to what the queer history is and how the queer memory could be. In other people's presentation, I saw lots of different context of queer archives, which better equipped me to contribute more for the queer community in Taiwan in the future. Even though we don't have queer history for a long period of time in Taiwan, the heteronormativity still be incited impactful by the queer memory in decades. We can refer to the way that different scholars from other country to study the history of queer in order to understand the complexity of queer history in Taiwan. In my paper, I deal with the memory of gay elders in the cyberspace in order to deconstruct the hierarchy from the gay youths. After my presentation, a Japanese scholar had told that the situation of Japanese gay ecology is the same as that in Taiwan. He provided me a different way of thinking to reconsider the digital queer memory of gay elders how to resist the mainstream media. We have lots of archives that record queer life, memory, or experience in different ways, such as videos, movies and theatre. All of this mainstream media that can help me support the point of view of the violent hierarchy from gay youths. This can also improve my paper to be more saturated. I am honored and grateful to attend this conference in this summer. The bright sunlight make our queer history shined stronger than before; with this new knowledge and this enthusiasm, this experience empowers me in the queer study.