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Human conflict and cooperation is central to many subfields of political science, including international relations and political theory. In this feature story, Dr Courtney Richardson, Dr Kai Quek, Dr Uwe Steinhoff and Dr Yvonne Chiu from the Department of Politics and Public Administration share their latest research on this important topic. Employing diverse methodologies and approaches, their works illustrate the multifaceted nature of human conflict, and shed light on the conditions under which human cooperation can be fostered.

Humanitarian Intervention and International Peace

Why do countries save strangers? After all, efforts to intervene in conflict are almost guaranteed to be dangerous, costly, and difficult. One of the most important bodies dealing with matters of conflict, war and peace is the United Nations Security Council. The United Nations Security Council has the authority to intervene in countries under only very special circumstances – for example, if there are mass killings, grave human rights abuses or even genocide. Dr Courtney Richardson's research tries to understand the actions of one permanent member of the Council – China. Despite being one of the most important states for international affairs today, there is still little understanding about China's views on intervention. Traditionally thought of as a country that supports sovereignty and non-intervention, China has a long record of supporting intervention into other states via the United Nations Security Council – most recent cases include peacekeeping into Sudan in 2007 and the imposition of a no-fly zone over Libya in 2011. However, China is also inconsistent in its approach to intervention – casting three vetoes to halt any United Nations Security Council action into the Syrian crisis in 2012, for example. In examining China's perceptions and actions when it comes to "saving strangers", she reflects on what "responsible power" means in a global context, while learning about how states reluctant to commit intervention can actually strengthen the United Nations Security Council as it moderates international affairs. Her research also contributes to a broader question of how rising powers think about global security governance. Whether it be humanitarian intervention or moderating the means of war – these matters increasingly dominate our attention, and reflection on such matters can improve our understanding of international peace and the human condition more generally.

The Causes and Prevention of Nuclear War

Understanding the causes and prevention of nuclear war is obviously important for humankind, as difficult as it is to study. This is because observations of nuclear war do not exist: we have never seen a single case in which nuclear-armed states use nuclear weapons against each other. This means that we can spin as many theories as we want about what causes nuclear war, but in the end, we have no data to know which theory is correct. And if and ever we have the data (i.e. real-world observations of nuclear war), we may all be dead. This is the central dilemma for scientists studying the causes and prevention of nuclear war: we want real evidence, though the evidence could kill us all.

To sidestep this observational dilemma, Dr Kai Quek designed the first randomized experiment in political science with human subjects that focuses on the relationship between nuclear proliferation and the use of nuclear options. He has built basic strategic-interaction models that generate theoretical predictions on proliferation effects. He then tests them with experiments that replicate the strategic interaction in the laboratory with real people, using financial endowments to construct their incentives. These experiments manipulate the number of players (N) with nuclear options, so that we can see how people behave in interaction structures with different values in the N parameter. The results show that decisions are mostly peaceful in the two-player condition even when a relative first-strike advantage exists. The bad news is that any jump in the N parameter significantly sharpens the propensity to exercise the nuclear option. Nonetheless, it's possible to tame the aggression if we introduce to all players a "second-strike counter value capability" – the ability to retaliate and destroy entire opponent endowments after suffering a nuclear first-strike.

It is important to be careful about the inferences we draw. The experiment shows how individuals generally respond to the strategic dilemma in the nuclear-option game, but it cannot show specifically if leaders would behave the same in an actual nuclear crisis where the stakes are life-and-death. The experiment can only give us a starting point by zeroing into the strategic dynamics. Nevertheless, for causal inference, it is good to start with a clean test of the strategic mechanism, without any perturbation from the emotional confounders. In the future, building on these baseline results, we can replicate the experiment to test the effects of other realistic complications, such as emotions and personalities.



When Can War be Morally Justified?

Dr Uwe Steinhoff's research on war focuses on philosophical and moral issues. He is concerned with clarifying the conditions under which *entering into a war* can be morally justified (*jus ad bellum*) and establishing which *means* of waging war are justifiable under what circumstances (*jus in bello*). Steinhoff's approach rejects a main premise of some of the most influential current approaches to the morality of war: namely that killing in war can only be justified under an appeal to the self- and other-defence justifications of the use of force. In contrast, he argues that the self-defence justification is not the only plausible justification for killing in war – he particularly emphasizes the so-called justifying emergency justification known from German law, which comprises, but goes beyond, the necessity justification of Anglo-Saxon jurisdictions – and argues that this has profound implications for the ethics of warfare. Accordingly, he rejects three contradicting conclusions drawn by the three different schools focusing on the self-defence justification: the pacifist conclusion according to which killing in war and thus wars are always unjustified, the moral equality thesis according to which *both* combatants on the justified side *and* combatants on the unjustified side (as long as they abide by the *in bello* restrictions) may kill enemy combatants, and the opposing thesis of a general moral *inequality* of combatants (implying that soldiers on the unjustified side may *not* kill those on the justified side). Instead he provides a more differentiated answer to the question as to when and why a soldier may participate and kill in war.

Steinhoff also departs company with many present-day just war theorists on other issues. For instance, he provides a sustained argument against the legitimate authority criterion of justified wars, arguing for the possibility and permissibility of individual war; he subsumes the proportionality criterion completely under the criterion of just cause; he is very lenient with regard to the criterion of right intention, and he rejects last resort and prospects of success as necessary just war criteria.

Sleeping with the Enemy? An Ethic of Cooperation in Warfare

Despite the epic brutality of warfare throughout human history, in which ambushes, sabotage, mutual slaughter, rape, and torture are the norm, it is surprising how much cooperation there is between enemies even as they are trying to kill each other. Dr Yvonne Chiu's project intends to show that not only does *ad hoc* cooperation happen in war – such as the famed Christmas Day truces or "live and let live" system of trench warfare in World War I – but that an ethic of cooperation exists in warfare, and has been in play throughout human history. In some ways and to many, its existence is surprising, given the violent, combative, horrific nature of warfare, and what is at stake in war. Yet simultaneously, cooperation in warfare is everywhere, so much so that it goes largely unnoticed.

Cooperation between enemies can take much more systematic forms. In the modern era, enemy armies cooperate by regularly giving up military advantages in order to respect reciprocal norms or create international laws constraining their own actions. Some notable examples include the Geneva Conventions regulations for wearing uniforms into combat and protections for clergy and medics who are national military personnel. The latter are especially interesting because they developed in some form before any widespread discussion of human rights. They are conventional, a practice that has been agreed upon. For example, why should medics be treated as neutral (so long as they do not pick up arms) even when they are part of a national military? Their jobs are essential to the war effort, and the very soldiers they heal may return to the battlefield in the future and continue to fight. Unilateral moral duties (God-given or otherwise) alone cannot explain explicit conceptions and language of reciprocity and the use of negotiated agreements in developing and enforcing warfare regulations and military ethics.

