

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018



Highlights

Congratulations to Colleagues for Obtaining RGC Competitive Grants (2018-19 Round Exercise)

Dr. David A. Palmer has successfully obtained the Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship (HSPFS) and a General Research Funds (GRF), totalling HK\$1.396 million in grant support from the Research Grants Council for his two projects.

The HSPFS project on “Daoist Ritual, Local Society and the State: Ethnography, Text and Theory” will be for field data analysis and publication on Daoist ritual and local society in Huanghua, Yingde County, and Guangdong for 12 months.

The 36-month GRF project on “Daoism, Ethnic Identity and State Socialism: the Lanten Yao on the China-Vietnam-Laos Borderland” will focus on the Lanten Yao ethnic minority, which straddles the borders between Laos, China and Vietnam, and for whom Daoist ritual and cosmology are at the core of collective organization and culture. The project, with an international team of scholars bringing together expertise on the three countries in anthropology, history and Daoist studies, will combine the collection of ethnographic, textual and oral history data to construct a systematic description of the ritual traditions of the Lanten Yao minority, and compare their evolution and socio-political role in an ethnic community that straddles the borders of three socialist regimes.



Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung and Dr. Izumi Nakayama have been awarded HK\$553,284 from the GRF scheme for their 24-month project entitled “The Birth of East Asian Modern Entrepreneurship: the Case of Soy Sauce Making, ca. 1880-1960” (近代東亞企業的誕生：醬油業的例子，1880-1960). This collaborative study project aims to construct the first integrated East Asian history of modern soy sauce, exploring the transformation of this ancient condiment into a global product. Soy sauce is an East Asian identity food — a product that embodies and symbolizes the biological, socio-cultural, and historical makeup of East Asian cultures. That soy is an East Asian crop par excellence, and qu/kōji/nurukgyun (麴 as pronounced in Chinese, Japanese and Korean), the key ferment type needed to make soy sauce and other traditional alcoholic

drinks and medicines, containing specific enzymes and organisms, is one that can develop only in East Asia, makes soy sauce a uniquely informative vehicle for understanding the region and its intraregional exchanges and connections. This collaborative study allows for a new understanding of East Asia as a region by focusing on the circulations of individuals, knowledge, and practices related to soy sauce making in Japan, Taiwan, the Korean peninsula, and China from ca.1880 to 1960.



Featured News

Prof. Eric Tagliacozzo's Summer 2018 Visit



Prof. Eric Tagliacozzo (Cornell University) the inaugural Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences, returned to the Institute in June. During his second visit, Prof. Tagliacozzo had intensive interaction with students and colleagues in the University. He gave a well-received public lecture on “Ghosts in the Machine: Technology and Imperialism in Maritime Asia”, exploring three key moments when technology became crucial in “wiring” maritime Asia into larger landscapes of modernity and colonization, namely the laying of telegraphs across Indochina’s coasts en route to China, the building of a canal across the Isthmus of Kra, and the spread of lighthouses in the Anglo-Dutch sphere of Insular Southeast Asia. The talk engaged the enthusiastic audience

and led to a lively discussion.

In addition to his student and professional engagements, Prof. Tagliacozzo also continued working with Prof. Helen F. Siu on the third and final volume of the *Asia Inside Out* series, *Itinerant People*, a research output of the “Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban” cluster contracted with Harvard University Press.

