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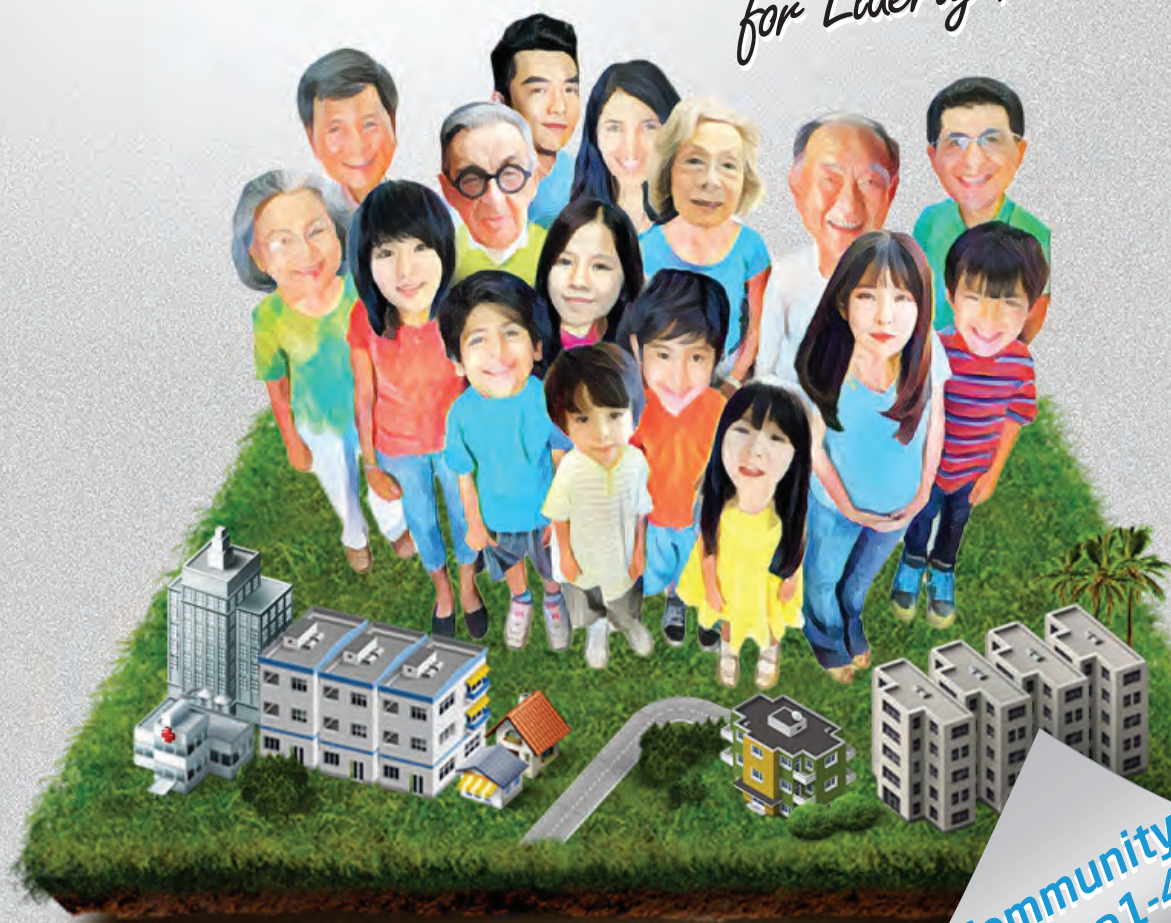
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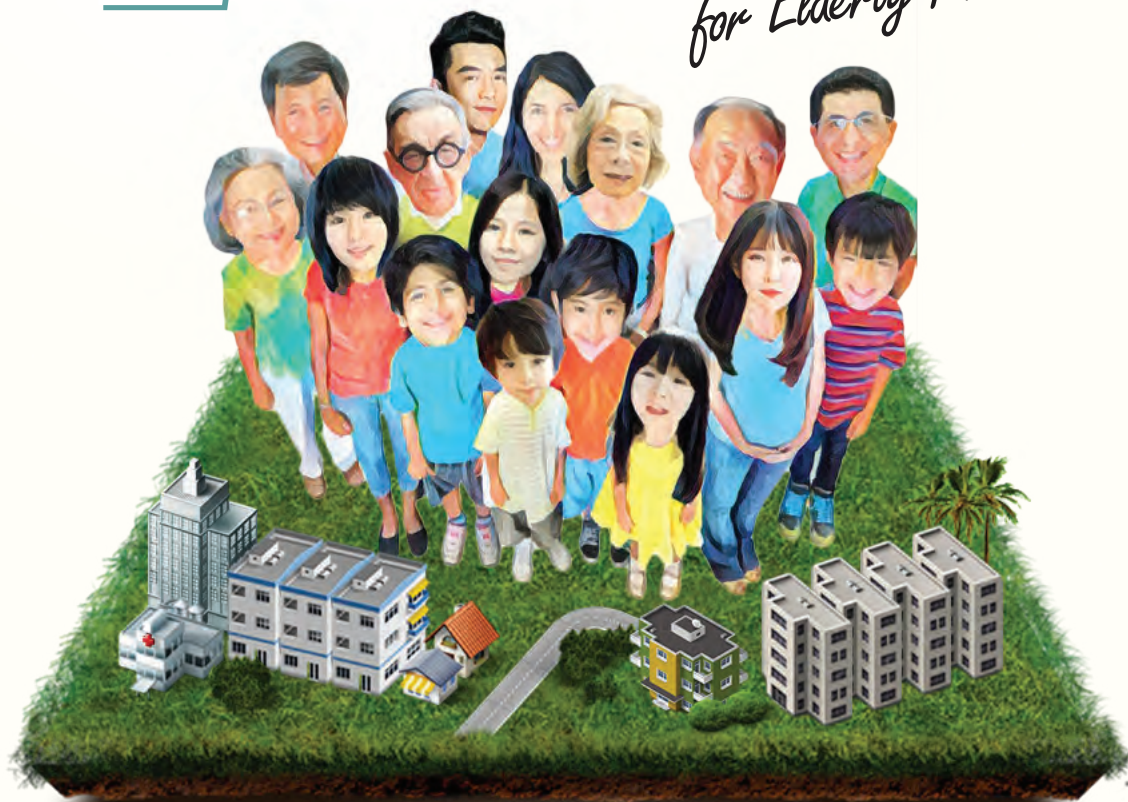
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與大家分享處理自殺危機的方法，  
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# Neighbourhood Empowerment

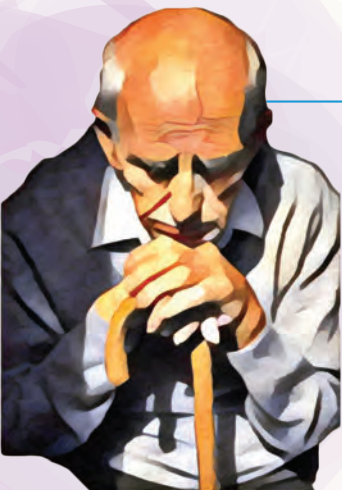
*for Elderly Mental Health*



**Longevity** is something to be celebrated across cultures. However, in Hong Kong, a sizeable proportion of our older persons are telling us that this may not be the case. Studies have shown that 1 in 10 older adults is depressed (Sun, Xu, Chan, Lam, & Schooling, 2012). Over sixty percent of the elderly are faced with a vulnerability towards depression due to widowhood, living with chronic illnesses, and living alone (Almeida et al., 2011; Census and Statistics Department, 2013; Legislative Council, 2015; Schoevers et al., 2006; Sun et al., 2012). Thus, it is no surprise that our older adults are the ones most likely to commit suicide: nearly one suicide is completed daily by the elderly (Legislative Council, 2015). Due to the stigma surrounding mental health, depressed elderly are unlikely to ask for help. The vast majority of older persons who need help are hidden in the community, suffering in silence. Our overburdened care system does not have the capacity to take care of these hidden elders in need. With the population ageing, the situation can only get worse. We urgently need a new approach to provide upstream solutions to this mental health crisis. Despite these problems, our care systems provide the essential remedial treatment and intervention services for more severely depressed older persons who have managed to seek help.

