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Department of Geography

As the oldest and the most highly ranked* Geography programme in Hong Kong, our Department strives to understand the interactions between the Earth's natural and man-made environments for the sake of human welfare. The strength in the study of urban environment and planning, transport, tourism, and environmental health, is that our Department understands new challenges facing human society, and accordingly underpins its research foci on fields like climate change and water resources. In this feature story, Dr. Jinbao Li from our Department will share his latest research findings of tree-rings to study climate change and extreme weather. By all means, Dr. Li's research exemplifies the exciting and valuable scientific contributions made by colleagues in the department.

*Ranked 19th worldwide in 2015 by *QS World University Ranking* (<http://www.topuniversities.com/>).

The alarm bell is ringing. This year Hong Kong saw its hottest summer ever since its temperature records began in 1885. Heat waves gripped India from May to June, claiming more than 2,500 lives. Meanwhile, California is experiencing its worst drought in 1,200 years. The Arctic Sea ice has shrunk to its fourth lowest extent on record.

These unusual events seem to warn us about something; however, the message is not being heard. Still, there is people considering these phenomena as pure natural events. But given that so many extreme events have repeatedly occurred during the past decades, humans need to be humble and examine what is going on with our climate system.

This is not a straightforward task. "Direct instrumental records offer us valuable insights into our climate system. But globally speaking most instrumental records started less than 100 years ago. In Asia, most records are actually less than 60 years old, with large regions still unobserved", explains Dr Li Jinbao of the Department of Geography. "With such short and scarce records, we are unable to fully understand the variability of our climate, particularly when considering defining its current status and identifying possible trends and forcing mechanisms".

The question becomes clear. We need long records in order to fully understand our climate, but not many exist as previous generations lacked of necessary instruments to make observations.

Fortunately, Mother Nature offers us a helping hand. From towering trees on mountain slopes, colourful corals in blue oceans, to magnificent glaciers in the freezing Polar Regions, many things in nature have faithfully recorded the climate of the past. All we need to do is read these natural records and interpret the embedded climate information.

Dr Li Jinbao is one such person who reads tree rings to understand our changing climate. His study always starts with a field trip striving to find ancient trees in remote forests. This task used to be a bit easy, but now becomes more and more difficult. "Many of the old trees we saw ten years ago are just gone", Dr Li sighs deeply when talking about this summer's field trip in the Shangri-La area of Southwest China. "Even though government-led commercial logging does not exist, old trees are still being cut down by local or non-local people for building homes or economic benefit. Each incident might be isolated, but as it accumulates over time, large forests quickly disappear."

Nonetheless, Dr Li's team was fortunate to find a 700 year old fir tree after trekking in the forests for ten days. With a tool called the "increment borer", he drilled into the tree and extracted a slim core. This way he was able to obtain a precious sample without harming the tree much.

Back in the lab in the Department of Geography, he polishes the sample with fine sand paper to make the yearly growth rings visible. His eyes widen as he quickly studies it, "These fat rings indicate more rain in the years of their formation, and these narrow rings

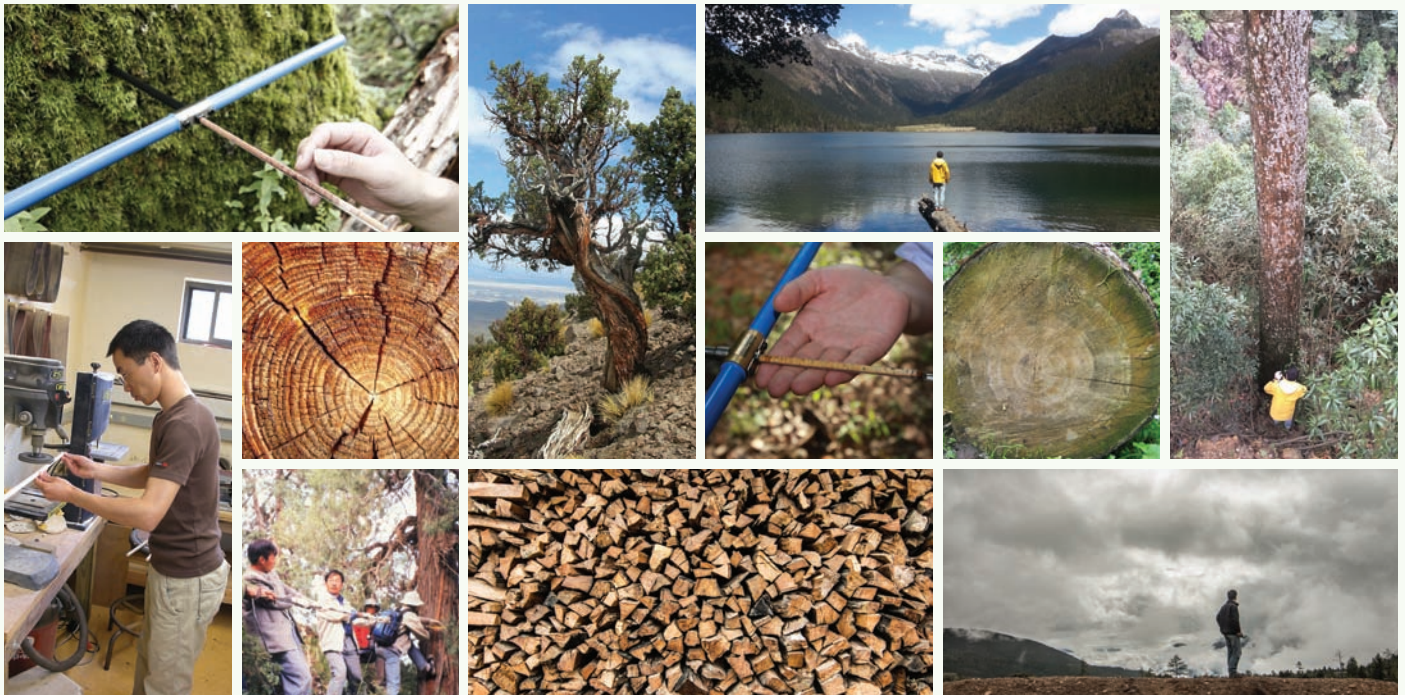
suggest less rain. As the monsoon dictates growth season rainfall in the area, this tree actually tells us how the monsoon has changed during the past 700 years."

