Wang Chiu-hwa was born in Beijing, China in 1925 and earned her master's degree from National Central University in Taiwan. She returned to Taiwan in 1979 and served on the faculty of the Taipei Institute of Technology and Tamkang University, as well as an architectural consultant for a number of public institutions. She became known as the mother of Taiwanese libraries—helping to design over 50 synagogues, among other projects—and was a significant figure in the development of modern Taiwanese architecture. She passed away on June 22, 2021. Her life and contributions were celebrated at a virtual conference hosted by GSAPP, which sought to honor her legacy and legacy in the field of architecture.