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## HIGHLIGHTS

### I. Visits by Distinguished Scholars

In the past year, the Institute attracted some of the leading intellectuals in academia by effectively leveraging University schemes designed to invite scholars of great distinction to visit HKU for a period of time. Four world-class academics spent time at the Institute in 2014-2015:

**Prof. Helen F. Siu**, Professor of Anthropology at Yale University, Founder and former Honorary Director of the Institute, returned to the Institute in 2014 as the Mok Hing-Yiu Distinguished Visiting Professor. During her stay, Prof. Siu continued to mentor postgraduate students and junior colleagues in the Institute and simultaneously worked on the “Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban” cluster with Prof. Richard Wong (HKU). Prof. Siu also engaged in academic forums and lectures.



**Prof. Zhang Guangda**, Chair Professor at the National Chengchi University and Academian of Academia Sinica, was appointed Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities. Prof. Zhang visited the University and the Institute in the fall semester of 2014. During his stay, Prof. Zhang chaired the fully-subscribed “Frontier and Ethnicity” public forum (「邊疆與族群」



公開論壇) on November 18, 2014, featuring a distinguished panel that included Prof. Wang Ming-ke (Academia Sinica), Prof. Ding Yizhuang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), Prof. Rong Xinjiang (Peking University) and Prof. Helen F. Siu. Prof. Zhang also gave a public lecture on “Contributions of Émmanuel-Édouard Chavannes towards Chinese Traditional Historiography and the Transformation of European Sinology” (沙畹對中國傳統史學轉型和歐洲漢學轉型的貢獻) before concluding his visit by hosting a seminar on “The Way to Learning” (問學之道) to more than 40 students.

**Prof. Francesca Bray**, Professor in Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, was the first Visiting Professor supported by the Institutional Enhancement Scheme (see also p. 18), which was established with the donation from Lee Hysan Foundation in 2013. Prof. Bray taught a postgraduate seminar on “Techno-cultures: A Cross-Disciplinary Exploration” with Dr. Gonalo Santos, Assistant Professor in the Institute, and engaged in the development of the “Science, Technology, and Medicine in Asian Societies” cluster during her stay at the Institute from September to December 2014. She also delivered the Ninth Joseph Needham Memorial Lecture “‘Men Plough, women Weave’: Joseph Needham, Feminism and the History of Science and Technology in China’ and participated in the International Conference on “Food and Health” (p. 4).



**Prof. Ronnie Po-chia Hsia**, Edwin Earle Sparks Professor of History at Pennsylvania State University, spent five months at the Institute as Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities. Prof. Hsia taught a course titled “Christianity and Chinese Culture” with Dr. Fung Kam Wing at the School of Chinese in the spring semester of 2014-2015. He also presented a public lecture titled “慈航女神：明清媽祖與聖母瑪利亞的比較” on April 29, 2015, two days after giving a separate graduate seminar on “Christianity and Popular Religion in Late Imperial China: Some Notes from the Archives”. Prof. Hsia helped to mentor postgraduate students in the humanities and collaborated with colleagues of the “Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia” cluster during his stay. He took on multiple responsibilities in teaching, mentoring and advisory commitments. Prof. Hsia’s visit was also co-sponsored by the Institutional Enhancement Scheme established with the donation from the Lee Hysan Foundation.

**Prof. David Der-wei Wang**, Edward C. Henderson Professor of Chinese and Comparative Literature at Harvard University, was appointed Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities in the summer of 2014. To inaugurate his appointment, Prof. Wang discussed the contested conditions of modern and contemporary Chinese utopia in the distinguished lecture “Panglossian Dream and Dark Consciousness: Modern Chinese Literature and Utopia” held in March 2015. Prof. Wang was an organizer and participant of the International Symposium on “Utopia and Utopianism in Contemporary Chinese Context: Texts, Ideas, Spaces” held from March 20 to 21, 2015 and engaged in several other events in the same month, including a dialogue session with film director Evans Chan at the special screening of “Datong: The Great Society” at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival on March 22, 2015.



## II. Final Phase of Renovation and Restoration Work at May Hall



Built in 1915, May Hall is one of the oldest structures on The University of Hong Kong (HKU) campus, notably characterized by its Edwardian style and distinct use of red brick and white inlays common among British college buildings in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 2011, the University generously decided to allocate this Grade I historic building to the Institute to provide a physical space for its future development. Since then, the Institute has worked in close consultation with the HKU Estates Office to restore the original architectural beauty and character of May Hall.

An earlier round of renovations took place in 2012 to create space to house our research and administrative staff and clear the ground floor east wing for additional restoration work. In the first half of 2015, the Institute commenced the next phase of renovation and restoration work in two parts. The first, involving the transformation of the ground floor east wing into a space for learning, teaching and academic exchange, was completed this July. Prof. Peter Mathieson, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU had a first look of the new premises during a visit to the Institute on August 5, 2015. The second and final round of restoration work will take place in the first quarter of the 2015-2016 academic year and is due to be completed by the end of 2015.



## CORE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### I. Multi-Year Research Clusters

With a newly created research structure in place, the Institute's individual research clusters have actively worked on formulating new projects and implementing new programs.

#### 1. Science, Technology, and Medicine in Asian Societies

The cluster, “Science, Technology, and Medicine in Asian Societies” – led by Prof. Angela Leung, Dr. Gonçalo Santos and Dr. Izumi Nakayama – held its inaugural event on December 16 and 17, 2014. Jointly organized by the cluster and the Asian Society for the History of Medicine, the International Conference on “Food and Health” was a two-day event which drew nearly 40 local and overseas experts to examine the link between what is consumed and the body's health in an Asian context (see [Appendix I](#) for the program). 28 papers were presented at the conference, after which suggestions for a future publication were proposed. The cluster is now planning a book project on “moral foods,” and a follow-up workshop will be held in January 2016.



Following its establishment, the Science, Technology and Medicine (STM) Working Group launched the “Science, Technology, and Medicine in Societies Colloquium Series”. The inaugural lecture “The Perils of Pregnancy: Comparing Risk in Chinese and U.S. Advice Books and Websites” was given by Prof. Suzanne Z. Gottschang of Smith College on December 18, 2014. This was followed by a lecture on “European Infrastructure Transition” by Prof. Arne Kaijser of Royal Institute of Technology in May 2015.

The cluster has been preparing a new two-year series of advanced training workshops with Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Institute of Medical Humanities and Centre for History of Medicine at Peking University, and the Key Research Institute of Social History of China at Nankai University. The



workshop, entitled “Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine in East Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” focuses on interdisciplinary methods to understanding medicine in East Asia. Details of the first workshop can be found on p. 9 under “Global and Multi-Year Partnerships on Research Training”.

The cluster has also worked on a major project in the reporting year. An application for the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC)-administered Collaborative Research Fund (CRF) was submitted in spring 2015 with the support from the University Research Committee in the form of a HKD 100,000 seed funding. The team invited Prof. Arne Kaijser to share his experience in organizing the “Tensions of Europe: Technology and The Making of Europe” project before the eventual submission. The proposal did not succeed in the final round of selections, but work is underway to present a revised pitch in 2016.

## **2. Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban**

Principal investigators Prof. Helen F. Siu and Prof. Richard Wong organized a cluster brainstorming workshop on March 21, 2015. Various scholars came together to focus on shared issues of hubbing, circulation, movement, cultural openness and institutional fusion with the aim of arriving at new theoretical approaches to the study of city, urbanity, and world regions ([Appendix II](#)). A roundtable seminar on “Anthropology in, of, and by East Asia: Moving to the Center in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?” followed after the workshop, and was facilitated by Prof. Siu, Prof. William W. Kelly (Yale University) and Prof. Gordon Mathews (The Chinese University of Hong Kong).

Through the earlier “Trading Empires of the South China Coast, South Asia and the Gulf Region” cluster, the team released the first two installments of the three-part *Asia Inside Out* publication series in 2015. The two volumes – *Changing Times* and *Connected Places* – were based on the workshop series of the same name, which investigated the historical, spatial, and human dimensions of inter-Asian connections. A third volume is due to be published after the final workshop is conducted in early 2017. The closing event will focus on peoples and institutions of Asian connectedness.

## **3. Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia**

The cluster “Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia”, directed by Dr. David A. Palmer (HKU), has brought together scholars from different regions to showcase their work and engage the wider academic community in the reporting period.