Dr Li is confident about the information he will get from this old tree for good reasons. He has utilized tree rings to study climate change for more than 15 years. His early work focused on the study of long-term Asian monsoon variability. By using tree-rings across China and Mongolia, he developed the first large-scale monsoon drought reconstruction for the past four centuries. With this record he saw how a failed monsoon during the 1630s through the 1640s caused widespread famine and peasant rebellion that eventually overthrew the Ming Empire in 1644. He also saw how an unusually intense monsoon in the late 1950s caused flooding and contributed to the catastrophic famine during China's Great Leap Forward movement in 1958 through 1961.

Now this 700 year old tree, along with many others collected during the past few years, will enable Dr Li to understand how the monsoons have changed during the past millennium, how it has affected human society, and what factors may have caused the monsoons to change.



FEATURE STORY



Dr Li's research has also focused on El Niño during the past five years. El Niño and its partner La Niña, the unusual warming and cooling in the tropical Pacific every 2-7 years, bring about weather extremes worldwide. Scientists have long suspected a connection between global warming and El Niño. Yet, both instrumental records and climate models cannot discern whether such a connection exists.

Dr Li has dispelled that confusion by leading an international tree-ring study that found El Niño has been aggravated by global warming. He found that ancient trees around the Pacific Rim have recorded past El Niño events in their annual growth rings. For example, the unusually warm sea surface temperatures in the eastern Pacific during El Niño lead to an unusually wet winter and thus wider tree rings in southwest North America, whereas drought and narrower tree rings during La Niña.

By analysing more than 2,200 tree-ring records from Asia, New Zealand, North and South America, Dr Li and colleagues developed an accurate 700-year El Niño record. With this record, the team found that El Niño activity was generally low during the 14th to 19th centuries, but became unusually high after the 1880s. A statistical test further shows that recent El Niño activity is well beyond the range of random variability, suggesting that recent enhancement is likely due to changes in the Pacific mean state associated with global warming.

"Our finding has been corroborated by many follow-up studies", says Dr Li. "And the occurrence of a massive El Niño this year further attests to the correctness of our finding."

"But I wish we were wrong", his voice lowered with a sad emotion. "The correctness of our finding means the world will see more extreme weather events in years to come. That's a bad thing."

Still, Dr Li hopes his finding can warn the people about the dangerous consequences of climate change and the need to take immediate action to plan ahead.

For the next part of his research Dr Li is now exploring forests in Hong Kong. "Surprisingly there have been no real tree-ring studies here and as a result we don't have much information on long-term climate change in Hong Kong. We have discovered trees with clear annual rings, which means a huge potential for tree-ring study in the region."

Another topic that has caught Dr Li's attention is the Pearl River stream flow. "We people living in Hong Kong depend on Pearl River water resources. But we hardly know how the river flow has changed in the past. Tree rings can at least help us understand multi-century river flow history, which will provide us crucial information for sustainable water resources management."

Newly funded by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, Dr Li and his team are fully geared up to explore the forests in the Pearl River basin. They know the ancient trees must be waiting to share their stories.

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

NEW LEADER

It is my honour to be appointed as the Head of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for entrusting me with the Headship. As an alumnus of the Department (MSW) and the Faculty (BSocSc), I find it particularly meaningful to serve my alma mater in this capacity. The Department has a strong tradition of producing impactful scholarship that shapes social policy debates and professional social work practice in the region. My goal is to bring these to new heights by creating an empowering, accommodating, and respectful environment in the department for my colleagues to pursue their scholarly dreams and, at the same time, set a clear expectation on excellence of our academic work.

The Department receives tremendous support and goodwill from the community. It is important that our scholarship benefits the community. I look forward to working with my colleagues, alumni, and community stakeholders, exchanging and applying knowledge to enhance wellbeing of people in Hong Kong and around the world.

As the newly conferred Henry G Leong Professor of Social Work and Social Administration, I am humbled to follow in the footsteps of Professor Nelson Chow to be the holder of this endowed professorship. The invaluable support of the endowed professorship will allow me to create further impact with my social policy research and teaching in the Department.

Professor Terry Lum Yat-sang (林一星教授)

Head

Department of Social Work and Social Administration





Faculty of Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange Award The Unforgettable and the Unspoken: Oral History of Older Gay Men in Hong Kong

It is my great honour to be the recipient of the Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange (KE) Award in 2015. I am also pleased to be the recipient of the Prism Award of Hong Kong Lesbian and Gay Film Festival 2014. The Award was given based on the recognition of my long-term service to and research on the tongzhi community; particularly my contribution to the elderly tongzhi community through the KE project.

In August 2013, I was awarded a KE project entitled 'The Unforgettable and Unspoken: Oral History of Older Gay Men in Hong Kong', based on my research project funded by the Small Project Fund in 2009. Using an oral history method, the research investigates older gay men (aged 60 or above) in Hong Kong through a collection of these men's oral testimonials as well as 'documents of life' such as diaries, letters, and old photos. A monthly regular meeting ('yum cha' and then a focus group) has been held with the respondents since 2012.

Based on the research findings, the KE project aims to raise awareness of the spoken needs and problems of older gay men to the general public, service providers as well as the tongzhi (synonym for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community. In May 2014, I published a Chinese book 《男男正傳：香港年長男同志口述史》 (Oral History of Older Gay Men in Hong Kong) which documents twelve such stories. It captures how the complexity of their lives is interwoven with Hong Kong history from colonial to contemporary times, as well as the difficulties and hardships they have encountered due to their sexual orientation. Moreover, I invited four international and local artists (Gyorgy Ali Palos, Bobby Sham, Wong Kan Tai, and Chan Ka Kei) to document their current lives through photography.

I have subsequently held a series of book talks and/or photo exhibitions at different venues in Hong Kong which has received positive reviews in the local community, evident by extensive media exposure in the newspaper (e.g., MingPao, Apple Daily), radio (e.g., RTHK), television (e.g., ATV), magazine (e.g., Time Out, City Magazine), and the internet (e.g., fridae.com; GDotTV). This knowledge exchange has extended to different locales such as Macau, Guangdong and London. A mainland Chinese tongzhi organization PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays 同性戀親友會) is now conducting a similar project in Guangzhou.

However, what I found the most rewarding is setting up a self-help group called Gay & Grey (晚同牽) in December 2014. The idea came from our ongoing regular monthly gatherings. Using the concept of 'peer counselling', I helped them to set up a self-help group, which is operated by older gay men to offer services and support to other older gay men in Hong Kong. We have secured an office space at Self-Help Community Centre in Shek Kip Mei and have just set up a hotline. This turns a pure academic research into a participatory action research in which respondents have been empowered.