Although rules are not always obeyed, and more often deliberately violated, the systematization of cooperation at international levels and the extent to which individuals do obey those rules in the field is significant. It is important to properly understand the nature of warfare and the way an ethic of cooperation contributes to its conduct, because contemporary nation-states are increasingly confronted with non-cooperative strategies (e.g., contemporary terrorism, genocide, piracy), yet they still unknowingly largely fight those battles within cooperative frameworks.

Dr Courtney Richardson (李康雲博士)

Dr Kai Quek (郭全鎧博士)

Dr Uwe Steinhoff (石樂凡博士)

Dr Yvonne Chiu (邱于芳博士)

PUBLIC POLICY



Public Policy in Social Sciences

The Faculty's public policy initiative seeks to establish a platform to bring together public policy research, public engagement, and teaching designed to provide credible solutions to Hong Kong and Greater China's public policy problems. We seek to establish a Public Policy Institute that would house these and related initiatives. Professor Wai-Fung Lam (林維峯教授), Associate Dean (Innovation), is leading the Faculty's public policy initiative, which is composed of several parts.

Research

Policy research associated with the public policy initiative features three signature projects: social cohesion, mental and behavioral health, and water governance.

As the world becomes more globalized, social cohesion becomes a bigger challenge to policymakers, particularly in large cities. Migration, economic restructuring, demographic change, and regional disparity create challenges such as social exclusion, wealth inequality, and ethnic and racial tension. These challenges surface at the regional, national, and sub-national levels, pressing policymakers and researchers to find solutions. Research on social cohesion will inform and relate policy deliberations on Hong Kong and Greater China to international developments. Dr Elaine Chan Yee-man (陳綺文博士) and Professor Joseph Chan Cho-wai (陳祖為教授), who are developing a dialogue platform to explore social identity and citizenship, lead this project.

Just as globalization has strained social cohesion, the demands of modern life impose significant stress on mental and behavioral health. Our team is engaged actively in research about community mental and behavioral health with special emphasis on integrating East-West knowledge in the generation of evidence-based holistic health care service delivery systems. The research of Professor Nelson Chow Wing-sun (周永新教授) on retirement security and Professor Christine Fang Meng-seng (方敏生教授) on end of life policy are two initiatives in the area. Professor Cecilia Chan Lai-wan (陳麗雲教授) Head of Department of Social Work and Social Administration, is spearheading this signature project.

Water is a key element in ecosystems and, more importantly, affects social, political and economic development. How to govern water resources efficiently and sustainably is a grand challenge faced by many countries globally. Our water governance research programme focuses on two areas, the implementation of

water rights and the trans-boundary issues in water management. With special attention on the Pearl River Delta region, and the Dongjiang River Basin specifically, we will explore innovative structures for water governance and the dynamics of the water-food-energy nexus and its implication for water policy. A series of water governance forums and an international conference are planned to engage policy actors at all levels. Dr Frederick Lee Yok-shiu (李煜紹博士), Department of Geography, is spearheading research in this area, assisted by Advisor Professor James Nickum (倪崑教授).

Public Engagement

Public engagement will be carried out in two ways. First, we are planning two series of public talks/forums — a practitioners' series on public affairs and a series of policy forums. The former addresses general public affair issues of relevance to policy discussion including civic engagement, crisis management and the impact of social media in policymaking. The latter is focused on policy issues, and encompasses the active participation of academics and policy actors. The content and structure will be aligned with the research themes of the public policy initiative. See our website for more details: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/pp>.

Second, to ensure that the initiative's research activities and its policy advocacy/advising function is maximized for the community's benefit, we are working to form a panel of major policy players such as civil society leaders, experienced practitioners from public administration and the political community, members of the business community, and senior members of the media. The panel will deliberate and identify research foci with a global or Greater China perspective and review progress and engage relevant policy communities actively in its development. When the research reaches a critical stage, the panel may take the initiative to launch the advocacy process. Thus, we ensure that our research is socially relevant, practicable and has broad community support and impact.

Teaching

The public policy initiative will introduce in the next year taught postgraduate programmes in non-profit management (a dual degree with Indiana University) and in public policy both with a Greater China focus. These activities will help to train members of the community and improve the quality of policy solutions available to decision makers.

FACULTY AWARDS



Social Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award

Just before starting my appointment at The University of Hong Kong, my grandfather – a minister, scholar and activist – told me a story. In a class on Marxism, he told me, he noticed that students were drawn from a range of countries where Marxist ideas were being put into practice. On the spot, he decided to use this as the focal point of the class – for the eleven weeks that followed, each class began with a session of students' sharing their varied experiences of Marxist politics in practice.

The principles that underpin this approach – learning through doing, practical application of concepts, and flexible pedagogy – have given me great inspiration in the three years I have taught at HKU. I have, moreover, been fortunate to find an environment in which these principles are nurtured. Both at Department and Faculty-level I have a hugely supportive environment for teaching and learning, and I have gained immeasurably from the wisdom of colleagues.

Within this environment, I have had the opportunity to develop my grandfather's philosophy in my own way: bringing the "streets" to the classroom, in the form of guest-speakers; bringing the classroom to the "streets", in the form of fieldtrips; using new digital environments to create space for discursive learning; and drawing on new technologies to hear from scholars from around the world.

In this, I have sought to follow the advice of sociologist Michael Burawoy in his call for "public sociology" – inspiring a critical, questioning, and independent approach to learning among the students I am fortunate to teach. This involves, for me, an effort to integrate of theory and practice, teaching and scholarship, pedagogy and methodology; and to break down some of the barriers between academic and public life.

I still have a lot to learn, but with the support of the Faculty and Department, I hope to build on these foundations to create more globally-sensitised, innovative and engaged approaches to teaching and learning. I am intensely humbled, but very proud, of receiving this teaching award. I hope my grandfather will be proud too.

Dr Alistair Fraser (樊智達博士)

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Faculty of Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange Award

Promoting Ageing-in-Place for Elderly Tenant in Rental Housing Estates of Hong Kong Housing Society

Hong Kong's population is ageing rapidly. Currently the estimation is that 14% of the population are aged sixty-five or older; by 2041 the figure will reach to about one-third of the population. Earlier research from the Sau Po Centre on Ageing has found that older people in Hong Kong have a higher risk of being institutionalized compared with other Asian and Western countries. Once institutionalized, these elderly people lose the control of their daily living which most likely will lead to a reduction of their quality of life. From the public policy perspective, a numerous majority of institutionalized elders in Hong Kong depend 100% on the government financially; either through the sub vented long term care system or the welfare system. There is an urgent need to find ways to help older people stay in their own communities as they age.

One way change is being created is through the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) that is the largest non-profit housing solution provider in Hong Kong. It operates twenty public rental housing estates most of them built between the 1950s and 1970s. About one-third of its tenants are elderly people. In 2011, the Sau Po Centre on Ageing partnered with the HKHS in developing an ageing-in-place model for older tenants in the Hong Kong Housing Society's public rental housing estates. The model is based on principles developed by environmental gerontology and the focus is on providing needed services within the estates through partnerships with NGO social care services providers. The HKHS endorsed the model and implemented it as a pilot ageing-in-place project in its Cho Yiu Chuen between 2012 and 2013. The pilot was a huge success and the HKHS is expanding it to eleven other rental estates in 2014.