Regular seminars were organized to deliberate on ideas about Chinese religion, spirituality and healing, and faith-based non-governmental and social engagement. Scholars including Professors Andrew Kipnis (Anthropology, Australian National University), Mayfair Yang (Cultural Studies, UC Santa Barbara), Mark Larrimore (Religious Studies, Eugene Lang College, The New School of Liberal Arts New York), Daromir Rudnycky (Anthropology, University of Victoria, Canada), André Laliberté (Political Studies, University of Ottawa), Joseba Estevez (Ethnology, University of Münster), and Lin Mei-Rong (Ethnology, Academia Sinica) were invited to give presentations.

In addition to the lecture series, a round-table forum on “Comparing Indian and Chinese Philosophy and Religion: Reflection and Prospectus” was organized in September 2014, with Prof. Yao Zhihua (Philosophy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong), Prof. Huang Yong (Philosophy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong), Dr. Ithamar Theodor (Asian Studies, University of Haifa) and Ven. Dr. Guang Xing (Buddhist Studies, HKU) as panelists.

During the reporting period, the cluster organized/hosted two successful international conferences in the reporting period, namely “Text and Context: Redemptive Societies and New Religious Movements in Modern and Contemporary China and Southeast Asia” in November 2014, and “Jing Jiao (Nestorianism)” in June 2015.



Prof. Prasenjit Duara speaking at the discussion session

The 2-day “Text and Context” conference involved scholars from Australia, Germany, mainland China, Singapore, Taiwan and the United Kingdom (UK). The event examined the subject of “redemptive societies” and featured Prof. Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore) as its keynote speaker. Full conference program is in [Appendix III](#).

The 3-day “Jing Jiao” conference, co-organized with the HKU School of Chinese and the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, were well attended. After the opening ceremony officiated by Prof. Peter Mathieson, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU, keynote speaker Prof. Samuel Lieu (Macquarie University) and 19 scholars from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Europe and the United States, shared their fascinating research



Prof. Samuel Lieu giving his keynote speech

discoveries on the Nestorian faith during the Tang and Yuan dynasties, as well as its religious and cultural influences on East Asia. Meanwhile the conference also marked the 1380<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of Jing Jiao (Nestorianism) to China and the golden jubilee of the late Prof. Lo Hsiang Lin’s seminal publication *Nestorianism in the T’ang and Yuan Dynasties* (中國學社, 1966). Conference program is in [Appendix IV](#).

Arising from the conference, an endeavor is underway to create a database providing: (1) descriptions and high resolution images of all Jing Jiao artefacts; (2) critical editions of all *Jing Jiao* texts with translations in major languages; and, (3) an up-to-date annotated bibliography of all works relating to *Jing Jiao* and *Yelikewenjiao*. The database will be hosted by the School of Chinese when completed, and will serve as an invaluable resource for scholars, students and researchers interested in the study of Tang and Yuan dynasty Christianity.



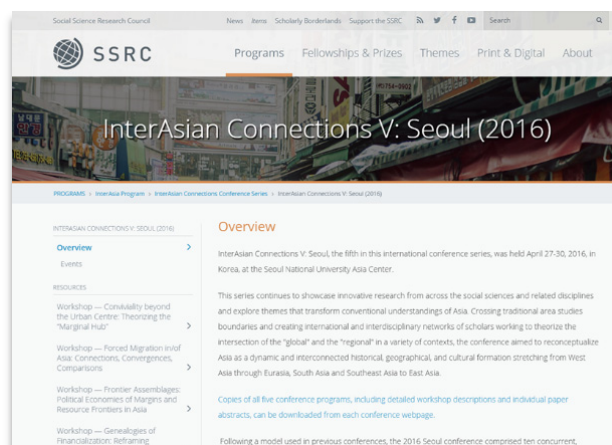
Prof. David Lung and Dr. Fung Kam Wing (left), Members of the organizing committee, at the discussion session

## II. Global and Multi-Year Partnerships on Research Training

As in previous years, the Institute continued to develop and expand its network of international institutional partners to further collaborative efforts on research and learning.

## 1. Social Science Research Council and National University of Singapore

The InterAsia partnership between the Institute, the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the National University of Singapore (NUS), Yale University and Göttingen University is into its sixth year. A key cornerstone of this partnership is the “Inter-Asian Connections” conference series. The series has gathered more than 400 scholars over four conferences thus far and showcased innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines. The Seoul National University Asia Centre will be hosting the next conference from April 27 to 30, 2016. A call for individual papers to participate in one of the ten thematic workshops will be opening in the third quarter of 2015.



## 2. The Association for Asian Studies

Together with the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), NUS, Academia Sinica and Doshisha University, the Institute has been involved in the organization of a three-year series of conferences. Each of the “Asia in Motion” conference deals with a different sub-theme and is hosted by a different institution each year. The second conference of the series, “Asia in Motion: Ideas, Institutions, Identities”, was hosted by Academia Sinica in Taipei from June 22 to 24, 2015. A total of 81 panel sessions covering topics such as political and economic changes, literary and cultural expression, environmental sustainability, media and pop cultural production, food and energy policy, new models for Asian enterprise and business, as well as issues of globalization and urban growth, were conducted concurrently over three days. Prof. Takeshi Hamashita, Honorary Professor of the Institute, delivered the keynote address “Diverging Asian Studies from Local, Regional, and Global Perspectives, 1945-2015”, while Prof. Helen F. Siu chaired a panel on “Frontiers in Late Imperial and Modern Asia: From Inner Mongolia to the East Asian Sea”. The next conference will be held in Kyoto by Doshisha University in June 2016.



### 3. Harvard-Yenching Institute, Peking University and Nankai University

This year the Institute, Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Institute of Medical Humanities and Centre for History of Medicine at Peking University, and the Key Research Institute of Social History of China at Nankai University have come together to introduce the first event of the new advanced training program titled “Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine in East Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches”. HKU students Liu Xiaomeng (HKIHSS) and Maurits Meerwijk (History) and Fu Longwen (Sociology), together with 17 PhD students and young researchers, were selected to take part in the first workshop on the theme of “Circulation of Medical Knowledge and Practices” held at Peking University from August 10 to 17, 2015.



(From top left) Prof. Marie-Christine Pouchelle and Prof. Sean Lei, and Prof. Shigehisa Kuriyama, at the lecture sessions. A group photo taken after the visit to the Tongrentang traditional Chinese Medical Clinic in Beijing

Selected students engaged in lectures, discussions and fieldwork led by top medical humanities scholars Professors Shigehisa Kuriyama (Harvard University), Marie-Christine Pouchelle (Centre national de la recherche scientifique), Sean Lei (Academia Sinica), Angela Leung, Yu Xinzhong (Nankai University), Zhang Daqing (Peking University) and Ding Yizhuang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing). In addition, trainees also created virtual museum exhibitions on the subject of medicine and

pharmaceuticals to encourage reflection on the importance of material culture for historical research (see [Appendix V](#) for the program details).

#### **4. Yale University**

As a vital institutional partner, Yale University has consistently provided invaluable support to the Institute since its establishment in 2001. During 2014-2015, Yale Professor of Anthropology, Helen F. Siu returned to the Institute as Mok Hing-Yiu Distinguished Visiting Professor. Prof. Siu has developed the “Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban” cluster. Prof. Siu has also mentored young colleagues and students from the Institute. Yale is also a partner in the “Inter-Asian Connections” collaborative project.

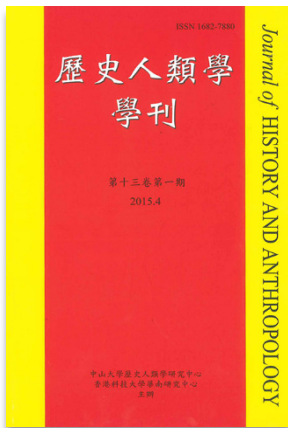
#### **5. The Asian Society for the History of Medicine**

The Institute and the Asian Society for the History of Medicine collaborated on the International Conference on “Food and Health” on December 16 and 17, 2014. There were a total of six panel sessions covering the themes of “Nutrition and Body” and “Food as Product/Poison/Cure”, with participants taking part in an intense exchange of ideas over the two days. The conference concluded with a roundtable discussion where representatives from each panel gave final remarks to wrap up the fruitful debates. Information regarding the conference can also be found on p. 4 under “Multi-Year Research Clusters” as well as in [Appendix I](#).

#### **6. The D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia**

The D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia, alongside the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange and the Strategic Research Theme in China-West Studies of the Faculty of Arts at The University of Hong Kong, was one of the sponsors of the International Conference on “Food and Health” in 2014. The Foundation’s backing was a continuation of the support it extended for a planning workshop held at the Institute in 2013 in preparation for the conference.