HKU is facing this challenge head-on to try to derive a new care system. A three-year pilot project on elderly mental health is being led by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration (SWSA) along with the support from an interdisciplinary team within the University. The project is initiated by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and will be implemented in four districts in collaboration with six non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with expertise in community elder care and/or community mental health care.





## *A Stitch In Time: Preventive Approach in Elderly Mental Health*

One obvious approach is to prevent our older adults from depression and curative treatments and interventions. The prevention of depression symptoms worsening or developing can be avoided with the proper support. A preventive approach means less suffering and fewer lives lost. Apart from reducing the burden on the mental health care system, interventions tend to be more helpful when given early, before irreversible damage has occurred.

Evidence has suggested that some psychosocial interventions and support can effectively prevent or delay the onset of depression (van Zoonen et al., 2014). To be able to achieve this, we need to identify at-risk older adults at the right time. The concepts are called 'indicated prevention' and 'selective prevention' (Schoevers et al., 2006). In indicated prevention, we try to provide evidence-based interventions for an older person who is having mild, subclinical symptoms. In selective prevention, we try to engage the elderly who have a significant risk of developing depression in activities that have been proven to reduce these risks.

Such concepts and the interventions are not new; the main obstacle lies in how to find and engage these hidden, at-risk older adults. Individuals who suffer from symptoms of depression tend to isolate themselves from society. They often feel hopeless and helpless, and the stigma of seeking mental health can only amplify the suffering. A high level of awareness within the general public is required to identify the warning signals of elderly depression. It is not uncommon for family members to recall in hindsight what the older person was trying to communicate. Complaints of a life not worth living, of being useless and being a burden to the family are some of the important messages. These existential concerns may be dismissed easily by unsuspecting listeners. The older persons themselves may not be aware of the mental health problems either. It is common for depressed older people to complain only about physical symptoms such as pain. This process is called 'somatisation', whereby psychological symptoms display themselves within the body.



## *It Takes a Community: Empowering the Neighbourhood for Elderly Mental Health*

The best hope we can have to overcome this obstacle and promote elderly mental health is through a concerted effort in the community. People who are in touch with at-risk older adults – such as family, neighbours, formal caregivers, and public services staff members, are invaluable in the help-seeking process. In particular, peers sharing similar life experiences have a unique advantage in engaging fellow older people at-risk of developing depression. Given proper knowledge and skills training, they can function as a bridge to get the needed intervention to at-risk older adults.





## FEATURE STORY

Social support in the neighbourhood is central to elderly mental health. Local studies spanning a decade have consistently shown that regardless of the older person's socioeconomic status or level of disability, social support from neighbours, friends and family is associated with their level of depression (Chen et al., 2015; Chi & Chou, 2001). Practical help, such as changing a light bulb, is a powerful way to provide social support. Small acts of kindness enhance the mental health of our older adults. Public education strategies providing practical suggestions to rebuild social capital in the neighbourhood will sustain and improve elderly mental health.

Formal services in the community need to join hands. Currently, in Hong Kong, healthier older adults can receive social services from District Elderly Community Centres (DECC), Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NEC), and Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS). Community, mental health services, are provided by Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMW). Public psychiatric services are mainly provided in public hospitals. While referrals are



possible between these services, triage, and collaborative care system is not yet in place. Early intervention/prevention services sometimes fall through the cracks.

Within the next three years, the HKU team will develop and test a new community-based care model that brings together the community elder care and mental health care services to reduce the risk of depression. Our approach will be to provide practical training for peer support, build a community preventive network for elderly mental health, and realign existing mental health and elderly services through a collaborative graduated care model. The success of this work will largely depend on everyone in the community who cares for our older population. It is achievable only with the cumulative effort in our everyday life, and the context where this could happen is right here in our community.

**Professor Terry Lum Yat-sang (林一星教授)**

**Dr Gloria Wong Hoi-yan (黃凱茵博士)**

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Policy for **Sustainability** Lab  
Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU



## Policy for Sustainability Lab – Incubating Innovations for Sustainability

On the first of January 2016, The United Nations promulgated the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Thereby, calling upon nations around the globe to take action in ‘transforming our world’ by ending poverty, fighting inequalities, and combating climate change and environmental degradation. The University's Vision for 2016-2025 has been to join forces with other world leaders to pledge to the SDGs.

The Faculty of Social Sciences has launched a new inter-disciplinary initiative—the Policy for Sustainability Lab (PSL)—to spearhead academic and action research as well as knowledge exchange to understand and promote sustainability; per the longstanding commitment to social innovation and innovative policies for sustainability.



The mission of PSL is to contribute to the attainment of sustainability, defined as building and maintaining a vibrant social and economic development without depleting the environment. This is accomplished through forging evidence-based, innovative solutions to inform policy deliberation and action. Working closely with stakeholders in the University community as well as Hong Kong society, PSL strives to foster policy solutions to global problems concerning our natural, socio-economic, and built environment.

Integration, Inclusiveness, Innovation, Solidarity, and Resilience are the five pillars of sustainability to which PSL has anchored its work. These five pillars underline PSL's four strategic themes:

- **Citizen action for the environment** – focusing on mechanisms, dynamics, and implications of embedding citizen actions in the attainment of sustainability and environmental protection.
- **Innovation for the environment** – studying the design and impact of innovative socio-economic models and collaborative governance for environmental protection and resource management.
- **Environmental governance and politics** – focusing on strategies and processes of policymaking and policy advocacy for the environment.
- **Evaluation of sustainability** – developing frameworks, methodologies, and policy capacities and instruments for assessing sustainability.

Grounded on these four strategic themes, PSL offers postgraduate and undergraduate courses, conducts academic and action research, organises community outreach and public education programmes, and engages with the community. Through these activities, PSL strives to generate innovative solutions to meet the challenges in attaining the seventeen SDGs.

**Professor Wai-Fung Lam (林維峯教授)**

Director

Policy for Sustainability Lab





### **Faculty of Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange Award** **A Pioneering Service Delivery Model for Preschoolers with Special Educational Needs**

I am grateful to be the recipient of the Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange (KE) Award in 2016. The award was based on my contribution to a project of pioneering services for pre-schoolers with special educational needs (SEN). This project is one of the most meaningful and enjoyable projects in my career.

