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OVERVIEW

2009-2010 is a year of significance for the Institute. Nine years since its establishment, the Institute is blossoming in multiple directions with visible impact on Hong Kong, China, and among its partner institutions overseas.

It has built on solid foundations. In the first five years, it provided a vibrant and high quality platform for the training of a generation of China scholars. It engaged them in interdisciplinary research, international exchange, and public service. In the past four years, the Institute broadened its agenda to capture intense Inter-Asian energies, developed in-house talents based in Hong Kong, and formed strategic partnerships in the U.S.A., Europe, Singapore, India, and the Middle East.

Meanwhile, the incorporation of the Centre of Asian Studies into the Institute is complete and a new director appointed. In response to a call from the government to fund outstanding multi-year research projects with policy relevance to Hong Kong's future development, the Institute has submitted a white paper and a major funding proposal to advocate for the establishment of an institute for advanced study in Asia. Furthermore, its search for a permanent physical home may result in the historic May Hall in year 2012.

This annual report illustrates the following aspects of the Institute's development in the year 2009-2010.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In-house research talents and connection with local colleagues
- Global and multi-year partnerships on research training

CORE PROGRAMS – Hong Kong and China in an Inter-connected Asia

- Lecture and seminar series
- Advanced training workshops
- Multi-year research clusters
- Commissioned research
- Outreach programs
- Bilingual publications

HIGHLIGHTS

In-house Research Talents and Connection with Local Colleagues

Since 2008, the Institute has recruited two Research Assistant Professors (RAP) and a Post-doctoral Fellow (PDF) from overseas. Their intellectual interests are closely tied to the Institute's China and Inter-Asia agenda.

Dr. Cao Nanlai (Ph.D. 2008 Australian National University)

Dr. Charles Wheeler (Ph.D. 2001 Yale University)

Dr. Matthew Mosca (Ph.D. 2008 Harvard University)

They have, in a relatively short time, increased the visibility of the Institute's programs in the following ways. They have also enriched the Institute's commitment to inter-disciplinary teaching and research in the University. Below is a brief summary of their contributions.

Competition for Public Funding

Cao received a grant of HK\$408,800 from the Research Grants Council, Hong Kong in 2009 for a 2-year research project on "Religion, Trade and Locality in a Chinese Diaspora: Wenzhou Christian Merchants in Paris". In 2010, Wheeler made a successful bid and was awarded HK\$396,733 for a project on "Monks, Merchants and Mobility in the Making of a Transoceanic World: Missionary Buddhists into Maritime Asia, ca. 1650-ca.1750". The grant exercise was open again in August 2010, and Mosca has joined Renaud Egretteau, an RAP from the former Centre of Asian Studies, to submit a proposal entitled "Calcutta and Diasporic Connectivity: The Making and Remaking of an Inter-Asian Transnational Hub (1750-2010), and its Implications for Hong Kong".

Organizing Well-attended Activities

Wheeler and Mosca are coordinators of the Institute's popular Lunchtime Series on Interdisciplinary China Studies, which has drawn colleagues from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and other local universities for intensive conversations on latest research topics. Please see "Lecture and Seminar Series" section below for details.

Creating Valuable Scholarly Networks

Our in-house research talents have also broadened their own scholarly networks and connect the Institute with local and overseas research institutions by taking part in lectures, conferences, publications and other academic activities.

Wheeler and Mosca were presenter and panel organizer in the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting in March 2010; Wheeler connected with the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) research team on “Historical Anthropology of Chinese Societies”, an Area of Excellence project generously funded by the Research Grants Council, Hong Kong; and Cao presented a talk on “Constructing China’s Jerusalem: Christians, Power, and Place in Contemporary Wenzhou” on April 9, 2010 at CUHK and gave a paper at an international workshop in May organized by Harvard-Yenching Institute in the United States.

Furthermore, to prepare the RAPs for a teaching career ahead, we are in discussion with the Department of Sociology, Department of History and the School of Humanities to involve them in the undergraduate curriculum. To start with, Mosca will be teaching a course on “Qing China in the World” in the School of Humanities in 2011. The Institute will continue to reach out to the faculties with common research interests.

A most encouraging development has begun to emerge. We see a network of young scholars in Hong Kong, China, North America, and Europe, with cross-disciplinary research interests, bonding rapidly with our in-house researchers. In the past year, the Institute has received many requests for affiliation. Most requests came from junior scholars in Europe and the United States working on the Asian region, who are eager to connect with the Institute’s extensive academic networks in China and Asia. Following the accelerated eastward movement of Asian Studies activities, they see HKU and the Institute as providing crucial professional resources for future careers in the public sector. **Appendix 1** shows a list of affiliates in 2010. However, hosting these enthusiastic young scholars, while very meaningful, is straining the Institute’s staff time and physical space.

Producing Major Publications

Cao’s book *Constructing China’s Jerusalem: Christians, Power, and Place in Contemporary Wenzhou* was published by Stanford University Press in November 2010; Mosca’s sixty-pages article “Empire and the Circulation of Frontier Intelligence: Qing

Conceptions of the Ottomans” was published in the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* in June 2010.



*Cao Nanlai's book **Constructing China's Jerusalem: Christians, Power, and Place in Contemporary Wenzhou**, published by Stanford University Press, 2010*

Global and multi-year partnerships on research training

The adventurous conversations the Institute launched with its China and international counterparts yielded results in 2009-2010. Agreements were signed to organize multi-year research training programs. The modest reputation of the Institute accumulated through the years is drawing increasing attention from other academic institutions which seek long-term partnerships in the Asian region.

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and National University of Singapore (NUS)

Representatives from the Institute, NUS, and SSRC, a leading funding agency in the United States for regional studies, met in November 2009 at Yale University to set themes and schedules for a three-year program on **“Inter-Asian Connections”**. It was agreed that a conference would be held in Singapore in December 2010 with five panels based on themes that were intellectually innovative and locally relevant. They were (1) transnational knowledge economies, (2) translocal trust networks and law, (3) security and insecurity, (4) migration, mobilities and displacement, and (5) old histories, new geographies.

The co-organizers conducted a global search in March 2010 for panel directors. Nine top scholars from History, Sociology and other fields of humanities and social sciences were selected after an extremely competitive exercise. An international call for papers followed in May, and forty paper presenters were selected. In the second planning meeting in July, the co-organizers endorsed the Institute's proposal of inviting five auditors from local universities.

The conference was held from December 8 to 10 at the National University of Singapore. The program comprised intensive workshops on the five selected themes, and public keynote lectures by Professors Philip A. Kuhn (Harvard University) and Ackbar Abbas (University of California, Irvine). The lecture by Kuhn, entitled "China and Chineseness: Civilization as Historical Storehouse", was delivered in celebration of the 80th birthday of Professor Wang Gungwu, world renowned historian and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong.



Prof. Wang Gungwu making comments on Prof. Philip A. Kuhn's lecture, December 2010

The innovative agenda and global participation at the conference has attracted generous sponsorship from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, the Ford Foundation's Beijing and Cairo Offices, and the Indian Council of Social Science Research. Negotiation continued after the Singapore meeting with CCK Foundation to extend its support for the Hong Kong conference in 2012. A working meeting in March 2011 will explore possible collaboration, and finalize themes and list of workshop directors for the Hong Kong conference.

Association for Asian Studies (AAS), based in the U.S.A.

The Institute organized a roundtable session entitled **“Environmental Sustainability, Political Ecology and Civil Society”** at the Association’s annual meeting in Philadelphia in March 2010, and sponsored two Indian scholars to present their papers.



*Dr. Sharan Awadhendra (centre),
Centre for the Study of Developing
Societies, Delhi, presenting his paper at
the roundtable session. On his right is
Professor K. Sivaramakrishnan,
Professor of Anthropology at Yale
University, and President of AAS*

The Institute aims to use the well-established platform of AAS to present its core research training programs to the international academic community. We also share the conviction of bringing Asian professionals closer to their Western counterparts and establish Asia’s place in the global flow of knowledge. The Institute shall join forces with AAS and Harvard-Yenching Institute, and has set up a budget to send up to four Asian scholars in the next two years to AAS annual conferences.

For the coming 2011 conference in Honolulu, the Institute will subsidize the trips of four scholars from Vietnam, Thailand, Italy and the United Kingdom. Discussion will also continue with the AAS directors after the conference to explore collaborations in the longer term.

Harvard-Yenching Institute (HYI)

Most programs planned in 2008-2009 with HYI were put into practice in 2010. An advanced workshop for postgraduates on **“Grassroots Society and Popular Culture”** was organized between January 9 and 17 in Beijing with HYI and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Lecturers included leading scholars like Martin Whyte (Sociology, Harvard), Grzegorz Ekiert (Government, Harvard), Helen Siu (Anthropology, Yale), Lu Xueyi (Sociology, CASS), Zhang Xiaoshan (Economics, CASS), Zhang Jing (Sociology, PKU), Zhao Shukai (Political Science, the Development Research Center of the State

Council), Zhang Letian (Sociology, Fudan), and Zhou Yi (Sociology, Fudan). Twenty postgraduates and junior faculty from ten universities in Mainland China and HKU took part in lectures, fieldwork and intensive discussions. Topics explored empirical studies in China with an emphasis on comparative theories of society change and conflicts.

Subsequently, three outstanding candidates were selected for a one-year fellowship at HYI. Zhang Han, a doctoral candidate at the HKU Department of Sociology, was among the finalists. He is at Harvard working under the mentorship of Martin Whyte.

*Instructors and participants at the
“Grassroots Society and Popular
Culture” workshop, January 2010*



Yale University

The “Inter-Asia Initiative” at the Macmillan Center of Yale University, directed by three professors from the Anthropology Department (Helen Siu, William Kelly, K. Sivaramakrishnan), has continued to serve as the Institute’s most valuable partner in the United States to facilitate our connection with overseas colleagues. In December 2009, it hosted a planning meeting for the Institute’s research training cluster “Trading Empires of the South China Coast, South Asia and the Gulf Region”. In January 2010, it co-sponsored a public lecture by James Scott, Sterling Professor of Political Science and Professor of Anthropology, Yale University. In March, it funded the trips of three doctoral students from Yale to attend the conference on “Urban ecologies in Asia”. In August, it supported the trips of two Yale scholars to Hong Kong and China for a new research training cluster “China-Africa Diasporas”.

The Council of East Asian Studies (CEAS), Yale University has been working with the Institute on a cluster of research training and fellowship programs since 2005, supported by a generous donation from the Sun Hung Kai Properties – Kwoks’ Foundation Limited.

A no-cost extension was approved in 2009 to continue the programs in the Pearl River Delta and Shanxi for another two years. The Institute worked closely with CEAS to retune program focus and reshuffle resources for new prospective programs, including the program of “China-Africa Diasporas”.



Ancestral hall half buried under rubble in Yangji Village, Guangdong

The Council on Middle East Studies, through its Chair Professor Marcia Inhorn, jointly organized a conference with the Institute’s research cluster on “Colonial Medicine, Science and Contemporary Public Health” with the University of UAE in Al Ain, January 2010. Please see the section on “Multi-year Research Clusters” below for details.

Apart from strengthening institutional ties with Yale University, we have also maintained deep and effective working relationships with individual Yale scholars. Professor Helen Siu, the Institute’s former honorary director, took a year of leave from Yale University in 2010 to strengthen the Institute’s China and Inter-Asian programs, monitor the incorporation of the former CAS into the Institute, mentor the newly appointed RAPs and PDFs, develop a major proposal for the Theme-based Research Scheme, and with the new director, chart the Institute’s new directions. During the academic year of 2009-2010, the Institute hosted Professor Deborah Davis (Sociology, Yale) and provided logistical support for her comparative research on marriage and divorce in Hong Kong and Shanghai and related cross-border legal issues. The Institute will host a workshop for her in July 2011 on gender distinctions in marriage in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and coastal metropolitan China. Davis will bring in China and international scholars on social studies, family law and other subjects to enable a geographical as well as disciplinary comparison. Based on the enthusiasm she has received from the legal and professional communities on her research in the past, the Institute expects the workshop to generate great local relevance.