(Clockwise from top right) Enthusiastic feedback from Dr. Harry Wu, Dr. Till Mostowlansky, Dr. James R. Fichter, and Dr. Stephen Davies



Workshop on “Ecologies of Urbanism in Asia III” (June 14-16, 2018)

Following the publications of two highly popular volumes of the *Ecologies of Urbanism* series – *Ecologies of Urbanism in India: Metropolitan Civility and Sustainability* (2016) and *Places of Nature in Ecologies of Urbanism* (2017), the cluster sub-group led by Prof. Kalyanakrishnan Sivaramakrishnan (Yale University) and Dr. Anne Rademacher (New York University) returned to the Institute for its third international workshop on “Death and Life Nature in Urban Cities” in June. Twelve scholars from Asia, USA, and United Kingdom participated in the workshop. Ten papers on urban Asia were presented to explore the biophysical and cultural processes that shaped ideas about, and responses to, the death and life of nature. Fourteen scholars participated in the discussion of issues drawn from the case studies presented by participants. The group also conducted two field excursions to Lung Fu Shan Country Park and UNESCO Global Geopark during the workshop period. The team aimed at producing a third volume on nature and urbanism in contemporary Asia.

Prof. Sivaramakrishnan (top) and Dr. Rademacher (right) at the meeting



Participating scholars at May Hall:

Front row, from left: Dr. Andrew Johnson, Dr. Shubhra Gururani, Dr. Anne Rademacher, Prof. Angela Leung, Dr. Camille Frazier

Second row, from left: Dr. Caroline Merrifield, Prof. Helen F. Siu, Dr. Kasia Paprocki, Dr. Harris Solomon, Dr. Annu Jalais

Back row, from left: Dr. Amy Zhang, Ms. Dorothy Tang, Prof. K. Sivaramakrishnan, Dr. Erik Harms



Discussion at the concluding session

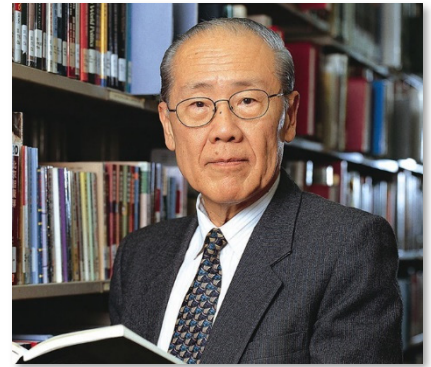


In exploration at Lung Fu Shan

Collaborations

Prof. Wang Gungwu's Visit (November 8-16, 2018)

The Institute, along with the Department of History, the Faculty of Arts, and the Development & Alumni Affairs Office, will host the visit of Prof. Wang Gungwu (王賡武) in November 2018. As the Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, Prof. Wang will give a public lecture on China in Asia and lead a public forum focusing on the theme “Chinese history in the dominant narratives of world/global history”. Two other distinguished scholars will join him at the forum – Prof. Chu Yun-han (朱雲漢), political scientist from Academia Sinica, Taiwan, and Prof. Ge Zhaoguang (葛兆光), historian from Fudan University. Prof. Wang's visit and his events, will be co-funded by the Institute and the professorship scheme, with the Graduate House being the venue sponsor of the public lecture and forum.



Conference on “InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi” (December 4-7, 2018, Hanoi, Vietnam)

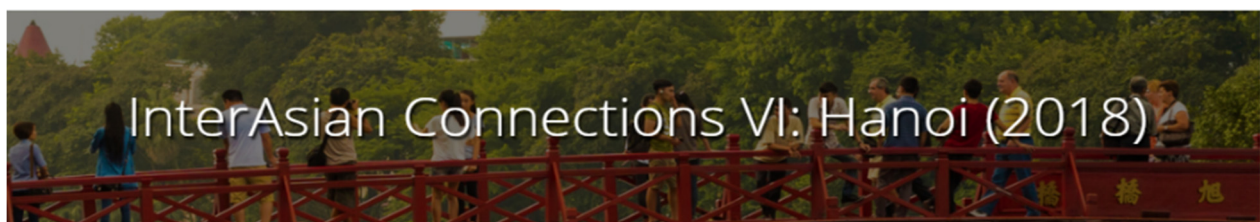
The international InterAsian Connections Conference series will hold the sixth conference in Hanoi, Vietnam this December. It is organized by the Institute with its long-term partners Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Asia Research Institute at National University of Singapore, Duke University Global Asia Initiative, Göttingen University Global and Transregional Studies Platform, and Yale University (since 2013), and new partners Seoul National University Asia Center (since summer 2017), and Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (since 2018). The series showcase innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines and explores themes that transform conventional understandings of Asia.