The provision of professional support services to pre-schoolers with SEN had been severely inadequate in Hong Kong. In the academic year of 2014-15, more than 7,000 children were on the waitlist for government-subsented preschool rehabilitation services. While waiting, most of the parents of these children have no choice but enrol their children in regular kindergartens where most teachers are unprepared for teaching children with SEN. There is a strong need to strengthen the provision of services to these children. The Heep Hong Society, with the funding from the Lee Hysan Foundation, launched a pioneering project to support children with SEN in kindergartens. I worked closely with the Heep Hong Society to conduct an evaluation study to ascertain the effectiveness of these services.

With a quasi-experimental design, we compared the development of sixty children with SEN from ten kindergartens that received services to another sixty children with SEN from twenty-three kindergartens that did not receive services. In the beginning, the two groups were not different in their abilities. However, after one year of the intervention, the children in the pioneering project made significant improvements in cognition, language, motor skills, and self-directed skills. The group who did not receive the services did not have such positive results.

These encouraging results have a significant impact on government policy on rehabilitation services for pre-schoolers with SEN. Shortly after the release of my evaluation report, the Chief Secretary, Ms Carrie Lam, announced the launching of a pilot scheme of HK\$422 million for on-site preschool rehabilitation services starting from November 2016. The beneficiaries are 2,900 pre-schoolers with SEN in 450 kindergartens. I am indeed grateful that this project has made a difference in the welfare of pre-schoolers with SEN in Hong Kong.

**Professor Lam Shui-fong (林瑞芳教授)**  
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## Social Media being Gatekeepers of Lives

The sudden increase of student suicides in March and April this year has had a large impact on the community. Over fifty percent of the suicidal students had indicated their suicidal thoughts on social media before the act, either expressing their feelings and/or seeking help from others. Based on our analysis of the relationship between media reporting and suicide incidences, the latest spate of suicides could have arisen from the copycat effect of extensive sensational media reporting and social media. The vulnerable are negatively affected by the language that is often portrayed by media. The misuse of social media has become a serious concern worldwide. Individuals can use social media to learn suicide methods. On the other hand, social media has provided us with an opportunity to engage these vulnerable young people and save lives.

Social media technology has expanded faster than community standards in social media can be established. The ability to transfer information rapidly to the population is scary. It is difficult to stop the information transfer once it is out. It is easy for cyber bullies to post any comment without giving much thought on the possible impact to the receivers. Empathy and compassion are in short supply in social media. The news is often reported without checking accuracy. The internet escalates this misinformation in an exponential way due to the speed and availability of information. Proper practices in social media require respect and responsibility. Our safety and well-being are threatened by litter in cyberspace. Before you post news, think and be aware of the consequences.

In response to one of the latest suicide cases, we have also appealed to the public not to post the suicide as it is NOT news anymore. Instead, they could send a caring message for those who might be vulnerable and encourage them to seek help. Some of the internet users have posted help-seeking information rather than suicide news.

Some clues to notice on social media are expressions of hopelessness. If we can intervene when we spot these warning signs, we can save lives. With the extensive interpersonal network the social media has built, the influencing power is beyond our imagination.



To share our vision of connecting people together via social media, HKU with Facebook, together with other three organizations, namely The Hong Kong Youth Federation Groups, The Samaritans and Save the Children Hong Kong, CSRP published a booklet named 'I'm here to Support!' 「有困難，我撐你！」. The booklet aims at raising public awareness on suicide prevention, providing information on helplines, warning signs of suicide and skills on communicating with people with suicidal ideation. Facebook has also launched a function for people to report suspected cases of suicidal ideation and self-harm. Public awareness and knowledge of the warning signs of suicide can enable family members and peer groups to prevent suicide within their network.

Social media is an excellent servant to help to connect each other but an evil master to dominate our lives. Let's embrace our digital world with humility and wisdom. Please demonstrate our respect and responsibility to each other by helping those in need with the latest social media development.

A press conference with the theme of 'Connected for Life' (連結關愛 守護生命) was held on June 29, 2016, to call for members of the community to connect with others. A video of Ms Miriam Yeung (楊千嬅小姐) encouraging the public to care for others was released.

For more details, please see  
<http://csrp.hku.hk/connected-life-press-release>.

**Professor Paul Yip Siu-fai (葉兆輝教授)**

Director

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for  
Suicide Research and Prevention

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我撐你」  
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特別鳴謝：楊千嬅小姐



## “A Whole New World” for the Lau’s in 2016



We are happy to share with the Faculty and our friends, the new addition to our family. Our little girl, Andrea, was born on February 18 this year. While we cannot predict whether she will become the third Societist in our family, we will apply what we have learned to teach and guide her along the way. We are overjoyed to be invited to share this news with you, especially because of our strong connection with the Faculty as Social Sciences Society's executive committee members. We wish the Faculty and all other fellow Societists all the best in your endeavours!

**Mr Andy Lau Hoo-yin (劉浩賢先生)**  
BSocSc (G&L) (2005)

**Ms Regina Lau Yik-ka (劉亦家女士)**  
BSocSc (2006)

## SPEND and SAVE for Well-being

I was invited to a media interview about the subject of spending and saving, after being awarded in the 'Story of Saving' writing competition, organised by the Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board. On the day of the interview, we went to Mong Kok, a place full of consumer goods, to reflect on consumption. The interview granted me an opportunity to have an in-depth re-deliberation on our life and society.

Some examples are the common desires of individuals in Hong Kong; someone may be cynical towards the unaffordable price of owning a small unit, or they may wish to travel around the world and have a 'metropolitan' lifestyle. The point is what and how you select a life that fits you, even when choices are perhaps not many. As long as you feel comfortable when you consume, you have control, and you are fulfilling your aspirations please enjoy the spending!

Personally, I feel excited when I find myself spending wisely. At this stage, I do not insist on saving a certain amount for a certain purpose, though I do intend not to spend everything that I have earned. I organise records on daily expenditures and seek ways to enhance the cost-efficiency of spending, such as being attentive to credit card terms and commercial promotions, managing the MPF accounts well, and learning more about investment. I have found it enjoyable managing finance in such ways.

'Spend and Save for Well-being' is always a profound dictum regardless of how much we earn, how old we are and who we are.

**Mr Daniel Leung Wing-kit (梁永傑先生)**  
BSocSc (2014)



## 1849: SUNRISE, SUNSET

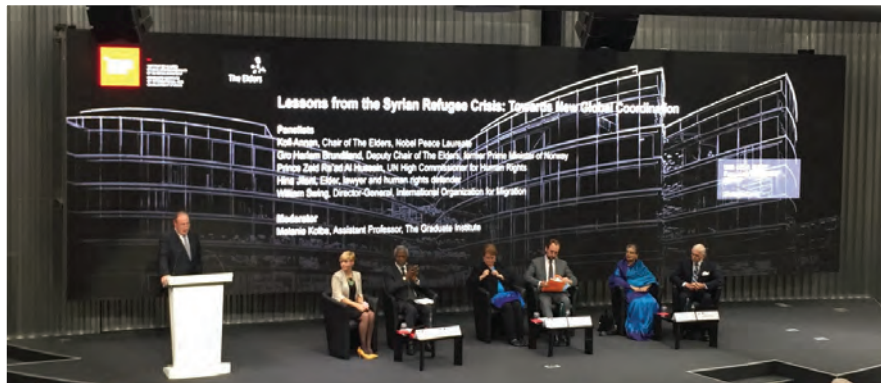


I have published a historical novel written in Chinese titled *1849: Sunrise, Sunset* (《1849 日出日落》), which is a story on the early relationship between China, Britain, and Hong Kong just after the First Opium War. Amidst the various conflicts of power, greed, money, livelihood, nationalism, etc., one curio surprisingly threads everything together: TEA. It is tea, not opium, for which the British came to China.

