

# China and Asian Studies in Hong Kong

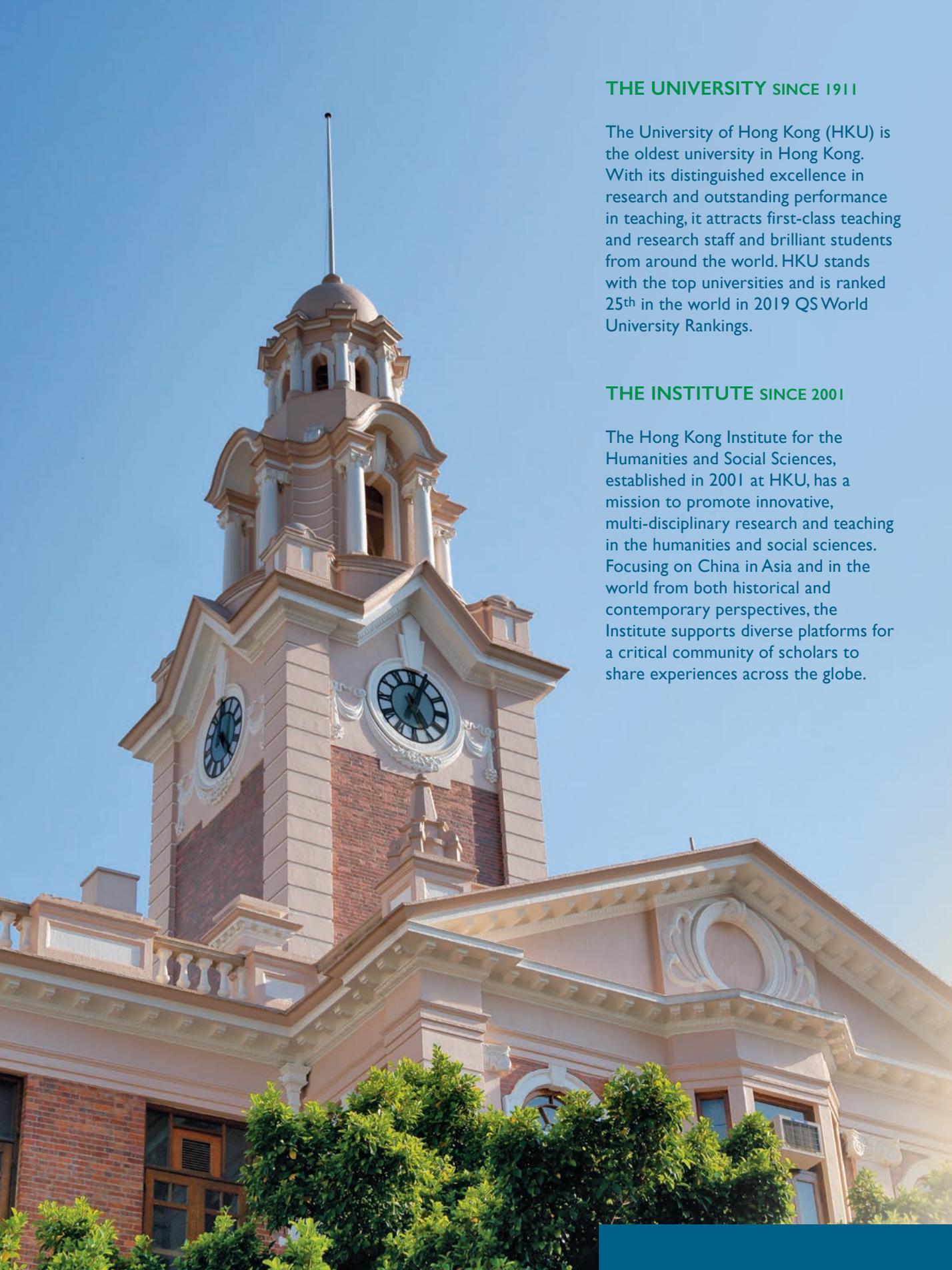
## MPhil & PhD Studies 2019-20



香港人文社會研究所

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





## THE UNIVERSITY SINCE 1911

The University of Hong Kong (HKU) is the oldest university in Hong Kong. With its distinguished excellence in research and outstanding performance in teaching, it attracts first-class teaching and research staff and brilliant students from around the world. HKU stands with the top universities and is ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the world in 2019 QS World University Rankings.

## THE INSTITUTE SINCE 2001

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, established in 2001 at HKU, has a mission to promote innovative, multi-disciplinary research and teaching in the humanities and social sciences. Focusing on China in Asia and in the world from both historical and contemporary perspectives, the Institute supports diverse platforms for a critical community of scholars to share experiences across the globe.