The 2018 Hanoi conference – comprising eight concurrent, director-led workshops as well as plenary sessions – is structured to enable intensive working group interactions on specific research themes as well as broader exchange on topics of shared interest and concern. The workshops are:

- Beyond the New Media: Deep Time of Networks and Infrastructural Memory in Asia
- China's OBOR Initiative and Its Impacts for Asian Countries
- Divine/Transcendent Rulers of Imagined Communities: The Rise and Fall of Royal Nationhood in Asia
- Eurasia's Islamic Socialist Ecumene
- Sacred Forests and Political Ecology: Cosmological Properties and Environmentality
- Sport Mega-Events as Hubs for InterAsian Interactions
- States of Fortification: Connecting Asia through Technologies of Food and Health
- The Netware of the New Asian Economy under the Industrial Revolution 4.0

The workshop “States of Fortification: Connecting Asia through Technologies of Food and Health” is co-convened by Dr. Izumi Nakayama of the Institute with Prof. Melissa L. Caldwell of the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The conference organizers and workshop directors have selected papers from a competitive pool of over 260 proposals. Details is available at <https://www.ssrc.org/programs/child-component/interasia-program/interasian-connections-conference-series/interasian-connections-vi-hanoi-2018/>.



Research collaboration with Colorado Center for Asian Studies

The Institute commenced a 3-year interdisciplinary research collaboration on “China Made: Asian Infrastructures and the ‘China Model’ of Development” with the University of Colorado Center for Asian Studies led by Prof. Timothy Oakes. This project has been awarded USD 390,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation. Core project team members include Prof. Timothy Oakes (Colorado University), Prof. Emily Yeh (Colorado University), Dr. Max Hirsh (HKU), Ms. Dorothy Tang (MIT & HKU), and Dr. Alessandro Rippa (Colorado University). Three workshops are planned, and the first workshop “Conceiving Infrastructures in a Chinese Register” will be held at University of Colorado in mid-October 2018. It will bring experts in the broader field of infrastructural studies into conversation with East and Southeast Asian area specialists to explore the concept of infrastructure as a research analytic in the contexts of East and Southeast Asia. The second workshop “Infrastructural Urbanism in China” will be hosted by HKIHSS in end-2018 or early 2019.

Teaching and Learning at the Institute

Welcome to Our New Students

The Institute is delighted to announce four young scholars joining the Institute’s MPhil and PhD programmes in 2018-19.



Miss Qiu Zichan (邱紫嬋) obtained her Bachelor’s degree in English from Northeast Normal University in 2016 and Master’s degree in Comparative and Public History Program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2017. Her MPhil thesis research project “A Hakka Village of Malaysia: The Form of Communal Identity and Chinese Culture Identity of Senai New Village” will be supervised by Dr. David A. Palmer and Dr. Li Ji.

Miss Fung Lok Hang (馮樂恆) received her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology at HKU in 2017. She will work on her MPhil thesis project “An Ethnographic Study on the New Age Movement in Hong Kong” under the supervision of Dr. David A. Palmer and Dr. Izumi Nakayama.

Mr. Rao Yichen (饒一晨), with an MPhil degree in Anthropology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, is interested in exploring the intersections of social structures and individual experiences. He will be working on his PhD research project “Crush by Design: Dating Coaches and ‘Seduction Industry’ in China” under the supervision of Dr. Gonçalo Santos and Dr. David A. Palmer.

Mr. Luis Fernando Bernardi Junqueira (林友樂) obtained his Master’s degree in History at Fudan University. He will work under the guidance of Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung and Dr. Izumi Nakayama for his research project on “Making Secret Medical Knowledge Public: The Publication and Circulation of Talismanic Healing Texts in China, 1750-1940”. Mr. Bernardi Junqueira is also an awardee of the University’s Jessie Ho Memorial Postgraduate Fellowship.