It is my first novel. My interest in history and literature took root when I was a boy, under the influence of my father, a professional writer. I am in the business of property development, after having obtained my MBA and engineering degrees from HKU. I have found that knowledge of history is essential, especially in business conducted in China. If you control the past, you control the future. If you control the present, you control the past.

**Mr Yan Chi Ming (甄子明先生)**  
MBA (1985)

# The International Cities: **HONG KONG** and **GENEVA**



The Faculty of Social Sciences recently signed a cooperative agreement with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. It was here that I undertook a new challenge after graduating from HKU. I worked at a pan-Asian business consultancy / executive leadership think-tank for a year. After participating in the faculty programme MOEI (Migrant Outreach Education Initiative) launched by Professor Ian Holliday, I have been seeking more impactful solutions to advance social development in Southeast Asia, Myanmar in particular. I have not had a single doubt that this MA programme in development studies would be the critical step towards realising my aspiration since arriving in August 2015.

Geneva offers a wide-range of opportunities for students and junior professionals. For instance, I had a chance to intern at the Coordinated Resource Mobilisation Unit at the Director-General's Office of the World Health Organisation (WHO), during which I had the opportunity to meet with Dr Margaret Chan. Her valuable advice is additional motivation to pursue a career in international development. As part of the curriculum of the programme, I was also offered a consultancy project with the Crisis Interface Team of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to analyse the integration of 'Early Recovery' in humanitarian responses globally.

Currently, I am working at the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute, managing two projects supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. The mix of academic and professional experiences students can acquire from this incredibly dynamic environment would be a solid foundation for their future careers. That is important especially when health coverage and humanitarian emergencies remain two of the recurring challenges Myanmar, not least its new government, is facing.



While both Hong Kong and Geneva similarly brand themselves as international cities, their positioning is quite different. As we all know, Hong Kong is a financial centre and is arguably more international in its financial capital than its human capital. On the contrary, Geneva is a global development hub which is the city that hosts the largest number of UN staff in the world. Many workshops and conferences related to development, security, human rights, and humanitarian affairs,

featuring participants and panellists with diverse backgrounds, take place on a daily basis at different venues in Geneva. The Graduate Institute is one of them and is closely related to the Think Tank Hub Geneva Initiative backed by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. This serves to support those international organisations based in Geneva while gathering the best minds in the world as a way to further enhance its international status.

Hong Kong has the potential and resources to become a global think-tank hub; Hong Kong could follow this model laid out by Geneva. International trade and investment will continue to dominate the agenda, but we should not let other social issues fall completely off the radar. For instance, just earlier this year in June, a programme of UNDP sent parliamentary members in Myanmar to Hong Kong to enhance understanding of effective leadership. Moreover, few people are aware that Hong Kong has been regularly hosting conferences for the Western Pacific Regional Office of WHO. These type of engagements and exchanges are nothing revolutionary, and much more could happen with the help of strong and visionary leaders that promote awareness.

As Hong Kong likes to be, Asia's World City, we should not forget that Hong Kong has provided the current world's highest health diplomat.

**Mr Austin Liu Long-san (廖朗榮先生)**  
BSocSc (2014)





## What is behind the Fair Trade label? How do tea and coffee inspire glocal changes in Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka?

In the summer of 2016, the Faculty of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the internship programme of the Department of Comparative Literature, sent twenty-one students, in two groups, to the Ceylon tea trail in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka and the coffee trail in Sumatra Gayo Mountain, Aceh, Indonesia.

Among them, eleven students spent seven weeks on the tea trail of Sri Lanka, visiting tea estates and interviewing tea estate managers, and female tea pluckers regarding maternal child care issues. Working alongside Save the Children International – Sri Lanka, the students conducted research on the feasibility of adding on maternal child care indicators to the current tea certification system for building a particular brand name for Ceylon tea. The students' work caught the attention of the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the apex government body responsible for promotion and development of the Tea Industry in Sri Lanka. They invited the students to present their work. Our students were given the opportunity to understand the complicated issues of the tea industry with different key stakeholders' interest and perspectives.

Kelly Kong (BSocSc), commented on the cross-disciplinary nature of this project: *'The training of Social Sciences focuses on being rational and systematic. With comparative literature students, we added the elements of the narrative as well as cultural perspectives together with writing stories including a human touch. These are complementary to understanding this complex global fair trade issue, and enables us to produce a report with human interest.'*

The other ten students, on the coffee trail along the Sumatra Gayo Mountain in Indonesia, had a different experience. In Indonesia, the students worked with a social enterprise, Rainforest Coffee, founded by Wu Zhi Yu, a Taiwanese entrepreneur. Wu Zhi Yu was a lawyer by training but chose a different path as a coffee trader. The students' task was to document the local farmers' fair trade journey. In Gayo, coffee is part of their life, and all of the people grow up between coffee trees on their farms. The students visited different cooperatives and also stayed with coffee farmers to learn about their life as coffee farmers.

Tears were exchanged between the students and their host families when it was time to say good-bye. One of the participating students, Anakin Lam [BSocSc (Govt&Laws) & LLB] realised the links behind the fair trade journey is relationships. *'Rainforest coffee and the middleman will visit the farmers from time to time, especially during the slack season to make sure that the farmers still have sufficient food and are being cared for. It is the relationships and the care, as well as the personal bond that enables the fair trade to work in the community.'*

The students made a documentary of the host families and showed it in a final meeting with the farmers. The villagers were happy and amazed by the friendship they built with the students. They were appreciative that the students came from so far away to follow the coffee trail and show interest in the farmers' life.



# GLOCAL SOLUTIONS

## in Vietnam Summer 2016

On June 12, we left for Vietnam for the 49-day Glocal Solutions programme. Heading out with more questions than answers, I nonetheless considered it a great chance to challenge myself and play an active role as a global citizen, offering help to people in the developing world.

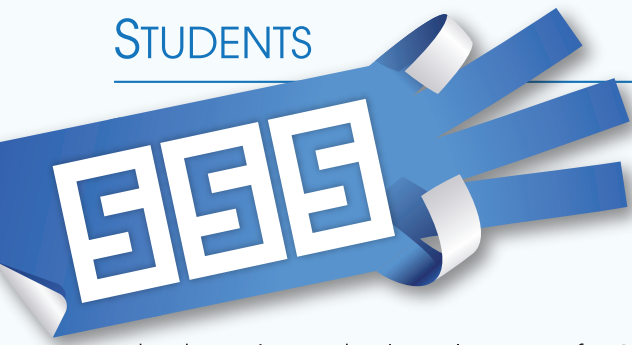
During this internship, I worked with nineteen fellow students from HKU and five Vietnamese locals. Our two primary assignments were to conduct needs analyses in different communes and villages and coordinate with local engineers to build a library.

