

## **Welcome to Our Asian Studies Visiting Scholar**

### **Dr Laura ELDER**

It was my good fortune to join you during your transition to becoming The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. Many congratulations to all faculty, staff, and students on this achievement! I am an Associate Professor of Global and Intercultural Studies at Saint Mary's College as well as a fellow at the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian American Studies at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, in the Mid-western part of the United States. I grew up on a farm in rural Oregon, in the Northwestern part of the US. And then I completed my undergraduate studies in the Southwest, my graduate studies in the Northeast, in New York City, and a post-doctoral fellowship in the Southeast. I have, therefore, travelled and lived all over the US with the exceptions of Alaska and Hawaii. But I very much hope I will someday have the opportunity to visit or study there too!



I became fascinated with Asia during my undergraduate studies due to the wonderfully intensive courses of Richard Eaton, a professor of Islamic and Indian history. My interest in Islam and Asia was then extended to Southeast Asia through my studies in cultural anthropology in New York City with two wonderful professors – May Ebihara and Delmos Jones – who sadly have passed on. I was then fortunate enough to study Bahasa Indonesia with faculty from the University of Manado – Sulawesi Utara through a U.S. Dept. of State program and, once I had a taste of the food, vitality, and gracious hospitality of Southeast Asia, I was smitten and I have been researching and studying economics and culture in the region for over a decade. Recently I had the opportunity to return to my undergraduate focus in South Asia and, through the generous funding of the Freeman Foundation, and together with a colleague in microbiology, I was able to bring students from the US to join in collaborative fieldwork with local students about water contamination and social action in Nepal. The experience was life-changing for students and so I am hoping to develop more collaborative projects to bring US undergraduates to Asia in the coming years. Please be in touch if you are interested in collaborating in such fieldwork programs.

I am here at HSUHK on a one-semester appointment as the second Asian Studies Visiting Scholar and have very much enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about Northeast Asia and Hong Kong. I taught one module on gender, race and ethnicity in Asian societies and it was a pleasure for me to learn about HSUHK students' experiences as we grappled with how interlocking systems of power and "views from the margins" are essential in addressing global challenges such as climate change and social justice. In addition, following my own research interests in gender, culture and Islam, I have been talking with bankers and regulators regarding trajectories of ethical investment and trajectories of Islamic finance in Hong Kong financial markets.

I want to express my deep appreciation to my colleagues in the Department of Social Science, the Asian Studies program and across campus who have shared their time and expertise and who have welcomed me to campus. Many thanks, for example, to the wonderful folks in the School of Translation who saved my first class session by helping me to phone Information Technology and many thanks to the Faculty of Business and Economics for sharing contacts and views of financialization. As is quite evident, you have a wonderful intellectual community here at the Hang Seng University of Hong Kong and I hope that our collaborations will continue!

## Welcome to Our New Academic Staff



**Dr WANG Shiru,**  
**Assistant Professor**

“Hello, everyone. My name is Shiru. I came to work at HSUHK in September 2018. Currently, I am teaching *Social Sciences Research Methods* and *Fundamentals of Political Science*. My research interest covers political behavior, democracy, social media, and political psychology. Most importantly, my life-long project is to study my three-year old and try to learn from him to be a good mom and a better person. I love travelling, reading, and watching those utopian and dystopian movies. I am interested in all kinds of mysterious things, from Book of Changes to Astrology... all right, mainly, the fortune-telling 64 hexagrams and Horoscope.”



**Dr WONG Tai Tak Andy,**  
**Lecturer I**

“Hello! My name is Andy. This is my first year of teaching at The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. I am currently teaching two General Education modules of Ethics and Business Ethics. I lived in Leuven, Liège and Paris for over ten years to pursue my master and doctoral studies in philosophy. My research interest focuses on contemporary French philosophy. I have a strong passion for exploring French culture, also various types of Francophone cultures, such as the cultures of Belgian French, Swiss French, Québécois French and African French, etc. I love reading, cinema, music and swimming. I also like going to visit historical sites in the city with my friends in my leisure time.”



**Dr TANG Kin Yat Gary,**  
**Lecturer I**

“Hello! This is Gary. I taught here as a part time teacher when I was a PhD candidate. I am so glad to be part of HSUHK again. I teach modules of General Education in this academic year. My research interest includes political communication, social media, social movement and youth studies, and I am interested in culture of financialization recently. I seldom take photo so I got this one from Google. Watching music live show is my major leisure activity. Toe is my all time classic. D.A.N. is my recent favour. I have just finished Rick and Morty. I watch one episode of BoJack Horseman every night.”