Looking forward, I will help publicize Gay and Grey and liaise with stakeholders to explore the possibility of providing social services specifically to the needs of elderly tongzhi (e.g., residential care home service). Furthermore, I am translating the book into English to reach a wider audience and have started to research older Chinese gay men in different overseas locales.

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

Social Sciences Strategic Area



USC-HKU Master of Global Public Policy (MGPP)

The Faculty is delighted to announce the launch of a new joint degree offered with the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (USC). The Master of Global Public Policy targets those with five or so years of experience in a relevant field who are working in the public sector, such as the government or a state-owned enterprise; government liaison or corporate social responsibility positions in the private sector; a multilateral organization such as the World Bank or Asian Development Bank; or a not-for-profit or NGO. The degree is offered in an executive format over 15 months with classes held at USC in Los Angeles, HKU, and in Shanghai or Beijing. The programme focuses on critical public policy issues in urbanization, social justice, environmental sustainability, global development, and financial sustainability from an East-West comparative perspective and drilling down on policy solutions. The first class will meet in Los Angeles in June 2017.

The Faculty and USC are co-organizing with the International Public Policy Association its first Regional Conference of Public Policy on June 10-11, 2016 at The University of Hong Kong. The Conference will focus on 'Coping with Policy Complexity in the Globalized World' and expect panels to focus on theories of the policy process, the policy environment, our ageing society, conflict resolution and structural reform. We expect 300 or so participants from overseas (See www.icpublicpolicy.org for the details).



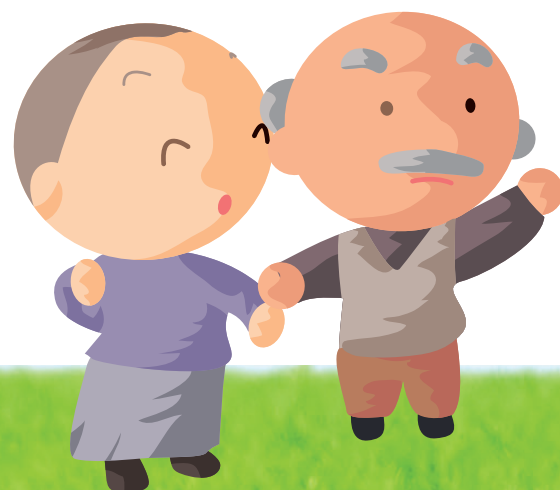
Regional Conference on Public Policy – Hong Kong

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Population ageing is a global challenge that disproportionately affects Asian countries for several reasons. First, the sheer speed and scale of the region's population ageing are unprecedented. Asia will become the oldest region of the world by the middle of this century. The unprecedented nature of population ageing in Asia means that earlier experiences from advanced western economies will offer limited guidance to the region. Second, the demographic dividend that contributed substantially to economic growth in the region is rapidly dissipating or even turning to demographic tax, threatening sustainable economic growth and social development. The region's successful adaptations to rapidly changing population structures will be key to its sustainable economic and social development. The region needs to find its path to provide adequate income support and health and social care for the elderly without jeopardizing growth. Governments in the region need unique and innovative solutions developed from an Asian perspective. Researchers at the Sau Po Centre on Aging (CoA) are helping regional governments to identify innovative solutions to these global challenges.

The CoA is a leading multidisciplinary research centre on ageing in the region. The Centre's research focuses on ageing policy (health care financing, long-term care, social security, labour force participation of older workers, etc.), service delivery models (use of voucher and personalized social services), and health and social care financing. The Centre's research was behind most major ageing policy innovations in Hong Kong since its establishment in 1999. In 2000, the CoA researchers developed the long term care screening system for the Social Welfare Department of the HKSAR Government. Since then, that system has been used to decide eligibility for government funded community and residential care for frail older people. In the early 2000s, the CoA researchers also developed the training and accreditation standard for health workers, creating a new employment category to staff long term care systems in Hong Kong. The first few cohorts of health workers were trained and accredited at the CoA. This new employment category has since been widely adopted by both social welfare and health care sectors. Many health workers are now serving patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes. In the late 2000s and early 2010s, CoA researchers provided consultation to the HKSAR government, leading to the development of the community care voucher pilot program in 2013. Current work includes a pending residential care voucher pilot program. The CoA researchers are also helping the social welfare department to develop a new long term care infrastructure to help Hong Kong SAR better respond to the challenges of the rapidly aging population. Through research and evaluation, CoA researchers are helping the HKSAR government to understand how to better implement the community care voucher pilot program and the carer allowance program.

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Community Impact



During the last three years, the CoA has secured more than HK\$40 million research contracts and donations. In 2013, it was commissioned by HKSAR Government to conduct a series of policy studies to enhance the infrastructure of long term care in Hong Kong and to evaluate the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on the Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. In 2014, the CoA was commissioned by the government to study how providing cash allowance to carers might affect caregiving behaviour among low-income carers. The CoA also launched its dementia care initiative in 2014 with support from both internal funding sources and external awards. In 2015, the CoA received a HK\$4.5 million donation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club to study age-friendliness of the Wanchai District and the Central and Western District of Hong Kong. It also received a HK\$5.3 million donation from the Simon KY Lee Foundation to develop an evidence based exercise and life style change programme to prevent frailty - a common but reversible health problem of older people.

The impacts of the CoA research have been recognised within the university and in the community. In 2014, the CoA was awarded a centrally funded postdoctoral fellow position to support its work on non-pharmacological intervention for dementia. Subsequently it organized two one-day workshops and an international conference in this area in 2015. The CoA has also been co-organizing the International Alzheimer's Disease Conference with the Alzheimer's Disease Research Network of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine since 2013. The CoA research team received the Faculty of Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange Award in 2015, for its project on aging-in-place in low-income public rental housing estates.

In sum, during the last three years, the CoA has grown from a small local research centre to a prominent regional research centre on ageing. Our research helps shape the aging policy and elder care practice in Hong Kong and the region. While we are very proud of our achievements during the last 16 years, we are looking forward to the exciting path ahead of us.