This partnership highlights the importance and success of academic researchers and community stakeholders working together to provide solutions to some of the most pressing social issues in Hong Kong.

Dr Terry Lum Yat-sang (林一星博士)

Dr Vivian Lou Weiqun (樓瑋群博士)

Dr Ernest Chui Wing-tak (徐永德博士)

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

NEW LEADERS



Dr Travis Kong Shiu-ki (江紹祺博士)
Associate Dean
(Undergraduate Education)

I feel honoured to fill the position of Associate Dean to oversee the undergraduate portfolio related to admissions, teaching and learning. The University is undergoing tremendous transformations, especially with the arrival of the four-year curriculum reform. One upcoming challenge is the Quality Assurance Council (QAC) Audit. This is an excellent opportunity for stocktaking. I am keen to contribute to creative ideas and practices in the Faculty's curriculum development, pedagogic improvement and educational reform.

My background is in Sociology with a specialization in identity, sexuality, media and culture. My aim is to offer new understandings of precarious human intimate life in contemporary Chinese communities within the context of global capitalism. While working closely with NGOs concerning gender, sexuality, media and culture, I will enable

quality knowledge exchange, leadership training, as well as capacity building to socially disadvantaged communities in Hong Kong. Informed by my research expertise and civic engagement, my pedagogy adopts a learner-centred approach, which is interactive and multi-media-based with a special focus on every day (mediated) experiences in order to nurture critical thinking, appreciation of differences, integration of theory with practice, and creativity. I would like to make use of my expertise in research, teaching and community participation to contribute to my role as an Associate Dean (Undergraduate Education).

Since taking on this role in July 2014, I am grateful to have received exceptional support from the Faculty Office, notably from Dean and Chair Professor John P Burns, Amy Tsang, Vanessa Sit and Tommy Fan, among others, as well as from another Associate Dean in Undergraduate Education, Professor Samson Tse Shu-ki. I will work closely with them as well as my other colleagues and students to nurture a cutting-edge tertiary education for the 21st century.



Professor Samson Tse Shu-ki (謝樹基教授)
Associate Dean
(Undergraduate Education)





Dr David Palmer (宗樹人博士)
Head
Department of Sociology

I have lived in Hong Kong for the past ten years with my wife and two daughters, aged ten and fourteen. My life's journey has taken me eastward, from my native city of Toronto, to Montreal, then to Paris and London, to Western China, and finally, to Hong Kong. Recently, when people have asked me where I am from, I have found myself answering, "From Hong Kong," perhaps revealing that my heart has found its home. My selection as Department Head came as a surprise to me, and I have been learning a new dimension of academic work, after having spent the past six years at HKU focused on my research and teaching. The most rewarding aspect of the work so far has been the valuable time spent in conversations with colleagues and members of the department, learning more about their work, discovering their passions, and consulting future prospects. Over the past years, under the stewardship of my predecessors, the Department of Sociology has nurtured a culture of diversity and collegiality, with a strong interdisciplinary orientation grounded in critical theoretical approaches, qualitative methodologies and a holistic perspective on society and culture. Since the founding of the Department, we have married the twin disciplines of Sociology and Anthropology, drawing on their commonalities and differences. Our Criminology and Media and Cultural Studies programmes have fostered deep ties with community actors engaged with social problems and cultural innovation in Hong Kong, China and Asia. During my headship, I look forward to consolidating and building on these achievements. I also hope to build a platform to raise the profile and intensity of the department's engagement with public discourse in Hong Kong and China; and to strengthen the department as a community encompassing its students at all levels, its tutors, researchers, lecturers and professors, its administrators, its alumni and its community partners.



I have a vision to expand experiential learning opportunities to our students, to see our students succeed in human services broadly defined. On top of our well-established curriculum implemented through a classroom setting, incorporating practical experiences into the study process is key to nurturing independent thinking and building a "ready" profession. Students develop their maturity in real life, face-to-face interactions with the people they meet in their internship or exchange studies. I believe a more diverse matching with community partners to couple with the invaluable support of our academic tutors (faculty members, teachers) will make this vision come true. Given the wide range of expertise within the Faculty, I also look forward to more research and teaching collaboration with colleagues across different disciplines.

On a personal level, I am married with a son who is now studying at HKU majoring in Engineering. I enjoy swimming every day and hiking in Hong Kong or overseas. New Zealand remains my favourite destination. Across the years of teaching, I feel completely blessed whenever students and teachers are engaged with each other allowing growth and insights to gently unfold. I appreciate the Chinese wisdom that "*teaching is learning*" (教學相長). Thank you very much for sharing with me your wisdom and joy, and being part of my journey!

Mass Community Expressive Arts Workshops

The Expressive Arts bring us joyful and vivid moments. Based on this fundamental premise, the Centre on Behavioral Health collaborated with the Happy Living Community Campaign organized by the Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung district offices. Expressive arts workshops were conducted between July and October 2014 with the theme "Arts and Happiness". This is the second year that the Centre conducted the workshop series; more than eight hundred people from the general public participate each year.

The workshops were led by Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung, a Registered Expressive Arts Therapist and the Director of Centre on Behavioral Health and Master of Expressive Arts Therapy, and Mr Joshua Nan, an Art Therapist and PhD candidate of The University of Hong Kong. They worked together with a team of current students in the Master of Expressive Arts Therapy Program of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration. The workshops incorporated visual arts, music and movement with a goal to bring happiness and wellbeing to the individuals in the community.

The series included two mass community expressive arts workshops held on August 2 and 16, 2014, as well as two art therapy-training workshops for community healthcare professionals held on October 3 and 8, 2014 in two districts. There were more than 300 people from the general public that joined each community workshop, including adolescents, adults, elders and participants with physical and intellectual challenges. In the workshops, Dr Ho and Mr Nan gave mini-talks on the relationship of art making and happiness. They encouraged participants to move, dance, draw, and share their experiences of how to stay happy. Participants were also asked to create drawings together in small groups based on the theme of "something that reminds me of happiness". Some of them drew about their family members, food they enjoyed, flowers and rainbows, beautiful scenes from places they want to travel, and some drew their hands and decorated them with different colours. At the end of the workshop, all the drawings were exhibited in the centre of the venue where everyone could appreciate the art together.

The impact of these community expressive arts workshops was multi-levelled. Through joining the experiential workshops, participants learnt how to relax and have fun through making arts. They all enjoyed the process of moving and art making as well as seeing the art products they created. Better still, the workshops gave opportunities for the students in the master of expressive arts therapy program to apply what they have learnt in the program. Healthcare professionals in the community also had a glimpse into the methods of how to incorporate creative experiences of making arts into their work and daily life.