This internship was a valuable and eye-opening experience. As global citizens, we were transformed by this trip from being passive information receivers to becoming active participants. I was inspired the most during home visits to conduct needs analyses on the most vulnerable children. Most, if not all, families in the developing regions lead a poor life. Parents have to work far away from home just to make ends meet. As a result, some children may have a hard time recollecting the faces of their parents, and in worst case scenarios, may not even be able to see their parents after they are born. As an example, in one of the cases, a three-year-old girl was abandoned by her parents at the age of one, yet she has kept an open-mind towards others. At the beginning of the meeting she shied away from playing with us; however, after some time, she engaged us by sharing her lotus. Despite all the ordeals she had experienced, she did not succumb to challenges. She learned to take care of herself and lessen her grandmother's workload by helping out in the fields. That experience made me realize that happiness can be simple and unbounded by material life as long as we keep an open mind. As global citizens, we have a responsibility to take the initiative in offering help to the emerging communities.

**Miss Baty Yuen (阮諾諭小姐)**  
BSocSc IV (Psychology)







It has been six months since I last wrote for *Socientist*. We, the Executive Committee, learned a lot through experiences in the past half year and together we have reached a milestone.

The Orientation Series was successful. The Freshmen of 2016 enjoyed the Registration Day and Orientation Camp. The theme of this year's Orientation Camp, 'Utopia', was designed for freshmen to find their unique positions in the University. We also aimed to foster freshmen's sense of belonging to Social Sciences Society and the Faculty of Social Sciences throughout the Orientation Series. Our sincere desire is that freshmen can inherit the precious identity of being a Social Sciences student. Also, strengthening the awareness of local and global community is a principle that we will never cease to pursue as Social Sciences students. To care for our Hong Kong society is something continuously emphasised throughout our programmes.

In the coming semester, we are going to have a series of functions dedicated to our members. To encourage members to participate in the upcoming quadrennial LegCo Election, a forum of Legislative Council (LegCo) Geographical Constituency Election (Hong Kong Island), was held in Early September. A High Table Dinner was also organized to provide a traditional setting for intellectual exchange amongst members. In October, a flash mob addressed environmental issues. A GCSI talk offered members detailed information and guidance on fulfilling GCSI. To promote members' consciousness on the community's current affairs, our bi-monthly publication, *Noise*, will resume in October. In November, Welfare Week — Power Up will be held to provide support to members during the busy month before the examination period. The publication, *Voice*, which captures significant events in Hong Kong, and across the globe, will also be published.

Any effort no matter how small can influence society. We hope that members will enjoy our functions throughout this year and our passion will be passed on to the next Session. Thank you for all your support!

**Miss Maisie Wong Tuen-yin (王端妍小姐)**

Chairman

Social Sciences Society, HKUSU

Session 2016





SUMMER INSTITUTE

HKU Summer Institute

# ASIA as the GLOBAL FUTURE

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University's flagship Summer Institute 'Asia as the Global Future'. The programme critically examines the social, cultural, economic, technological, and political development of selected societies in emerging Asia. Those involved are The Faculty of Social Sciences of The University of Hong Kong, Peking University, and Korea University. The programme is held annually during the summer months; it has attracted over sixty undergraduate students from all over the world. For many, it was their first visit to Asia.

This year's four-week Summer Institute held June 19 to July 18, comprised lectures and seminars supplemented by tutorials and field trips. More than twenty renowned scholars, business leaders, and community leaders were invited as guest speakers. A typical day started with morning lectures and discussions, exposing students to issues in different areas. In the afternoon were excursions to select sites of organisations and companies. From these interactive lectures and visits, students first comprehended the relevant knowledge, then applied it to different social contexts, and eventually analysed, synthesised and evaluated more complex variables and situations for proposing innovative strategies and solutions.

One unique feature of the Summer Institute were one-week field trips and study tours outside to Beijing and Seoul. These visits enabled participants to see, experience, understand, and compare the different lifestyles and cultures in three unique Asian cities. Student feedback indicated that the study tours and field trips were key reasons – along with interest in Asia – for their enrolments in the Institute. Indeed, whether it was in Hong Kong, Beijing, or Seoul, students commented that they found the exclusive site visits fascinating.

Overall, the Institute has been an excellent showcase for HKU as *Asia's global university*, and an ideal platform for international collaboration, academic exchange, and social innovation among our international partner universities.

**Dr Tommy Tse Ho-lun (謝浩麟博士)**  
Programme Director





## EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

### **RTHK Deliberative Forum on Public Consultation on Retirement Protection** March 5, 2016



### **Public Lecture: Is Democracy in Decline?**

March 18, 2016

Speaker: Professor Larry Diamond

Senior fellow, Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies  
Director, Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford

### **MSocSc Criminology Alumni Reunion Dinner** April 2, 2016



### **International Symposium on the Science of Brain Functions**

April 18, 2016

### **Seminar: Compromised Sensory Processing in Schizophrenia: Implications for Clinical Symptoms, Cognition, and Treatment**

May 5, 2016

Speaker: Professor Cindy Yee-Bradbury  
Department of Psychology, UCLA



## International Alzheimer's Disease Conference 2016

June 17 – 18, 2016



## International Conference on Geographies of Health and Living in Cities: Making Cities Healthy for All

June 21 – 24, 2016

## "Unleashing Rehabilitated Offenders' Potential" Employment Symposium

June 24, 2016

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## Press Conference – Connected for Life

June 29, 2016



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April 5 – 30, 2016

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May 6 – June 30, 2016



## EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

### Summer Institute: Asia as the Global Future

June 19 – July 17, 2016



### Social Sciences Rooftop Organic Farm

July 15, 2016

### Social Sciences Summer Programme 2016

July 18 – 22, 2016



### ExCEL3

#### Dialogue on Giving with the World's 6<sup>th</sup> Top Private Foundation

April 29, 2016

Speaker: Mr Cheung Leong

Executive Director, Charities and Community, The Hong Kong Jockey Club



### 2016 Cross Straits, Hong Kong and Macau Philanthropy Symposium

July 5 – 6, 2016



### Jockey Club End-of-Life Community Care Project (JCECC)

#### Symposium on Collaboration and Communications in Health and Social Care for End-of-Life Care

February 25, 2016

### Seminar on Medical Care for Advanced Patients

July 2, 2016

### Workshop on the Use of Expressive Arts Therapy in Palliative Care

July 15 & 22, 2016



## JC A-Connect

### Hong Kong ASD Conference 2016: Supporting Learning and Development

July 8, 2016

### Art Exhibition of Persons with ASD 2016

July 14 – 20, 2016



## Public Policy Forum/Seminar

### Bottom-up Policy Instruments: Organisational Report Cards

March 30, 2016

Professor David Weimer

Edwin E Witte Professor of Political Economy

Robert M La Follette School of Public Affairs and Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Graying, Rusting, Greening and Innovating: Endless Growth Meets Limited Space in the Development of Asian Green Space: The Case of Singapore's Green Corridor