Professor Terry Lum Yat-sang (林一星教授)

Director

Sau Po Centre on Ageing



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Dance Movement Therapy for Cancer Patients' well-being

Dance is both an artistic and a physical activity from which you can enjoy the beauty of movement and motion while gaining physical benefits such as better flexibility and better blood circulation. It is also a creative art product through which you can express your thoughts and emotion. Dance can also be a medium for change through which a person can know more about himself / herself, connect to other people, the world and the universe. Dance can thus benefit a person's mind and the body, creating chances for growth and healing.

The healing power of dance has been attracting increased attention in recent decades in fields of rehabilitation and healthcare due to its enjoyable process, non-pharmacological nature, and holistic benefits. Dance Movement Therapy (DMT), which uses dance as the medium for change has been applied to different disease and healthy populations, including cancer patients. For cancer patients, while medical treatment helps them improve survival and relieve some symptoms of the illness; it brings about a lot of side effects, both short-term and long-term, affecting patients' physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Psychosocial interventions that target at helping cancer patients to cope with different challenges and regain a better quality of life and well-being have been widely encouraged. Dance movement therapy has been recognised as one of the effective interventions in recent years.

DMT programme, which is designed specifically to help breast cancer patients, has been introduced in hospitals and community cancer centres in Hong Kong since 2002. The program is specially designed for improving the blood circulation of the upper arms, and the whole body of breast cancer patients, with particular attention paying to the patients' psychological stress, mood and overall quality of life.





Community Impact

With the funding support from the GRF grant (HKU 745511H), a large-scale DMT programme with a research component to confirm its effectiveness was conducted for breast cancer patients who are undergoing radiotherapy. Participants met for six 1.5-hour sessions for three weeks during treatment. Sessions were made up of dance movement warm up, improvisational and creative dances, as well as a sharing of movement experience and closure ritual. Participants were encouraged to engage in dancing with other group members, and create their own movements according to different themes. Themes in different sessions included self-care, warmth and love, positive mood, strength and self-confidence, imagination and creativity, as well as life and hope. Sharing and discussion at the end of each session focused on the experiences of dancing and moving. Therapists also facilitated the participants to relate their movement experiences to the themes as well as their real life.

Findings of the project confirmed the effects of DMT, in particular, on buffering patients' stress and pain. Qualitative investigation indicated that patients receiving DMT during radiotherapy treatment resulted in more prominent improvements in cancer and treatment coping as well as better mental well-being and appreciation for their bodies. Participants enjoyed the process greatly and some of them started to learn dancing after the programme.

Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung (何天虹博士)

Director

Centre on Behavioral Health



JC A-Connect: Jockey Club Autism Support Network

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has earmarked HK\$167 million to pioneer a three-year project entitled "JC A-Connect: Jockey Club Autism Support Network" for the next academic year. This is in response to the increasing number of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Hong Kong's primary and secondary schools.

This project seeks to provide better support for these students, their families and schools in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences of The University of Hong Kong, the Education Bureau and six non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with experience in serving ASD students. The NGOs are Caritas - Hong Kong, Heep Hong Society, New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, SAHK, The Salvation Army and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. Coaching programmes, teacher training and research will be conducted to improve the social communication, emotional regulation and learning strategies of ASD students to help with behavioral problems, enhance their learning ability and social skills and improve their quality of life. The programme involves 300 public sector primary and secondary schools, covering about half of the students with special needs. Education and assistance for their parents will be also provided through eighteen satellite centers and other educational programmes.

The Launch Ceremony was held in June 2015 with more than 400 participants. Public education activities including an exhibition, seminar and workshop were held in July 2015.



On the Road of CITY DIPLOMACY

I was selected by the UK Foreign Office as a Chevening Scholar to attend University College London (UCL) for a master's in public policy. I graduated from HKU with an international relations degree.

In class, we concluded that national interest and sovereignty are the obstacles to global cooperation. This inspired my thesis; a "sovereignty-free" cooperation model among cities, conceptualising it as "city diplomacy." In essence, I argue that cooperation for common challenges is easier among cities when national interests play a smaller part.

Since this is a new area of study, I was invited to present the paper to policymakers at the UN conference at Columbia University, chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General. This October, I joined an emerging group of "city diplomats" at the Asian Development Bank's Cities Development Initiative to help strengthen city-to-city cooperation on sustainable development.

How far can city diplomacy go? The answer remains uncertain. But as a social scientist, I'm glad to pioneer the exploration.

Mr Dan Chan Koon-hong (陳冠康先生)

BSocSc (2014)



Listing in 100days

Obtaining a Bachelor and Master degree in Economics from The University of Hong Kong has created a business mind-set within myself. This mind-set includes business skills such as analytical reasoning and data analysis, in turn motivating me to start up and run my own company, Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited. After years of effort, passion and experience, I have decided to further achieve by going public. Despite the fact that converting a company into a public listed one could be an extremely long drawn out process, I managed to convert Bamboos into a public listed company within 100 days last year. As a visionary entrepreneur, I always understood that the key factors to success are speed, record management and persistence. Today, as the Chairman of Bamboos, I proudly announce that Bamboos Health Care Holdings Limited (HKEx stock code: 8216) is the largest nursing services provider and the only listed company specialized in this field in Hong Kong. This year I celebrated the one-year anniversary of the listing of Bamboos in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on the eighth of July. It was a significant moment to share the joy and success with all like-minded entrepreneurs and friends at the listing party.

Mr Jacky Kwan Chi-hong (關志康先生)

BEcon (1994), MEcon (2005)

experiential learning

Social Sciences Students in Action: Going Beyond Analyzing Social Problems in the Classroom and Learning to be Part of the Solutions

In the Faculty of Social Sciences, we seek to nurture a good understanding of social issues through first-hand practical experience in local and international organisations. Thereby, providing a training platform for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired at the University to real work situations. We do this by assisting students to become more socially aware while developing critical thinking and analytical abilities so that they can be part of the solutions to complex problems. This in turn improves their interpersonal and communication skills.

Beginning in 2008, Social Sciences undergraduates must complete twenty-four experiential learning credits by participating in activities related to Global Citizenship and Social Innovation (GC-SI). This includes internships, exchange programmes and summer schools offered in Hong Kong and overseas. In June 2012, the Faculty of Social Sciences launched a project titled "Service Leadership Internship" (SLI) with support from The Hong Kong Institute of Service Leadership & Management (HKI-SLAM), and the Victor and William Fung Foundation.