Prof. Deborah Davis in conversation with Prof. Kam Louie, Dean of Arts, during a lunchtime seminar at the Institute, October 2009

Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou

Sun Yat-sen University has been the Institute's most important partner in China since the Institute's founding. The Institute partners with the Centre for Historical Anthropology to organize an annual lecture series and advanced training workshops in summers. We jointly support the Journal of History and Anthropology, and a Chinese language series of monographs in cultural history with Joint Publication House in Beijing. In view of its contribution to the study of humanities and social science, the Centre was designed in 2004 by the Ministry of Education as a national key-point research centre.

In May 2010, Professor Zhang Donggang, Deputy Director of Department of Social Science of the Ministry of Education visited the Institute with Professor Chen Chunsheng, Vice President of Sun Yat-sen University and Professor Liu Zhiwei, Director of Centre for Historical Anthropology. An agreement was signed subsequently to extend the collaboration between the Institute and the Centre for three years to train young scholars, encourage intellectual exchange, and facilitate publications. The Institute also explores opportunities to academically engage the new Asia Pacific School of the Sun Yat-sen University.



Prof. Zhang Donggang (third from the left, first row) with Prof. Chen Chunsheng (fifth from the left), Prof. Liu Zhiwei (first from the right, second row) and the Institute's staff, May 2010

East China Normal University

The Institute's connection with East China Normal University (ECNU) began with the joint program on "Experiencing Metropolitan Shanghai" in 2004. Individual scholars have since joined one of the Institute's multi-year research clusters, "Global Cities and the Social Life of Finance Capital in Asia" under the project entitled "Shanghai: The Global City Aspiration and the Transformation of the Everyday." In June 2010, in conjunction with a conference presenting some of the research results, ECNU co-organized an advanced workshop for postgraduates on "Urban Studies and the China Experience". Other partners included Harvard-Yenching Institute and New York University. Forty-three participants were selected from China, Hong Kong, the United States and Japan through open competition.

After the workshop, the partners discussed possibilities of long-term collaboration. Professor Zhang Jishun, Party Committee Secretary of ECNU, attended the workshop and endorsed the long-term plans with great enthusiasm. Agreement is now being finalized to set up a multi-year program to connect ECNU, HYI, and the Institute. Proposed programs include lecture series, annual training workshops for postgraduates, and conferences on diverse social sciences themes. These joint ventures aim to accelerate cross-disciplinary research training of a future generation of scholars in urban studies.

*Prof. Zhang Jishun making comments
at the workshop*



Tsinghua University, Beijing

In the past nine years, most of the Institute's China partners were from Southern China with disciplinary focus in the humanities. To broaden the Institute's geographical and disciplinary reach, we are working with Professor Zhang Xiaojun of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Tsinghua University, Beijing to launch a training program in social science research for doctoral students, initially for a period of three years.

CORE PROGRAMS 2009-2010

Lecture and Seminar Series

Since 2008, the Institute has broadened its education and public dissemination programs on campus. Our lectures and seminars are open to the public, and we see a wide range of attendees from the HKU community, other local tertiary institutions, professional, policy and business circles.

Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series

Five lectures were organized in 2010. Speakers were distinguished scholars including Professors James Scott (Political Science and Anthropology, Yale University), Deborah Davis (Sociology, Yale University), Thomas Rawski (Economics and History, University of Pittsburgh), Chen Zhiwu (Yale School of Management) and Elizabeth Köll (Harvard Business School). An enthusiastic inter-disciplinary audience, ranging from 60 to 120, filled the lecture hall every time. The events have provided a visible platform for thought-provoking exchanges among the speakers, local scholars, students, policy makers, community leaders and other members of the public.

Date	Title	Speaker	Attendance
12/1/2010	Introducing —Zomia”: Site of the Last Great Enclosure Movement of (relatively) State-less Peoples in Mountainous Southeast Asia	James C. Scott, Sterling Professor of Political Science and Professor of Anthropology, Yale University	120
25/2/2010	Marriage and Divorce: 30 years of Change in Hong Kong and Shanghai	Deborah S. Davis, Professor of Sociology, Yale University	110
27/5/2010	Can China Sustain Rapid Growth Despite Flawed Institutions?	Thomas G. Rawski, Professor of Economics and History and UCIS Research University of Pittsburgh	65
18/10/2010	Past Growth and Future Prospects of China's Economy	Chen Zhiwu, Professor of Finance Yale School of Management	180
29/10/2010	The Making of the Civil Engineer in Early 20th China: Railroads, Transnational Knowledge Transfer, and the Creation of a Profession	Elisabeth Köll, Associate Professor of Business Administration Harvard Business School	60

Distinguished speakers in 2011 include Professor Angela Leung who will deliver her inaugural speech as the new director of the Institute, and Professor Judith Farquhar, medical anthropologist at the University of Chicago. In collaboration with the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, the theme of lectures in 2011 will be “Humanities, Science, and Medicine.”

Seminars

Apart from public lectures, the Institute also invited scholars who were involved in our research programs to give talks when they visited in Hong Kong. Six seminars were given in 2010.

Date	Title	Speaker	Attendance
7/4/2010	Defying Exclusion: The Making of a Chinese American Community in Boston, 1870-1965	Wing-kai To, Bridgewater State College; and Fulbright Visiting Scholar, American Studies Program, HKU	35
19/4/2010	The State in the Mirror: International labor migration agents in China	Xiang Biao, University Lecturer, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford U	40
17/5/2010	Social Networks and Return Migration to China	Janet W. Salaff, Professor of Sociology, Emerita, U of Toronto Arent Greve, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Bergen, Norway	37
13/9/2010	Brain is the Ruler of the Body: The Appearance of Ailuo Brain Tonic and the Changing Concept of Body in Modern China	Ning Chang, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica	38
27/10/2010	The Flower Princess: A Cantonese Opera in an English Edition	Bell Yung, Professor of Music, University of Pittsburgh	35
3/11/2010	Chinese Enterprise: Resources and Opportunities	Jack Barbalet, Professorial Fellow in the Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy at the University of Western Sydney	37

Lunchtime Series on Interdisciplinary China Studies

This is a new series for a dedicated group of scholars at the University of Hong Kong to regularly discuss their latest research on Chinese politics, society and culture. Nineteen sessions were organized in the academic year of 2009-2010. Colleagues who attended, numbering between eight to twenty-five in each session, have found the series exciting. Some claim that the series has provided the most intellectually intense and collegial experience on campus. Junior colleagues benefit especially from interactions with senior scholars which help broaden horizons in both teaching and research practices.

Date	Title	Speaker
13/10/2009	Divorce in Urban China	Deborah Davis
27/10/2009	Rethinking Confucius Yet Again	Kam Louie
10/11/2009	The Production of Crime in China	BØrge Bakken
24/11/2009	Christian Activism in Wenzhou	Cao Nanlai
12/1/2010	Humiliate-able bodies: Rape in Wartime Propaganda Cartoons of the Sino- Japanese War	Louise Edwards

Date	Title	Speaker
26/1/ 2010	The Emigration of Chinese Women to America in the 19th Century	Elizabeth Sinn
9/2/2010	Regime Type and Policy Coordination in Three Chinese Cities	John Burns
23/2/ 2010	—liberation”: A Social History (1948- 1957)	Frank Dikötter
2/3/2010	—Religious fields” and —religious markets” in China	David Palmer
23/3/2010	A Decade’s Struggle: Ideology, Framing, and Collective Action of the Falun Gong Movement	Cheris Chan
13/4/2010	The Culture of Policing in Democratic Taiwan	Jeff Martin
27/4/2010	Chinese and Americans: a cultural and international history	Xu Guoqi
21/9/2010	Abandoned Orphans Overseas: The Chinese Migrant Community in the Shan States of Northern Myanmar	James K. Chin
5/10/2010	Post-70s Art: New Youth Identities in Formation	Ling-yun Tang
19/10/2010	Madmen talking? Struggles over Meaning in some Qianlong-era Trials	Fabien Simonis
2/11/2010	The Five-Antis Campaign and the Demise of Chinese Capitalism	Lui Tai-lok
16/11/2010	Burmese Indians in Yunnan: Background, Identity, and Networks	Renaud Egretreau
30/11/2010	Are Women Holding Up Half the Sky in China Interdisciplinary Studies? A Look at Research on Chinese Women Filmmakers as a Springboard for a Wider Discussion of the Connection between Women’s Studies and China Studies within the Academy Today	Gina Marchetti
14/12/ 2010	Making Sense of China: Westerners in Early 1800s Canton	John Carroll



The presentation by Professor Frank Dikötter on February 23, 2010 attracted colleagues from both the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences

In view of the series’ success, Professor Frank Dikötter (School of Humanities, the University of Hong Kong) is seeking to work with the Institute on a new series on **—Revolution in the Archives: New Approaches to China Under Mao**”. This will again be a small but intensive gathering for scholars with specific research interests, and we will bring in top experts from overseas universities for conversations with our colleagues.

Lecture Series at Sun Yat-sen University

Apart from lectures on HKU campus, we also bring prestigious speakers to Sun Yat-sen University in another multi-year lecture series. Six lectures were organized in 2010.

Date	Title	Speaker	Attendance
26/3/2010	When we were young: Revisiting Gender and Childhood in modern China	Hsiung Ping-chen, Dean of Arts, CUHK	200
10/5/ 2010	Vegetarianism in Vietnam, Japan and China: An anthropological comparative perspective	Michio Suenari, Emeritus Professor, University of Tokyo, Toyo University	200
14/5// 2010	Early modern colonial and imperial governance and the transformation of traditional Chinese cities: the case of Taipei	Hong Hsu, Department of History, Soochow University	200
25/5/ 2010	Tabunka-kyosei (多文化共生): Transnational Migrants and the Multiculturalism in the New Japan Anthropology, Public Policy, and Global Migration: A Comparative Perspective from North America	Shinji Yamashita, Department of Anthropology, Tokyo University	200
		David Haines, Department of Sociology and Anthropology; School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, George Mason University	190
31/5/ 2010	China's Economy: Past, Present, Future	Prof. Thomas G. Rawski Department of Economics and History, University of Pittsburgh	200
12/12/ 2010	歷史地名變遷的社會地理背景—以明清以來的徽州歙縣為例	Wang Zhen-zhong 復旦大學歷史地理研究中心	200

Advanced Training Workshops

The Institute is committed to nurturing young scholars with global horizons. Advanced training workshops with a wide range of themes are organized every year to provide opportunities for them to bond. In 2009-2010, we organized four advanced training workshops with our China and overseas partners. Cross-disciplinary subjects covered Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, History, and others. We received over 300 applications but have kept intake low to include candidates with the highest qualities and ideal program fit.

Training Workshop	Date and Venue	No. of applications	No. of intake
Advanced Summer Training Workshop 2009 in Historical Anthropology	28/7 – 11/8/2009, Yichun, Jiangxi Province	68	24
Advanced Training Workshop on “Grassroots Society and Popular Culture” (中國底層社會與民眾文化研究)	9-18/1/2010, Beijing	60	20
Advanced Training Workshop on “Urban Studies and the China Experience” (都市研究與中國經驗)	15-25/6, 2010, Shanghai	110	43
Advanced Summer Training Workshop 2010 in Historical Anthropology	14-25/8/ 2010, Hancheng, Shaanxi	78	21

*Students conducting fieldwork
in Hancheng, Shaanxi Province,
August 2010*



Multi-year Research Clusters

Since 2006, the Institute has broadened its programs to include an Inter-Asia agenda. Most of the core programs commissioned in 2008-2009 have reached an advanced stage, delivering visible results such as workshops and publications. In 2010, new programs were approved and launched. More exciting proposals are being prepared for approval by the Institute's Executive Committee in March 2011.

Colonial Medicine, Science and Contemporary Public Health

The first event of the cluster was conducted at CUHK in June 2009 with resources largely generated by Professor Angela Leung, the leading Principal Investigator of the cluster. The second event, an international conference on **“Global Flows in Global Health: Inter-Asian Connections”**, was held in the United Arab Emirates from January 4 to 8, 2010. Sixty speakers, including three from Hong Kong, presented their latest research on contemporary global health issues such as infectious diseases (H1N1, SARS), HIV/AIDS, chronic diseases, mental health, nutrition and food security. Marcia Inhorn (Anthropology, Yale), a Co-Principal Investigator of the Institute's research cluster, gave an overview of the anthropological considerations in global health. Lam Tai Hing, Chair Professor and Head of the University of Hong Kong Department of Community Medicine, presented a statistical account of alcohol-related health risks, and suggested measures to tackle the problems on a global level. The conference attracted considerable media attention in the UAE and the Middle East, and raised the Institute's academic visibility as a co-organizer from the East Asian region.



The conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Chancellor of United Arab Emirates University

A third conference, entitled **“The Making of Asia: Health and Gender”** is scheduled for March 2012. It will be a more focused meeting with three panels on (1) Reproductive Technologies, (2) Civilizing Asian Bodies and (3) Knowing Health Practices. Angela Leung will join Izumi Nakayama, an assistant professor in the University of Hong Kong School of Modern Languages and Cultures, to convene this conference.

In the meantime, the Institute is working closely with the HKU Centre for Humanities and Medicine (CHM) to explore new programs on colonial medicine and contemporary global health. Proposed subjects include: **“global cities and emerging infectious disease”**, **“health and social entrepreneurship in Asia”**, **“genomic technologies in Asia”**, and **“traditional healing practices and Western medicine”**. A lecture by Sander Gilman (Distinguished Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, Emory University) on January 14, 2011 entitled **“Stand Up Straight: Posture and the Meanings Attributed to the Upright Body”** inaugurated the partnership. Judith Farquhar’s lecture in October 2011 will also be jointly organized by the Institute and CHM.

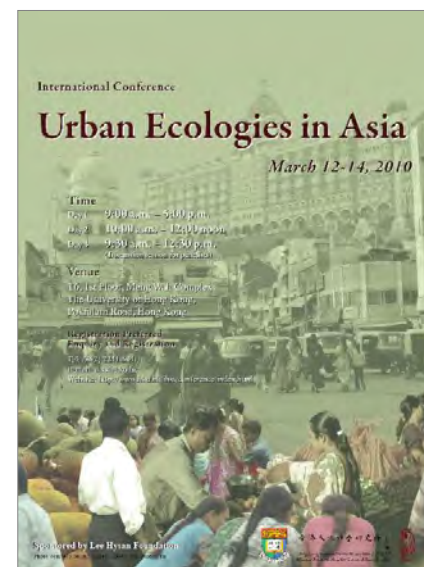
This program is expected to have tremendous policy implications. It aims to understand Hong Kong’s historically multi-cultural environment and its institutional strengths in the delivery of medical services. It further explores the public health challenges a world city like Hong Kong faces today.

Environmental Sustainability, Political Ecology and Civil Society

Led by two environmental anthropologists, Professors K. Sivaramakrishnan (Yale) and Anne Rademacher (New York U), a planning workshop was held at Yale in January 2009. An international conference on **“Urban Ecologies in Asia”** was held from March 12 to

14, 2010 at the University of Hong Kong involving key colleagues in the United States. There were four panels: (1) Political Ecology of the City; (2) The Civic and the Public in Urban Environmental Conflicts; (3) Built Environments and Green Design; and (4) The Social Life of Urban Infrastructure. Will Glover (Michigan University), Shubhra Gururani (Anthropology, York University), Vinay Gidwani (Environmental Sciences, City University of New York), and nine other speakers made presentations on urbanism, ecologies and sustainable development in South Asian cities to an audience of academics, policy-makers and urban planners. K. Sivaramakrishnan, Principal Investigator of the cluster, served as convener and discussant. Other discussants include George Lin (Geography, HKU), Lui Tai-lok (Sociology, HKU) and Sarah Liao (Senior Consultant to Vice-Chancellor, HKU).

Poster of the conference capturing its main themes in vivid images



The conference expanded its intellectual discussion into policy debates by involving NGO leaders and government officials from Hong Kong, China and other Asian regions. Members of Civic Exchange, a highly respected environmental think tank in Hong Kong led by Christine Loh, briefed the participants on their work. They led a walking tour through old neighborhoods in the Sheung Wan/ Central District, where conflicts between development and conservation are intense. The workshop participants, mostly from China, India and the Middle East, found the experience exceedingly educational and relevant to their research.

The Hong Kong University Press promptly accepted the team's prospectus of an edited volume based on the conference presentations. Authors are asked by the two editors, K. Sivaramakrishnan and Anne Rademacher to tune their papers towards the conference's central themes. If the reviews of the final manuscript are positive, the volume will be

published by 2012. There is also plan for Hong Kong University Press to work with an Indian academic press to publish a local edition to maximize circulation in India and the Asian region.

Global Cities and the Social Life of Finance Capital in Asia

Initiated by Xu Jilin and Jiang Jin, the Institute joined the East China Normal University in presenting a conference on **“Shanghai: Global City Aspirations and the Transformation of the Everyday”**, which took place from June 18-20, 2010 in Shanghai. Core members of the research team presented papers on their work done in the past year, and an open call was made in late 2009 to include paper presenters from overseas. Helen Siu (Yale / HKIHSS) gave a keynote speech entitled **“Cultures and Markets: Asian Connections through Time and Space”**. Leading international scholars, including Antonia Finnane (History, University of Melbourne), Bryna Goodman (History, University of Oregon), Linsun Cheng (University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth), and Jiang Jin (ECNU), among others, portrayed a multi-dimensional history of Shanghai as represented in movies, publication, religion and daily life.

A sub-project led by Jenny So (Art History, CUHK) in collaboration with Tang Ling-yun (Sociology, HKU) focuses on how the Hong Kong global institutions have nurtured an environment for local art collectors to extend impact on the global art market. The Institute provided institutional support for the team's bid for RGC General Research Fund of 2009-10. The proposal, entitled **“Collecting Chinese Art in Hong Kong: A Global Phenomenon”**, was awarded a grant of HK\$989,000 for a two-year research.

China-Africa Diasporas

In view of China's accelerated global engagements, especially in regions providing China's much needed raw materials and markets, the Institute launched a new research training program in March 2010 on **“China-Africa Diasporas”**. It aims to investigate the trading and social activities of Chinese entrepreneurs in the African continent and also the mushrooming African trading communities in China. By creating a network of researchers across several continents, this program focuses on the diasporic communities and historically layered structures that linked China and Africa in a broad **“Asian”** context. The team will gather archival and ethnographic details from many countries, and bring together researchers to make comparisons and seek patterns across them.

Africa traders in Guangzhou. A picture taken during the fieldwork of August 2010.



A first planning meeting was held in August 2010 in Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Yiwu (Zhejiang province). Led by Helen Siu, Rod McIntosh and Mike McGovern of Yale University, team members composed of senior and junior scholars, and advanced doctoral students in both African and China studies. Gordon Mathews (Anthropology, CUHK) and Adams Bodom (African Studies, HKU) were invited to present their research on African communities in Hong Kong and China. The planning meeting was followed by a one-week visit to the African communities in Guangzhou and Yiwu. A preliminary study suggested that there are over one hundred thousand Africans dwelling in Guangzhou alone, and another ten thousand expats in Yiwu, many originated from Turkey, the Gulf Region and Egypt. These exotic communities have brought considerable changes to local society and trigger intense interest for further studies. The team met with like-minded Chinese scholars and institutions to set an agenda for future cooperation. A report prepared by the PIs after the trip summarizes what has been achieved during the meeting, refined research questions and suggested way forward. A copy of the report is at **Appendix 2**.

The team proposed a second meeting and fieldtrip in 2011 to Mali. Though a small country in West Africa, Mali hosts a variety of Chinese business activities – mining and infrastructure, real estate, manufacturing and trading. The team will identify communities that are sending traders to Hong Kong and China, and how they organize their trade and social networks.

Indigenous Charities in the Modern World

The cluster led by David Faure, Angela Leung, and Raj Brown was created from an initial conference on indigenous charities organized by the Institute and the Department

of History at CUHK in 2008. After a year of planning and site visits in 2009, the research team has finalized a program of activities. Three annual workshops are scheduled from 2010 to 2012, to capture key issues in indigenous charities and their embedded social institutions and cultural meanings. A first workshop –**Medical Charities in Asia and the Middle East**” was held from November 30-December 2, 2010 in Penang. The philosophies and practices of medical charities in different parts of Asia, historical and contemporary, were examined, and local charity representatives contributed with unique practical perspectives. The two-day meeting was enriched with a full-day visit to local charities with Catholic, Buddhist, lineage and Hindu backgrounds. Participants observed that the religion factor was deliberately downplayed in a multi-ethnic society like Malaysia, but was still influencing the practice in complicated ways. A workshop program is in **Appendix 3**.



Workshop participants meeting with practitioners at Bodhi Heart Sanctuary, a Buddhist charity organization in Penang, December 2010

The core group of the Penang workshop will be expanded in a second workshop to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in December 2011. Issues of how charities relate to the legitimacy of organization, law, accountability, and transparency will be examined.

Trading Empires of the South China Coast, South Asia and the Gulf Region

The program team led by Eric Tagliacozzo and Helen Siu met at Yale University in December 2009 to present summary ideas on distinctive historical moments, sites, social groups and institutions. The theme of maritime connections challenged land-based, state-centered paradigms that have dominated scholarly thinking for an entire century. The theme was expanded in the second workshop in Hong Kong held in December 2010. The workshop, entitled –**Asia Inside Out: Period**”, aimed to stimulate unconventional research on rethinking the concept of –Asia” and to refine theory and methods in regional

studies. Two days of presentations were followed by a focused visit to the ancient and contemporary trading ports / cities in Southern India. Participants examined the region's multi-ethnicity, and the evolution of historical trading communities spanning from East Asia, Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean to the Middle East.

The meeting was convened by Helen Siu (Anthropology, Yale) and Eric Tagliacozzo (History, Cornell), with speakers from Cambridge University, Cornell University, University of London, University of Washington, Rice University, Wake Forest U, and Kagawa University. The group has an ambitious publication plan for three edited volumes with leading academic publishers in the United States and Asia. A program of the workshop is in [Appendix 4](#).

People fishing on the coast of Kerala, India. Picture taken during the fieldwork of December 2010



COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

Hong Kong's Changing Social Fabric: Mobility and Immobility

In 2004, the 2022 Foundation commissioned a 2-year study on **“Rethinking Hong Kong's Human Resources and Competitiveness”**. The Principal Investigators, David Faure (historian), Richard Wong (economist), and Helen Siu (anthropologist) formed a team with sociologists, lawyers, economists, and historians from several tertiary institutions in Hong Kong. Their analyses were widely reported in the *South China Morning Post*, *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, *Yazhou Zhoukan* and other leading media. During the research, members of the team were invited to share their findings in public seminars and discussions with businesses and government officials, including the then Chief Secretary, Donald Tsang.

This research program had a profound impact on subsequent academic and policy studies. In 2010, 2022 Foundation approached the Institute again for another research on the middle class of Hong Kong. Lui Tai-lok, a specialist on Hong Kong class mobility and professor at the University of Hong Kong Department of Sociology, worked with the Institute to present a proposal on **“Hong Kong’s Changing Social Fabric: Mobility and Immobility”**. Pending acceptance by the Foundation, the Institute will initiate a research program with Lui and his team starting early 2011 for three years.



Hong Kong Memory Project

Dr. Elizabeth Sinn’s Hong Kong Memory Project is a major commissioned research project generously financed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the construction of a unique educational website that will have tremendous community impact. The research team could use the momentum it has created to launch other projects in future. The historically global environment of Hong Kong since the mid-19th century, the role of multi-ethnic communities and Eurasian families in building Hong Kong society past and present are themes to pursue. The Hong Kong University Press has shown great interest in these possible projects.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Film Show *Bamboo Shoots*

Following the success of Sue William’s documentary screenings in 2005, 2006 and 2008, the Institute continued to organize film events with particular intellectual and educational content for understanding Asia. The events have been an effective means for the Institute to relate its intellectual vision to an interested public.

Helen Siu met the independent Chinese filmmaker Jian Yi while the latter was a fellow at the India-China Institute of the New School for Social Research (New York) and later a

World Fellow at Yale University. In October 2010, the Institute brought Jian Yi's new film, *Bamboo Shoots*, to an audience in Hong Kong. University colleagues, postgraduates and undergraduates, secondary school teachers and students, and other friends of the Institute, were overwhelmingly enthusiastic. As in previous film screenings, the audience had thought-provoking discussions with Jian Yi, award-winning director Ann Hui and cultural critic Ma Ka Fai. **Appendix 5** shows a fact sheet of the film with a synopsis and an introduction of the director and commentators.