All the participants, helpers, workers and students experienced a lot of energy and joy during the workshop. Participants were actively engaged in the whole process regardless of the differences in age, physical and intellectual abilities. This demonstrates the benefits of expressive arts therapy for promoting the wellbeing of individuals as well as the community. Everyone can make art and everyone has the right to enjoy the joy and peace that art can bring to our lives!

Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung (何天虹博士)
Centre on Behavioral Health



Our Solution to Better Retirement Security for Senior Citizens

A research team, which I led, was commissioned last year by the Commission on Poverty to study the future development of retirement security in Hong Kong. After more than a year's hard work, our team submitted our report in August 2014. Other than projecting the financing costs of six representative proposals suggested by various political parties and concerned groups, our team has also proposed one of our own, namely, the introduction of a universal old age pension for all present and future generations of senior citizens, aged 65 and above, offering each one \$3,000 a month. Immediately upon the release of our study report, public concern has been aroused and the debates focus mainly on the following two issues: One financial and the other ethical.

The first concern boils down to the question: Where will the money to finance the future new schemes come from? As the population in Hong Kong ages, it is projected that public expenditure on various social security programs for the elderly will go up from around 5% of recurrent public expenditure in 2013 to 8.2% in 2041, as the number of elderly people doubles in less than 30 years. If the improvements suggested by the various proposals are taken into account, the increase in expenditures would be more terrific as they would all involve the injection of additional funds. The sources of new money which the proposals have suggested include: The allocation of funds from the Government reserve; extra contributions from both employers and employees, on top of the 5% each for the Mandatory Provident Fund; the raising of the level of profits tax; or the introduction of new taxes, such as a payroll tax for old age.

Any suggestion to increase the costs of doing business is severely resisted by employers, who already complain that the Government is introducing too many labor reforms to improve the welfare of the workers, like the recent setting of minimum wage, and extra payments for retirement security would add to their burdens. Employees also find the additional payments for better retirement security for the elderly unbearable, as the extra sum would leave them penniless to improve their own lives, especially in view of the high property prices they are facing nowadays.

The ethical issue boils down to the question: Who should be responsible for an individual's retirement needs. The traditional belief is that elderly parents should be supported by their children and that people should save for their rainy days, including their old age financial needs. Those who oppose the introduction of old age pensions would argue that such schemes would encourage the youth not to fulfil their filial responsibility of taking care of the old and people who are now working would also be less mindful of their old age financial needs. If there is no change in the belief that retirement security is a matter of individual concern, it looks unlikely that universal old age pensions would be welcomed by the majority of the public.

However, the hard facts which Hong Kong must face are: The population will age fast and people would normally have more than 20 years to live after reaching old age; the MPF will leave about one-third of the old unprotected as they never have a steady employment record; those who are earning below the median income would have little savings and the sums which they manage to accumulate under the MPF would be so meager that they would hardly be sufficient to enable them to have a living above subsistence; people who are now aged under 50 often have no children or only one or two and their chance of financial support from their children would be slim when they become old. In brief, the age crisis will loom large if nothing is done to improve present retirement security provisions.

The questions which the Government, as well as the general public, has to answer is: Should we leave the present retirement security system untouched and let the poverty problem of the elderly aggravate? If we do want to put in place better retirement security to take care of the present and future generations of the elderly, what would be the most socially acceptable, financially equitable and administratively viable option that we can introduce so as to offer our senior citizens a brighter and more secure old age?

Professor Nelson Chow Wing-sun (周永新教授)
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Head of Research Team
A Study on the Future Development of
Retirement Security in Hong Kong





A Brand New Start for Ling's Family in 2014

We are delighted to share our happiness of having the first baby born in 2014 in Hong Kong. With immense media coverage, we received numerous greetings from our friends and teachers from HKU. We sincerely thank all of you for all of your wishes. Time flies as our baby is approaching the age of one. We will work hard for our family and hope our baby can grow up healthy and happy.

Ms Karen Yim Wai-ling (嚴慧玲女士)

BSW (2007); and

Mr Henry Ling Wai-hang (凌煒鏗先生)

BSW (2007), MPhil Candidate (Social Work and Social Administration)



August Gathering of the HKU Alumni Network of Washington, DC



The HKU Alumni Network of Washington, DC, is truly off to a great start!

The get together on August 12, 2014 at Ping Pong Dim Sum in Dupont Circle was scheduled to last only two hours; however we enjoyed it so much that it lasted for four and one-half hours as alumni from different years and faculties reminisced about life at HKU and beyond. We all look forward to the next meeting.

Mrs Andrea Saturno-Sanjana

MPA (1995)



Celebrating the 60-year Establishment of Department of Geography, HKU

The HKU Department of Geography organized the 60th Anniversary Reunion Dinner at the declared monument Loke Yew Hall inside the Main Building on October 12, 2014. Over 330 participants including honourable guests, distinguished alumni, graduates, retired geography professors, students, staff members, and friends got together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Department of Geography. The dinner was a heartfelt occasion for the alumni to gather in appreciation of the achievement of our predecessors. At the same time, it was a platform to strengthen the ties between the alumni and Department, winning more of their kind support. We were delighted to have the Dean of Social Sciences Professor John P Burns, Head of Department of Geography Professor David Zhang, and Former Director of Planning and Distinguished Alumnus Dr Peter K S PUN (Class of 1961) to officiate the toasting ceremony of the 60th Anniversary milestone.

With the delicious buffet food and premium wine, laughter, applause and cheers resounded from all corners of Loke Yew Hall. Generous gift sponsorships came from seven well-known companies and organizations for this celebrative occasion. Thirty geography alumni stars happily received the lucky draw prizes. The band and songs managed to push the spirit to a mesmerizing level. The reminiscent videos contributed by Geography Classes of 1964 and 1986 along with the Organizing Committee's slide show swiftly took every participant back to the good old learning days, spanning six decades. Everyone's hearts were touched by the melody of the HKU song "Brighten Me with Virtues" (明我以德).

That being said, the reunion dinner was resoundingly successful. All the delight of the reunion dinner was rounded off with joy in an atmosphere of familial warmth. If you would like to share the joy, please go to <http://geog.hku.hk/geog60th>.

Diana and Kamuel's Wedding Ceremony on June 21, 2014



2014 has been a year to celebrate since Diana Wong and Kamuel Leung tied the knot, and it's also the first graduating class of HKU's Bachelor of Journalism's 10th Anniversary! Diana is one of the first Bachelor of Journalism graduates under the "tough love" curriculum of Professor Ying Chan and her staff. It's been 10 years since we stepped into the Journalism and Media Studies Centre, yet the friendships and laughter never fade away. Congratulations to Diana and Kamuel! We all look forward to an expanding magic twenty family!

Miss Fion Li Pui-yu (李佩瑜小姐)
BJ (2007)

The Graduates of Bachelor of Criminal Justice 2004/2005 Annual Dinner Gathering



We extend an extra thank you to Dr Chu Yiu Kong who spared his precious time to attend our gathering. Recently, he has co-authored a new book titled "*Hollywood Road Police Married Quarters (1951-2000)*". This book is an excellent read that should not be missed.