## **Competitive Research Grants**

### *Faculty Development Scheme 2018/19*

**Title: Trajectories, Strategies, Practices of Second-generation Hong Kong Transnational Families.**

*(Dr Lucille NGAN)*



#### **Abstract of proposal**

This research seeks to explore the migration trajectories of second-generation Hong Kong transnational families in relation to their motives, strategies, practices, challenges and outcomes. After securing foreign passports and attaining overseas tertiary education, many second-generation immigrants who emigrated to western shores before the 1997 hand-over of Hong Kong to China have resettled in Hong Kong and are forming their own families. Having transitioned to parenthood, findings from our previous FDS study (UGC/FDS14/H09/14) indicate that they are planning to leave Hong Kong yet again, with their children. While migrants' circulatory movements and their family ties have been increasingly addressed through a transnational perspective, there has been limited focus on the migratory trajectories of second-generation transnational families, as a group. The lack of focus on them is partly because they had not come of age until recently but more so it can be attributed to the common assumption that their return to Hong Kong is the completion of the migratory journey. The significance of our study lies in revealing the scarcely known trajectories of second-generation Hong Kong transnational families in process – as they happen. We will explore notions of home and belongingness and also the range of factors within the spheres of employment, family life and children's education that are affecting their migratory trajectories. Furthermore, we will examine local and transnational strategies that are utilised to pursue family projects and how gender relations are played out in the migration process. Our fieldwork will involve in-depth family case studies of second-generation Hong Kong transnational migrants that are residing Hong Kong and also families that have departed to Australia and Canada.



## Book Launch

### *History and Development of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel and Lek Yuen*

(Chinese title: 大隧同源：大老山隧道與瀝源發展歷程)

**Authors: Dr Rami CHAN, Dr Joe POON and Dr Christopher AU YEUNG**

With the funding support from the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Company Limited, Dr Rami Chan, Dr Joe Poon and Dr Christopher Au Yeung of the Department of Social Science have recently co-authored a book 《大隧同源：大老山隧道與瀝源發展歷程》 ("History and Development of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel and Lek Yuen") published by the Chung Hwa Book Co. The Department of Social Science and HSUHK Library co-organised a book launch on 1 November 2018 at the Exhibition Area of the Library with sharing from the three authors. The Book is now available in major bookstores. Copies can also be found in the HSUHK Library.



## Awards and Engagements

### Dr Lucille NGAN -- Prestigious awards for research outputs

The Academy of Hong Kong Studies, 2017/2018 Hong Kong Studies Annual conference – Outstanding papers for the 2017 / 2018 in Hong Kong Studies

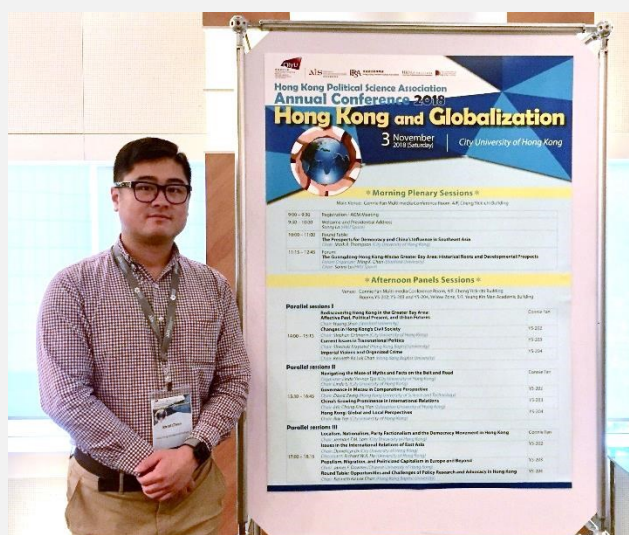
Chan, A. K. W. and Ngan, L. L. S. (2018). Investigating the differential mobility experiences of Chinese cross-border students. *Mobilities*, 13(1), 142–156.

**Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence — 2018 Highly Commended Paper**

Chan, A. K. W., Ngan, L. L. S., Wong, A. K.W. and Chan, W. S. (2017). “Border” matters in discussions of cross-border students. *Social Transformations in Chinese Societies*, 13(1), 56–70.