Jian Yi (center) in conversation with Ann Hui (left) and Ma Ka Fai (right), November 2010

Workshop on “Emerging China-India Cross-Cultural Interactions and their Implications for Asia”

The one-day workshop, co-organized with the French Center for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC, Hong Kong) on September 3, 2010, aimed at understanding the patterns and evolution of the cultural and political relationship recently defined by India and China. It brought together scholars working on China, India and South Asia and was concluded with a keynote speech by Ambassador Salman Haidar, former Indian envoy to China. The discussions highlighted the contemporary lack of intimate cross-cultural and educational Sino- Indian interactions, despite long-standing cultural affinities between the two emerging giants.

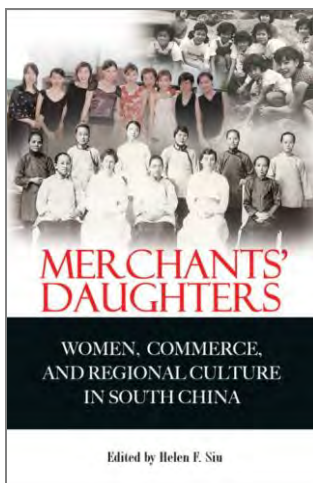


*Ambassador Salman Haidar
Former Foreign Secretary of India
(1995-97) and former Ambassador to
Beijing (1991-94), at the workshop
with Professor Anita Sharma
Delhi University, India*

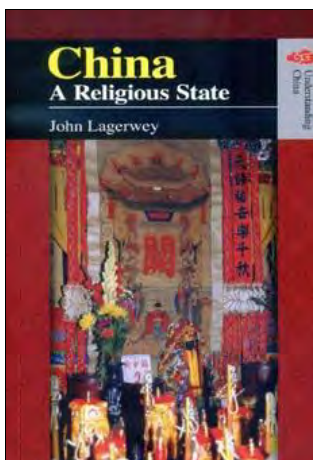
BILINGUAL PUBLICATIONS

Publications are an important avenue for illuminating and disseminating the substance of the institute's work. At present, the Institute supports two monograph series: **“History in the Field”** (Joint Publishing House in Beijing) and **“Understanding China: New Viewpoints on History and Culture”** (Hong Kong University Press). The Institute has also provided funding support for the Chinese journal series *Journal of History and Anthropology*, and publication by scholars who have taken part in our research programs. An example is David Faure's *Emperor and Ancestor: State and Lineage in South China* (Stanford University Press, 2007), which summarized his research in the Institute's South China Program on lineage institutions and rituals in the region.

In 2010, the Institute published two new books with the Hong Kong University Press:



Helen Siu (Yale University), ed.,
Merchants' Daughters – Women, Commerce and Regional Culture in South China (2010)



John Lagerwey (École Pratique des Hautes Études),
China – A Religious State (2010)

Lagerwey is a leading scholar on Chinese religious and cultural studies. This book is a collection of his lectures delivered in Hong Kong sponsored by the Institute in 2007 on Daoism, local religions, festivals and rituals in China and their impacts on state-making.

The Institute also subsidized the publication in Chinese: 《蔚縣碑銘輯錄》 (Guangxi Normal University, 2009) edited by Zhao Shiyu, Professor of History at Peking University. This conscientious study of epitaphs and tablets was originated from the first advanced summer workshop co-organized by the Institute, Beijing Normal University and Sun Yat-sen University in 2003 in Weixian, Shanxi province.

In March 2010, the Institute met with a number of international academic presses, and presented our publication plans for the coming five years. We hope to publish edited volume for each of our core research training programs. The Hong Kong University Press has agreed to publish a first volume on the cluster “Environmental Sustainability, Political Ecology and Civil Society”, and negotiation to publish other clusters’ work is progressing well.

The Institute has also reached an agreement with Sun Yat-sen University and the Joint Publishing House to continue the popular Chinese series of “**History in the Field**”. The first of the fifteen proposed titles is expected to be published in 2011.



“History in the Field” Series

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

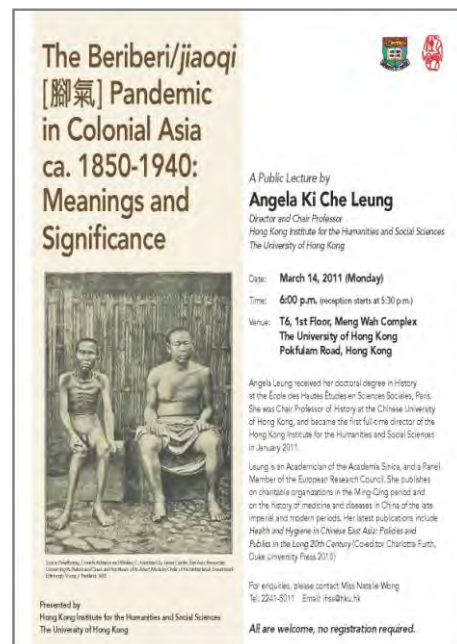
In 2009-2010, we witnessed a number of key institutional developments in consolidating as well as expanding the Institute's programs and global partnerships.

Appointment of New Director

A global search was conducted from fall 2009 to spring 2010 to recruit a full-time director for the Institute. The search committee, chaired by Professor Richard Wong, the then Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, received applications from globally positioned senior academics.

After an extremely competitive exercise, Angela Leung, Professor of History at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and an Academician at the Academia Sinica, Taiwan, was appointed the first full-time director of the Institute. Leung has assumed duty in January 2011. While Professor Helen Siu has concluded her conscientious and voluntary service as the Honorary Director for the past ten years, she remains the chairperson of the Institute's Executive Committee. She continues to work closely with Leung to develop the Institute's programs, and to line up new partners for the Institute in the United States and beyond.

*Lecture to be delivered by Prof.
Angela Leung on March 14 at HKU
inaugurating her directorship of the Institute*



The Beriberi/jiaoqi [腳氣] Pandemic in Colonial Asia ca. 1850-1940: Meanings and Significance

A Public Lecture by
Angela Ki Che Leung
Director and Chair Professor
Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences
The University of Hong Kong

Date: **March 14, 2011 (Monday)**
Time: **6:00 p.m.** (reception starts at 5:30 p.m.)
Venue: **T6, 1st Floor, Meng Wah Complex
The University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong**

Angela Leung received her doctoral degree in History at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris. She was Chair Professor of History at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and became the first full-time director of the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences in January 2011.

Leung is an Academician of the Academia Sinica, and a Panel Member of the European Research Council. She publishes on charitable organizations in the Ming-Qing period and on the history of medicine and diseases in China of the late imperial and modern periods. Her latest publications include *Health and Hygiene in Colonial East Asia: Policies and Publics in the Long 20th Century* (Co-editor: Charlotte Furth, Duke University Press 2010).

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All are welcome, no registration required.

Incorporating the Centre of Asian Studies (CAS)

The incorporation of the Centre of Asian Studies with the Institute, which started in July 2009, came to full operational effect with the retirement of its Executive Director Professor Siu-lun Wong in June 2010. The Executive Committee of the Institute reviewed all existing programs of the former Centre, and advised some fundamental restructuring in order to bring its resources and activities more in line with the Institute's.

Meanwhile, researchers of the former CAS have been encouraged to actively join forces with Institute's own. Renaud Egretteau from the former CAS and Matthew Mosca, a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute, have submitted a joint proposal to the Research Grants Council. Charles Wheeler and James Chin (former CAS) took part in the workshop "Asia Inside Out: Period" in December 2010. Jascha Yu, Matthew Mosca, Nanlai Cao, and Louella Cheng (former CAS) have been involved in the "China-Africa Diasporas" research training cluster. Administrative colleagues also join hands in delivering conferences and other events of the Institute.

Negotiation for More Space

At the moment, the incorporated Institute is housed in two separate offices on campus, May Hall and Tang Chi Ngong Building. With new exciting programs being planned and launched, the Institute's leadership has been negotiating with the University for extra space. We are very grateful that Professor John Malpas, Pro-Vice-chancellor (Infrastructure) has repeatedly assured us of the plan to allocate almost the entire May Hall to the Institute in a few years. We believe that a renovated May Hall would provide the much needed space for the Institute's expanding programs, and a visible and unique identity as Asia's premier inter-disciplinary research center.



May Hall was built in 1915 as a student hostel. It is one of the most historic buildings on HKU campus, and is perfect for a research institute on humanities and social sciences

Theme-based Research Scheme

In April 2010, the Research Grants Council, the public organization funding research in local tertiary institutions, launched a policy-oriented "Theme-based Research Scheme". A generous fund of around HK\$200 million per year is earmarked to support academic research on themes of strategic importance to the development of Hong Kong. RGC commissioned an exercise in May 2010 to invite "White Papers" to identify possible

–grand challenge” topics. The Institute lined up a team headed by Professors Paul Tam (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research) and Helen Siu to present a White Paper entitled **–Hong Kong’s New Footprints: Bridging Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies.”** In the paper, the team advocates a redefinition of “Hong Kong” and “Hong Kong studies”. “Hong Kong” will no longer be viewed as a physically bounded territory, but a fluid process comprising the flow of capital, population, goods, information and cultural ideas. The paper further argues that an intensive humanist and social science research network, in the form of an institute for advanced study, should be in place to facilitate critical redefinition.

After an extremely intensive and competitive selection exercise, the Institute’s White Paper was accepted under the theme of **–Enhancing Hong Kong’s Strategic Position as a Regional and International Business Centre.”** Helen Siu made a public presentation on behalf of the team to defend the theme. The team comprised colleagues from School of Business (HKU), Computing (HK PolyU), Information Systems, Business Statistics and Operations Management (HKUST), Media and Communication (CityU), Electronic Engineering (CityU) and Physics (CityU).

The theme was accepted by the RGC committee and there was a call for proposals in November 2010. Encouraged by the University, the Institute expanded its inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional team to submit an independent proposal. Angela Leung assumed the coordinator’s role as the Institute’s new director. Together with Helen Siu, they invited an outstanding international team of eighteen colleagues. They are John Burns (Politics and Public Administration, HKU); Elizabeth Sinn (HKIHSS, HKU); George Lin (Geography, HKU); Charles Wheeler, (HKIHSS, HKU); Izumi Nakayama (Japanese Studies, HKU); Alvin So (Sociology, HKUST); Billy K. L. So (Humanities, HKUST); May Bo Ching (History, Sun Yat-sen University); Sean Lei (History of Medicine, Academia Sinica); Xiaojun Zhang (Sociology, Tsinghua University); Zhiwu Chen (Finance, Yale School of Management); Elizabeth Köll (Harvard Business School); Biao Xiang (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford); Thomas Bender (Humanities, New York University); and Ellen Hertz (Law / Anthropology, Université de Neuchâtel). David Faure (History, CUHK) and Jean-Francois Huchet (French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, Hong Kong & Taipei) also joined as strategy partners of the team.

In this proposal entitled **–The Art of „Hubbing’: An Interdisciplinary Program to Assess, Rethink and Promote Hong Kong’s Strategic Positioning”** ([Appendix 6](#)), the

team further illustrated the importance of integrating perspectives of humanities and social sciences in rethinking Hong Kong's positioning as an international business center. They proposed a coherent set of cross-disciplinary research and training programs to consolidate a critical community of scholars, students, and business professionals. The team members, who are leading scholars in their own fields, will form research clusters to examine Hong Kong's shifting positioning in the region and the world by highlighting its historically global resources, present structural vulnerabilities, and a (re)networked future. They will combine critical analytical strength and in-depth empirical research to engage local business and policy interests. All these programs and the associated deliverables will allow the Institute to work towards a vision of becoming an Institute of Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Asia.

These collective efforts resulted in the team being invited to submit a full proposal. Leung and Siu are writing an expanded proposal due in March 2011 and inviting business stakeholders to join the endeavor. The result of this final selection will be announced in the summer of 2011.