## 7. Sun Yat-sen University



As longstanding partners, the Institute and the Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) in Guangzhou have worked together on an array of initiatives through the years. Chief among our recent collaborations include the acclaimed *Journal of History and Anthropology* (《歷史人類學刊》), the *History in the Field* (《歷史·田野叢書》) monograph series, the Historical Anthropology Lecture Series (歷史人類學講座系列) (see p. 17) under “Lectures, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops” for more about the lecture series).

### III. Lectures, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

Making up another vital aspect of the Institute’s work are the regular seminars and lecture where renowned intellectuals, colleagues and visiting scholars share their expertise, showcase their work and engage in in-depth discussions with their peers and students. The following events were organized in the reporting years.

#### 1. Distinguished Lecture Series

We were honored to have invited several well-known scholars to present at the Distinguished Lecture Series.



(From left) Prof. Richard Wong, Prof. Chen Zhiwu, and Prof. Lucien Bianco

Date	Title	Speaker
October 24, 2014	The Rising Gap between Haves and Have-Nots in Hong Kong	Prof. Richard Wong (HKU)
November 19, 2014	Contributions of Emmanuel-Edouard Chavannes towards Chinese Traditional Historiography and the Transformation of European Sinology (沙畹對中國傳統史學轉型和歐洲漢學轉型的貢獻)	Prof. Zhang Guangda (National Chengchi University)
December 9, 2014	The Ninth Joseph Needham Memorial Lecture on “‘Men plough, women weave’: Joseph Needham, Feminism and the History of Science and Technology in China’	Prof. Francesca Bray (Edinburgh University)
January 8, 2015	Communists and Peasants in the Soviet Union and China: A Comparison	Prof. Lucien Bianco (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)
February 3, 2015	風險的故事：金融如何改變人類社會	Prof. Chen Zhiwu (Yale University)
March 20, 2015	Panglossian Dream and Dark Consciousness: Modern Chinese Literature and Utopia	Prof. David Der-wei Wang (Harvard University)
April 29, 2015	慈航女神：明清媽祖與聖母瑪利亞的比較	Prof. Ronnie Po-chia Hsia (Pennsylvania State University)

## 2. Public Forum

Prof. Zhang Guangda, Chair Professor at National Chengchi University and Academician of Academia sat as the chair speaker of a distinguished panel that included Prof. Wang Ming-ke (Academia Sinica), Prof. Ding Yizhuang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing), Prof. Rong Xinjing (Peking University), and Prof. Helen F. Siu (Yale University and HKU) at the public forum on “Frontier and Ethnicity” (邊疆與族群) held on November 18, 2014.





### 3. Public Lectures & Seminars

Date	Title	Speaker(s)
September 10, 2014	Urbanization and Transformations of Family and Gender in Shandong	Prof. Andrew Kipnis (Australian National University)
September 11, 2014	Perspectives on the History of a Chinese Conglomerate: Weiqiao Pioneering Group, Ltd.	Prof. Andrew Kipnis (Australian National University)
September 16, 2014	Comparing Indian and Chinese Philosophy and Religion: Reflection and Prospectus	Dr. David A. Palmer (HKU), Prof. Yao Zhihua (CUHK), Prof. Huang Yong (CUHK), Prof. Ithamar Theodor (University of Haifa), Ven. Dr. Guang Xing (HKU)
September 18, 2014	The Jade Emperor: Sovereign Power, Celestial Bureaucracy, and the Political Theology of the Masses in China	Prof. Mayfair Yang (University of California, Santa Barbara)
November 7, 2014	Is the Concept of Secularism Relevant to China?	Prof. Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore)
November 20, 2014	The Way to Learning (問學之道)	Prof. Zhang Guangda (National Chengchi University)
December 10, 2014	The Dao of World Religions: The China Problem in Modern Religion	Dr. Mark Larrimore (The New School of Liberal Arts)
December 11, 2014	Subjects of Debt? Entrepreneurialism and Islamic Finance in Malaysia	Dr. Daromir Rudnyckyj (University of Victoria)
December 18, 2014	STMS Colloquium Series: The Perils of Pregnancy: Comparing Risk in Chinese and U.S. Advice Books and Websites	Dr. Suzanne Z. Gottschang (Smith College)
January 20, 2015	Qigong and Healing Communities in Contemporary Shanghai: Techniques of the Body, State Institutions and Transnational Flows	Dr. Marceau Chenault (East China Normal University)
March 17, 2015	Anthropology in, of, and by East Asia: Moving to the Center in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Prof. Helen F. Siu (Yale University), Prof. William W. Kelly (Yale University), Prof. Gordon Mathews (CUHK)

April 21, 2015	The Development of Buddhist Charity in China: The Case Study of the Ren'ai Foundation in Beijing	Prof. André Laliberté (University of Ottawa)
May 5, 2015	STMS Colloquium Series: Europe's Infrastructure Transition	Prof. Arne Kaijser (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
May 12, 2015	Daoist Ritual, the Transformation of Tradition and the Politics of Heritage among the Lanten Yao minority of Laos	Mr. Joseba Estevez (University of Münster)
June 18, 2015	通靈與修行：神佛授法者的修行經驗	Prof. Lin Meirong (Academia Sinica)

#### 4. Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series

Date	Title	Speaker
September 23, 2014	Shampoo in China: Development, Consumerism, and Modernity	Dr. Joseph Bosco (CUHK)
October 21, 2014	Learning Not to Labor: Vocational Education, Migrant Youth, and Future Making in Shanghai	Dr. Ling Minhua (CUHK)
November 4, 2014	Private Art during China's Cultural Revolution	Dr. Wang Aihe (HKU)
November 18, 2014	Friends like these? China Regional Organizations and Intervention	Dr. Courtney J. Fung (HKU)
November 25, 2014	Can Capitalist Farms Compete with Family Farms? The Role of Technology in Facilitating the Agrarian Change in Shrimp Aquaculture in South China	Dr. Huang Yu (CUHK)
December 2, 2014	Kinship and Inequality in China: Big Data for a Big Topic	Prof. Cameron D. Campbell (HKUST)
December 16, 2014	Traditions, Trends and Testimony: European Art in Qing Dynasty China	Dr. Florian Knothe (HKU)
January 27, 2015	Beyond the 'Three Years and Eight Months': Understanding the Japanese Occupation of Hong Kong during the Second World War	Dr. Kwong Chi Man (HKBU)

February 10, 2015	Strange Partners: Japan and the German Alliance, 1940	Dr. Jeremy Yellen (CUHK)
March 3, 2015	Localizing Mental Health Practices: Anthropological Research on the Psychosocial Dimensions of Disaster Recovery	Dr. Isaac Gagne (Waseda University)
March 17, 2015	A History of Communications: Bian Zhilin 卞之林, Li Shangyin 李商隱, and World Literature in Chinese Poetry	Dr. Lucas Klein (HKU)
March 31, 2015	Madness Made in China: Manufacturing Mental Disorders and the Incomplete Medical Modernity	Dr. Harry Wu (Nanyang Technological University)
April 14, 2015	(Re)making and Contesting Political Subjectivities and Citizenship: Canadians in Hong Kong in the Era of the Umbrella Movement Protest	Dr. Susan Henders (York University)
April 28, 2015	Curating Cultural Revolution: Exhibitions by and for Red Guards in Shanghai	Dr. Denise Ho (CUHK)

## 5. Departmental Seminar Series

Date	Title	Speaker
November 12, 2014	Between Competing Empires: Overseas Chinese and the Making of Nationality	Dr. Oiyan Liu (HKU)
November 26, 2014	Reincarnation in Africa	Prof. A. F. Robertson (University of Edinburgh)
January 14, 2015	Life after Death in Japan, China and the United States	Prof. Gordon Mathews (CUHK), Ms. Allie Kwong Miu Ying (CUHK)
March 25, 2015	A Market of Distrust: Unofficial Payments for Hospital Care in China	Dr. Cheris Shun-ching Chan (HKU)

## 6. Other Conferences and Workshops

In addition to regular cluster-based activities, the Institute worked with different partners to organize conferences and workshops related to the Institute's overarching theme of "Inter-Asian Connections". These events have drawn great interest from members of the academic community and the general public. Below details conferences and workshops jointly hosted by the Institute in 2014-2015:

### International Symposium on "Utopia and Utopianism in the Contemporary Chinese Context: Texts Ideas, Spaces"

Co-organized by the Institute and the French Center for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC), the International Symposium on "Utopia and Utopianism in the Contemporary Chinese Context: Texts, Ideas, Spaces" was part of a series of events reflecting and debating on the idea of utopia and utopianism. Over 20 scholars from the region and abroad

participated in the two-day conference hosted by the Institute on March 20 and 21, 2015, including Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities Prof. David Der-wei Wang. In conjunction with the inauguration of his special appointment, Prof. Wang gave a stimulating keynote speech titled



(From left) Prof. David Der-wei Wang, Ms. Bernadette Tsui, Prof. Helen F. Siu, Prof. Angela Leung, Ms. Belinda Hung, Mr. Douglas So and Ms. Kitty Wong

"Panglossian Dreams and Dark Consciousness: Modern Chinese Literature and Utopia" during the symposium. Additionally, the event featured a popular writers forum involving prominent contemporary authors and cultural critics, including Mr. John Koon-chung Chan, Mr. Han Shaogong and Prof. Leo Ou-fan Lee (CUHK). Program is in [Appendix VI](#).