Offering of Common Core Course in 2018-19

Dr. Izumi Nakayama will teach the “Gender, Health, and Globalization (CCGL 9028)” in the fall semester of 2018-19. More information is available online at <https://commoncore.hku.hk/ccgl9028/>.

New Graduate Seminar in 2018-19

Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung will offer a new course on “Technology and Everyday Life in Modern East Asia: Artefact, Knowledge, Practice, and Infrastructure” in the spring semester. More on: <https://www.hkihss.hku.hk/en/teaching/courses-offering-in-2018-19/>.



Visiting Professor

Prof. Helen F. Siu, Professor of Anthropology, Yale University, is at the Institute for 2018. She has organized intensive one-to-one research tutorials with students from the Graduate School. To further the agenda of the “Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban” cluster which she leads, she and Prof. Eric Tagliacozzo have put the finishing touches to volume 3 “Itinerant People” of the **Asia Inside Out** volumes for Harvard University Press. She is also developing a China-Africa initiative with Prof. Chen Zhiwu (Asia Global Institute, HKU). To connect research themes of Asian infrastructure, mega-events, popular culture and political space, Prof. Siu has assumed a leading role in a Hong Kong documentary film project launched by the cluster. Directed by well-known documentary film maker Sue Williams, the crew spent a productive week of filming in Hong Kong in late June and early July.



On June 9, Prof. Helen F. Siu joined Mr. John Tsang (former Financial Secretary of HKSAR), Mr. Leung Man-tao (writer and commentator), and Ms. Denise Ho (Cantopop singer) in the Project Citizens Forum on “What Makes Hong Kong Special?” It is an event organized by Project Citizens Foundation and sponsored by the Institute. The event was over-subscribed and live streamed via the Institute’s global networks. Each of the panelists shared experiences of their treasured Hong Kong characteristics and values. Prof. Siu’s speech, “How Big is *Local*? Hong Kong’s Trans-local History and Culture” has since generated much public discussion.

In the coming fall semester, Prof. Siu will continue mentoring students and young scholars while working on the research clusters and documentary film project and exploring an oral history project on the Sai Ying Pun neighbourhood with Prof. Ellen Hertz (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland).

At the Project Citizens Forum, Mr. John Tsang (middle) interacting with the audience. With him are (from right) Ms. Denise Ho, Prof. Helen F. Siu, Mr. Leung Man-tao, and Dr. Allan Au Ka Lun



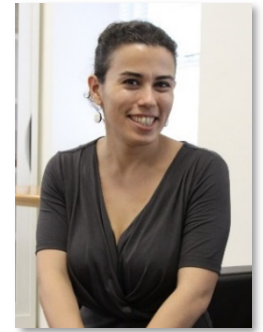
Lee Hysan-HKIHSS Fellowship

This Fellowship, established under the Institutional Enhancement Scheme, aims to support HKU postgraduate or senior undergraduate students in the disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences to undertake overseas research training for a period of up to one academic year.

Mr. Fu Longwen (PhD student in Sociology), the seventh Lee Hysan-HKIHSS Fellowship recipient, completed his six-month study stay (January to June 2018) at the Sociology Department of the University of York, United Kingdom. During his stay, Mr. Fu engaged with senior scholars at York and participated in seminars and workshops. With the financial support from his hosting department at York, he attended the Annual Conference of British Sociological Association from which he has gained stimulating ideas and perspectives on his thesis project. He has returned to HKU and will continue working on his PhD thesis.



Ms. Anna Iskra, a PhD student at the Institute, was selected as the eighth Lee Hysan-HKIHSS Fellowship recipient. She will spend five months at the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, under the mentorship of Prof. Arthur Kleinman. During her study stay, she will continue her research work for her PhD thesis on “Healing the Nation through Self-discovery: Body-Heart-Soul fever and the emergence of *Homo Sentimentalis* in the PRC” and attend events and lectures at Harvard.