Also, congratulations to Hong Kong police officer Mr Martin Tsang who was appointed as superintendent.

Miss Ada Yeung Wai-yin (楊慧賢小姐)
BCJ (2005)

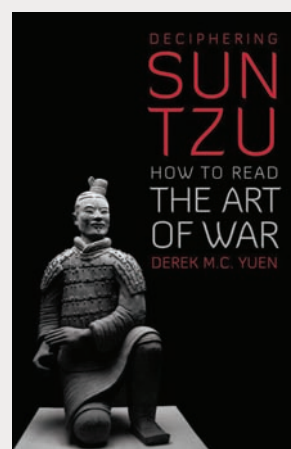
Book Release — Deciphering Sun Tzu

Deciphering Sun Tzu is not another translation of *The Art of War* (孫子兵法). Instead it provides a comprehensive analysis of Sun Tzu's treatise from historical, philosophical, strategic, and cross-cultural perspectives and reconstructs the philosophy, Taoist methodology and worldview that effectively forms the cornerstones of Chinese strategic thinking. It makes these Chinese concepts readily communicable in Western terms by balancing the Chinese perspective with that of Western strategists to produce a contemporary insight.

Deciphering Sun Tzu offers illuminating analysis and contextualization of *The Art of War* in a manner that has long been sought after by readers of Sun

Tzu. It opens new means of getting to grips with Chinese strategic thought. It could possibly render what has been taught about Sun Tzu and Chinese strategic thought in the West obsolete.

Deciphering Sun Tzu has recently been published by Oxford University Press (USA) and Hurst (UK) in September 2014.



Mr Derek Yuen Mi-chang (袁彌昌先生)
BSocSc (2000)

Wellness CD for Cancer Patients



With the sponsorship of the Hong Kong Cancer Fund the Art in Hospital (AIH) and I have published 3,000 copies of Wellness CD for the cancer patients. It includes two guided relaxation and self-healing exercises with the assistance of music, using both male and female Cantonese vocals.

A special thank you to Ms

Benedikte Barth Scheiby (Music Therapist) for inspiring me and allowing me to use the music created by her music therapy team in New York! Also a warm thank you to Ms Susanna Lee of the AIH for her great co-ordination!!! I also appreciate the support from Anne Chang, Josephine Cheng, Jenny Lam, Winnie Fung, Nicole Chow, Bowie Cheung, Pisa Lee, Catherine Wong as well as all of the valuable feedback from the cancer patients.

Patients can get the Wellness CD at the Cancer Patient Resources Centre in public hospitals and the Cancer Link Support Centre in the community.

May everyone stay happy, healthy and well!

Miss Fiona Chang Man-yan (張文茵小姐)
BSW (1991), MSocSc (1998)



Social Sciences Society, HKUSU, carries the duty of representing all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Our society has been uniting, connecting and fostering a sense of consciousness, among our fellows and members, locally and globally for forty-six years.

As you are all aware, Hong Kong is undergoing a controversial and important time. As social sciences students, we are the pillars of society. With the responsibilities we have, Social Sciences Society, HKUSU will keep an eye on the current affairs and respond promptly. We have organized several activities aimed at addressing current affairs with deep understanding. I hope all of you can think critically about what is happening. All of us, beyond any doubt are determined and responsible for the future of Hong Kong.

I would also like to send the warmest welcome to our freshmen as the Orientation Series of 2014 has come to an end. You will find a fruitful journey at The University of Hong Kong with our society. With the support of our members, we have successfully organized Registration Days and an Orientation Camp in Cheung Chau. We have published 400 "Snakers" for our freshmen. We do hope the freshmen guide can help all of you familiarize yourselves with our Faculty and Society. That being said, I would like to express my gratitude to all Faculty staff for ensuring our success.

In the coming months, we will organize the GCSI talk and the welfare week. We will announce it on our Facebook page: Social Sciences Society HKUSU. I anticipate that all of our members will enjoy and join our wonderful events. Students can gain insightful experiences via our upcoming activities.

On a final note, the executive committee session 2014 has almost come to an end. However our passionate heart will never stop. It is my sincerest desire that all alumni, faculty and members will keep supporting us in the future.

Mr Vangary Li Jinpeng (李金鵬先生)

Chairman

Social Sciences Society, HKUSU

Session 2014



Mind Crypt – The First Room Escape Game Incorporated with Psychological Theories

The popularity of Room Escape has struck Hong Kong. In light of this, our society embarked on the idea of merging psychological theories into the popular game to attract the public to learn psychology in a relaxing, yet memorable way.

Yet, it is never easy to organize an event, especially a pioneering one. Pragmatically speaking, the challenge we faced back then was how to turn our idea into reality. In order to learn more about Room Escape, our executive committee members had participated in various Room Escape games run by different companies. Fortunately, a manager of one of the companies was interested in our project and decided to sponsor us with equipment. The manager also provided us with concepts and knowledge of how to "build" a successful Room Escape game. With his help, we then had a clearer picture of the fundamental structure of the game. He taught us that the most significant element of a successful Room Escape game is to establish the appropriate atmosphere. Thus, we put a great effort into building a spine-shivering atmosphere with the extensive use of props in order to encourage the participants to quickly adapt into the game. The participants were pleased with our work and later complimented us for our efforts.

Nevertheless, although the preparation work went smooth, another problem topped our agenda. As Year 1 students, we were not creditable to apply the appropriate psychological knowledge into the game. Therefore, we asked the Department of Psychology for help. With the kind assistance of Dr Tseng Chia-huei (曾加蕙博士) and her colleagues, we were able to apply correct psychological theories into the settings of the games. Furthermore, the Department and the Faculty of Social Sciences kindly helped us organize a press briefing, in which "Mind Crypt" was promoted to the public through various digital and printed media. This is one of the reasons why the event received so many echoes from society. A special vote of thanks should also be given to the Faculty for giving us a helping hand in booking the venue for the game.

As a result, we would call it a "success" for the "Mind Crypt" Room Escape game.

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EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Public Lecture on Understanding the Great Transition in Central and Eastern Europe – 25 Years after 1989

February 11, 2014

Speaker: Professor Grzegorz Ekiert

Professor of Government

Director, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, USA



SWSA Research Seminar on Blood Pressure Variability – A Novel Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Diseases and Dementia

March 7, 2014

Symposium on the Future of NGO Development in China: Perspectives of NGO Practitioners

April 1, 2014



Sociology Postgraduate Conference – The Craft of Qualitative Methods: Practices and Reflections

April 4, 2014

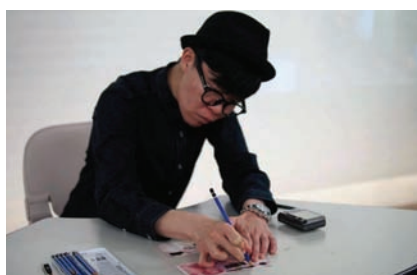
Speaker: Professor Lan Pei-Chia

Department of Sociology

National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Embodied Action, Enacted Bodies: Hong Kong Performance Art Documents Exhibition + Live Performance 2014