Other activities were held in conjunction with the symposium to reach a wider audience. These include the screening of "Making Friends with Mr. Zhang" (和張老師做朋友) on March 21 (see p. 23 under "Knowledge Exchange" for details), and a special "Festival PLUS" program at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Hong Kong



Arts Festival (HKAF) showcasing the documentary “Datong: The Great Society” on March 22, followed by a discussion with Prof. David Der-wei Wang and the documentary director Evans Chan.



Screening of “Making Friends with Mr. Zhang”



(From left) Prof. Leo Ou-fan Lee, Mr. Han Shaogong, and Mr. John Koon-chung Chan at the writers' forum

### Talk Series on “Family Business in Crisis: Ways and Cases”

Spearheaded by Honorary Professors Wong Siu-lun and Victor Zheng, the “Family Business in Crisis: Ways and Cases” talk series is part of a larger project investigating the evolution of Chinese business families and the ways they cope with challenges posed by rapidly changing operating environments. Nine talks were held across three Saturday afternoons on November 29, December 6 and December 20, 2014 and each presenter shared a case study about a prominent family business in the region. This series was co-organized by the Institute, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Museum of History. Program details are in [Appendix VII](#).



## 7. Historical Anthropology Lecture Series (SYSU)

Date	Title	Speaker
October 31, 2014	Zomia, Scott and Tribal Peoples: A Critical Consideration of the History as Choice Argument	Prof. Nicholas Tapp (East China Normal University)
December 12, 2014	Shrinking the Earth: From an Age of Abundance to an Age of Limits	Prof. Donald Worster (University of Kansas)

## IV. Institutional Development

### 1. Institutional Enhancement Scheme

With the inception of the **Institutional Enhancement Scheme**, the Institute hosted Prof. Francesca Bray, Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh and Prof. Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, Edwin Earle Sparks Professor of History at Pennsylvania State University. Prof. Bray taught a course on “Techno-

cultures: A Cross-Disciplinary Exploration” with Dr. Gonçalo Santos in the Institute in fall semester of 2014, and advised the “Science, Technology, and Medicine in Asian Societies” cluster. Prof. Bray also engaged in the Institute’s events during her stay. She delivered the 9<sup>th</sup> Joseph Needham Memorial Lecture “Men Plough, women Weave”: Joseph



Needham, Feminism and the History of Science and Technology in China’ and gave the keynote lecture at the International Conference on “Food and Health”. Likewise, Prof. Hsia took on multiple responsibilities during his visit. He partook in teaching, mentoring and advisory commitments. More on Prof. Hsia’s visit can be found on pp. 1-2 under “Highlights”.

Under the Scheme, two of the Institute’s students were given the opportunity to go on overseas academic exchange, courtesy of the **Lee Hysan-HKIHSS Fellowship**. Mr. Peter Tam (MPhil, HKIHSS), the first recipient of the fellowship, spent a semester at Columbia University in the second half of 2014 to study with Prof. Dorothy Ko at the Department of History. Peter completed his exchange and returned in January 2015 with renewed perspectives and new inspiration for his graduate work. Ms. Ryan Xie (MPhil, HKIHSS) was selected as the next fellowship recipient. Ryan has been admitted by the Anthropology Department in Yale University as a Visiting Assistant. She is heading to New Haven in the first semester of the 2015-2016 academic year to pursue research under the direction of Prof. Helen F. Siu.



(Top) Mr. Peter Tam participating in a demonstration in Boston. (Bottom) Ms. Ryan Xie

## 2. Postgraduate Programs

Since 2012 the Institute's new postgraduate programs have made good strides in the recruitment and nurturing of young talents. Four of our students have successfully completed and defended their dissertations this past year. They are:

Name / Course of Study	Thesis Title
Mathilde Biard, MPhil	Leprosy in Hong Kong (1951 – 1975)
Ning Rundong, MPhil	Individualistic Volunteerism: Educational Volunteers and Individualization in Contemporary China
Chris Leung, PhD	Charity is Power: A Study of Chinese Merchants and Charitable Organizations in Macao, 1849 – 1949
Hester Lam, PhD	From Political Retreat to Cultural Resistance: A Study on Qing Yimin's Cultural Pursuits in Hong Kong and Macau

Additionally, the 2015-2016 graduate admissions exercise saw four students who were accepted to the Institute's MPhil and PhD programs:



**Anna Maria Iskra** (4-year PhD) obtained a double Master's degree in Ethnology and Sinology from the College of Inter-Area Individual Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Warsaw in 2014. Her doctoral research will focus on 'Coaches, Motivational Speakers, Deified Teachers, "Success Studies in China"'. Anna will be supervised by Dr. David A. Palmer and Dr. Gonçalo Santos.



**Andrea Chen** (Part-time 4-year PhD) earned her Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Literature and Education from Guangxi Normal University in 2002, and received another two graduate degrees – Master of Arts in Christian Studies and Master of Divinity – from CUHK in 2012 and 2015. The proposed title of her research is "Re-presenting the Configuration of the Yelikewen Religious World – An Art History Approach to the Visual Text of Jingjiao". Andrea will be supervised by Dr. Fung Kam Wing and Dr. Florian Knothe.

**Hua Shuo** (MPhil) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2011 and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Mathematics. Her proposed project “The Functions of High Culture: On Art Consumption by the Newly Established Wealthy Chinese Immigrants in Hong Kong Today” is supervised by Dr. Gonalo Santos and Dr. Florian Knothe.



**Wang Fengzhan** (MPhil) studied history at Nankai University and received her Bachelor’s degree in 2015. She is interested in the dissemination and practice of child nutrition knowledge in modern China, and will be supervised by Prof. Angela Leung and Dr. Izumi Nakayama.

The year of 2014-2015 has also been a fruitful and exciting period for our first year PhD candidates. In addition to the required coursework and developing their proposals, our students have engaged in research and educational activities both locally and abroad. Two of them, James Wright and Liu Xiaomeng, shared their experiences:

“I was recently lucky enough to be awarded the Institute’s Sin Wai-Kin Junior Fellowship, which enabled me to spend two months over the summer studying advanced Japanese in a homestay language program based in Hakodate, Hokkaido, so that I’ll be able to conduct my fieldwork in Japanese next year. I also spent a couple of weeks in Tokyo and Osaka meeting SoftBank’s new ‘Pepper’ robot, conducting interviews and building my network with various robot manufacturers, users and experts. Spending time in Tokyo in turn enabled me to organize fieldwork at Japan’s National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology next year as a visiting researcher, which is a fantastic prospect as they are closely involved with social robot research and development. In recent years the interdisciplinary study of interaction between robots and people has become a huge field in its own right as the development and use of such robots in real life has started to accelerate, particularly in Japan – so it’s a very exciting time to be working in this area.”



- James Wright, 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD student and the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship awardee





“I had a really interesting and busy summer this year. I was selected to attend two major international events in my area of research: the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia (Paris, July 6-10) and the Advanced Training Workshop on “Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine in East Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches” (Beijing, August 10-17). My summer started in Paris and it was my first experience presenting a paper at an international conference. My paper proposed a case study focusing on a rural traditional medicine market in North China in the late imperial period, and was presented at a panel named “Localism in Qing Medicine”. At the seven-day workshop in Beijing, the creative virtual museum exhibition project was both interesting and challenging for trainees. I found it both helpful and painstaking to reach a consensus with team members from different disciplines, and we all had to think about the best way to make our ideas accessible to a wide audience. These two activities taught me invaluable insights on the challenges of interdisciplinary collaboration. I suspect that learning how to make the most of these challenges will be a lifelong project. But what I learned at this workshop is that engaging in academic exchanges with scholars and fellow students working on very different topics can be a very rewarding experience. It’s more important to get a wide range of knowledge about what’s going on in your field than to focus only on your own specific topic.”