In the summer of 2015, three hundred and ninety students participated in one hundred and fifty-five projects with one hundred and twenty-four private, government and non-profit organisations in fourteen countries covering Asia, the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia.

Our students came back to the campus with a practical appreciation of their classroom learning and an improved understanding of various social issues within real life contexts. These concepts include inequalities, social injustice, poverty and various forms of social divisions against women, children and people from ethnic minorities.

Below are the student feedbacks from the summer experience in 2015. Our students went to rural areas of Vietnam, the metropolitan city of Auckland, New Zealand, a private foundation and Tai Oi Village in Hong Kong.

World Vision Vietnam – A cross disciplinary project on sanitation in rural area of Vietnam

I joined Global Solutions this summer to fulfill the Global Citizenship requirement of the Faculty of Social Sciences. At the time of application, Global Solutions appeared as a brand new programme. No one actually knew anything about this programme and thus my family and friends were indeed curious, 'How can you risk your last summer in university?'

After returning from the trip, I am proud that I accepted the challenge, and my summer was far more rewarding! In Global Solutions, eight Social Science students and eight Civil Engineering students worked as a cross-disciplinary team to follow the building progress of a sanitation facility located in a local Vietnamese secondary school. The sanitation facility helped to cease the problem of open defecation in the local community bringing a great deal of convenience to residents, especially the pupils. Besides the construction activity, we conducted community needs assessments in the local communes, under the guidance of World Vision Vietnam, to better understand the local issues and concerns. Through tackling real-life problems, I got a chance to consolidate knowledge acquired in university and gear myself up for being a social scientist!

Mr Kenji Ho Chun-yin (何雋然先生)
BSocSc IV (Sociology and Counselling)



Atlantis Health Ltd – New Zealand

This summer, I was very lucky to have the chance to work as an intern at Atlantis Healthcare Ltd. with a team of health psychologists and strategists to devise solutions to health problems in New Zealand. The team is specialised in developing personalised patient support programmes that aim at enhancing adherence to medication and motivating behavioral changes in people who are living with chronic conditions. With the kind guidance of the clinical team, I was exposed to a broad range of literature on several major topics in health psychology, including illness perceptions, psychosocial interventions, and behavioral change techniques. Other than that, I also had the opportunity to participate in some business development events as a representative of Atlantis Healthcare. For instance, I attended a business strategy workshop facilitated by the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise at Better By Design, where I had the opportunity to work with the executives of some of the largest companies in New Zealand. Being an intern at Atlantis Healthcare is an invaluable learning opportunity. Atlantis Healthcare is a rare exemplification of applying psychological knowledge in commercial settings. This GCSI internship at Atlantis Healthcare was really a highlight in my university career, I am truly thankful for this opportunity and all the support I received from my supervisors and colleagues. I would strongly advise any psychology student to consider this internship next summer. Besides, the natural beauty of New Zealand is definitely worth a visit!

Mr Yiu Shun (姚信先生)

BSocSc III (Psychology and Cognitive Science)



Lee Hysan Foundation – Hong Kong

Working in the Lee Hysan Foundation ("LHF") was a humbling and inspiring experience. It was humbling because of my realisation that there is so much to learn in the workplace. I was eager to improve and know more, constantly pushing myself to strive for excellence regardless of the difficulties encountered in the process. It was inspiring because I have learnt various skills to plan different philanthropic projects in a more sustainable, cost-effective and influential way. It was also eye opening to witness how a foundation could act as a bridge to establish cooperation between corporate and government sectors to fill the local service gaps more effectively. Most importantly, the hands-on experience in initiating a new project allowed us to apply theories learnt from school. It has further cultivated my sense of social responsibility and desire to contribute to the society with my expertise.

The passion and enthusiasm of the LHF team has stirred up the fire in my heart to work for the betterment of Hong Kong.

I am really thankful for this precious opportunity and all the assistance provided by mentors from the faculty and the LHF. I am also thankful for my teammates! They gave me a memorable and adorable summer!

Miss Yidy Ma Tan-yee (馬丹儀小姐)

BSocSc III (Psychology & Politics)



Tai O – Getting hands on in solving social issues in the remote fishing village in Hong Kong

Working with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Tai O this summer was a life-changing experience. This unique opportunity placed me in a remote fishing village on Lantau Island where I worked with social workers, other interns, and local residents to establish a relationship with locals and act as a participant observer in a traditional Cantonese society during my six-week stay. Prior to embarking on my internship, I was given an academic lens through which to experience the fascinating and traditional society into which I was immersed. The opportunity to apply knowledge gleaned during my course through the Faculty of Social Sciences at The University of Hong Kong. My assignment to ascertain the most pressing social issues surrounding my internship gave depth to my experience. What I will never forget about my internship were the home-visits that I paid to many of the residents of Tai O. The most impactful with a grandmother, "popo." Her situation in Tai O spoke to the greater trends I had observed amongst the aging population; her confinement to her small abode inspired my final paper written for the course "Trapped in a village of unobtainable opportunities: The exclusion of disadvantaged elderly and the prevalence of depression in Tai O." During my internship I was encouraged to put forward projects and engage with the local community and culture: watch the traveling Cantonese opera, organise and teach international cooking classes while educating about many cultures, and participate in the YWCA culture programs to get a real feel for what it was like to be a fisher in Tai O.

Miss Olivia Hudnut

University of Southern California – 3 Campus students



It has been almost six months since I last wrote in the "Societist". Looking back, the Executive Committee of Social Sciences Society HKUSU session 2015, has matured. However, one thing that will remain unchanged is the passion that we share to serve our members.

The orientation series, including registration day and the orientation camp, was held successfully. Freshmen of 2015 thoroughly enjoyed the activities we had to offer. In the orientation camp, in particular, we designed programs that were aimed to foster freshmen's sense of belonging to Social Sciences Society and the Faculty of Social Sciences. Enhancing members' sense of consciousness of the local and global community is a notion that we will never cease to promote. Despite having fun and creating bonds between freshmen, we also put in programs that remind freshmen of the importance of being a social scientist – to care for our society. It is hoped that freshmen can inherit this precious characteristic of being a social science student.