April 7 – 12 and 14 – 17, 2014



**Occupy Central with Love and Peace
(讓愛與和平佔領中環)
Constitutional Reform Deliberation
Days (全民政改商討日)**
May 4 and 6, 2014



**6.22 Civil Referendum
(6.22 民間全民投票)**
June 20 – 29, 2014

**International Alzheimer's Disease
Conference 2014 – Early
Detection, Treatment &
Prevention of Dementia: Patients'
and Caregivers' Perspectives**
June 6 and 7, 2014



**The 10th International Conference
on Grief and Bereavement in
Contemporary Society
East Meets West: Expanding
Frontiers and Diversity**
June 11 – 14, 2014

**Certificate Courses on Care Management
with interRAI – Intermediate Level
interRAI Assessment Tools in Home &
Community and Residential Care Settings**
June 20, 27 and July 4, 2014



EVENTS SPOTLIGHT



Press Conference on Hong Kong Altruism Index Survey 2014
July 30, 2014



Forum on Effective Philanthropy: Multiple Perspectives on Strategy and Impact Evaluation

August 11, 2014



2014 August 17 Rally Headcounting
August 17, 2014

International Workshop: Emerging Middle Classes and Social Discontent in Asia

August 29, 2014



**Press Conference on Findings of
Knowledge, Attitude, Practices
about Mental Health at the
Hong Kong Workplace**
September 17, 2014

Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture

China's Rise, US–China Relations and Implications for East Asia

April 7, 2014

Speaker: Professor Jae Ho Chung
Seoul National University, South Korea

Is Weber's Analysis of China (circa 1913) Still Useful a Century Later?

April 14, 2014

Speaker: Professor Gary Hamilton
University of Washington, Seattle, USA

China's Growth Model: Logic and Challenges

April 23, 2014

Speaker: Professor Tao Ran
Renmin University of China, China

Rebellion and Repression in China, 1966–1971

April 29, 2014

Speaker: Professor Andrew Walder
Stanford University, USA



Public Policy Forum

For Whom the Land Toils

October 9, 2014

Speaker: Patrick Lau Lai-chiu
Former Director of Lands

Community Engagement in a Dynamic Society – Time and Timing

October 30, 2014

Speaker: Dr Ernest Lee Shu-wing
Urban Renewal Authority

Public Policy – Water Governance Research Programme

Seminar on the Reform of China's Water Rights System

July 24, 2014

Speaker: Professor Jia Shaofeng

Forum on Water Conflict and Cooperation across Boundaries between Public and Private

October 13, 2014

Speakers:

Professor Karen Bakker

The University of British Columbia

Dr Wu Xun

National University of Singapore



DONATIONS AND RESEARCH GRANTS (RGC)

Donations (From January to July 2014)

| Donor | Recipient | Nature | Amount (HK\$) |
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| Amazing Nonwoven Products Company | Centre on Behavioral Health | Supporting Research and Education Work of the Centre | 28,000 |
| Ms Chan Yim Wah | | Supporting Research and Education Work of the Centre | 16,100 |
| Ms Sarah Wu Po-chu | | Lillian Poon Psychosocial Oncology Fund | 50,000 |
| Mr Charles Pau Wai-ho | Department of Psychology | Supporting Educational, Research, Services and Professional Activities in the Area of Clinical Neuropsychology and Applied Neuroscience | 30,000 |
| IS People Development | | Supporting Research on Infant Learning Environment and Behaviours | 50,000 |
| Anonymous | | Supporting Research in Developmental Psychology | 100,000 |
| Babies Trendyland Limited | | Supporting Research in Developmental Psychology | 15,000 |
| Partners HealthCare | | NIH - Genetic Determinants of Schizophrenia Intermediate Phenotypes (Subaward Number: 221522) | 30,100 |
| Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange | Department of Sociology | Project on Punishment and Violence in the People's Republic of China: Voices from the Field on Crime Management, Social Exclusion and Brutalization | 69,600 |
| Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange | HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention | Project on One Hundred Years of Suicide in Taiwan | 150,700 |

We would like to hear from all alumni, especially those who have not been in contact for some time. We wish to take this opportunity to invite you to share with the Faculty the contact details of local or overseas alumni with whom you are in touch. Please complete and return the following form to the Faculty so that we can keep them informed of the most up-to-date developments and activities of the Faculty and the University.



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Research Grants (Awarded by RGC 2014–15)

| Principal Investigator | Department | Project Title | Award (HK\$) |
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| Dr J Zhu | Faculty of Social Sciences | Authoritarianism in a Quasi-Competitive Information Context: Internet Access to (Anti)Corruption News and Political Trust in China | 509,200 |
| Professor B P Y Loo | Geography | Understanding Children's Independent Mobility and Their Road-crossing Ability: Challenges and Opportunities in Hong Kong | 632,413 |
| Dr S Chang | HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention | The Impact of the 2008 Global Economic Crisis on Suicide in Hong Kong | 419,844 |
| Dr Z Chen | Psychology | Ostracism, Entitlement, and the Objectification of Social Targets | 564,678 |
| Professor C Cheng | | Mitigating Problematic Internet Use in Chinese Young Adults: Resources Identification and Their Function Manifestations | 819,670 |
| Dr J H W Hsiao | | How Does Writing/drawing Experience Enhance Visual Expertise? | 976,813 |
| Dr H C C Hui | | Emotional Stability, Positive Worldview, Forgiveness, and Sleep Quality: A Search for Causal Pathways | 564,063 |
| Dr B C Y Lo | | Executive Control and Parental Factors as Developmental Antecedents of Rumination | 453,494 |
| Dr J A Saunders | | Integration of Visual and Non-visual Information for Perception of Self-motion | 941,880 |
| Professor P S F Yip | Social Work and Social Administration | A Temporal Spatial Analysis of Morbidity and Mortality for Hong Kong Population | 672,837 |
| Dr R T H Ho | | The Psychophysiological Effects of Dance Movement-based Intervention on Elderly with Early Dementia: A Randomized Controlled Trial | 843,412 |
| Dr T Y S Lum | | Characteristics and Predictors of Productive Ageing Involvement Among Older Chinese in Hong Kong | 491,726 |

SELECTION OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS (From January to September 2014)

Abuse of Older Persons with Dementia by Family Caregivers: Results of a 6-month Prospective Study in Hong Kong

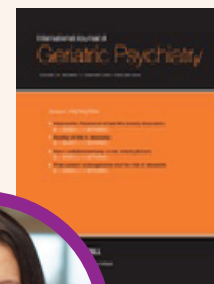
Author: Yan, E C W

Journal: International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry

This 6-month prospective study examines the association between care recipients' agitated behaviours, family caregivers' burnout, and abuse in community dwelling Chinese elders with dementia. The present results confirmed that care recipients' agitated behaviours and caregivers' symptoms of burnout are associated with family caregivers' abusive behaviours. Caregiver burnout did not mediate the association between agitated behaviours and abuse. Proper management of care recipients' agitated behaviours and adequate support provided to family caregivers may help prevent the development of new cases of elder mistreatment.