### Dr Rami CHAN as HKPSA Vice-President (2018-20)

At the Hong Kong Political Science Association (HKPSA) Annual General Meeting held on 3 November 2018 at City University of Hong Kong, Dr Rami Chan, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Science was elected as the Vice-President of the Association for a two-year term (2018-20). The Hong Kong Political Science Association (HKPSA) was inaugurated in 2000 in response to growing demands amongst political scientists in the territory for an organisation which would bring closer together those people interested in promoting the development and dissemination of political science and closely related disciplines. HKPSA would also act to represent their interests within Hong Kong and in interactions with similar bodies around the world. Dr Rami Chan has been serving as a Council Member of the Association since 2016 and he was the Coordinator of the HKPSA Annual Conference 2017 which was held at HSMC (now HSUHK).





## Past events

### *Asian Studies Visiting Scholar Public Lecture Series by Dr Laura ELDER, Semester 1, 2018-19*

#### **Faith in Finance: Gender and the Politics of Value in Islamic Finance (18 October 2018)**

Islamic finance is often represented as an attempt to reassert moral and political control within capital markets. Drawing on fieldwork in the Middle East and in Southeast Asia, Dr Elder dissect these claims by examining the practices, policies, and politics of experts working in the field of Islamic banking. First, she explores the practices of new “Sharia Superstars” in the field of finance. Next she delves into powerful public-private partnerships as they extend and deepen financial intermediation across these regions. And finally, she examines Islamic feminist activism in response to these powerful new formations.



ASIAN STUDIES SEMINAR

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**SPEAKER: DR LAURA ELDER**  
ASIAN STUDIES VISITING SCHOLAR



Dr. Laura Elder is our Asian Studies Visiting Scholar. She is also an Associate Professor at the Department of Global Studies and Program in Intercultural Studies, Saint Mary's College Notre Dame. Her expert areas are global political economy, gender, and Islam in Southeast Asia and the MENA region.

DATE: 18 October 2018  
TIME: 13:30 - 14:30  
VENUE: M 706

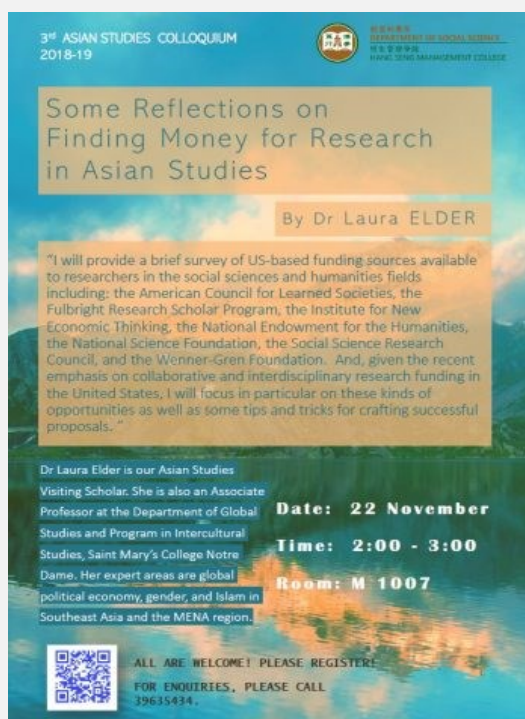
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#### **Some Reflections on Finding Money for Research in Asian Studies (22 November 2018)**

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**Time: 2:00 - 3:00**  
**Room: M 1007**

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**Colloquiums and Seminar Series, Semester 1, 2018-19**



