

## Professor Elizabeth Sinn Receives a Best Asian Book Award

Congratulations to Prof. Elizabeth Sinn, Honorary Professor in the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, on receiving a Best Asian Book Prize of the Year in the Humanities and Academic Books Category from the Korea Publishers Society (KOPUS) for her book “穿梭太平洋：金山夢、華人出洋與香港的形成” published by Chung Hua Book Company in 2019.



The Best Asian Book Awards was launched for the first time this year to prepare a bridgehead for Asian publishing content to become the centre of the international content industry. The awards are given to two titles from ‘the category of humanities and academic books with the theme of Asia’ and two titles from ‘the category of general books with a large number of readers by sharply capturing the changes in modern society.’

In her book, Professor Sinn charts the rise of Chinese Gold Mountain firms engaged in all kinds of transpacific trade, especially the lucrative export of prepared opium and other luxury goods. Challenging the traditional view that the migration was primarily a “coolie trade,” she uncovers leadership and agency among the many Chinese who made the crossing and offers a fresh view of the British colony and a new paradigm for migration studies. The awarded title is a Chinese edition of *Pacific Crossing: California Gold, Chinese Migration, and the Making of Hong Kong* published by the Hong Kong University Press in 2013.



More information about Professor Sinn and her books, please visit:

- Professor Elizabeth Sinn’s research work ([link](#))
- “穿梭太平洋：金山夢、華人出洋與香港的形成” ([link](#))
- *Pacific Crossing: California Gold, Chinese Migration, and the Making of Hong Kong* ([link](#))
- A book talk on the English edition of the book at HKU Libraries ([link](#))
- A RTHK Podcast about the Chinese edition of the book ([link](#))