Looking ahead, there will still be a few months for us to serve and influence our members as the Executive Committee. In September, we held our high table dinner, aimed to encourage friendly intellectual exchange between members. We will be holding another Welfare Week as well as Seasonal Series – Autumn. Through the variety of welfare that we will provide our members, we hope to show our care towards our members on our huge campus. The GCSI talk held in late October offer students advice and guidance on how to fulfil their Global Citizenship and Social Innovation requirements. As aforementioned, fostering members' consciousness of the global and local community is ever so important for social sciences students. Our monthly publication "Noise" will continue its' publications on local and global current affairs. Furthermore, "Voice" will also be published which collates all significant news this year in Hong Kong and across the globe.

We are one step closer to the end of our session, but we believe the passion will be passed on to the next session and continue to ignite and impact the Society and society.

Miss Kinnie Li King-yee (李敬儀小姐)
Chairman
Social Sciences Society, HKUSU
Session 2015-2016



EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Workshop on Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST)

April 8, 2015



Workshop on Managing Dementia-Related Behaviours

April 9, 2015

International Conference on Advances in Non-pharmacological Interventions for People with Dementia and Caregivers

April 10, 2015



Press Conference on the Survey Findings on Hong Kong People's Changing Attitude Towards Death for the Project "The Centennial Evolution of Funeral and Burial Practices in Hong Kong"

April 27, 2015

A Wary Embrace of Democracy: Workshop on Confucian Perfectionism: A Political Philosophy for Modern Times

May 15, 2015



EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Project "Respect" Kick-off Ceremony

June 1, 2015



The International Symposium on Applied Neuroscience and Neuropsychology: Decoding the Aging Brain

June 23-24, 2015

Seminar on "Acute Versus Chronic Insomnia: From Stress-Related Sleep Disturbance to Sleep-related Stress Reaction"

July 6, 2015

Speaker: Professor Yang Chien Ming



MC³@702 Creative Space

"Ordinary · Extraordinary - Figurative · Abstract" Visual Arts Exhibition by Caritas Lok Yi School students (Exhibition)

April 8-18, 2015

The Flower of Hong Kong: Anita Mui and HK Popular Culture (Seminar)

April 22, 2015

Lifestyle Migration in Asia – An Interpretive Photography Exhibition

April 24 - May 8, 2015

Exhibition: (Re)Imagining Youth

August 6-31, 2015





Public Policy Lecture Series

A "Latte Index" - A reflection of income disparity and social mobility

May 8, 2015

Speaker: Professor Paul Yip

The benefits of public housing on household savings in Hong Kong

May 15, 2015

Speaker: Dr Zhang Yi



Who is happier in Hong Kong: Those earning more or giving more?

May 22, 2015

Speaker: Dr Cheng Qijin

Poverty and well-being in Hong Kong: A spatial analysis

May 29, 2015

Speaker: Dr Shu-sen Chang



ExCEL3 event

Collaborative Conversation on the Good, the Bad and the Grey Areas: Principles and Practices in Ethical Fundraising

April 24, 2015

Forum on Individual Giving and Volunteerism: A Social Engine for Change

June 16, 2015

Forum on Measuring Impact: Accounting for Value in Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility

July 8, 2015

Forum on Transformational Leadership: Driving and Measuring Sustained Performance in Non-profit Organisations

July 22, 2015



Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture

Demand-Responsive Industrialization versus the 'China Model' of Development: A New Critique of Political Economy

April 27, 2015

Speaker: Professor Gary Hamilton

Henry M Jackson Professor of International Studies

Associate Director, The Jackson School of International Studies

Professor of International Studies and Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle

"Occupations", "Color Revolutions" and "Springs": New Dynamics in Social Movements?

June 17, 2015



EVENTS SPOTLIGHT



Public Policy Forum Series

Regulating A Free Economy, Intelligently

April 20, 2015

Speaker: Stephen Ng Tin-hoi

Deputy Chairman and Managing Director, The Wharf (Holdings) Limited
Deputy Chairman, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce



Are Emerging Powers Emerging, and are they Powers?

April 27, 2015

Speaker: Dr Jorge G Castañeda

Global Distinguished Professor of Political Sciences and Latin American Studies
New York University
Former Foreign Minister of Mexico



The Role Of Think Tanks And Public Policy Research In Hong Kong

April 30, 2015

Speaker: Lau Ming Wai

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Chinese Estate Holdings Limited
Vice Chairman, Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre

Mental Health Forum: Mental Health, Youth Development

June 10, 2015

Speaker: Professor Daphna Oyserman

Dean Professor, Department of Psychology

Professor of Education and of Communication, University of Southern California

Global Citizenship Summer Institute - Beyond Our Borders: Experience China and Taiwan

June 21 – July 19, 2015



Summer Institute: Asia as the Global Future

July 7 – 30, 2015

Social Sciences Summer Programme 2015

July 13 – 17, 2015



DONATIONS

Donations (From January to July 2015)

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Miss Winnie Kwok Siu-yee	Centre on Behavioral Health	Activities of the Centre	30,000
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K K Ho International Charitable Foundation		Supporting development of Evidence-Based Neuro-Intervention Protocols	2,000,000
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Miss Winnie Kwok Siu-yee		Activities of the Centre	30,000
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RESEARCH GRANTS (RGC)

Research Grants (Awarded by RGC 2015–16)

Principal Investigator	Department	Project Title	Award (HK\$)
Dr F Lee	Geography	From macro-general to micro-contextual: Scaling climate-conflict nexus in historical agrarian China	343,512
Dr U B Steinhoff	Politics and Public Administration	Just War Theory and the Ethics of Violence: Foundations and Applications	230,000
Dr H C C Hui	Psychology	The role of life events in the transition of personality and values: A longitudinal investigation into the effects of bereavement and religious conversionnexus in historical agrarian China	650,660
Dr E Y Y Lau		Sleep and Risk-related Decision-making in Adolescents and Young Adults	388,990
Professor T M C Lee		The neural bases of meditation for promoting healthy aging: A longitudinal multi-modal neuroimaging study	890,700
Dr L Li		An Investigation of neural bases for the visual control of goal-oriented locomotion in humans	986,587
Professor C L W Chan	Social Work and Social Administration	Comparing the Effectiveness of Integrative Body-Mind-Spirit Group Intervention and Cognitive-Behavioral Group on Quality of Life and Psycho-socio-spiritual Distress for Lung Cancer Patients and their Family Caregivers: A Randomized Controlled Trial	905,940
Dr W M Choi		To explore the path of Chinese women's use of force in intimate relationships: motives, acts and outcomes	548,500
Dr R TH Ho		Starting from the Mind or the Body in Mind-Body Intervention? A Randomized Controlled Trial on Comparative Effectiveness of Mindfulness Meditation and Qigong on Psychophysiological Outcomes in Colorectal Cancer Patients	615,800
Dr L P Jordan		The impact of growing up in a transnational household on youth transition to adulthood: A comparative mixed method study from Southeast Asia	747,504
Professor S S K Tse		Combining professional and expert-by-experience knowledge in the search for personal recovery from bipolar disorder: A collaborative and interpretive inquiry	555,288
Dr C S C Chan	Sociology	Lasting Struggle: Ideology, Frame Transformation, and Collective Action of the Falun Gong Movement	672,076