April 5, 2016

Professor David Strand

Charles A Dana Professor of Political Science and East Asian Studies, Dickinson College  
Director, Norwich Humanities Program in England, University of East Anglia

### HKU-USC-IPPA Conference on Public Policy

June 10 – 11, 2016



## Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture

### Rising Powers in the Emerging World Order

April 6, 2016

Professor Barry Buzan

Professor Emeritus, Department of International Relations  
The London School of Economics and Political Science

### The Political Mobility of China's State-Owned Enterprises (SOE) Executives in the Post-Deng Era

April 26, 2016

Professor Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard

Professor, Department of International Economics and Management  
Copenhagen Business School

### International Symposium on Land Policy and Housing Market

May 16, 2016





# DONATIONS

## Donations (From January to July 2016)

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RGA Reinsurance Company		Supporting activities of the Centre	400,000
Professor Han Maoli		Supporting activities of the Centre	100,000

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# RESEARCH GRANTS (RGC)

## Research Grants (Awarded by RGC 2016–17)

Principal Investigator	Department	Project Title	Award (HK\$)
Dr Q Cheng	HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention	Media and Authoritative Discourse of Suicide and Depression over Three Decades (1985~2015) in Hong Kong and Mainland China	631,000
Dr W Y Chen	Geography	Environmental Information Transparency and Societal Preference Heterogeneity in Restoring Urban Rivers' Ecosystem Services: A Comparative Study Using Discrete Choice Experiments	482,605
Professor G C S Lin		Building Sustainable Cities in China: Sustainable Development and Uneven Urban Transformation in the Pearl River Delta and Jing-Jin-Ji (Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei) Urban Regions	967,308
Dr F Y S Lee		Eco-compensation Mechanisms in Southern China: A Case Study of Dongjiang from the Analytical Perspective of Institutional Fit and Interplay	639,600
Dr Y Chiu	Politics and Public Administration	Post-Modern Warfare and the Ethics of a "Fair Fight"	160,000
Dr W L Chan	Psychology	Young Children Making Sense of Multi-Digit Numbers	662,584
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Dr Z Chen		Long-term Ostracism and Depressive Symptoms: Meaningful Existence as a Mechanism	301,640
Dr S H Cheung		Error Distribution in Letter Crowding	353,000
Professor P S F Yip	Social Work and Social Administration	The Effect of Individual- and Neighborhood- Socioeconomic Status on Older Adult's Health: A Cross-Sectional and Prospective Cohort Study in Hong Kong	404,567
Professor D F K Wong		Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Culturally-Attuned Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy for Chinese Adolescents with Anxiety Problems in School Settings in Hong Kong: A Randomised Control Design	813,592
Dr T S K Kong	Sociology	A Trans-Local Study of the Processes and Challenges of Identity Formation among Chinese Young Gay Men in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Taiwan	433,736
Dr T S D Tang		Now We Hear Them: A Qualitative Study of Older Lesbians in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan	304,426
Dr X Tian		Why Disclose Personal Information Online? Privacy and Face-Work on Chinese Social Media	457,120



## SELECTION OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS (From January to September 2016)

### Physical Activity in Relation to Urban Environments in 14 Cities Worldwide: A Cross-Sectional Study

Authors: Lai, P C, Sallis, J F, Cerin, E, Conway, T L, Adams, M A, Frank, L D, Pratt, M, Salvo, D, Schipperijn, J, Smith, G, Cain, K L, Davey, R, Kerr, J, Mitas, J, Reis, R, Sarmiento, O L, Schofield, G, Troelsen, J, Van Dyck, D, De Bourdeaudhuij, I, Owen, N  
Journal: Elsevier Science Inc / The Lancet

Physical inactivity is a global pandemic responsible for over five million deaths annually through its effects on multiple non-communicable diseases. This paper aims to document how objectively measured attributes of the urban environment are related to objectively measured physical activity, in an international sample of adults. The analyses are based on the International Physical Activity and Environment Network (IPEN) adult study, which was a coordinated, international, cross-sectional study. Participants were sampled from neighbourhoods with varied levels of walkability and socioeconomic status. The present analyses of data from the IPEN adult study include 6822 adults aged 18–66 years from 14 cities in ten countries on five continents. Funding for coordination of the IPEN adult study, including the present analysis, has been provided by the National Cancer Institute of National Institutes of Health (CA127296) with studies in each country funded by different sources.

**Professor Lai Poh Chi (賴寶珍教授)**  
Department of Geography

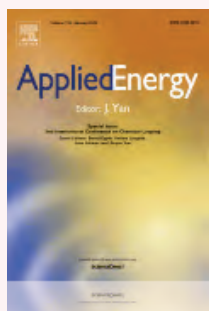


### Solar-terrestrial radiant-energy regimes and temperature anomalies of natural and artificial turfs

Author: Jim, C Y  
Journal: Applied Energy

Artificial turf can develop an unusually high surface temperature on hot sunny days. This study evaluates six components of the radiant-energy environment of a natural turf (NT) and a contiguous artificial turf (AT) sports fields in Hong Kong: direct solar, reflected solar, net solar, sky thermal, ground thermal, and net thermal. Temperature is monitored at five positions: air at 150 cm, 50 cm and 15 cm height, turf surface, and substrate. The experiment includes four replications, namely two summer sunny days, and two duplicated instrument sets at each turf site. The two sites reacted very differently to the same intense daily sum of solar radiation input of 23.70 MWm<sup>-2</sup> with 9 h of bright sunshine (> 120 Wm<sup>-2</sup>), and a daily sum of sky thermal radiation input of 38.59 MWm<sup>-2</sup>. The maximum direct solar radiation has reached 976.1 Wm<sup>-2</sup> at 1245 h. NT albedo of 0.23 vis-à-vis AT of merely 0.073, and higher moisture content and specific heat of NT materials, presented critical differences. The hydrophobic and generally dry plastic (polyethylene) pile-fibres and black rubber-granule infill materials have low specific heat. Intense incoming shortwave and long wave radiation absorbed readily by AT materials raised turf surface temperature to 70.2°C and substrate 69.3°C, in comparison with <40°C at NT. A cascading warming effect has been triggered, beginning with low albedo, high net solar irradiance, and low material specific heat, leading to heated AT materials, high ground-thermal radiation, and heat flux to near-ground air by conduction and convection. The ephemeral rainfall cooling has confirmed ineffective cooling by irrigation. Athletes are immersed in an anomalously intense and omnidirectional radiant-energy and sensible-heat ambience. The heat-stress health implications of AT for athletes on hot summer afternoons calls for preventive-precautionary measures and re-assessment of NT-to-AT decisions.