Prof. Angela Leung (left), Director, and Prof. Helen F. Siu, Founding Director

While deepening existing comparative regional studies of China, the Institute has also developed new strategic alliances in the United States, Europe, Singapore, India, and the Middle East. Key partners include Yale University, Social Science Research Council (New York), Harvard-Yenching Institute, Heidelberg University, Needham Research Institute, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, CNRS, National University of Singapore, China Academy of Social Sciences, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (Yogyakarta), Peking University, and Nankai University.

### Research Postgraduate Degrees

The Institute offers MPhil, 3-year and 4-year PhD programmes to students wishing to conduct cross-disciplinary research on science, technology and medicine in Asian societies; hubs, mobilities and the Asian urban; or, spirituality and religion in Asia.

### Our Teaching Experts

Our teaching experts include members from the Institute as well as the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences. Through the Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Humanities and Social Sciences and other professorship schemes, the Institute will invite more renowned scholars from overseas to participate in teaching and mentoring.

## Our Research Clusters

### Science, Technology, and Medicine in Asian Societies (STMS)

The cluster challenges deeply entrenched ideas about the autonomy of science and technology and encourages the development of innovative cross-disciplinary approaches to the interplay between science-technology and social political life – domains that were too often treated separately.

*Cluster Director:*

Angela Leung (PhD, EHESS)

*Core Team Members at HKU:*

Bae Kyoungjin (PhD, Columbia)

Fung Kam Wing (DLitt, Kyoto)

Max Hirsh (PhD, Harvard)

Christine Luk (PhD, Arizona State)

Izumi Nakayama (PhD, Harvard)

Robert Peckham (PhD, King's College London)

Gonçalo Santos (PhD, ISCTE-Lisbon)

Daniel Trambaiolo (PhD, Cantab & Princeton)



## Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia (RSRA)

The cluster builds on an emerging scholarly consensus that the complexity of religious realities and issues in Asia requires a rethinking of the concept of religion and its relationship to the rest of society. It examines the social construction, combinations, circulation and institutionalization of spiritual/religious knowledge, practices and technologies. Research projects focus on practices of selfhood, the body and healing; ritual and cosmology; religion and gender; religion and the state; faith-based practices of development and social engagement; transnational circulations and identity constructions.

*Cluster Director:*

**David A. Palmer (PhD, EPHE-Sorbonne)**

*Core Team Members at HKU:*

**Fung Kam Wing (DLitt, Kyoto)**

**Paul Joosse (PhD, Alberta)**

**Loretta Kim (PhD, Harvard)**

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**Qian Junxi (PhD, Edinburgh)**

## Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban (HMAU)

The cluster examines the historical and contemporary urban in an inter-connected Asia. It focuses on a few world cities across the Asian region that are inter-referenced yet striving to distinguish from one another under volatile, competitive pressures. The team tracks the cities' "art of hubbing" and captures the lived experiences of their populations.

*Cluster Directors:*

**Helen F. Siu (PhD, Stanford)**

**Richard Wong (PhD, Chicago)**

*Core Team Members at HKU:*

**Chen Zhiwu (PhD, Yale)**

**Max Hirsh (PhD, Harvard)**

**Florian Knothe (DPhil, Mainz)**



## Awards and Financial Assistance

### Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme

The HKPF provides financial subsidies for brightest students across the world to pursue doctoral studies in Hong Kong. Each awardee will receive a monthly scholarship of HK\$25,100 (US\$3,200) and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK\$12,600 (US\$1,600) per year for up to three years. For HKPF awardees who are admitted to a 4-year PhD programme in 2019-20, HKU will provide a monthly scholarship and travel allowance at the same level as the HKPF for their fourth year of study.

### University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)

HKU UPF are available for selected full-time PhD applicants with excellent academic record. The Fellowship is worth HK\$70,000 (US\$8,970), which is awarded on top of the Postgraduate Scholarship.

### Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)

Full-time MPhil and PhD students who hold a first degree with second-class honours first division (or equivalent) or above are considered eligible to receive a PGS during the normative study period. Candidates' results in Master's degrees may also be considered. The basic level of PGS is HK\$16,330 (US\$2,090) per month for 2018-19 (subject to revision).

### Other Scholarships & Financial Support for Conference Attendance/Travel

The University administers a number of scholarships that are awarded to postgraduate students for outstanding academic achievements. MPhil and PhD students are also eligible for financial support for conference attendance and/or travel.

### HKIHSS Financial Support for Conference Attendance/Travel

The Institute offers financial support to students for their overseas conference attendance and/or research trips.

## Application Period for Admissions

### Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme

1: Initial application to the Hong Kong Research Grants Council  
September 1 – **December 1, 2018 noon**  
Online application at [www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd)

2: Full application to HKU  
September 1 – **December 1, 2018**  
Online application at [www.gradsch.hku.hk](http://www.gradsch.hku.hk)

### Main Round Application

September 1 – December 1, 2018

### First Clearing Round

December 2, 2018 – April 30, 2019

### Second Clearing Round

May 1 – August 31, 2019



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