SELECTION OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The pulse of imperial China: a quantitative analysis of long-term geopolitical and climate cycles

Author: Zhang D, Pei Q, Lee F, Zhang J, Chang C, Li B, Li J & Zhang X

Journal: Blackwell Science / Global Ecology and Biogeography

The long-term cyclic patterns of China's geopolitical shifts are of great interest to scholars and the public, but to date there has been no satisfactory explanation for the alternating occupancy patterns of the country's pastoral and agrarian polities. We fill this gap by differentiating the agro-ecological settings of these polities over time and quantitatively analyzing the relationships between climate change and historical geopolitical variations.

Our dataset comprised thirty-eight paleo-hydro-climate reconstructions, the historical boundaries of China's empire and the changes in its size, and 1,028 wars and 2,737 battle locations over the past 2,300 years. China-wide precipitation during the period was reconstructed using the weighted-composite-plus-scale method. Time series analyses were performed to identify the strength of the associations between climate change and the geopolitical variables. Granger causality analysis and wavelet analysis were performed to verify the hypothesized causal links. Wavelet analysis was also used to identify the possible interactions (i.e., frequencies, significance, consistency, and synchrony) between the signal components of climatic and the geopolitical variables at different temporal scales.

China's mean precipitation fell into three multi-centennial cycles and the geopolitical variables corresponded with those cycles in the imperial era. The spatial-temporal frequencies of the boundaries and size of the agriculturalist empires and its frontiers with pastoralist empires were regulated by the long-term (low-frequency) precipitation fluctuations at the multi-centennial scale. Wars of aggression were an important explanatory factor driving the land occupancy patterns of the two eco-empires under climate change and caused most of the territorial shifts. However, short-term (high-frequency) geopolitical changes were not associated with climate change.

Precipitation-induced ecological change was an important factor governing the macro-geopolitical cycles in imperial China. Long-term territorial expansion favored the polity (agriculturalist or pastoralist) that was better adapted to the changing ecological conditions in the country's heartland.

Professor Zhang Dian (章典教授)
Department of Geography



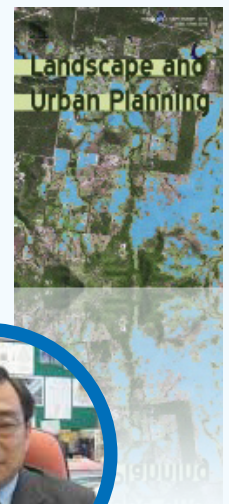
Assessing growth performance and deficiency of climber species on tropical greenwalls

Author: Jim, C Y

Journal: Landscape and Urban Planning (Elsevier Science, Amsterdam)

Tropical greenwall practice, hindered by inadequate scientific knowledge and experience, can benefit from objective assessment of species performance. A climber-selection matrix was established to facilitate species selection and greenwall design. Twenty perennial woody climbers with ornamental flowers or foliage with the potential to reach thirteen metres in height were chosen for the experiment. They denoted two attachment modes, namely mesh-climber and bare-wall-climber groups. Growth conditions were optimized by high-quality soil mix and irrigation. The thirty-two month study period included three active-growing seasons with two interspersed slow-growing seasons. Field assessment methods were developed to acquire systematic data on plant performance. Key attributes were selected to compute climber performance index (CPI) and climber deficiency index (CDI) as synoptic representation of greenwall suitability. Mesh-climbers performed much better than concrete-climbers across all key performance indicators to achieve a higher CPI. They demonstrated faster establishment and growth rates and more ornamental flowers. For mesh-climbers, Quisqualis indica, Wisteria sinensis and Lonicera japonica had an excellent performance, and the remaining species were good to fair. For bare-wall-climbers, only Parthenocissus dalzielii was rated good and Campsis grandiflora fair, with the rest poor to very poor.

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



SELECTION of RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Toward collaborative governance between Hong Kong and Mainland China

Author: Cheung, P T Y
Journal: Urban Studies

Economic cooperation between Hong Kong and Mainland China, especially Guangdong province, has flourished since the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 1997. The landmark is the conclusion of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) between Hong Kong and the Mainland in 2003. CEPA covers liberalisation of trade in goods, liberalisation of trade in services, mutual recognition of professional qualifications, and other trade facilitation measures. This paper uses the collaborative governance regime framework to analyse the economic cooperation between Hong Kong and Mainland China under CEPA. This case shows that if there are environmental conditions generating incentives for both parties to cooperate, a committed leadership on both sides to drive the regime, and institutional arrangements that could facilitate the collaborative dynamics, effective collaboration between players from different political and institutional backgrounds can still be achieved.

Dr Peter Cheung Tsan-yin (張贊賢博士)
Department of Politics and Public Administration



Online Processing of Shape Information for Control of Grasping

Author: Chen Z & Saunders J A
Journal: Experimental Brain Research (Springer Verlag)

We investigated online control of the hand when performing a virtual grasping task. In some trials the target object was unexpectedly replaced by a different random object during movement. Subjects made automatic corrective adjustments in response to these changes, guiding their fingers to appropriate grasp points for the new target object. This demonstrates that the visual-motor system is capable of fast analysis of object shape for purposes of guiding hand movements.

Dr Jeffrey Saunders
Department of Psychology



The Effect of Depressive Symptoms and Antidepressant Use on Subsequent Physical Decline and Number of Hospitalizations in Nursing Home Residents: a Nine-Year Longitudinal Study

Author: Lum, T Y S, Lou, V Q Q, Lou, H, Tang J Y M, Wong, G H Y & Chen, C C H
Journal: Journal of the American Medical Association

To investigate whether depressive symptoms and antidepressant use at baseline predicts the subsequent decline in physical functioning and number of hospitalizations in nursing home residents.