Students' Fieldwork Experiences



The main entrance of a postpartum care center in South

Miss Lee Song Ah, MPhil student, has been doing field visits to of postpartum care centers in South Korea this summer for her thesis project “Negotiations of Postpartum Care and Motherhood in Contemporary South Korea”.

Upon arrival at one of the postpartum care centers, Miss Lee soon realized her plan was disrupted as the postpartum centers did not welcome visitors. The rejections, however, inspired Miss Lee to revise the research questions. She said, “While the perceived failures did at first worry me, it didn’t take long to realize that the rejections presented me with a new angle to consider in the research project. Perhaps the situation I found myself in was not the obstacle to the field as I had believed it to be, but a part of the ethnography itself. With this thought in mind, I began revising the questions for the semi-structured interview to reflect this change in perspective. I also began turning to other means of research to supplement my lack of stable access to a postpartum care center. While in the midst of perusing through multiple advertisements and reading different ‘mother blogs’ to gain a more holistic understanding of postpartum care centers in South Korea, I

came across insights that I normally would not have considered to be relevant to my research, had I been intently focused on my field being simply ‘postpartum care centers’. In a way, not being able to do participation observation at the centers has liberated me to be more flexible and generous in my considerations of other sites of ethnography.”



Mr. Graham Link, MPhil student at the Institute, conducted ethnographic fieldwork research in Yunnan China for his thesis project on the kinship of Mosuo minority group in early June. His research looks at discourse surrounding “quality” kinship in China, particularly in ethnic minority settings, and how the “quality” of a family is wrapped up in larger ideas of civilization, development, and now the “China Dream”.

Mr. Link shared his experiences, “My recent trip had two key aims – the first, to consider the popular portrayal of Mosuo kinship in Chinese media, museums, and exhibitions, and the second, to unpack how Mosuo families themselves think of ‘quality’ kinship.

This meant spending the first half of the trip in urban museums and ‘minority theme parks’ like the Yunnan Nationalities Village in Kunming. In the second portion, I stayed in two villages in the Mosuo-majority Lugu Lake area on the Yunnan-Sichuan border, interviewing Mosuo contacts and whoever was willing to chat with me. Research aside, I’m very lucky to work in such a beautiful field site...”

CRF Project “Making Modernity in East Asia: Technologies of Everyday Life, 19th -21st Centuries” (MMEA)

MMEA Second Plenary Conference and Advisory Board Meeting

(December 10-11, 2018, HKU)

The MMEA Team will hold its second plenary conference and advisory board meeting on December 10-11. The conference will include a public keynote lecture by Prof. Gabriela Soto Laveaga (History of Science, Harvard University) and closed-door panel discussions focusing on the collective themes of infrastructure, everyday technology and East Asia as a region. These events will gather over thirty scholars from around the globe, including the MMEA Project Team, Advisory Board, and representatives from partner institutions. More details will be announced at a later date.



More information: mmea.hku.hk

Sub-project Workshop on “Infrastructure and the Making of Modern East Asia”

(December 12-14, 2018, HKU)

Convened by Dr. Max Hirsh (HKU), the workshop-cum-fieldwork will bring together twelve scholars to explore the social, material and technical integration of East Asia through the lens of infrastructure, with a particular focus on transportation. The workshop aims at stimulating an interdisciplinary dialogue on transport infrastructure between the fields of architecture, anthropology, geography, history of technology and STS. The invited scholars are experts conducting research on infrastructure in Hong Kong, Japan, Laos, Mainland China, Singapore, and Vietnam. The workshop will serve as a venue for fruitful discussion and concrete feedback on scholars’ first drafts, with the goal of advancing these drafts towards publication. In addition, the workshop will include a one-day fieldwork trip to large-scale infrastructure projects that are currently being built or redeveloped in Hong Kong.