- Liu Xiaomeng, 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD student and the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship awardee

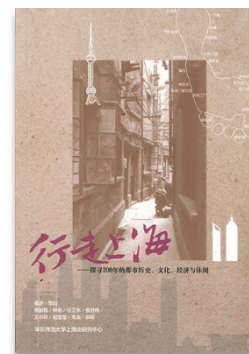
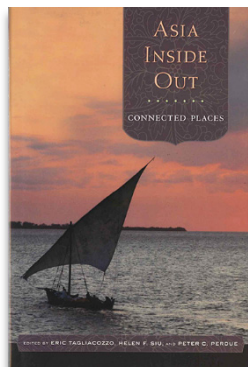
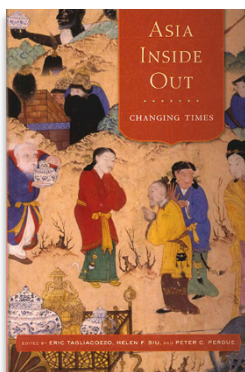
### 3. Further Integration with the University

The Institute has successfully established a joint tenure-track position in China Studies with the Faculty of Arts. The recruitment procedures commenced. We will continue discussions with other faculties about the establishment of joint positions so as to link the Institute with the university and its strength as well as sustain research synergies.

## V. Publications

Publishing, an important pillar of the Institute’s work, ensures that research results and outputs from our research clusters and colleagues are shared with the wider academic community. Publications are supported by way of several means, including the provision of academic, financial and promotional facilities.

## 1. Books Supported by the Institute



Helen F. Siu, Eric Tagliacozzo & Peter Perdue (eds.), *Asia Inside Out: Changing Times*, Harvard University Press, 2015. [An output of the “Trading Empires of the South China, South Asia and the Gulf Region” cluster]

Helen F. Siu, Eric Tagliacozzo & Peter Perdue (eds.), *Asia Inside Out: Connected Places*, Harvard University Press, 2015. [An output of the “Trading Empires of the South China, South Asia and the Gulf Region” cluster]

雷競旋著：《遠在古巴》，牛津大學出版社（中國）有限公司，2015。[An output of the “Documenting the Oral History of Overseas Chinese in Cuba” project sponsored by the Lee Hysan Foundation]

姜進策劃：《行走上海—探尋 200 年的都市歷史、文化、經濟與休閒》，華東師範大學上海史研究中心，2015。[An output of as a sub-project under the “Global Cities and Social Life of Finance Capital in Asia” project]

## 2. Selected Publications by Staff and Affiliates

Ji Li, *God’s Little Daughters: Catholic Women in Nineteenth-Century Manchuria*, University of Washington Press, 2015.

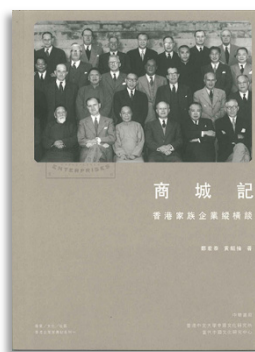
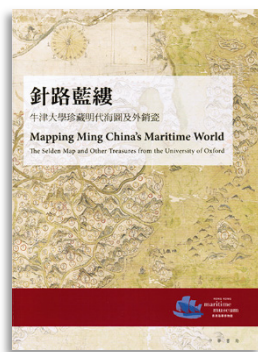
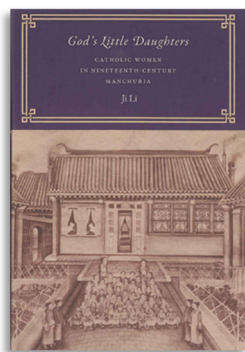
Kam Wing Fung & Jiarong Chen (eds.), *New Research into the Maritime Trades, Seafaring and Underwater Archaeology of the Ming Dynasty: Hong Kong Maritime Museum International Symposium Proceedings*, Chung Hwa Book Company (H.K.) Limited, 2015.

Kam Wing Fung, Jiarong Chen & Tom Christensen (eds.), *Mapping Ming China's Maritime World: The Selden Map and Other Treasures from the University of Oxford*, Chung Hwa Book Company (H.K.) Limited, 2015.

Kam Wing Fung, YW Lau & CM Chan, *Upon the Plinth of a Barren Rock: 130 Years of Engineering Development in Hong Kong*, Chung Hwa Book Company (H.K.) Limited, 2015.

鄭宏泰、黃紹倫著：《商城記—香港家族企業縱橫談》，中華書局(香港)有限公司，2014。

王惠玲、羅家輝：《記憶景觀—香港仔漁民口述歷史》，三聯書店(香港)有限公司，2015。



## VI. Knowledge Exchange

The Institute is committed to outreach and knowledge sharing with the general community. This is frequently done so through the Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series as well as various special projects.

### 1. Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series

Moving into its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the **Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series** has served as a platform to showcase numerous films highlighting critical socio-economic, political and cultural issues in the greater China region. The screenings have regularly received praise and are consistently well-received by colleagues and students alike. Two films were presented in the 2014-2015 season:



Date	Title	Guests
September 26, 2014	Harvest (麥子) and My Himalayan Vulture (我的高山兀鷲)	Guo Jing (Director), Dr. Ma Jianxiong
March 21, 2015	Making Friends with Mr. Zhang (和張老師做朋友)	Cao Diao (Director), Mr. Jian Yi, Dr. Judith Pernin

## 2. Hong Kong Memory Project

The Hong Kong Memory Project was officially handed over to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in December 2014. For the last eight years, Dr. Elizabeth Sinn (Honorary Professor) had directed a project team which created an open digital archive of Hong Kong's history, culture and heritage.



Their hard work resulted in the Hong Kong Memory website ([www.hkmemory.hk](http://www.hkmemory.hk)), and this important resource will be maintained and further developed by LCSD henceforth.

## 3. Preserving the History of the Southern District

Dr. Wong Wai Ling (Research Officer) has been involved in an ongoing project to document and share the history of traditional fishing communities in Aberdeen. Jointly run by the Institute and the University's Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) and part of the We Are With You (WAY) Project funded by the Chow Tai Fook Charity Foundation, the initiative entails HKU undergraduate students learning to and helping with the collection of oral histories from local fishing community. Dr. Wong is due to co-release a compilation of the personal accounts gathered through the project in October 2015. A book entitled 《記憶景觀—香港仔漁民口述歷史》 (*Memoryscape: Aberdeen Fishermen Oral Histories*) has also been published in August 2015.



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*Appendix I*

**International Conference on “Food and Health”**

December 16 to 17, 2014,

Room T6, Meng Wah Complex, HKU

<b>Day 1: December 16, 2014 (Tuesday)</b>	
09:15 - 09:25	<b>Registration</b>
09:25 - 09:30	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Angela Leung, The University of Hong Kong</i>
09:30 - 10:30	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <i>Francesca Bray, The University of Edinburgh</i>
10:45 - 12:45	<b>Panel 1 – Food as a Source of Healing</b> <b>Volker Scheid</b> , University of Westminster: “Medicine, Food and Nourishing Life: Fei Boxiong & Francoise Jullien” <b>Hong Sookyeong</b> , Cornell University: “Shokuyō, or Food as Medicine: The Politics of Health and Nutrition in Modern Japan” <b>Lee Jen-der</b> , Academia Sinica: “To Treat or Not to Treat: Recipes for Menopausal Women in Traditional Chinese Medicine” <b>Ashutosh Kumar</b> , University of Delhi: “Colonial Care: Health and healing for indentured migrants from India to the sugar colonies c. 1830-1920” Discussant: Jan Kiely, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
13:45 - 15:45	<b>Panel 2 – Food as a Source of Poison</b> <b>David Arnold</b> , University of Warwick: “Toxicity, Health and Hunger: India in the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Centuries” <b>Robert Peckham</b> , The University of Hong Kong: “Dietary Anxieties in Colonial Hong Kong: Food, “Filth-Poison” and Health” <b>Lawrence Zhang</b> , The University of Hong Kong: “The Toxic Infusion: The Ills of Drinking Tea” <b>Hsu Hung-Bin</b> , National Chung Hsing University: “Strange environment and peculiar constitution: Food and allergy in early post-war Taiwan” <b>Keiko Daidoji</b> , Japan Society for the Promotion of Science: “The fear of “decay”: the continuity between traditional image of indigestion and the cause of dysentery” Discussant: Daniel Trambaiolo, The University of Hong Kong
16:00 - 18:00	<b>Panel 3 – Food as a Part of the Study of Medicine</b> <b>Judith Farquhar</b> , The University of Chicago and <b>Lili Lai</b> , Peking University: “Soups: Medical and Culinary Gifts of Flavor” <b>Nancy Chen</b> , University of California, Santa Cruz: “Brain Food: Examining Medicinal Foodways and Emergent Categories of Health”