Financial Summary

In 2009, the University generously committed a University Development Fund budget of \$3 million a year for five years to the Institute. With this new injection, the Institute was able to release most of its resources previously engaged for staff cost to support academic programs. A brief financial summary for the year 2009-2010 is as follows:

	<u>Sub-total</u> <u>HK\$ (million)</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>HK\$ (million)</u>
Balance as of December 2009		\$10.9
Income		
University Development Fund	\$3	
Donations	\$2.8	
		\$5.8
Expenses		
Staff	\$2.4	
Research	\$2.3	
Publication	\$0.3	
Outreach and others	\$0.2	
		\$5.2
Balance as of December 2010		\$11.5

LOOKING FORWARD

We see the next ten years as full of opportunities. The Institute's leadership is very grateful for the support of the University and the Hong Kong Foundation for the Humanities and Social Sciences to develop its long term mission. In the short term, it plans to raise specific program funds to enhance the Institute's forward momentum. The new director is entrusted to accomplish the following:

- Build on the brand name –Asian” platform of the Institute by securing more inter-regional partners, especially from Europe. The unique core programs of the Institute, stressing China and Hong Kong's worldly engagements, will be given priority in resources and efforts.
- Add a program of senior and junior visiting fellows to interact with the in-house talents of the Institute and the University on multi-disciplinary themes that the Institute wishes to pursue. This will create a critical community and contribute to the globalizing agenda of the University of Hong Kong and the entire tertiary education sector.
- Sink roots in the University by creating joint teaching positions and programs with the Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Medicine and School of Business.
- To convert May Hall into the future home of the Institute, and to physically strengthen its identity as the leading Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Asia.

Year 2010 sees a crucial divide between the Institute as a modest, creative platform for academic training and exchange, and developing into one of the region's leading think tanks in the next decade. The Institute's submission of a White Paper and proposal under the Theme-based Research Scheme advocates a definition of Hong Kong and China studies. Such rethinking is essential in setting research and policy agenda, and an institute of advanced study should be in place to facilitate such critical redefinition.

The Institute will continue a focus on humanistic and social science education, and uses critical research training to enrich public policy studies. We sincerely believe that Institute is taking off, blessed by the commitment and hard work of students, staff and colleagues, and the generous support of donors and friends.

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Appendix 1**List of Affiliates / Requests for Affiliation in 2010****JAMES C. SCOTT***Sterling Professor of Political Science**Professor of Anthropology**Director of the Agrarian Studies Program**Yale University*

Scott is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, has held grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Guggenheim Foundation. He has also been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, Science, Technology and Society Program at M.I.T., and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. His research concerns political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. He is currently teaching Agrarian Studies and Rebellion, Resistance and Repression.

In January 2010, Scott gave a lecture at the University of Hong Kong entitled “Introducing *Zomia*: Site of the Last Great Enclosure Movement of (relatively) State-less Peoples in Mountainous Southeast Asia”. He also met with the Institute’s staff and HKU faculties to exchange views on regional studies. On CUHK’s invitation, Scott gave another seminar to the Area of Excellence (a major grant from Research Grants Council, Hong Kong) research team working on “Historical Anthropology of Chinese Societies”.

DEBORAH S. DAVIS*Professor of Sociology, Yale University*

Davis is currently a member of the National Committee on US China Relations and Associate Editor of *The Journal of Asian Studies*. In 2004, she helped launch the *Yale China Health Journal*. At Yale she has served as Director of Academic Programs at the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Chair of the Council of East Asian Studies, Director of Graduate Studies in both East Asian Studies and Sociology, Member of the Publications Committee for Yale Press. Author or editor of eight books and frequent contributor to *The China Quarterly*, past publications have analyzed the politics of the Cultural Revolution, Chinese family life, social welfare policy, consumer culture, property rights, social stratification and occupational mobility.

Davis was the Institute’s first Visiting Research Professor in 2009-2010 under a new visiting program launched by the University Research Committee. During her stay, she presented a public lecture on “Marriage and Divorce: 30 years of change in Hong Kong and Shanghai”, and a seminar on “Divorce in Urban China”. She also mentored the Institute’s research staff and junior faculties at the Sociology Department, on their teaching and research.

XIANG BIAO 項飏

*Research Council United Kingdom Academic Fellow
Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology
Centre on Migration, Policy and Society
University of Oxford*

Xiang is the author of *Making Order from Transnational Migration* (Princeton University Press, forthcoming), *Global “Body Shopping”* (Princeton University Press, 2007; winner of 2008 Anthony Leeds Prize), *Transcending Boundaries* (Chinese by Sanlian Press, 2000; English by Brill Academic Publishers, 2005) and over 30 articles in both English and Chinese, in both academic journals and the public media. A number of articles were translated in French, Spanish and Italian.

Xiang gave a talk on “The State in the Mirror: International labor migration agents in China” on April 19, 2010 at the University. He also took part in the China-Africa Diaspora program, and will visit the Institute again in early July to discuss progress of research.

THOMAS G. RAWSKI

*Professor of Economics and History
UCIS Research Professor
University of Pittsburgh*

Rawski’s research focuses on the nature and implications of recent developments and long term changes in the economy of China. He held grants and fellowships from the Henry Luce Foundation, the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council and Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, among others. He is currently the elected member of China and Inner Asia Council of Association for Asian Studies. He served and is serving on the editorial board of several first class academic journals, including *China Reviews International*, *China Economic Review* and *China Quarterly*.

In May 2010, Rawski was invited by the Institute and the Hong Kong Institute of Economic and Business and Strategy at HKU to present a public lecture, entitled “Can China Sustain Rapid Growth Despite Flawed Institutions?” He stayed through to early June to conduct fieldwork with the Institute’s staff in Guangzhou, and gave another lecture at the Sun Yat-sen University.

ANTONELLA DIANA

Ph.D. in Anthropology (2009), Australian National University

Diana was appointed an Honorary Research Fellow of the Institute in May 2010 for a year. Her study explores the interaction of globalizing socio-economic thrusts with stated-devised notions of border, sovereignty and ethnicity on the China-Laos frontier. Her regional interest and interdisciplinary approaches fits well with the intellectual agenda of the Institute.

Diana will spend the first half of her year in China and Laos to collect field data. The second half of her fellowship will be more of desktop research to consolidate her findings, which she will present in a seminar and other academic events at the Institute.

PENG KAIXIANG 彭凱翔

Professor of School of Economics, Henan University

Peng is a co-investigator of the Institute's research training cluster entitled "Financial Integration History between China and the World". With subsidies from the Institute, he conducted fieldtrips to Zhengzhou, Shanghai and Taipei from August to September 2009. He visited the Institute in January 2010 to search local archives on interest rates and related government and media records.

SHERRY ZHANG HONGYUN 張洪雲

Post-doctoral Fellow

Institute of Economics

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Tsinghua University, Beijing

Zhang is a research team member of the cluster "Financial Integration History between China and the World". She visited Hong Kong in February and March 2010 to conduct archival search in local libraries and record offices. She also exchanged with the Institute's research staff.

LUO YU 羅鈺

PhD candidate

Department of Anthropology, Yale University

Luo visited the Institute in May 2010 for a general observation of regional studies in Hong Kong. On the Institute's recommendation to CUHK, She will attend an international conference on "Ming and Qing State Building and the Transformation of Native Society in China's Southwest" in Guangzhou in August 2010.

SIMONA GRANO

Assistant and Lecturer, Institute of East Asian Studies

Department of Chinese Studies

Zürich University

Grano holds a Ph.D. (2008) from the Ca' Foscari University in Italy, with a dissertation on "The evolution of property rights in China". She is submitting a request for affiliation with the Institute to facilitate her new project on "Environmental Movements in the People's Republic of China."

JILI 李紀

Ph.D. in History (2009), University of Michigan

Li's academic expertise is on the social and cultural history of rural China in the 19th and early 20th centuries. She applied to the Institute for a fellowship to gain scholarly exposure to relating to her research, and to prepare her book manuscript on Christian missionaries in Northeastern China for publication. She was appointed an Honorary Research Fellow on October 25, 2010 for six months. Apart from concentrating on her own research, Li will also speak in the Institute's seminar series, and help organize workshops relevant to her academic interests.

MAREIKE OHLBERG

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Heidelberg

Ohlberg is studying a Graduate Program of Transcultural Studies at the University of Heidelberg. The working title of her dissertation is "Overcoming Asymmetry: Managing Sophisticated Propaganda and Information Flows in the 21st Century China". She proposed in September 2010 a visit to Hong Kong between October 2010 and February 2011 to access library materials and set up contacts with local scholars in the field. The Institute has helped her set up her trip to Beijing for archival research.

MARIE-EVE RENY

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto

Reny is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at the University of Toronto. Her study explores the ways in which house churches in China operate under the prevailing political atmosphere, and the reasons why some of them are the targets of government intervention while others not. She is conducting a comparison among cases of Wenzhou, Zhengzhou and Beijing. She proposed a one-year visit to the Institute to complete her dissertation in late 2011, and to take part in the Institute's programs related to her research interest. She is expecting to exchange with local scholars, and is interested in the studies of Dr. Cao Nanlai, the Institute's RAP, who works on Christianity in Wenzhou.

MARTIN SAXER

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Oxford

Saxer is completing his Ph.D. program at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, the University of Oxford. He proposed a post-doctoral study carrying a working title of "Neighbouring China", to explore the effects of China's rapid development on the ethnic groups living in the border regions. He proposed to the Institute a one year visit in 2011/2012 to facilitate his research in Hong Kong and China. He is applying for a research grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, and an affiliation with the Institute would strengthen his application.

Appendix 2

Report on “China-Africa Diasporas” meeting and fieldtrip, August 2010

*Prepared by
Michael McGovern, Rod McIntosh, Helen Siu*

The Team

On 19 August, a team of researchers from The University of Hong Kong and Yale University gathered in May Hall, HKU, to begin the first research mission of the China Africa Diasporas project. The two year project is jointly supported by funds from the Sun Hung Kai-Kwok’s Foundation administered by the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University, the Inter-Asia Initiative at Yale University, and the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) at the University of Hong Kong.

From Hong Kong University, participants included Professor Helen Siu, honorary director of the Hong Kong Institute and Professor of Anthropology at Yale; Dr. Jascha Yu and Ms. Emily Ip, Associate Directors of the Institute; Dr. Adams Bodomo, Associate Professor of Linguistics and head of the African Studies Program at HKU, and Dr. Matthew Mosca, Postdoctoral Fellow at the HKIHSS. Professor Gordon Mathews, Professor of Anthropology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong also joined. From Yale, Professor Roderick McIntosh, Assistant Professor Narges Erami, and Assistant Professor Mike McGovern of the Anthropology department traveled to Hong Kong, and were joined by three Yale doctoral students; Meijian Yang, Susanna Fioratta, and Michael Degani. The team also included Yan Lijun, doctoral student at HKU, and Du Feng, postgraduate student at Sun Yat Sen University. Project assistant was Francis Cheng from HKIHSS.

Research Training Mission

The group convened in order to explore the deepening and broadening links between China and the 54 countries of the African continent. These links have been extensively commented upon in the international press, particularly in regard to the rapidly growing Chinese presence in African countries, with primary resource for infrastructure swaps. This reporting has often been somewhat superficial and even alarmist, and a smaller flow of articles about the rapidly growing African populations in Hong Kong and several southern Chinese cities have also struck an anxious tone. The researchers in the group sought to begin a process of delving beneath these surface impressions, hoping to combine the local knowledge and language skills of local researchers (whether in China or Africa) and the fresh perspective of scholars with longstanding familiarity with the mobile populations across the continents. This first stage of the project focused on African populations in China, while subsequent ones will look at Chinese populations in West Africa. The research project is designed to be multi-sited and to cross linguistic, cultural and political lines. It relies on the experiences of senior scholars to build a global platform for a younger generation to bond intellectually and institutionally.

The Field Trip

The team spent two full days in Hong Kong, both exchanging ideas and perfecting research questions, and focusing on Chungking Mansions, the site of greatest activity by the African and South Asian trader communities in Hong Kong. Professor Gordon Mathews of the Chinese University of Hong Kong spent an afternoon and evening with the team, first presenting his findings (which will soon be published as an ethnographic monograph entitled *The Ghetto at the Center of the World*), and then accompanying the team to the Chungking Mansions in order to speak with some of his African friends and acquaintances there. The Africa specialists were pleased to meet traders from Mali and Guinea, where Professors McIntosh, McGovern, and Susanna Fioratta have conducted long-term research, and they were able to ask focused questions about the traders' trajectories from West Africa to Hong Kong, their business practices, and the challenges and satisfactions they had experienced in Hong Kong. They were especially happy to talk with Monsieur Mamadi Sibi, the representative of the African community in Hong Kong and a 30-year resident of the city. Sibi is a Malian Soninke who has raised his children as fluent Cantonese speakers in Hong Kong. He was able to give a global view of the evolution of the African trader community in Hong Kong, and the ways in which it had changed demographically and in its practices over time.