MMEA Lecture Series

Prof. Melissa Caldwell, Department of Anthropology of the University of California, Santa Cruz, will give a lecture on “Culinary Colonialism and the Frontiers of Russian Food Cultures” on September 5, 2018 in May Hall. Prof. Caldwell is Editor of *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies* and Co-Director of UCSC Multi-Campus Research Program on Studies of Food and the Body. She and Prof. Angela Leung are editors of the book volume *Moral Foods: The Construction of Nutrition and Health in Modern Asia* contracted by the University of Hawaii Press.



Spirituality, Religion and Society Lecture Series

The “Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia” cluster will co-organize a lecture entitled “The Chinese Pursuit of Happiness: Meaning, Morality, and Everyday Life” by Prof. Richard Madsen on September 10 in collaboration with Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU. Prof. Madsen is Distinguished Professor of Sociology at University of California at San Diego. He is the author, or co-author of twelve books on Chinese culture, American culture, and international relations.



Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series

The Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar provides a platform for scholars to share their ongoing original research projects with HKU colleagues and students. In the fall of 2018, six seminars will be organized:

September 11: “Hong Kong Identity through Youth and Student Cultural Revolution Discourse”, Dr. Leung Shuk Man, School of Chinese and School of Modern Languages and Cultures, HKU

September 18: “Local Gods and Trans-local Rituals: The Role of Daoism for ‘Popular Religion’ in Hunan”, Dr. Mark Meulenbeld, Department of Chinese Culture, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

October 23: “Ocean Objects: ‘Chinese’ Shells in a Global Context”, Dr. Anna Grasskamp, Academy of Visual Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University

November 13: “Making Their Presence Felt: Photographic Mediums and the Rise of a Mass Audience”, Dr. Chen Fong Fong, University Museum and Art Gallery, HKU

November 27: “Empires, Capitals, and Time: The Politics of the Past in Early China”, Dr. Vincent Leung, Department of History, Lingnan University

December 4: “The Domestic Lives of Village Videos: Making Sense of the World through Grassroots Media in Southwest China”, Dr. Luo Yu, Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong

Recent Activities

2018 Summer School on “New Approaches to Religious Pluralism in Asia: India-China-Indonesia” (May 14-18, 2018, Chennai, India)

Continuing last year’s effort in the development of the transnational fellowship for budding prominent young scholars across the three countries, the “Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia” cluster held the second summer school “New Approaches to Religious Pluralism in Asia: India-China-Indonesia” in Chennai, India, during the hot summer of May 14-18.



The summer school program included (1) a book workshop on Peter van der Veer’s *The Modern Spirit of Asia: The Spiritual and the Secular in China and India* (Princeton University Press, 2013), (2) commentary sessions on the articles contributed by the participants under five designated themes (pluralism and public policy, pluralism and new religious movements, religion and identity politics, gender and religion, indigenous cosmologies, and interfaith relations), and (3) field visits to critical religious spots in Chennai to understand the different forms of Hinduism in the Tamil Nadu context.

Next year 2019, the group will gather in August in Yogyakarta, Indonesia to complete the three-year project. The cluster will continue the collaboration with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia who has generously funded the project throughout the years. More information is available online at rsa-ici.weebly.com.

MMEA Lecture Series

Prof. Eric C. Rath (Toyota Visiting Professor at the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan and Professor of Premodern Japanese History at the University of Kansas) spoke on “The Invention and Reinvention of Local Food in Japan” on May 7. He discussed the role of the central government in the process of defining local food in Japan and argued that dominant definitions of national cuisine shaped its meaning, unlike India and Italy, where premodern regional cuisines contributed to the rise of a national cuisine.



MMEA Sub-project Workshops

“Food Technology” (May 7-11, 2018, HKU and Taiwan)

Convened by Dr. Izumi Nakayama (HKU) and Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung (HKU), the workshop-cum-fieldwork on “Food Technology” took place in Hong Kong and Taiwan from May 7 to 11.