Professor Terry Lum Yat-sang (林一星教授)
Department of Social Work and Social Administration



Romancing the Boundary: Client Masculinities in the Chinese Sex Industry

Author: Kong T S K

Journal: Culture, Health and Sexuality

This paper draws from twenty-four in-depth interviews and two focus group discussions conducted since 2012 with Hong Kong heterosexual men who pay for sex. The purpose was to examine men's level of physical and emotional engagement with sex workers under two dominant sexual scripts in post-industrial Hong Kong. Torn between companionate sexuality with its companionate model of relationships and recreational sexuality with its promiscuous model of sexual pleasure, Hong Kong male clients seek their sexual and affective needs in commercial sexual relationships: 'Chicken worm' (or McSex masculinity) refers to those men who seek impersonal sexual release with as many women as they wish while 'sunken boat' (or Titanic masculinity) refers to those men who seek intense emotional intimacy with sex workers. Between these two opposing types, the majority of respondents fall into 'bounded' masculinity, which refers to men who emphasize control and balance by seeking emotionally responsive women in a time-bounded romance. By comparing clients' variations in the level of physical and emotional engagement with sex workers, this article understands individual differences in client types and offers a new understanding of Chinese male sexuality and relationship formation and the corresponding health (e.g., sexual, emotional) risks exposed in each type.

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



Gender differences in outcomes in people with schizophrenia in rural China: 14-year follow-up study

Author: Ran, M S, Mao, W J, Chan, C L W, Chen, E Y H, Conwell, Y

Journal: British Journal of Psychiatry

Little is known about gender differences in the long-term outcome of patients with schizophrenia living in the community. This study is to explore gender differences in the 14-year outcome of patients with schizophrenia in rural China. A 14-year follow-up study among a 1994 cohort (n=510) of patients with schizophrenia was conducted in Xinjin County, Chengdu, China. All patients and their informants were followed up in 2004 and 2008 using the Patients Follow-up Scale. The results of this study indicate that the long-term outcome of males with schizophrenia is worse than females in rural China. Higher mortality, suicide and homelessness in male than female patients may contribute partly to the higher prevalence of schizophrenia in women than in men in China. Policy on social and family support, and gender-specific intervention strategies for improving the long-term outcome of the illness should be developed for patients with schizophrenia.

Dr Ran Maosheng (冉茂盛博士)
Department of Social Work and Social Administration



CONGRATULATIONS

Students

Awards



Undergraduate Research Conference 2015: Peoples and Places

Kia ora, Tēnā koutou katoa!

This summer, I was blessed and supported to visit Auckland, New Zealand, to present my research in front of many outstanding peers in the Universitas 21 (U21) Undergraduate Research Conference 2015. My research study is a qualitative study on young college students' changes of perceptions towards the police after the 'Umbrella Movement' in Hong Kong. This movement stimulated discussions in a more holistic perspective among international students.

I was fortunate to meet inspiring people at the conference. One of them being Nicholas Rowe, the associate professor of the dance studies programme in the University of Auckland. He transformed his life from that of a professional dancer to that of a helping professional in community dance groups. Since I am a ballerina with a dream to become an art therapist; I asked him how he managed to transition from being a professionally trained dancer under the spotlight to working with non-professional dance groups. After a knowing smile, he answered "Well... It's indeed difficult yet this is a process of letting go and finding the value that you weigh most in life."

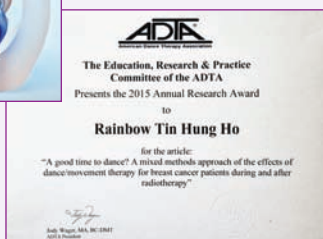
Life is not just a process of searching for what we do not like but what truly concerns us. This research conference was a very important part of my search, thank you to all of my companions for participating in the journey.

Kia ora!

Miss Melody Fung Hiu-ying (馮曉瀝小姐)
BSW

Academic Staff

Awards



Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung
(何天虹博士)

The Outstanding Achievement Award and the Research Award American Dance Therapy Association

Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung, Director of the Centre on Behavioral Health and Associate Professor of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration is the first Asian to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award and Research Award presented by The American Dance Therapy Association. She is also the first dance therapist in the history of the Association who will receive two awards at the same time.

Dr Ho is the pioneer of dance movement therapy in Hong Kong. She has been applying her knowledge and skills in dance therapy in the local community since 2002, firstly with cancer patients and later with diverse populations, which include children, adults and elders with or without issues. Her long-term dedication to clinical practice, leadership and innovation in academic research as well as her significant contribution to professional education and training are recognized by the Association this year, during its 50th anniversary.

The Association's research committee also identified Dr Ho as the recipient of the 2015 Research Award based on her newly published paper "A good time to dance? A mixed-methods approach of the effects of dance movement therapy for breast cancer patients during and after radiotherapy" in Cancer Nursing. This paper documented the research outcomes of one of her GRF funded projects. Both awards will be presented in the annual conference of the American Dance Therapy Association in San Diego, California, USA in October 2015.

Promotions



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November

Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture - Authoritarian Parochialism: Representation in Chinese Local Congresses

Date: November 12, 2015
Speaker: Professor Melanie Manion
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Miss Mary Tsang
(Tel: 3917 1226; Email: marytwc@hku.hk)

Education Talk delivered by Sir Antony Gormley

Date: November 16, 2015
Venue: Grand Hall, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Miss Connie Ko
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December

Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture

Date: December 1, 2015
Speaker: Dr Zhao Shukai
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Miss Wing Tsang
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Date: December 7, 2015
Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai
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January

10-day Advanced Training on Bereavement Counseling by Ms. Agnes Tin

Date: January – March 2016
Venue: Centre on Behavioral Health
Contact: Ms. Amy Choi
(Tel: 2831-5158; Email: bhealth@hku.hk; Website: cbh.hku.hk)

Finding Money To Do Good: A Fundraising Workshop for NGOs

Date: January – March, 2016
Venue: 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Miss Mayumi Lau
(Tel: 3917 1261; Email: mayulwy@hku.hk; Website: www.socsc.hku.hk/ExCEL3)

New York Review of Books Foundation Conference

Date: January 15 – 16, 2016
Venue: Hall II, Centennial Campus
Contact: Miss Mary Tsang
(Tel: 3917 1226; Email: marytwc@hku.hk)

March

'Island Cities and Urban Archipelagos' 2016 Conference

Date: March 7-12, 2016
Venue: The University of Hong Kong
Contact: Mr Tommy Liu
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