The next day, the team had an engaging seminar with Dr. Adams Bodomo, who gave a presentation not only taking African restaurants and foodways as a window on African communities' attempts to re-create a sense of home and of community in China, but also the unintended consequences including the intermixing of Chinese and African foods and the fact that the cooks in many African restaurants are now Chinese.

After this morning seminar, the team headed to the Kam Tin area in the New Territories. The team observed the used car "junk yards" along the Kam-Sheung Highway where African and South Asian traders buy used car parts for sale in their home countries. The team then went across the border to Guangdong by bus via the new Hong Kong-Shenzhen West Corridor. The team continued its trip along the Shenzhen-Guangzhou highway, observing a part of the Pearl River delta converted by foreign direct investment in recent decades into industrial parks producing a huge variety of commodities for world consumption. The highway was clogged by trucks and long-distance buses carrying migrant workers. Private cars were few by comparison until the team approached Guangzhou.

In Guangzhou, they stayed on the campus of Sun Yat-sen University. Professor Li Zhigang of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning delivered a comprehensive presentation on the history and spatial development of the city of Guangzhou from the Tang Dynasty to the present. The team also met students from other departments and from the Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences (Dr. Chen Jie).

The team's second stop was the Shishi Sacred Heart Cathedral, built by the French in the 1870s, and a center of the African Christian community, currently estimated to number between 30,000 and 70,000. The historic church offers English language Sunday service. Among the two thousand or so who filled the cathedral that Sunday, over 80% were African men. After the Catholic service, the crowd regrouped in an adjacent building for

a charismatic Christian service that often lasts for hours. It was followed by a dinner and discussion with Mr. Atta, an African community leader from Ghana.

The following day, the team spent its time in the Deng Feng district, where many itinerant African and Uighur traders live. They visited the commodities market for electronics, cosmetics, wigs, clothing and accessories in the Tianxiu and Taoci Building of the Xiaobei District, where mostly Africans and some Arabs come to buy from merchants who are Chinese, South Asian and African. After lunch, the team visited the Sanyuanli markets (Jinan Commercial City, the Tangqi Foreign Trade Clothing Mall). They watched how the low end goods, mainly shoes and clothing, were bought and sold, packaged and shipped. Some team members were able to locate itinerant traders from the part of West Africa where they do fieldwork, and made connections.

In the afternoon and evening, the team followed the path of African Muslims in the city, talking with the Imams of three of the city's four mosques (Islamic Sage Tomb, the Huaisheng Mosque, and the Xiao Dong Ying Mosque) to get a sense of the changing social profiles of the believers.

The next day, after a visit to the Guangzhou Museum to understand the historically significant maritime trade in the region, the team headed to Yiwu, Zhejiang Province. Yiwu, a former rural county, has established the world's largest small commodities market. It has become the new frontier of the commercial interface between China and the rest of the world. Although European and American buyers take up a large percentage of business, traders from the Middle East (and an increasing number of Africans) were everywhere visible. During this portion of the trip, the team took its lead from Professor Zhang Letian of Fudan University who accompanied us along with three of his students. This part of the trip was also facilitated by the Yiwu Foreign Affairs Office of Yiwu Municipal People's Government. The team visited the Yiwu commercial center, its new mosque (said to be the largest in eastern China), its new Buddhist temple, a number of Arab cafes and restaurants, and the Yiwu Industrial and Commercial College where we had a fruitful exchange with local teachers about the interaction of culture, policy and the development of the Yiwu markets. During the three days in Yiwu, the Foreign Affairs Office kindly arranged for us to meet with managers of the market, trade and immigration officials, and a discussion session with Arab and African businessmen.

The team flew to Guangzhou from Yiwu in the morning of August 27, and returned to Hong Kong by the through train in the late afternoon.

Findings and Hypotheses

The evening before the team left Yiwu, members had a long meeting to summarize the experience of the trip, to select relevant themes for future consideration, and to plan the sharing of information and the logistics of a workshop in Africa next year. The team decided it would focus on three levels of the overall China-Africa phenomenon. First, they will look at the flow of people and goods. This 'biographical' approach, pioneered by Appadurai, Kopytoff et al. under the rubric of 'the social life of things,' seems particularly appropriate to this study of transnational petit bourgeois exchange. Secondly, the team will look closely at the institutional and administrative context in which these

flows take place. Finally, as sociocultural anthropologists, most of the scholars involved in the project will tend to approach these meta-level issues via the bottom-up approach offered by ethnography. The researchers will be especially attentive to those areas of people's lives that might be characterized as 'total social facts,' or those practices, habits and often unconscious acts that crystallize a whole set of social, cultural, economic and political relations. These may include the realms of food and eating; gift-giving; sexuality; the techniques of the body, including hair care and other modes of self-fashioning; medicine; and religion.

The China research raised a number of issues for the members of the team, particularly those who work in Africa and had never visited East Asia before. One finding was that the three sites visited present views of three very different moments in the life cycle of foreign trading communities. The African trade community in Hong Kong appears to be on the wane. For many years, African traders have come to Hong Kong to get close to China, but now they have easy access to China, and those who remain in Hong Kong seem peripheral to the main thrust of political-economic developments in the region: - scam artists, asylum seekers, sex workers, suitcase traders - while the serious African business people have long since moved on to mainland China.

Meanwhile, the African population in Guangzhou seems to have reached maturity. There is a density, complexity and diversity within the African enclave that has prompted the development of national and even sub-national groups: Guineans, Malians, Nigerians, but also Igbo and other ethnic groups organized together. The density and spread of the African community has also engendered the kinds of discrimination that often develop when an ethno-racial stranger community develops to the point that it becomes visible (and thus threatening) to the host community. Difficulties in getting taxis to stop for them, feelings that they are targeted by the police, and alarmist reports about them in the local news all give the Guangzhou African community the classic structure of feeling of an immigrant community under siege.

Yiwu presents an altogether different image. There, growth has been so fast that the local population has actually become a minority, yet at the same time, an explosion of economic activity has meant that everyone is becoming richer at once. In addition, the Chinese state has been managing the development of Yiwu carefully, attempting to maintain the rights of both natives and strangers and taking such measures as building a large mosque that is said to be the biggest in all of eastern China. This activist stance contrasts with the laissez-faire attitude of Hong Kong and the mildly hostile attitude of both the Chinese population and the officials in Guangzhou. This reminds us that the process of growth, diversification, and forging relations with the host community is not a linear one, but is in fact coloured by (often rapidly) changing attitudes and policies by the Chinese state.

These changing attitudes raise a final question that may be important for the team's research as it moves forward: China is embracing its role as the future world hegemony. In this regard, Chinese economic, political, and even cultural 'outreach' to the rest of the world is logical. At the same time, many policies of the Chinese government appear to be at least implicitly oriented toward maintaining a cultural 'firewall' between foreign and Chinese cultures. In this regard, the experience of Africans in China is symptomatic of

much larger orientations and dynamics. Yiwu itself could be interpreted as a place where China has engineered ‘the world’s biggest commodity market’ according to a fantasy in which China can gain all the economic benefits of exchange with the rest of the world while minimizing the potential ‘contamination’ of cultural interchange and racial, cultural and other forms of miscegenation. The bigger question is, of course, what will China do if it evaluates the economic and cultural exchanges as being inseparable. Middle Eastern Muslims are clearly interacting with Hui and Uighur Chinese Muslims. Africans are marrying Chinese and having mixed-race children together. Although the policy of economic engagement and cultural containment seems to be so far holding up in most places most of the time, we may ask what will be the reactions by the Chinese state and the Chinese population if this ‘two track’ policy seems to be failing. This is all the more pertinent to the China-Africa diasporas project if it is Africans who are seen as breaking down these understood boundaries and introducing ‘matter out of place’ into the Chinese body politic.

The Way Forward

In the coming months, the team members hope to continue their exchanges with HKU and other colleagues in order to clarify several points. The team took the decision to make a visit to the West African country of Mali, where Professor McIntosh has worked for 35 years and also adjacent to Guinea where Professor McGovern and Susanna Fioratta conduct research. This visit will take place during the winter break of 2011-2012 with three primary aims: First, the team will seek out the communities that are sending African traders to Hong Kong and China in order to understand better how they organize their trade, the extension of credit and the social networks that help to support community members in times of sickness, imprisonment or even death abroad. Secondly, the team will engage with both official and private Chinese in Mali who will be working in areas ranging from large-scale development projects to individual entrepreneurial activities at the levels of restaurants and small-scale retail sales. Finally, the team will inquire amongst Malians about their perceptions of the Chinese presence in their country. We are keen to know how they see state-to-state relations between Mali (and by extension other African countries) and China over the years, as well as how they evaluate the quality to price relation of Chinese goods brought to West Africa by African or Chinese traders, and finally how they see the entrepreneurial activities of Chinese business people. Between now and the trip to West Africa, the team plans to convene a meeting in Dubai, where many of the African traders either conduct operations parallel to their Chinese business or where they developed their international trade before coming to Hong Kong and China, and where Chinese business interests have also grown to important levels.

Appendix 3**Medical Charities in Asia and the Middle East****Workshop Program**

November 30 – December 2, 2010, Penang

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov 29 (Mon)	p.m.	All conferees arrive
Nov 30 (Tue)	08:45-09:00	Registration
	09:00-09:15	Opening Remarks David Faure, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
	09:15-11:45	<u>Panel 1: Medical Charities and the Relationship with the State</u> Chairman: David Faure, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
	09:15-09:45	Thomas Dubois, National University of Singapore <i>The Salvation of Religion? The Birth of Public Charity in Republican China</i>
	09:45-10:15	Julia Huang, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan <i>Scientific and Sacramental: Medical Charity in the Buddhist Tzu Chi (Ciji) Movement</i>
	10:15-10:30	Tea Break
	10:30-11:00	Hilman Latief, University Of Utrecht, The Netherlands <i>Health Provision for the Poor: Islamic Aid and the Rise of Charitable Clinics in Indonesia</i>
	11:00-11:15	Discussant: Jianxiong Ma, HK University of Science and Technology
	11:15-11:45	Questions and answers
	11:45-13:30	Lunch at Gurney Hotel
	13:30-15:30	<u>Panel 2: Sectarianism and Medical Charities</u> Chairman: Julia Huang, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
	13:30-14:00	Melanie Cammett, Brown University, U.S.A. <i>The Politics of Non-State Health Care: Sectarianism and Private Medical Charities in Lebanon</i>
	14:00-14:30	Yip Hon Ming, The Chinese University of Hong Kong <i>How Convenient were the "Hospitals of Convenience"? – The Connection of the Tung Wah Coffin Home in Hong Kong and Charitable Hospitals in South China in the Service of Coffin/Bone Repatriation, from the Late 19th Century to 1949</i>
		Discussants:
	14:30-14:45	Nanlai Cao, The University of Hong Kong

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	14:45-15:00	Manaf Hamza, M7 Managerial & Strategic Consultancies
	15:00-15:30	Questions and answers
	15:30-15:45	Tea Break
	15:45-17:30	<u>Panel 3: Medical Attitudes and Social Challenges to Disease</u> Chairman: Thomas Dubois, National University of Singapore
	15:45-16:15	Syamsu Madyan, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Indonesia <i>Islamic Responses to People Living with HIV and AIDS in Indonesia: Negotiating Discourse of Power and Resistance</i>
	16:15-16:45	Hilary Lim, University of East London Rajeswary Brown, University of London <i>Legal Challenges: Islamic Medical Charities And The Body in Indonesia Thailand and South Africa 1920 - 2009</i>
	16:45-17:00	Discussant: Kentaro Matsubara, University of Tokyo
	17:00-17:30	Questions and answers
	17:30-18:30	Break
	18:30-20:30	Welcoming Dinner at Gurney Hotel
Dec 1 (Wed)	10:00-12:30	<u>Panel 4: Summing up and Analysis</u> Chairman: Sivachandralingam Sundara Raja, University of Malaya Remarks by practitioners Roundtable discussion Final wrap-up: David Faure, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
	12:30-14:00	Lunch at Gurney Hotel
	PM	Break
Dec 2 (Thu)		<u>Visits to Local Charities</u>
	09:00-10:00	Departure from Gurney Hotel
	10:00-11:00	Visit Mount Miriam Hospital , 23 Jalan Bulan, Fettes Park Host: Ms. Jenny Ooi
	11:00-11:30	Departure for Bodhi Heart Sanctuary
	11:30-12:30	Visit Bodhi Heart Sanctuary , 677-G, Jalan Mt Erskine, 10470 Tanjung Tokong Host: Mr. Hor Kwei Loon
	12:30-13:00	Departure for lunch
	13:00-14:15	Lunch at Salsas Restaurant, G/F Hotel Continental, 5 Penang Road
	14:15-14:30	Departure for Khoo Kongsi