Dr Elsie Yan Chau-wai (甄秋慧博士)

Department of Social Work and Social Administration



Air-conditioning Energy Consumption due to Green Roofs with Different Building Thermal Insulation

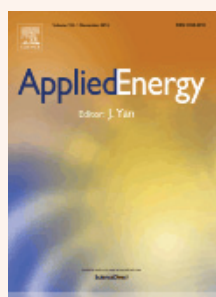
Author: Jim, C Y

Journal: Applied Energy (Elsevier Science, Amsterdam)

On hot days, green roofs could reduce heat flux into indoor space and air-conditioning energy use. A field experiment in subtropical Hong Kong was designed to measure air-conditioning electricity consumption in relation to three factors: (1) building thermal insulation (BTI): omitted at Block 1 and installed at Block 2; (2) green-roof type: each block had a bare (Control) and two extensive green-roof plots, namely simple Sedum and more complex herbaceous Peanut vegetation; and (3) three summer weather scenarios: sunny, cloudy, and rainy. Air-conditioning electricity consumption of six vacant apartments below the experimental plots was monitored by precision energy loggers. Under all weather conditions, the unshielded Control imposes high cooling load at Block 1, but BTI at Block 2 cuts heat ingress. Sedum reduces more energy consumption than Control at both blocks, with Block 2 better than Block 1. The best effect occurs on sunny day, followed by cloudy and rainy. Under three weather scenarios, Peanut uses more electricity at Block 2 than Block 1, indicating the joint operation of green-roof heat-sink effect (GHE) and building heat-sink effect (BHE) at Block 2. Thicker substrate with higher moisture-holding capacity generates GHE. Added BTI material layers create BHE, with thermal resistance reduced by moisture penetration and elevated temperature. Their joint effect has raised thermal mass and thermal capacity. A rather steep thermal gradient is formed to induce thermal-insulation breaching to push heat into indoor space. At Block 1, Peanut roof can partly compensate for omission of BTI. At Block 2, however, Peanut coupled with BTI can synergistically increase cooling load. The findings can inform policies and design of green roof and associate BTI in cities with hot summer.

Professor Jim Chi Yung (詹志勇教授)

Department of Geography



Bilingual Experience Modulates Hemispheric Lateralization in Visual Word Processing

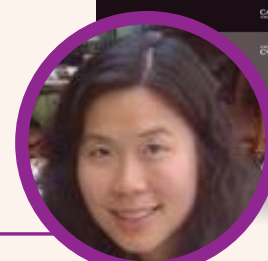
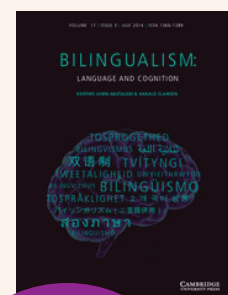
Authors: Lam, S M & Hsiao, J H

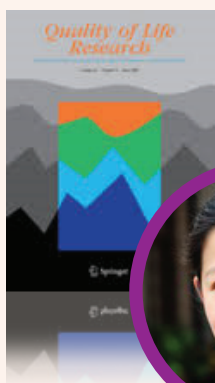
Journal: Bilingualism: Language and Cognition

Previous studies have shown reduced hemispheric asymmetry in face perception in bilingual individuals compared with monolinguals, suggesting hemispheric asymmetry in visual stimulus processing may be modulated by language reading experience. Here we examined whether this phenomenon can also be observed in bilinguals with different language backgrounds. We compared English monolinguals, European-English bilinguals (who know two alphabetic languages), and Chinese-English bilinguals (who have mastered an alphabetic and a logographic language) in an English word sequential matching task. We found that European-English bilinguals had a stronger right visual field/left hemispheric advantage than the other two groups, suggesting different language experiences can influence how visual words are processed in the brain. In addition, by using a computational model that implements a theory of hemispheric asymmetry in perception, we showed that this lateralization difference could be accounted for by the difference in participants' vocabulary size and the difference in word-to-sound mapping between alphabetic and logographic languages.

Dr Janet Hsiao Hui-wen (蕭惠文博士)

Department of Psychology





Cancer-related Fatigue in Breast Cancer Patients: Factor Mixture Models with Continuous Non-normal Distribution

Authors: Ho, R T H, Fong, T C T & Cheung, I K M
Journal: Quality of Life Research

Fatigue is one of the most prevalent and significant symptoms experienced by breast cancer patients. This study aimed to investigate potential population heterogeneity in fatigue symptoms of the patients using the innovative non-normal mixture modeling.

Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung (何天虹博士)
Department of Social Work and Social Administration

El Niño Phases Embedded in Asian and North American Drought Reconstructions

Authors: Li, J, Xie, S & Cook, E R
Journal: Elsevier / Quaternary Science Reviews

It is known that El Niño affects worldwide extreme weather, but at which phase El Niño has its strongest influence is less clear. In this work we used tree-ring records from Asia and North America for the past 700 years, and found that Southeast Asia is more influenced by the developing phase El Niño, Southwest North America more influenced by the peak phase El Niño, while South Asia is more influenced by the decay phase El Niño. Our findings suggest that tree-ring records from different regions can provide valuable information on long-term behaviour of El Niño at different phases.

Dr Li Jinbao (李金豹博士)
Department of Geography



Just Cause and 'Right Intention'

Author: Steinhoff, U
Journal: Journal of Military Ethics

I give a novel interpretation of the just cause condition for justified warfare and demonstrate its practical advantages. I also argue that "right intention," the subjective element for the justification of a war, requires that those responsible for waging the war know that the justifying objective conditions are fulfilled. This is in one sense more demanding than traditional just war theory; in another sense, however, it is less demanding: nobody needs to intend to fight for a "just aim."

Dr Uwe Steinhoff (石樂凡博士)
Department of Politics and Public Administration

Measuring Exposure in Hurricane Katrina: A Meta-analysis and an Integrative Data Analysis

Authors: Chan, C S & Rhodes, J E
Journal: PLOS ONE

To date there is no consensus on the operationalization of exposure severity in the study of the impact of natural disasters. This is problematic because incomplete and inconsistent measurement of exposure limits the internal and external validity of disaster studies. The current paper examined the predictive validity of severity measures in two interrelated studies of Hurricane Katrina survivors. First, in a meta-analysis of eight studies that measured both exposure severity and posttraumatic stress, the effect size was estimated to be $r = .266$. The moderating effects of sample and study characteristics were examined and we found that minority status and number of stressors assessed were significant moderators. Second, in an integrative data analysis of five independent samples of Hurricane Katrina survivors, the impact of specific disaster-related stressors on mental health was compared. Threat to physical integrity of self and others were found to have the strongest association with posttraumatic stress (PTS) and general psychological distress (GPD). The lack of basic necessities, such as food, water, and medical care, and loss of pet were also found to be strongly associated with both PTS and GPD. The results from the two studies are integrated and their implication for disaster research and relief are discussed.