The 10-scholar group spent one day to meet at HKU to discuss tea, liquor and soy food manufacturing and consumption in modern East Asia. Prof. Eric C. Rath was invited to give a keynote lecture on the creation of local foods in Japan. The participants spent 3 days in Taichung, Changhua, and Yunlin visiting soy sauce manufacturing factories and tea research institutions. They also participated in a post-workshop co-organized with the History Department at National Chi Nan University and *East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal (EASTS)*, a MMEA partner institution.



(Left) Discussion at HKU on May 7.
(Right) Group photo at National Chi Nan University, Taiwan on May 11

At a sauce manufacturing factory in Xiluo (西螺)



“Technological Innovations and Social Change” (May 11, 2018, HKUST)

Organized by MMEA Project Co-PI Prof. Naubahar Sharif (HKUST) with Dr. Huang Yu (HKUST), this one-day workshop focused the theme of “the History of Automation and the Future of Work in East Asia, 1960s-2010s”. It gathered eleven scholars from Europe, Australia and Asia to discuss the sub themes of industrial automation and technological modernity and smart economy and social technology. The group aimed at publishing the workshop papers as a special issue in a high-impact journal in 2019.



“Phones, Drones, & Diseases” (May 17-18, 2018, HKU)

The two-day workshop on “Phones, Drones, & Diseases”: Epidemic Intelligence and the Future of Communications in East Asia” was organized by Prof. Robert Peckham (HKU). It brought together researchers and practitioners from science and technology studies, public health, medicine, history, and anthropology to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that presented by technological innovations. Ten papers were presented during the workshop and a WHO Global Health Histories Seminar on “Strategies of Anti-Panic: A New Approach to Epidemic Panic” was hosted by Prof. Peckham, Prof. Keiji Fukuda (Public Health, HKU), and Prof. Kirsten Ostherr (Medical Futures Lab, Rice University) in the afternoon of May 18.



“Sociotechnical Systems of Pharmacotherapy in Modern East Asia, 1800-2020” (June 23-24, 2018, HKU)



Convened by Dr. Daniel Trambaiolo (HKU), the workshop brought together twelve scholars from local and abroad with expertise on different parts of East Asia to think across and beyond national boundaries for reconceptualization of the history of pharmacotherapy in terms of the East Asian region as a whole. Dr. Trambaiolo will incorporate lessons drawn from the workshop into an article on the history of pharmaceuticals

in East Asia, to be submitted to the journal *EASTS* this year. Co-submission of papers as joint conference panels and special journal issues is also under discussion.

“Instruments, Meteorological Forecasting and Everyday Technology in China, Hong Kong and Japan, 1870-1950”
(August 27-28, 2018, HKU)

The workshop, which was convened by Dr. Fung Kam Wing (HKU), engaged eleven scholars and experts from Hong Kong, Japan, and China to examine the flow of meteorological technology and instruments from Europe to the East Asian regions. Drawing upon archival materials of, for example, observatories and meteorological stations, as well as meteorological instruments in public and private collections, the workshop aims to demonstrate the instruments’ impact on the everyday life of people in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macao and Japan from the late-nineteenth century until 1950. The group planned to publish the papers as an edited volume by a leading university press in East Asia.



Institute's News

Search of Postdoctoral Fellow (MMEA Project)

Applications are invited for appointment as Postdoctoral Fellow (MMEA Project) at the Institute. Scholars who have a PhD degree preferably in the History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology and Society (STS), or a related discipline specialized in technology and culture in East Asia are encouraged to apply. More details are available at HKU HR webpage <http://jobs.hku.hk/>.

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Staff Appointment

Prof. Wang Gungwu has been appointed as Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities from September to November 2018.

Dr. Emily Fong has joined the Institute as Teaching Assistant from August 27, 2018.

Retirement

After serving 38 years at the University, Ms. Becky Fung, Clerk I retired from the Institute from July 1, 2018. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

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