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	14:30-15:30	Visit Khoo Kongsi , 18 Lebuah Cannon Host: Mr. Cheah Cheng Seang
	15:30-16:15	Departure for Temple of Fine Arts
	16:15-17:15	Visit Temple of Fine Arts , 1 Babington Avenue Host: Mr. Savithri Vijay
	17:15-18:00	Departure for Gurney Hotel
	18:00-19:00	Break
	19:00-20:00	Dinner at Gurney Hotel
Dec 3 (Fri)	By 12:00	Check-out and departure

Appendix 4**Asia Inside out: Period****Workshop Program**

Meeting in Hong Kong: December 20-21, 2010

Fieldwork in Southern India: December 22-28, 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dec 19		All participants arrive (accommodation: Robert Black College, HKU)
Dec 20	09:00-12:00	<u>PANEL 1: Chair: Helen Siu and Eric Tagliacozzo</u>
	09:00-10:00	Helen Siu and Eric Tagliacozzo: Overview and Directions
	10:00-10:40	Heidi Walcher (SOAS) (History: Iran) <i>1501 in Tabriz: From Tribal Takeover to Imperial Trading Circuit?</i>
	10:40-11:20	Peter Perdue (Yale) (History: China) <i>1557: A Year of Some Significance (in China and Elsewhere in Asia)</i>
	11:20-12:00	Questions and Answers
	12:00-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-14:40	<u>PANEL 2: Takeshi Hamashita</u>
		Nancy Um (Binghamton) (Art History: Yemen) <i>1636: On the Edge of Everywhere: Yemen after the First Ottoman Era</i>
	14:40-15:20	Charles Wheeler (HKU) (History: Vietnam) <i>1683: The Social Ecology of Religious Power in Vietnamese History: 1683 and the Accident of Modern Vietnam</i>
	15:20-15:30	Tea break
	15:30-16:10	Kerry Ward (Rice) (History: Indian Ocean) <i>1705: Ebbs and Flows in the Indian Ocean</i>
	16:10-17:10	Questions and Answers
	17:10-18:00	Break
	18:00-21:00	Dinner
Dec 21	09:00-12:00	<u>PANEL 3: James Chin</u>
	09:00-09:40	Robert Hellyer (Wake Forest) (History: Japan) <i>1874: Tea and Japan's New Trading Regime: Learning From and Competing With Asia</i>
	09:40-10:20	Anand Yang (Washington) (History: India) <i>China and India in 1900: A Hindustani Subaltern's Vision of the Reemergence of Asia during the Boxer Expedition</i>
	10:20-10:30	Tea break

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	10:30-11:10	Eric Tagliacozzo (Cornell) (History: Indonesia) <i>The Indies and the World: State-Building, Promise, and Decay at a Trans-National Moment, 1910</i>
	11:10-12:10	Questions and Answers
	12:10-14:00	Lunch
		<u>PANEL 4: Angela Leung</u>
	14:00-14:40	Tim Harper (Cambridge) (History: Singapore) <i>1915: A Million Mutinies (Singapore and the World)</i>
	14:40-15:20	Andrew Willford (Cornell) (Anthropology: India) <i>1956: Cosmopolitan Pasts and Monocultural Futures in a Deccan Metropolis</i>
	15:20-15:30	Tea break
	15:30-16:10	Naomi Hosoda (Kagawa) (Anthropology: The Philippines) <i>2008: „Open City’ – A New Wave of Filipino Migration to the Middle East</i>
	16:10-17:10	Question and Answers
	17:10-18:00	Break
	18:00-19:00	Dinner
	19:00-19:30	Pack-up and check-out
	19:30-20:30	HKU → Hong Kong International Airport
	22:35-02:00+1	HKG → Bangalore (CX6710) (travel time: 5:55 hours)
Dec 22	02:00	Arrival in Bangalore
	02:00-12:00	Transfer to hotel, break
	12:00-13:30	Lunch
	13:30-17:00	Visit to Infosys?
	19:00-	Break
Dec 23	08:30	Check-out
	08:30-11:30	Bangalore → Mysore (3 hours)
	11:30-12:30	Lunch
	12:30-14:30	Visits in Mysore
	14:30-16:00	Mysore → Tipu Sultan (Srirangapattana) visit to Hindu and Muslim temples
	16:00-19:00	Tipu Sultan → Ooty (3 hours)
	19:00-	Check in and break
Dec 24	09:00-12:00	Visits in Ooty, tea plantations
	12:00-13:30	Lunch
	13:30-14:00	Break, check-out
	14:00-19:00	Ooty → Cochin (5 hours)
	19:00-	Check in and break

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dec 25	09:00-17:00	Whole day visits in Cochin
Dec 26	09:00-11:00 11:00-12:30	Cochin → Parur (40 mins), visit in Parur Parur → Chennamangalam (20 mins), visit
Dec 27	09:00-10:00 10:00-18:00 18:00-19:30 19:30-	Cochin → Alleppey (1 hour) Alleppey → Quilon (8 hours by boat, 2 hours by car) Quilon → Trivandrum (1:30 hours) Check-in and break
Dec 28	05:00-06:00 07:00-09:35 14:30-15:50	Check-out and transfer to airport Trivandrum → Bangalore (IC909) (travel time:1:30 hours) OR Trivandrum → Bangalore (IC911) (travel time:1:30 hours)
Dec 29	03:00-11:00	Bangalore → Hong Kong (CX6711) (travel time:5:30 hours)

Appendix 5

Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences
(Incorporating the Centre of Asian Studies)



Presents

BAMBOO SHOOTS 冬笋

105 minutes, in Mandarin (dialogue), English and Chinese Subtitles

(Written, produced, and directed by Jian Yi)

Film Screening and Discussion (Free Admission)

October 28, 2010 (Thur)
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Agnès b Cinema
Upper Basement
Hong Kong Arts Centre
2 Harbour Road
Wanchai



Synopsis

A rare satire on contemporary Chinese society where trust, security and truth are just as scarce as genuine commodities. Old Yang sets off to unfamiliar urban destinations to look for a misplaced condom but never finds the disturbing truth behind it. He is abducted by local police, sleeps at a massage parlour, works as an evictions 'sitter,' and teaches city folks how to vote. He meets the Trust Club, a secret clique among local citizens who have organized to protect themselves against fake and harmful products.

Followed by a discussion among Jian Yi, Ann Hui, Ma Ka Fai & audience

Mr. Jian Yi 簡藝

Jian Yi is an independent filmmaker, visual artist and writer currently running an IFCHINA Participatory Documentary Center in Ji'an City, Jiangxi, China. He is a Yale World Fellow (2009), Starr Foundation Fellowship grantee (2007-2008) under the New York-based Asian Cultural Council, a Fellow (2008-2010) of the India-China Fellowship at the New School, New York, and a Visiting Fellow (2007) at Cambridge University. Jian is one of the three Chinese national finalists selected by the British Council for its 2007 International Young Film Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Ms. Ann Hui 許鞍華

Renowned Hong Kong movie producer and director, her films include *Night and Fog* (2009, the Best Director Award at the 29th Hong Kong Film Awards), *All About Love* (2010)

Dr. Ma Ka Fai 馬家輝

A media veteran, popular Hong Kong columnist and cultural critic with many publications
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Appendix 6**Theme-based Research Scheme**

Proposal Submitted under the topic of –Enhancing Hong Kong’s Strategic Position as a
Regional and International Business Centre -
Promoting Hong Kong’s Business through Networking Capability”

**The Art of “Hubbing”: An Interdisciplinary Program to Assess, Rethink and
Promote Hong Kong’s Strategic Positioning**

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Project Summary

The program integrates humanities, social sciences, and business research to offer serious rethinking of Hong Kong’s positioning as a business center in a rapidly transformed global environment. It provides an organic approach to understand and promote human software necessary for sustaining a business hub in Asia’s 21st Century. Key areas of interest involve reconceptualizing Hong Kong, China and an inter-connected Asia where technology, human environment, business and geo-political dynamics require sophisticated crossing of cultural, institutional and geographical divides. Its framework privileges the notion of constant renewal.

The program uses coordinated team research to consolidate a critical community of scholars, students, and business professionals. They lead research clusters to examine Hong Kong’s shifting positioning in the region and the world by highlighting its historically global resources, present structural vulnerabilities, and a (re)networked future. They combine critical analytical strength and in-depth empirical research to engage local business and policy interests. The program is designed to have the research teams adjust themselves over time to capture emerging issues.

The strength of this program is to bring together creative minds engaged in original research on global hubs by providing a dynamic platform for debate and policy dialogue. A program of multi-sited seminars, workshops/field visits, fellowships, publications and outreach is organized to maximize cross-fertilization among the teams and the public.

The Co-PIs have worked together and they envision an innovative knowledge hub in Asia that emphasizes multi-layered processes rather than notions with fixed boundaries. They tap Hong Kong's rich business experiences to put the territory on a new map of knowledge production and public education.

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong will integrate the program into its existing structure of China and Inter-Asian Studies. It has a clear mission to serve the entire tertiary education sector, and a tested governance structure. With established partners in China, Asia, the US, and emerging ones in Europe, India, the Middle East, and Africa, it generates crucial intellectual synergy and institutional coordination unique in Hong Kong. It has a proven record of managing complex academic cooperation with public impact. The Institute will remain modest and nimble in its operations, but will use its accumulated resources to partner with the RGC to build a sustainable program of multi-disciplinary research training that is globally networked and policy relevant for Hong Kong and the Asian region.

Project Description

Hong Kong today stands at the convergence of four major historical trends: a half-century-long process of decolonization, the maturing of a global society, the rise of China as a world power, and an increasingly inter-connected Asia towards which the world's future growth gravitates. Hong Kong must better comprehend the full consequences of its connections, commitments, and dependence on the emerging layers of a new world order shaped by the juxtaposition of neo-liberal, post-socialist, multi-religious and new institutional inventions. How should it engage the globe by cultivating diverse historical links with China and Asia, and how can it navigate north with layers of world experiences solidly behind it? Furthermore, for global businesses, the city needs a culturally versatile and socially mobile work force. A balance must be struck between such needs and the concerns of a grounded population so that sustainable societal resources can be generated and shared. It must transcend a brokerage role.

We approach these issues by challenging the long-dominant worldview that depicts cities or countries as marked territories with well defined political identities. Hong Kong behaves more like a cluster of hubs through which the traffic of citizens and vested interests continually flow. Volatility combined with limited space and resources means that its physical environment is stressed and human ecology fragile. Most importantly, the building blocks to enhance its networks are no longer the usual East-West, North-South, or market-state dichotomies. To understand this matrix requires new analytical software that stresses lateral thinking. We need to cultivate an acute ability to accept border-crossing and change as constant, and to anticipate opportunities and risks in evolving regional configurations.

The sophisticated orchestration capabilities of Hong Kong's vibrant businesses are often far ahead of scholarly contemplation. We believe that academia must combine such rich business experiences with rigorous conceptual power to generate pro-active policy thinking and public understanding of the territory's predicaments. Hong Kong's historical cosmopolitanism is an advantage that needs to be understood in its complexity before it can be exploited fully. A key challenge for Hong Kong is to engage the "fast forward"

mode of development in China and Asia by enhancing its unique character and its differentiating niche that deeply connects to its global traditions. The art of “hubbing” is to give this layered macro/regional/local environment an organic, humanist understanding.