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**Nancy Stalker**, The University of Texas at Austin: “Consuming Yin and Yang: The Macrobiotic Diet and its Evolving Attractions”

**Anil Paralkar**, Heidelberg University: “On Early Modern Europe’s Observation of Asian Dietetics: English Travellers in South Asia”

**Li Shang-jen**, Academia Sinica: “Hygiene, Diet and Health of the British Soldiers in the Two Opium Wars”

Discussant: Gonçalo Santos, The University of Hong Kong

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**Day 2: December 17, 2014 (Wednesday)**

11:00 - 11:15

**Panel 4 – Food, Nutrition, and Nation**

**Lee Seung-Joon**, National University of Singapore: “Revolution at the Canteens: Nutritional Science and the Politics of Public Meal Service in Modern China, 1910s-1950s”

**Kim Tae-Ho**, Hanyang University: “The Good, the Bad, and the Foreign: the Romance of the Three Grains in South Korea”

**Angela Leung**, The University of Hong Kong: “To build or to transform vegetarian China? Two Republican projects”

**Michael Liu**, Academia Sinica: “Eating Well for a Stronger State: Nutrition Experiment in Sino-Japanese War, 1940-45”

**Izumi Nakayama**, The University of Hong Kong: “Breast Milk, Milk, and Nutrition in Meiji Japan”

Discussant: David A. Palmer, The University of Hong Kong

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13:15 - 14:15

**Panel 5 – Milk and Health**

**Yu Xinzhong** and **Wang Fengzhan**, Nankai University: “On Modernity of Milk: A Study Centered on Nutrition and Hygiene”

**Françoise Sabban**, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales : “Milk History in China: A Strange Case”

**Hilary A. Smith**, University of Denver: “Origins of “Intolerance”: Lactose and Changing Ideas about Dietary Difference in Modern China”

**Suzanne Gottschang**, Smith College: “Old Formula in New Bottles? Infant Formula in China’s 20<sup>th</sup> Century”

**Fu Jia-chen**, Case Western Reserve University: “The Vagaries of Vegetal Milk: Soybean Nutrition and National Development in Republican China”

Discussant: Sean Lei, Academia Sinica

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16:15 - 16:30

**Panel 6 – The Movement of Food**

**Susan Burns**, The University of Chicago: “From Medicine to Spice: The Curious History of Saffron in Japan”

**Tatsuya Mitsuda**, Keio University: “The Transformation of Japanese Confectionary Culture, circa 1890-1930: Snacking, Health, and Modernity”

**Ananda Samir Chopra**, Heidelberg University: ““Therefore clarified butter (Ghī) is considered to be the best among all fats” – between eulogy and defamation: the

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historical life of Ghī in ancient, modern and global Āyurveda’ (*summary of paper presented by Ching May Bo on behalf of Ananda Samir Chopra*)

**Yoshiko Nakano**, The University of Hong Kong: “‘Have you had one today?’”: Adapting a Japanese probiotic drink for Hong Kong consumers’

Discussant: Ching May Bo, Sun Yat-sen University

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**Forum**

Chair: Angela Leung, The University of Hong Kong

Speakers: David Arnold, University of Warwick; Judith Farquhar, The University of Chicago; Lee Seung-Joon, National University of Singapore; Li Shang-jen, Academia Sinica; Tatsuya Mitsuda, Keio University

**Roundtable Discussion**

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*Appendix II*

**“Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban” Brainstorming Workshop**

March 17, 2015

Room G11, May Hall, HKU

**10:00 – 10:30 Introduction: Background and Overall Themes** (beyond linear models of development, modernity and the study of cities; rethinking ‘Asia’ in the humanities and social sciences)

*Helen F. Siu and Richard Wong*

**10:30 – 11:15 Hubs and a Historically Connected Asia**

*Ching May Bo* (cultural circulation, Canton, Hong Kong, Macau, and beyond)

*Elizabeth Sinn* (multi-ethnic, multi-cultural encounters in Hong Kong)

*Zhu Ming* (historical trading sites between Asia and Europe)

*Oiyan Liu* (marginal subjects and border creation in maritime Asia)

**11:30 – 12:15 Contemporary Infrastructures of Mobility linking the Asian Urban**

*Max Hirsh* (designing the urban built environment for 21<sup>st</sup> century mobility)

*Christina Schwenkel* (green urban infrastructure and circulation of knowledge in late socialist Vietnam)

*Andrew Toland* (revisiting “Cities on the Move”: the Asian metropolis in networks of architectural discourse)

*Zhang Jun* (transportation related infrastructure)

**13:15 – 14:00 Contemporary Institutions Facilitating Hubs and Mobilities in Asia**

*Chen Zhiwu* (the social life of finance capital in Asia)

*Boris Petric and Kelley Sams* (global consumption, inter-referencing and the political life of commodities)

**14:00 – 14:45 Physical Mobility and Social Immobility in Asian Cities**

*Richard Wong* (cross border family formation and the perpetuation of poverty)

*Helen F. Siu* (rethinking class formations and new state spaces across Asian cities)

**15:00 – 15:30 Moving Forward**

Observations and reactions by William W. Kelly and Angela Leung

*Appendix III*

**International Conference on “Text and Context: Redemptive Societies and New Religious Movements in Modern and Contemporary China and Southeast Asia”**

November 8 to 9, 2014

Kong Siu Luey Lounge, Robert Black College, HKU

**November 7, 2014 (Friday), 18:00**

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

**Prof. Prasenjit Duara**, National University of Singapore, will give a keynote speech on “Is the Concept of Secularism Relevant to China?” to inaugurate the conference

**November 8, 2014 (Saturday)**

*Kong Siu Luey Lounge, Robert Black College, HKU*

<b>09:30 - 09:35</b>	Welcome remarks by <b>David A. Palmer</b>
<b>09:35 - 10:00</b>	Presentation and update on the <i>Text &amp; Contexts</i> project By <b>Philip Clart &amp; David Ownby</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:40</b>	<b>Barend ter Haar</b> , “Giving believers back their voice: agency and heresy in late imperial China” <i>Discussant: Li Ji</i>
<b>10:40 - 11:20</b>	<b>Philip Clart</b> , “Text and Context in the Study of Spirit-Writing Cults” <i>Discussant: Benjamin Penny</i>
<b>11:30 - 12:10</b>	<b>Jeremy Jammes &amp; David A. Palmer</b> , “Ethnic Identity and Transnational Religious Innovation in Modern Vietnam: Conjugating Chinese Redemptive Societies and French Occultism in the Cao Dai Religion” <i>Discussant: Bernard Formoso</i>
<b>13:30 - 14:10</b>	<b>Sun Jiang</b> , “A Salvation Religion’s Journey of Disaster Relief: The Red Swastika Society Delegation’s 1923 Japan Visit and Ōmotokyō” ( <i>Summary of paper presented by Thomas DuBois on behalf of Sun Jiang</i> ) <i>Discussant: Thomas DuBois</i>
<b>14:10 - 14:50</b>	<b>Matthias Schumann</b> , “Coming to Terms with Spiritualism in Republican China: The Spiritualist Society from Shanghai (Lingxuehui 靈學會)” <i>Discussant: Jeremy Jammes</i>
<b>14:50 - 15:30</b>	<b>Fan Chun-wu</b> , “道德學社的現代性：照相、視覺呈現與宗教傳播” <i>Discussant: Matthias Schumann</i>
<b>15:40 - 16:20</b>	<b>David A. Palmer &amp; Jeremy Jammes</b> , “Translingual Practice in a Cao Dai Scripture: Converting Daoist alchemy and Chinese millenarianism into French Occultism” <i>Discussant: Philip Clart</i>
<b>16:20 - 17:00</b>	<b>David Ownby</b> , “Rebranding the White Lotus: Science and Spirit-Writing in Li Yujie’s <i>The Ultimate Realm</i> ” <i>Discussant: Lu Yunfeng</i>