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



## The Redevelopment of China's Construction Land: Practising Land Property Rights in Cities through Renewals

Author: Lin, G C S

Journal: The China Quarterly

Existing literature on China's urbanisation focuses primarily on the expansion of cities and towns, with little attention being paid to urban renewals. The wasteful use of urban land has conventionally been attributed to the ambiguous definition and ineffective protection of property rights. This study examines recent practices in urban redevelopment in Guangzhou – a site chosen by the central authorities to pilot urban renewals (sanjiu gaizao). The research identifies a local practice in which institutional changes are made not in the delineation of land property rights but instead in the redistribution of the benefits to be made from land redevelopment. Current users of the land are offered a share of the land conveyance income previously monopolised by the state as an incentive to encourage them to engage in urban renewal. Land-use intensity and efficiency have increased, along with social exclusion and marginalisation. Research findings cast doubt over the perceived notion that the uniform and unambiguous definition of property rights is the prerequisite for improved land-use efficiency and calls for a critical evaluation of the current urban renewal policies that completely ignore the interests of the migrant population who outnumber local residents by a large margin.

**Professor George Lin Chu-sheng (林初昇教授)**  
Department of Geography



## Managing for Legitimacy: Agency Governance in Its 'Deep' Constitutional Context

Authors: MacCarthaigh, M, Painter, M, Yee, W H

Journal: Public Administration Review

Recent literature on bureaucratic structure has gone further than studying discretions given to bureaucrats in policy making, and much attention is now being paid to understand how bureaucratic agencies are managed. This article proposes that the way in which executive governments manage their agencies varies according to their constitutional setting and that this relationship is driven by considerations of the executive's governing legitimacy. Inspired by Charles Tilly (1984), the authors compare patterns of agency governance in Hong Kong and Ireland, in particular, configurations of assigned decision-making autonomies and control mechanisms. This comparison shows that in governing agencies, the elected government of Ireland's parliamentary democracy pays more attention to input (i.e., democratic) legitimacy, while the executive government of Hong Kong's administrative state favours output (i.e., performance) legitimacy. These different forms of autonomy and control mechanisms reflect different constitutional models of how political executives acquire and sustain their governing legitimacy.

**Dr Yee Wai Hang (余偉鏗博士)**  
Department of Politics and Public Administration



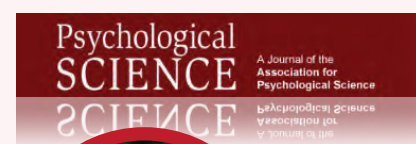
## Playing Action Video Games Improves Visuomotor Control

Authors: Li, L, Chen, R R, Chen, J

Journal: Psychological Science

Can playing action video games improve visuomotor control? If so, can these games be used in training people to perform daily visuomotor-control tasks, such as driving? We found that action gamers have better lane-keeping and visuomotor-control skills than non-action gamers do. We then trained non-action gamers with action or non-action video games. After they had played a driving or first-person-shooter video game for 5 or 10 hours, their visuomotor control improved significantly. In contrast, non-action gamers showed no such improvement after they played a non-action video game. Our model-driven analysis reveals that although different action video games have different effects on the sensorimotor system underlying visuomotor control, action gaming, in general, improves the responsiveness of the sensorimotor system to input error signals. The findings support a causal link between action gaming (for as little as 5 hours) and enhancement in visuomotor control, and suggest that action video games can be beneficial training tools for driving.

**Dr Li Li (李黎博士)**  
Department of Psychology





## SELECTION OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### The Efficacy and Cost-Effectiveness of Stepped Care Prevention and Treatment for Depressive and/or Anxiety Disorders: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Authors: Chan, C S, Ho, F Y Y, Yeung, W F, Ng, T H

Journal: Nature / Scientific Reports



Given the significant discrepancy between the demand and supply of healthcare services available, Stepped Care is an increasingly popular treatment model for common mental health disorders. In this review, we aim to compare the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of stepped-care prevention and treatment with care-as-usual (CAU) or waiting-list controls for depressive and/or anxiety disorders. Five databases were utilised from the earliest available records up until April 2015. Ten randomised controlled trials were included in this review, of which 6 examined Stepped Care prevention and four examined Stepped Care treatment, specifically, including ones regarding depressive and/or anxiety disorders. Only trials with self-help as a treatment component were included. Results showed stepped care treatment revealed a significantly better outcome than CAU in reducing anxiety symptoms. The treatment response rate of anxiety disorders was significantly higher in stepped care treatment than in CAU. No significant difference was found between stepped care prevention/treatment and CAU in preventing anxiety and/or depressive disorders and improving depressive symptoms. In conclusion, the Stepped Care model appeared to be better than CAU in treating anxiety disorders. The model has the potential to reduce the burden on existing resources in mental health and increase the reach and availability of service.

**Dr Christian Chan (陳濟靈博士)**  
Department of Psychology

### Associations between Diurnal Cortisol Patterns and Lifestyle Factors, Psychotic Symptoms, and Neurological Deficits: A Longitudinal Study on Patients with Chronic Schizophrenia

Authors: Ho, R T H, Fong, T C T, Wan, A H, Au-Yeung, F S W, Chen, W Y H, Spiegel, D

Journal: Journal of Psychiatric Research

The study examines the relationships between diurnal cortisol patterns and perceived stress, lifestyle factors, psychotic symptoms, neurological deficits, and daily functioning in 149 Chinese patients with chronic schizophrenia. The results contribute to a better understanding of the diurnal cortisol patterns among patients with chronic schizophrenia and the associations with lifestyle factors, psychotic symptoms, and neurological deficits. The findings lend support to the neural diathesis–stress model and suggest that hypothalamic–pituitary–adrenal axis may potentially mediate the effects of lifestyle factors on psychotic symptoms and neurological deficits.

**Professor Rainbow Ho Tin-hung (何天虹教授)**  
Department of Social Work and Social Administration



### The Sexual in Chinese Sociology: Homosexuality Studies in Contemporary China

Author: Kong, T S K

Journal: Sociological Review



This paper provides a groundbreaking analysis that rethinks the dominance of the western construction of homosexuality by tracing the epistemology of homosexuality in contemporary China through a meta-literature review. The significance of the role of the state in shaping the knowledge of homosexuality is explored, and alternative spaces for theorising Chinese sexual identities, desires, and practices are proposed.

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

## NEW LEADER

I feel honoured to serve as the Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration. I would like to thank all my colleagues in the Department and the Faculty leadership for the trust, encouragement, and support given to me. I came to HKU in 1997 after years of teaching and research work in the United States. I first came here for a tryout as I was not sure whether HKU was good for my future career development. But over the years working here I have found myself enjoying immensely the teaching and research work at HKU. Hong Kong has become the second home for me and my family. I have felt so attached to this great University and the Department I have been working in. With this attachment and passion, service is really a duty call for me. So I feel not only privileged but also obliged to serve the University and the Department. With a strong sense of responsibility, I want to spare no effort in the years to come to make the Department excel in research, teaching, and community service.

As the Department Head, I want to empower colleagues and students alike to make the Department of Politics and Public Administration a leading political science department in Asia. We will continue to produce impactful publications in the field and provide our students with the best possible education in politics and public administration. We have both challenges and opportunities for future development. We are facing a more competitive environment in resources allocation, research funding, recruiting high-calibre teaching staff, and attracting outstanding students. But our Department has a strong team of highly motivated and vigorous colleagues in research and teaching. I am proud of my colleagues' scholarly achievements and their contributions to the public policy debates in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the world. As Head, I will bring together the whole department to continue enhancing our research competitiveness, teaching excellence, community service, and international collaboration with counterparts from world leading universities.