A multi-disciplinary research agenda

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (www.hku.hk/ihss) is an ideal host for the program. Supported by the University of Hong Kong and private gifts, its leadership maintains a unique balance of local commitment and translocal flexibility. It operates with full administrative guidance from the University. Its intellectual leadership and advisory board highlight global reach. Over the past ten years, it has cultivated long term institutional partners in Hong Kong, China, and the US to promote multi-disciplinary research training. In the past four years, it expanded its programs to encompass an inter-connected Asia, the Middle East and Africa. It has seven interactive levels of activities designed to generate maximum exposure -- lectures, seminars, advanced summer workshops, multi-year research clusters, commissioned projects, outreach, and bi-lingual publications. At present, it funds and administers seven research clusters involving globally positioned scholars and their post-graduate students. Its deliverables are varied and substantial. With a clear spatial platform in Asia broadly framed, the Institute intends to use its academic agenda in future to engage health, environment, law, and business interests. The process hopefully brings the Institute to a new level of sustainability and public impact. An equally important goal is to enable the Institute to nurture a strategic alliance of research units headed by the programs’ PIs in Hong Kong, China and overseas. The ultimate deliverables are generations of like-minded professionals who are tuned to thinking outside the box, and whose professional value grows with the maturing of their careers.

The proposed program will largely graft onto the existing governance and operational structure of the HKIHSS. It will, however, maintain a small management group comprising Leung, Siu, a colleague from each of the research clusters, an ex-officio from the University research office, a stake-holder from the business community, and a colleague assigned by the RGC. The research program examining Hong Kong’s networking capabilities is outlined below.

1. *Macro infrastructural environment*

Hong Kong has been a node in the crossroads of empires, trading communities, industrial assembly lines, and now global finance, consumption and media. The two teams use its historical precedents to examine how social, technological, and cultural substance facilitates and at the same time limits modern business networking and mediation.

Cultural-historical dimensions. This team examines infrastructures and institutions of trading and business that have intertwined with the priorities of empires, nations, city-states and global regimes. Carroll, Sinn, Ching, and Wheeler will lead this team to examine Hong Kong’s brokerage roles and trading operations as macro-geo-political transformations in the past century inspired innovative institutions, hybrid cultural styles and expanded political horizons.

Modern improvisations. Chen, Xiang, and Köll will take the topic to recent decades. Modern technological advances in transportation, finance, and communications bring unprecedented time-space compression in business and social life with unpredictable consequences. Earthquakes damage underwater IP cables and paralyze global stock markets to which Hong Kong's wealth is intricately linked. Cultural nuances in business transactions can be "lost in translation" when billions are sent in split seconds. Current infrastructure expansion in China, government or market led regional growth, and the integration of transportation and communication networks into global ones, will drastically change Hong Kong's "hinterland" and the human landscape of key business leaders, brokers, professionals, and laborers who move through the territory at different phases of their lives and careers.

2. *Institutional environment: advantages and vulnerabilities*

Urban ecology and regional growth. Pollution, like viruses, ignores political borders. The Pearl River Delta as China's world factory brings cross-border flows of goods, people, wealth, jobs as well as waste, smog, and polluted water. Economically, pollution affects those commercial sectors such as foodstuff and tourism, but more importantly the livability of Hong Kong, a crucial determinant of the city's ability to provide service to an already anxious middle class and to attract elite global talent. Moreover, for a city lacking space and natural resources, an influx of population from a fast-growing hinterland strains Hong Kong's fragile urban ecology and civil society. From discriminations against "new immigrants" to community strife surrounding burial sites and waste disposal management, and political tensions in land development and nature reserves, sustainability issues require close coordination among local, regional, and global stake-holders. Burns, Lin and Zhang will generate a multi-faceted approach involving experts in environmental sciences, political science, law, consumer culture, finance and cross-border NGOs, to better understand the human ecology of Hong Kong in the regional context of South China. This cluster will connect with an existing cluster of globally positioned researchers funded by HKIHSS who work on similar issues of urban ecology in South Asian mega-cities such as Mumbai and New Delhi.

Health and a global hub. Like the plague in 1894, the 2003 SARS pandemic brought Hong Kong to its knees. The very openness to human flow that gives the city advantages in the region did and will make it vulnerable in the face of world pandemics. How to keep open the arteries of material and human capital needed for business while preparing local society for severe health risks requires close scrutiny of Hong Kong's layered linkages with the globe. These health crises pose not only medical, but political, legal, socio-cultural and macroeconomic issues. Optimal strategies for tackling mutating health risks such as SARS, AIDS, avian flu, and re-emerging TB and malaria require a profound academic and public understanding of Hong Kong's epidemiological fragility as a global hub. A team led by Leung, Nakayama and Lei will build on another existing research cluster of HKIHSS in "Colonial Medicine and Global Health" to explore how Hong Kong can become a leader in generating new and transferrable public health knowledge to Asia's emerging mega-cities. Advances in medical sciences combined with entrepreneurial energies means that tackling changing fertility patterns and chronic diseases of a richer but ageing population in Asia may help the city capture the growing world markets of health products and alternative medicine. Hong Kong's institutional

measures for quality assurance and the independence of its courts may provide a competitive edge.

Legal environment in cross-border trade and manufacturing, labor relations and alternative dispute resolution/arbitration. In the past 150 years, Hong Kong has built an international reputation of being a reliable facilitator of cross-border operations on the traffic of capital, goods, services, and people. Its transparent governance and legal integrity are prized by global industries today. The Li and Fung Group and the Noble Group represent opposite ends of sophisticated global supply chain orchestration, and they are both headquartered in Hong Kong. Their needs reflect the continual fragmentation and fragility in global commodity production, manufacturing consumption, and labor regimes, and the necessary legal/ political apparatus to regulate and ensure quality and coherence in entrepreneurial energies. The team aims to map out the network of social actors active in regulating labor and environmental standards in Asian industries, examine the variety of regulatory tools (Chinese hard law, international norms, business-based “soft law,” multi-stakeholder initiatives). Hong Kong can clearly play a central role, building on the historical presence of church-based NGOs, a small but sophisticated labor union tradition, and newer agencies advocating “corporate responsibility.” In assessing HK’s role in a Greater China and a global Asia, Hertz, Huchet, Xiang will lead a team to examine Hong Kong’s unique capabilities as facilitator and arbitrator in the ever more complex global transactions. Chen focuses particularly on the evolution of HK’s legal system for Mainland’s finance practices. B. So’s team explores the implications of ADR and relevant legal reforms on both sides of the border.

3. *Human resource environment*

Circulation of human capital. In today’s knowledge economy, success hinges on developing “human software.” As the global marketplace becomes more integrated, talents are more mobile. Hong Kong has poured resources into local public education and in refining immigration schemes for overseas talents. The team led by Siu, A. So, Bender, and Xiang tracks a broader footprint for Hong Kong by exploring the dynamic process of citizens in the making. To capitalize on this new reality, the team argues that Hong Kong and Hong Konger must be fundamentally re-imagined. This theme has been highlighted by *Hong Kong Mobile: Making a Global Population* (HKU Press 2008), a HKIHSS project commissioned by the business patrons of the 2022 Foundation to examine the competitiveness of Hong Kong’s human resource. The team builds on the theme to further explore attitudes and policies toward cross-border family formations, ethnicity, citizenship and belonging, security and trust networks, as well as the more traditional human-resource considerations. With an ageing population, Hong Kong must urgently devise competitive means to tap talents circulating across the globe. Entitlement, aspirations and anxieties among the mobile and the immobile will be major considerations.

Circulation of cultural capital. A team led by Ching, Leung, Sinn, Bender, Siu, Faure, and Chen examines mutating business institutions active in the HK/China/global context, notably powerful family enterprises and charities with an international vision. In the last century, family enterprises and indigenous charities operated on shared rituals, social rules and etiquette extending between major port cities and diasporic trading

communities that were ethnically and culturally diverse. Today, family enterprises function behind the façade of publicly listed companies, and charities can be building blocks of civil society and make global impact. They combine cultural priorities and social agenda with shrewd financial instruments and business management. This team will examine the intertwining of business, culture and moral engagements of modern global enterprises. It builds on a research cluster of HKIHSS on “Indigenous Charities across Cultures” that compares the orientations, finances and management of lineage trusts, diasporic merchant’s associations, Buddhist and Islamic charities across Asia over several centuries.

The Team

The team’s lead players are Helen Siu, founder and honorary director of the HKIHSS for the past ten years, and Angela Leung, the incoming director. Their research interests cover a range of disciplines across history, science and medicine, anthropology and literature, global political economy, urban and Asian studies. They have an established record of multi-lingual publications, and experience in administrating large, complex research and teaching programs (e.g. The Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation and the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale U). The other team members are senior scholars in Hong Kong and overseas with rich experiences in cross-institutional research programs. Many have successfully competed for major UGC/RGC and other grants (e.g. The Jockey Club “Hong Kong Memory Project” by Sinn, the AoE on Historical Anthropology by Faure, the Swiss Network for International Studies grant by Hertz). Some have worked with Leung and Siu for almost two decades in interdisciplinary projects (Lei, Ching, Zhang, Faure). Others have involved in the Institute’s development and programs (Burns, Carroll, Sinn, A. So, Lin, Wheeler, Köll, Hertz). Some are PIs and team members for its existing research clusters (Leung, Nakayama and Lei in “Colonial Medicine and Global Health,” Chen in “The Social Life of Finance Capital in Asia,” Ching and Faure in “South China and Hong Kong Program,” Bender in “Urban Studies and China Experience,” and Xiang in “Inter-Asian Connections.”) They are familiar with the Institute’s operations, share its intellectual agenda, and are committed to activating their own academic networks to form a strategic knowledge/educational hub with the Institute. The proposed program builds on such synergy.

Members of the team have had numerous collaborations with colleagues in business studies. Chen and Köll teach in business schools. They have recently given well attended public lectures co-organized by HKIHSS and the HK Institute of Economics and Business Strategy at the University of Hong Kong. Helen Siu teamed up with Richard Wong (economist) and David Faure (economic historian) as Co-PIs for a 2022 Foundation funded project on the competitiveness of Hong Kong’s human resource. They shared the research results at a CEO conference of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and published *Hong Kong Mobile*, a volume well circulated in the local business and policy community. In the Theme Based Research Scheme, Siu, representing HKIHSS, teamed up with Amy Lau, Benjamin Yen (Logistics and SCM, E-Commerce, HKU), Albert Ha (Logistics, HKUST), Rocky Chang (Computer Science, Poly U), and Jonathan Chu (Engineering, City U) to defend the “Hong Kong Networking Capability” topic. The collaborations have been productive.

Budget and Timeline

The budget of approximately HK\$15 million a year is designed for a program of five years. It requires an infusion of junior scholars and post-graduate students for nurturing into increasingly central roles in each of the research clusters. Funds are budgeted for junior and senior visiting fellows to provide added exposure and critical synergy in Hong Kong. They hopefully will become part of the HK centered network. The clusters will each receive an overall budget for organizing teams for empirical research, multi-sited workshops and conferences, bi-lingual publications and outreach. Some senior scholars in the team will be able to activate their own research funds to support junior colleagues and students. The HKIHSS will use the University and private funds to support major staff positions, administrative cost and joint research/faculty positions. It will continue its efforts to raise private funds for long term growth.

Deliverables

In the short term, the program will generate quality research results on specific topics pertaining to Hong Kong's human environment for global business. Academic publications, workshops and conferences are means to sustain dialogues with business and policy communities. In the medium term, the program consolidates a critical community of scholars who are globally positioned but who treat Hong Kong as the knowledge hub and a major source of research inspiration to train generations of young scholars. In the long term, these activities can allow HKIHSS to grow into an Institute of Advanced Study for the Humanities and Social Sciences with strategic partners across Asia, North America, and Europe.

Our emphasis on linking humanities, social sciences, business and policy concerns in our research agenda is informed by development of other world cities and our vision for Hong Kong in the new era. For hubs like London and New York, culture is good business and a basis for global reach. These cities have built extensive humanist and social science research networks to promote their visions far beyond administrative or commercial concerns. Similarly, we envision a flexible platform and research infrastructure that builds on and transcend Hong Kong's existing educational framework. Hong Kong is uniquely placed. Its free and advanced civil society, public educational infrastructure, and historical links with China, Asia and the West confer advantages that its nearest competitors in China and Asia find hard to rival. The very global nature of our team demonstrates the potential of Hong Kong's academic networking power. Moreover, to provide a truly cosmopolitan and civic environment for global business, Hong Kong should enhance its soft power on the cultural front by building a vibrant literary, music and art community, creative, multi-cultural design industries and a museum culture that disseminates sophisticated appreciation for heritage and humanistic values. On the educational front, "the art of hubbing" would take full advantage of an opportune moment when overseas institutions are eagerly looking for partners in Asia. It will strengthen our efforts to promote Hong Kong's strategic position in shaping a 21st century world.