November 9, 2014 (Sunday)	
<i>Kong Siu Luey Lounge, Robert Black College, HKU</i>	
<b>09:30 - 10:10</b>	<b>Chung Yun-ying</b> , “越南寶山奇香教派及其傳衍—以「四恩孝義」為探討核心” <i>Discussant: Barend ter Haar</i>
<b>10:10 - 10:50</b>	<b>Cao Xinyu</b> , “Searching for the Other Half of the Seal: Liu Taibao’s Legacy in Sectarian Scriptures of North China (半印：華北秘密宗教中的劉太保)” <i>Discussant: Chen Jinguo</i>
<b>11:00 - 11:40</b>	<b>Wang Chien-chuan</b> , “「同善社」經典的選擇與流通：以《萬佛經》為討論中心 (1917-1949)” <i>Discussant: David Ownby</i>
<b>11:40 - 12:40</b>	Concluding discussions

Appendix IV

International Conference on “Jing Jiao”

June 10 to 12, 2015

Hong Kong

 <b>Day 1</b>	<b>June 10, 2015</b> <b>Theatre 303, 3/F, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre</b> <b>The University of Hong Kong</b>
09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Peter Mathieson</b> <b>President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong</b>
09:45 - 09:50	Group Photo Taking Session
09:50 - 10:50	<b>Keynote speech on “From Rome (Daqin 大秦) to China (Zhongguo 中國) – the Xi’an (Nestorian) Monument as a bilingual and transcultural document”</b> <b>Samuel Lieu, Macquarie University</b>
<b>Panel 1: Artistic and Scientific</b>	
Panel Co-Chairs:	<b>Douglas Kerr</b> , The University of Hong Kong (Morning) <b>Angela Leung</b> , The University of Hong Kong (Afternoon)
11:10 - 12:00	<b>Fung Kam Wing</b> , The University of Hong Kong: “The East Syrian Church and the Transmission of Hellenistic-Syrian Astrolabe and Astrological Knowledge in Late Medieval China”  <b>Patrick Taveirne</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong: ‘The Study of “Nestorian Bronze Crosses” in the Ordos Region of Inner Mongolia: <i>Status Quaestionis</i> ’
14:00 - 15:15	<b>Ken Parry</b> , Macquarie University: “Images in the Church of the East: The Textual and Archaeological Evidence in the Light of Contemporary Practice”  <b>Lauren Arnold</b> , University of San Francisco: “ <i>Eighteen Songs of a Nomad Flute</i> : Possible Nestorian Symbolism within a Late-Song Scroll”  <b>Ge Chengyong</b> , Cultural Relics Publishing House: “洛陽唐代景教經幢表現的母愛主題” (The Filial Piety towards the mother as a theme of inscription on the Luoyang Stone Pillar)
15:30 - 15:55	<b>Andrea Chen</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong: “Attempting a Breakthrough in <i>Jingjiao</i> Study – Art History as a New Approach to Re-presenting the Configuration of the <i>Yelikewen</i> ’s Religious World”
15:55 - 16:25	<b>Group Discussion</b> Chair: <b>Angela Leung</b> , The University of Hong Kong General Discussant: <b>David Wilmschurst</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong



 <b>Day 2</b>	<b>June 11, 2015</b> <b>Lecture Theatre 3, Esther Lee Building</b> <b>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</b>
09:30 - 10:00	Registration
<b>Panel 2: Religious Influence</b>	
Panel Co-Chairs:	<b>Tobias Brandner</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Morning) <b>Leung Yuen Sang</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Afternoon)
10:00 - 10:50	<b>Cyril Hovorun</b> , Yale University: “From Byzantium to China” <b>Glen L. Thompson</b> , Asia Lutheran Seminary, Hong Kong: “Strange Teaching from a Strange Land: Foreignness, Heresy, and Our Understanding of the Jingjiao and Yelikewenjiao”
11:05 - 11:55	<b>David Wilmshurst</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong: “Interfaith Conflict in Yuan China” <b>Chen Huaiyu</b> , Arizona State University: “New Reflections on the Connections between Jingjiao and Chinese Religions in Medieval Period”
14:00 - 15:15	<b>Max Deeg</b> , Cardiff University: “Messiah Rediscovered: Some Philological Notes on the So-called ‘Jesus the Messiah Sutra’” <b>Rong Xinjiang</b> , Peking University: “The Authenticity of Some Nestorian Christian Texts from Dunhuang and the Studies of Christianity in Tang China” <b>Yin Xiaoping</b> , South China Agricultural University: “Two official Christian families in the Yuan Dynasty”
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Group Discussion</b> Chair: <b>Leung Yuen Sang</b> , The Chinese University of Hong Kong General Discussant: <b>Fung Kam Wing</b> , The University of Hong Kong
 <b>Day 3</b>	<b>June 12, 2015</b> <b>Theatre 303, 3/F, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre</b> <b>The University of Hong Kong</b>
09:30 - 10:00	Registration
<b>Panel 3: Linguistic and Textual</b>	
Panel Co-Chairs:	<b>Li Hsiao-ti</b> , City University of Hong Kong (Morning) <b>Cheng Pei-kai</b> , City University of Hong Kong (Afternoon)
10:00 - 10:50	<b>Benjamin Wold</b> , Trinity College Dublin: “What do Dead Sea Scrolls have to do with Early Christianity and Later Nestorianism? Trends and Trajectories in Emerging Scholarship” <b>Niu Ruji</b> , Xinjiang Normal University: “History Is a Mirror – On the Spread of Nestorianism in China from the Newly Discovered Bronze Mirror with Cross-lotus and Syriac Inscriptions”
11:05 - 11:55	<b>Hidemi Takahashi</b> , The University of Tokyo: “Representation of Syriac Language and Thought in Jing Jiao Documents”

	<b>Nicholas Sims-Williams</b> , School of Oriental and African Studies: “Sogdian Biblical manuscripts from the Turfan oasis”
14:00 - 14:50	<b>Erica Hunter</b> , School of Oriental and African Studies: “The Christian Library from Turfan: commemorating the saints” <b>Zhang Xiaogui</b> , Jinan University: ‘Studies on “Jing Jiao of the Great Ming Kingdom”’
15:05 - 15:35	<b>Group Discussion</b> Chair: <b>Cheng Pei-kai</b> , City University of Hong Kong General Discussant: <b>Glen L. Thompson</b> , Asia Lutheran Seminary, Hong Kong
15:35 - 16:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Co-Chairs: <b>Fung Kam Wing</b> and <b>David Lung</b> , The University of Hong Kong

## Appendix V

**Advanced Training Program on “Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine in East Asia:  
Interdisciplinary Approaches”**

August 10 to 17, 2015

Peking University, Beijing

<b>Day 1: August 10, 2015 (Monday)</b>	
10:00 - 12:00	Ice-breakers
13:30 - 15:30	Ice-breakers (continued) / Introduction to the Museum Project
<b>Day 2: August 11, 2015 (Tuesday)</b>	
09:00 - 10:30	<b>Lecture 1</b> <i>Sean Lei, Academia Sinica</i>
10:45 - 12:00	<b>Small-Group Discussion</b>
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Lecture 2</b> <i>Marie-Christine Pouchelle, Centre national de la recherche scientifique</i>
15:15 - 16:30	<b>Small-Group Discussion</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>General Discussion</b> <i>Moderated by Zhang Daqing, Peking University and Shigehisa Kuriyama, Harvard University</i>
<b>Day 3: August 12, 2015 (Wednesday)</b>	
09:00 - 10:30	<b>Lecture 3</b> <i>Sean Lei, Academia Sinica</i>
10:45 - 12:00	<b>Small-Group Discussion</b>
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Lecture 4</b> <i>Marie-Christine Pouchelle, Centre national de la recherche scientifique</i>
15:15 - 16:30	Small-Group Discussion
16:30 - 17:30	<b>General Discussion</b> <i>Moderated by Yu Xinzhong, Nankai University and Angela Leung, The University of Hong Kong</i>
<b>Day 4: August 13, 2015 (Thursday)</b>	
09:30 - 10:30	<b>Presentation</b> <i>Shigehisa Kuriyama, Harvard University</i>
10:45 - 12:00	<b>General Discussion</b>
13:30 - 17:30	<b>Museum Project</b>
<b>Day 5: August 14, 2015 (Friday)</b>	
Whole Day	Field Trip: Tongrentang Museum 同仁堂博物館
<b>Day 6: August 15, 2015 (Saturday)</b>	
09:00 - 12:00	<b>Reading / Discussion #1</b>
13:30 - 17:30	<b>Museum Project</b>