### **Professor Richard Hu Weixing (胡偉星教授)**

Head

Department of Politics and Public Administration





# CONGRATULATIONS

## Academic Staff

### Promotions



**Professor Petula Ho Sik-ying**  
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**Professor**  
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Department of Social Work and  
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**Professor Lam Shui Fong**  
(林瑞芳教授)

**Professor**  
Department of Psychology



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### Awards



#### Outstanding International Scholar Award

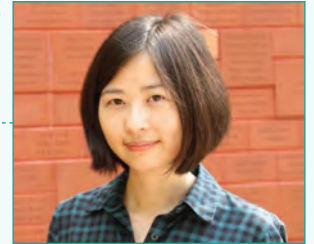
In the last decade, I have been directing a major international research project on school engagement, coordinating the work of eighteen researchers from twelve different countries. The development of a valid and reliable scale to measure school engagement among young people in different countries was developed based on this first international study. Additional research has advanced knowledge and understanding of the complex interconnected variables that explain varying levels of school engagement among diverse populations. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to take up the leadership of managing this complex international research project. The challenges are substantial, but I am fortunate that I have the full support from my research collaborators from twelve different countries. To date, three articles have been published in high ranking academic journals. As recognition of my contributions to the international study on school engagement, the International School Psychology Association has presented me with an Outstanding International Scholar Award during the Annual Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands in July 2016.

**Professor Lam Shui Fong** (林瑞芳教授)  
Department of Psychology

### The Huntington Library Fellowship Award

The Huntington Library Fellowship offered by The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, California, USA, is a competitive and prestigious fellowship that allows researchers (humanities and social sciences) to conduct research at the Huntington Library located in San Marino, California, USA. The Huntington Library has an excellent collection in the fields of British and American history and literature. It also has an excellent collection on the history of medicine. It is a good fit with my book project about ostensible paradoxes in the reception of Western medicine in nineteenth-century China, which also discusses theoretical issues concerning how knowledge travels. During the fellowship, I plan to finish writing up the full manuscript in a way that lives up to its potential. The intellectual support from other fellows who share similar research interests will be invaluable in helping me develop my project along with the vibrant academic atmosphere of the Huntington Library. I look forward to the Fellowship in May 2017.

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



## Students

### Awards

#### Student Best Paper Award China Geography Specialty Group

It is a great honour for me to receive the Student Best Paper Award by the China Geography Specialty Group (CGSG) in the 2016 AAG Annual Meeting for my paper 'Reproducing urban space with over-drafted capital: mega-events, local debts, and spectacular urbanism in China'. I would like to express enormous gratitude to my supervisor: Professor George Lin for his guidance and support of my writing.

I shared my research findings in the presentation, which garnered recognition from the Chair of CGSG. I appreciate the invaluable advice given, which will be vital for future research. It was the first time I have attended such a renowned international conference in Geography, an important milestone in my academic career.

**Miss Wu Yifei (吳翹肫小姐)**  
PhD Candidate (Geography)





# CONGRATULATIONS

## Awards



### Talent Development Scholarship HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund 2015-16

I am honoured to be recognised as one of the recipients of the Talent Development Scholarship (Scope of Talent: Innovation, science, and technology), HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund 2015-16. This award was awarded based on the merit of receiving a student travel grant sponsored by the Robert J Glushko and Pamela Samuelson Foundation, at the 37th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Pasadena, California, USA in July 2015. My paper 'Music Reading Expertise Modulates Hemispheric Lateralization in English Word processing but not in Chinese Character Processing' was among twenty papers selected to receive a travel award from a large number of competitive student papers. Our study suggested that music-reading expertise enhances right-hemispheric English word processing due to possible resource competition between music notation and English word processing in the left hemisphere. A similar effect has not been found in Chinese character processing. Music reading experience may have differential influences on the processing of different languages, depending on their similarities in the cognitive processes involved.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my supervisor, Dr Janet Hsiao and my friends in the lab for their guidance and support. I look forward to exploring more exciting fields in music cognition and psycholinguistics.

**Miss Li Tsz Kwan (李芷君小姐)**  
PhD Candidate (Psychology)

### Lee Hysan - HKIHSS Fellowship

It is a great honour to be awarded the Lee Hysan-HKIHSS fellowship to further my PhD research at École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris, a leading French institution for academic research in social sciences and humanities. As my PhD thesis deals with a large quantity of historical data, I have dedicated my time to making connections between ideas, concepts, theories, and methods across the boundaries of sociology, anthropology, and humanities during my postgraduate period. The Lee Hysan-HKIHSS Fellowship offers me a great opportunity to interact and work together with the world's leading scholars to enhance my abilities in religious studies, promote the integration of ideas and theories from plural disciplines, and assist me in developing lifelong learning skills that are essential to my academic career. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my supervisor Dr David Palmer for his excellent guidance, valuable academic advice, and great help. I would also express my thanks to the HKIHSS for giving me such an important fellowship.

**Mr Jules Zhao Liu (劉釗先生)**  
PhD Candidate (Sociology)



## Welcome New Colleagues



**Dr Julia Wang Shu-huah**  
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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## November 2016



Date: November 11, 2016  
Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU  
Contact: Ms Connie Ko  
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Website: www.socsc.hku.hk/rfh)



Date: November 12, 2016  
Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU  
Contact: Miss Annice Cheng  
(Tel: 3917 1225; Email: aywcheng@hku.hk;  
Website: www.socsc.hku.hk/ppc/2016)

## December 2016



Date: December 5, 2016  
Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai  
Contact: Miss Mary Tsang  
(Tel: 3917 1226; Email: marytwc@hku.hk;  
Website: www.socsc.hku.hk/congreg/2016)

### Bonsai Trees in your Head: The Powerful Influence of Reflexive Processes on Goal-directed Decision Making

Date: December 5, 2016  
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU  
Contact: Professor Terry Au  
(Tel: 3917 2383; Email: terryau@hku.hk)

### HKU Sociology 50 years exhibition

Date: December 2016 – January 2017  
Venue: MC<sup>3</sup>@702, 7/F, The Jockey Club Tower, HKU  
Contact: Miss Connie Ko  
(Tel: 3917 2309; Email: socimccc@hku.hk)

## January 2017



Date: January 9, 2017  
Venue: Hall II, Centennial Campus  
Contact: Miss Phoebe Kan  
(Tel: 3917 1207; Email: aconnect@hku.hk;  
Website: www.socsc.hku.hk/hkasd2017)

### Harvard HKU Conference Series

Date: January 12 – 13, 2017  
Venue: 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU  
Contact: Miss Pik Yan  
(Tel: 3917 1248; Email: piky@hku.hk)

## March 2017



### JCECC Conference on Collaboration in Creating Compassionate Holistic End-of-Life Care for the Future 2017

Date: March 8 – 9, 2017  
Venue: The University of Hong Kong  
Contact: Mr Alan Tang  
(Tel: 3917 1221; Email: alantls@hku.hk;  
Website: www.socsc.hku.hk/JCECC/conf2017)

## April 2017

### British Lions, Chinese Dragons exhibition

Date: April – May 2017  
Venue: MC<sup>3</sup>@702, 7/F, The Jockey Club Tower, HKU  
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