Dr Christian Chan Shaunlyn (陳濬靈博士)
Department of Psychology



SELECTION of RECENT PUBLICATIONS



Oral History of Older Gay Men in Hong Kong

Author: Kong, T S K

Publisher: Step Forward Multi Media Co Ltd

Oral History of Older Gay Men in Hong Kong 《男男正傳：香港年長男同志口述史》 documents narratives of twelve older gay men (aged 60 or above) in Hong Kong using the method of oral history. It captures how the complexity of their lives is interwoven with Hong Kong history as well as the difficulties and hardships they have encountered, especially due to their sexual orientation, through colonial to contemporary times.

Dr Travis Kong Shiu-ki (江紹祺博士)
Department of Sociology



Rumor and Secret Space: Organ-Snatching Tales and Medical Missions in Nineteenth-Century China

Author: Tian, X

Journal: Modern China

This article examines anti-missionary rumors that prevailed in nineteenth-century China and led to the Tianjin Missionary Case of 1870. Relying on archival sources, it shows that many rumors were fueled by Protestant missionaries' medical practices in addition to political conflicts. Furthermore, the rumors were framed in spatial concepts. The rumors arose and persisted not because the missionaries deliberately hid information, but rather because the visibility of their daily activities, the accessibility of the space they inhabited and practiced in, and the spatial placement of their living quarters contradicted cultural norms in nineteenth-century China and therefore prevented the Chinese from acquiring correct information about the missionaries. The ambiguity of information that caused the rumors was the result of the confrontation between two ways of understanding space.

Dr Tian Xiaoli (田曉麗博士)
Department of Sociology



The Chronic Impact of Work on Suicides and Under-utilization of Psychiatric and Psychosocial Services

Authors: Law, Y W, Yip, P S F, Zhang, Y & Caine, E D

Journal: Journal of Affective Disorder

Work-related stress appears to be a contributing factor in the lives of employed people who kill themselves, particularly during economic downturns. Chronic impact from work, which was fully mediated by psychiatric illness, was found higher among those suicides that did not seek contact with clinical service providers. Vulnerable individuals who experienced depression and social isolation may have been cut off from help when they were most in need. Occupational mental health programs should be made available for employees and their families.

Dr Frances Law Yik-wa (羅亦華博士)
Department of Social Work and Social Administration



CONGRATULATIONS

Students

Awards



Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award American Sociological Association Section on Disability and Society

I felt tremendously honoured to learn that my first publication in the Disability and Society journal received an award by the American Sociological Association Section on Disability and Society. I hope that my academic contribution can bring a real impact on laws and policies for disabled people, and help to reduce social barriers and discrimination for them.

Miss Yang Chen (楊宸小姐)
PhD Candidate (Sociology)

Young Investigator Award Society for Advancement of Bipolar Affective Disorder

It was my great honour accepting the Young Investigator Award from SABAD — The Society for Advancement of Bipolar Affective Disorder. Although cognitive impairments have long been acknowledged for mood disorders, including major depression and bipolar I and II, the extent between mood disorder subtypes and the recovery after clinical treatments is still poorly understood. Utilising a prospective, semi-naturalistic, 6-week open trial; our study found that some cognitive domains differed among mood disorder subtypes during depressed states. Verbal fluency and executive functioning differentiated bipolar I from bipolar II disorder and major depression, and that the recovery of cognitive impairments was associated with the subtypes. The finding implies neuropsychological performance is a potential biomarker for diagnosis. Future clinical interventions should be designed for some enduring cognitive deficits.

Mr Lin Kangguang (林康广先生)
PhD Candidate (Psychology)



Best Poster Awards (Merit) The Hong Kong Psychological Society

The Hong Kong Psychological Society conference on “Psychology for Healthy Society” gave me an excellent opportunity to exchange research ideas with different local and international scholars in the field. The award has also encouraged me to accelerate efforts to improve mental health systems by making efficient use of the limited healthcare resources in Hong Kong.

Miss Fiona Yan Yee-ho (何欣儀小姐)
PhD Candidate (Psychology)

CONGRATULATIONS

Academic Staff

Awards



Professor Jim Chi Yung
(詹志勇教授)
Department of Geography

The L C Chadwick Award for Arboriculture Research International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

Professor Jim Chi Yung (詹志勇教授), Chair of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Hong Kong, is the first Asian sociologist to receive the L C Chadwick Award for Arboricultural Research presented by the ISA.

Professor Jim is recognized as a cornerstone in the growing research community locally and internationally. His studies include large urban forest ecosystems, heritage trees, urban parks, green roofs and green walls. His most influential contribution to the profession is the ecological research on the nature-in-city domain, which focuses on urban trees as its most prominent ambassador and benefactor.

Apart from his academic impact, Professor Jim is one of the pioneer academics to bridge town and gown by transferring research-based knowledge to the community for direct adoption and application. His research forms a basis for formulating policy and practice to improve the green life in Hong Kong.



Dr Christian Chan Shaunlyn
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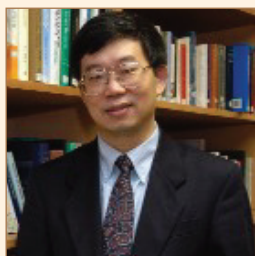


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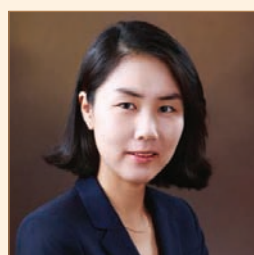
New Appointments



Professor Christine Fang Meng-sang
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Professor of Practice
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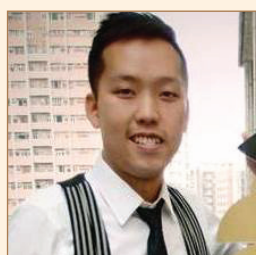
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Dr Raymond Wang Yu
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Faculty of Social Sciences

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November

Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture – Is the Concept of Secularism Relevant to China?

Date: Nov 7, 2014

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Contact: Miss Nikki Wong
(Tel: 3917 1224; Email: nhywong@hku.hk;
Website: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/ccspl/>)

Public Policy Forum – Retirement Protection in Hong Kong: Rethinking an Age Old Controversy

Date: Nov 10, 2014

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Contact: Ms Florence Luk
(Tel: 3917 1225; Email: floluk@hku.hk;
Website: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/pp/rphk>)

Public Policy Forum – Administrative Accountability in Hong Kong – Passing the Buck?

Date: Nov 13, 2014

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Contact: Ms Florence Luk
(Tel: 3917 1225; Email: floluk@hku.hk;
Website: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/pppl/btang>)



Date: Nov 15, 2014

Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU

Contact: Miss Nikki Wong
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Website: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/ppc/2014>)

December

Public Policy Forum – Should Hong Kong Public Services Change? Can They?

Date: Dec 3, 2014

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Contact: Ms Florence Luk
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Website: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/pppl/ksalk>)



Date: Dec 5, 2014

Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai

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