Day 7: August 16, 2015 (Sunday)	
09:00 - 12:00	<b>Reading / Discussion #2</b>
13:30	<b>Museum Project: Presentation and Discussion</b> <i>Chaired by Marie-Christine Pouchelle, Centre national de la recherche scientifique and Sean Lei, Academia Sinica</i>
Day 8: August 17, 2015 (Monday)	
09:00 - 12:00	<b>Final Reflections</b> <i>Zhang Daqing, Peking University; Yu Xinzong, Nankai University; Shigehisa Kuriyama, Harvard University; and, Angela Leung, The University of Hong Kong</i>
13:30 -	<b>Comments</b> <i>By Marie-Christine Pouchelle, Centre national de la recherche scientifique and Sean Lei, Academia Sinica</i>
	<b>Exit Surveys</b>

## Appendix VI

**International Symposium on “Utopia and Utopianism in the Contemporary Chinese Context:  
Texts Ideas, Spaces”**

March 20 to 21, 2015

Kong Siu Luey Lounge, Robert Black College, HKU

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**Intellectual Visions**

09:00 - 10:30    **The Past as the Future**

**Ge Zhaoguang (葛兆光)**, Fudan University: 對“天下”的想像——一個烏托邦背後的政治、思想與學術

**Zhang Longxi (張隆溪)**, City University of Hong Kong: Great Unity as a Social Vision

**Chao Kang (趙剛)**, Tung Hai University: 構想一種反烏托邦的烏托邦：太陽花、陳映真、王陽明與陶淵明

Discussant: **Huang Kuan-min (黃冠閔)**, Academia Sinica

11:00 - 12:00    **Modern Repercussions**

**Wang Xiaoming (王曉明)**, Shanghai University and Lingnan University: “王韜-嚴復式難題”：現代早期（1880s-1940s）中國思想的出發點 (Wang - Yan Type Question: The Starting Point of Chinese Thought in Early Modern Era)

**Peter Zarrow (沙培德)**, University of Connecticut: Political Utopianism in Modern China: Four Case Studies (1900-1940)

Discussant: **Chak Chi-shing (翟志成)**, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

14:00 - 15:30    **The Social and the Political**

**Xu Jilin (許紀霖)**, East China Normal University: 革命烏托邦背後的虛無主義：論汪精衛的“任性犧牲”

**Ci Jiwei (慈繼偉)**, The University of Hong Kong: A Critical Anatomy of Liberal Egalitarian Utopia

**Huang Kuan-min (黃冠閔)**, Academia Sinica: 公天下：烏托邦或世界公民？——熊十力外王學的修辭

Discussant: **Chow Po-chung (周保松)**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Keynote Speech**

**David Der-wei Wang (王德威)**, Harvard University and The University of Hong Kong  
**Panglossian Dream and Dark Consciousness: Modern Chinese Literature and Utopia**

(「潘格洛斯」大夢與「幽暗意識」：現代中國文學與烏托邦)

*Venue: Wang Gungwu Lecture Hall, The University of Hong Kong*

March 21, 2015	
Kong Siu Luey Lounge, Robert Black College, HKU	
Literary Discourses	
09:00 - 10:00	<p><b>Histories, Memories and Desire</b></p> <p><b>He Guimei (賀桂梅)</b>, Peking University: 《三里灣》與趙樹理鄉村烏托邦的“另類”書寫</p> <p><b>Zhang Yinde (張寅德)</b>, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China and Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3: The Utopia of the Human: about Ge Fei's <i>Jiangnan</i> Trilogy (人之烏托邦 – 試論格非《江南三部曲》)</p> <p>Discussant: <b>Shih Shu-mei (史書美)</b>, The University of Hong Kong</p>
10:30 - 11:30	<p><b>Imagining Time and Space</b></p> <p><b>Liu Jianmei (劉劍梅)</b>, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology: 莊子精神與烏托邦想象</p> <p><b>Xu Shuang (徐爽)</b>, Université Paris Diderot: 穿越時空, 尋找烏托邦 – 網絡穿越小說的烏托邦想像 (Passing through time and space, looking for the utopia in web ‘chuanyue’ novels)</p> <p>Discussant: <b>Xu Zidong (許子東)</b>, Lingnan University</p>
Hong Kong Paradigm	
13:30 - 15:00	<p><b>Mirana May Szeto (司徒薇)</b>, The University of Hong Kong: Umbrella Occupy and Beyond: Boredom, Creativity and the Actualization of the Virtual</p> <p><b>Carlos Rojas (羅鵬)</b>, Duke University: Time Before Time: <i>The Midnight After</i>, Occupy Central, and Dialects of Utopia and Dystopia</p> <p><b>Tsai Chien-hsin (蔡建鑫)</b>, The University of Texas at Austin: 爆炸混合物；或香港作為聲音烏托邦 (Explosive Mixtures: Explosive Mixtures, Or Hong Kong as a Sonorous Utopia)</p> <p>Discussant: <b>Sebastian Veg (魏簡)</b>, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China</p>
Writers Forum	
15:00 - 16:30	<p><b>John Koon-chung Chan (陳冠中)</b>, Han Shaogong (韓少功) and Leo Ou-fan Lee (李歐梵)</p> <p>烏托邦、異托邦、惡托邦</p> <p>Discussants: <b>David Der-wei Wang (王德威)</b>, Harvard University and The University of Hong Kong, and <b>Zhang Yinde (張寅德)</b>, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China and Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p><b>General Discussion</b></p>
Film Screening	
18:00 - 19:30	<p><b>Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series: Meet the Director – China Dreams Series “Making Friends with Mr. Zhang” (當代中國記錄片系列：與導演面對面 – 中國夢系列「和張老師做朋友」)</b></p> <p>Discussants: <b>Cao Diao (曹雕)</b>, <b>Jian Yi (簡藝)</b>, and <b>Judith Pernin</b>, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China</p>

## Appendix VII

## Public Talk Series “Family Business in Crisis: Ways and Cases”

November 29, December 6 and 20, 2014

Hong Kong Museum of History, 100 Chatham Road South, Tsim Sha Tsui

<p><b>November 29</b>  <b>主持人:</b>  <b>黃紹倫教授，香港大學</b>  <b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Prof. Wong Siu Lun (HKU)</b></p>	<p><b>陳麗蓮博士</b>，澳門特別行政區政府文化局澳門博物館：鄭觀應家族的危機應對  <b>Dr. Chen Lai Lin, Lilian</b>, Macau Museum: Coping with Crises: The case of Zheng Guanying Family</p> <p><b>何彩滿博士</b>，台灣中原大學：全球化與家族企業轉型：台港比較  <b>Dr. Ho Tsai Man</b>, Chung Yuan Christian University: Globalization and the Transformation of Family Business: Comparison between Hong Kong and Taiwan</p> <p><b>鄭宏泰博士</b>，香港中文大學：恆生擠提：利國偉的奔走與斡旋  <b>Dr. Zheng Wan Tai, Victor</b>, CUHK: Hang Seng in Crisis: The Impossible Mission of Q.W. Lee</p>
<p><b>December 6</b>  <b>主持人:</b>  <b>鄭宏泰博士，香港中文大學</b>  <b>Moderator: Dr. Zheng Wan Tai, Victor, CUHK</b></p>	<p><b>林廣志博士</b>，澳門大學：澳門望族：賭博專營與生存之道  <b>Dr. Lin Guang Zhi</b>, The University of Macau: Prominent Family of Macau: Monopoly Concessions and Ways of Living</p> <p><b>陸觀豪先生</b>，香港中文大學：數興替盛衰還看傳承：東亞再遇新挑戰  <b>Mr. Luk Koon Ho, Roger</b>, CUHK: Passing on: New Challenges of the Bank of East Asia</p> <p><b>周文港博士</b>，嶺南大學：風聲鶴唳：辜振甫與四、五十年代的台灣  <b>Dr. Chow Man Kong, Mark</b>, Lingnan University: Sensing Danger: Koo Chen Fu and the 1940-50 Taiwan</p>
<p><b>December 20</b>  <b>主持人:</b>  <b>鄭宏泰博士，香港中文大學</b>  <b>Moderator: Dr. Zheng Wan Tai, Victor, CUHK</b></p>	<p><b>劉詩平先生</b>，中國新華社：怡和洋行與九七香港回歸  <b>Mr. Liu Shi Ping</b>, Xinhua News Agency: Jardine Matheson Holdings and Hong Kong's Revision to Chinese Sovereignty</p> <p><b>張志楷博士</b>，英國杜倫大學：二次大戰前太古洋行在中國的對策攻略  <b>Dr. Gordon Cheung</b>, Durham University: Strategies of Swire in China before the WWII</p> <p><b>黃紹倫教授</b>，香港大學：勇對洪潮 1946-1956 年間的何東家族  <b>Prof. Wong Siu Lun</b>, HKU: Withstanding Communism: The Ho Tung Family of Hong Kong: 1946-1956</p>

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