**Asian Studies Colloquium 18/19  
(30 August 2018)**

**Why is Hong Kong Studies Important?  
By Prof Mariko Tanigaki**



**Asian Studies Seminar 18/19  
(15 November 2018)**

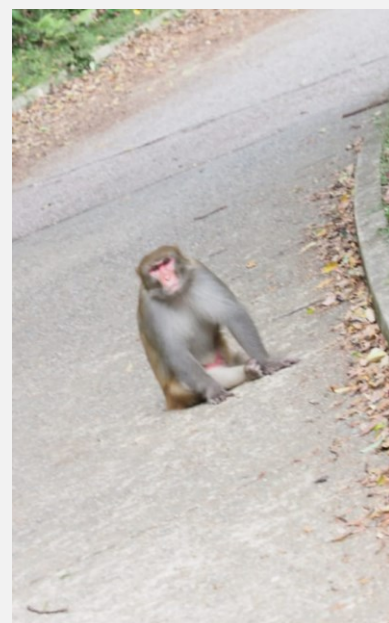
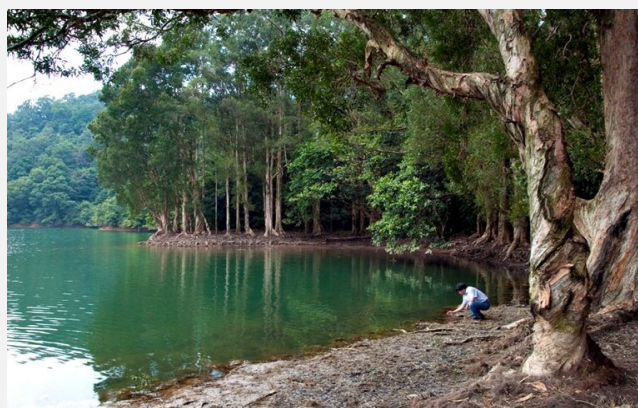
**Topic 1: Itadakimasu! From culinary to cultural differences between Japan and Hong Kong** By Mr Kitagawa Shintaro

**Topic 2: 永遠說不清楚的日本人** By Ms Jamie Lo



***Staff and Student Hiking Trip (10 November 2018)***

The Department of Social Science organised a hiking trip on 10 November 2018 to welcome the beautiful autumn. A group of teachers and students from the Asian Studies programme had a 3hr hiking journey from Shing Mun Reservoir to Tai Po Road.





## Staff Activities Outside HSUHK

### *Sharing by Dr Joe POON (26 July 2018)*

In a summer camp organised by the Buddha's Light International Association, Dr Joe Poon taught children ideas about 'empathy towards animals' and 'complexity of ecosystem' through story-telling.



### *Presentation by Dr Andy WONG (16 November 2018)*

Dr Andy Wong was invited by the Department of Religion and Philosophy of Hong Kong Baptist University to deliver a presentation in the celebration dinner for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department. About 300 participants, including guests, the Dean of Arts, emeritus professors, professors, alumni and students attended the event.



## Mr CHAN Chau (“Sensei”) and the Toro & Sake Festival (12-27 October 2018)

Sensei initiated a cooperation with a sake merchant (Tengo Worldwide Limited) for our students to participate in The Toro & Sake Festival organised by Tengo and a Japanese restaurant affiliated with The Macau Jockey Club. The students were taught about the etiquette of Japanese cuisine in the event. Dr Christopher Au Yeung, Dr Andy Wong, and Dr Gary Tang also took part to be student advisors of the event.



## Seminar Presentation by Dr Gary TANG (3 November 2018)

Dr Gary Tang presented two papers in the 8<sup>th</sup> Seminar on Hong Kong Society and Culture. One was “Impact of Perceived Consequence of Social Movement on Political Efficacy and Political Participation: Evidence from the Umbrella Movement” (with Hiu-Fung Chung). Another one was “Perception of Home Purchase in a Financialized Society: Relationship between Perception of Investment, Perception of Home Purchase, and Social Attitudes in Hong Kong” (with Chung-Kin Tsang).





## **Past events**

### ***Inclusive Development Workshop: Greater China and Beyond (10-11 August 2018)***

The two-day workshop was jointly organised by The Centre for Greater China Studies, the Department of Social Science and the Afro-Asian Society for Inclusive Development. It aimed to shed new light on long-standing problems by bringing together Asian and African scholars conducting research on inclusive development exchanges for an intensive discussion about the meaning, significance, and implementation of inclusive development.



### ***Student Orientation Day (21 August 2018)***

A gathering of all first-year students from the Asian Studies (BSS-AS) and the Cultural and Creative Industries (BA-CCI) programmes.





### AS Gathering for New Academic Year (20 September 2018)

The Students' Association of Asian Studies ("Eternity") organised a dinner gathering at the beginning of the semester to cheer up students and teachers, and to hope everything the best in the new academic year.



### Information Day 2018 (17 November 2018)

Staff and students from the BSS-AS and BA-CCI programmes setup exhibition booths to welcome visitors at the HSUHK Information Day 2018.





## **Student News**

### ***School of Humanities and Social Science Dean's List & Best Progress Awards***

The School of Humanities and Social Science held the Award Presentation Ceremony on 17 Nov 2018. Eight students from the Asian Studies (BSS-AS) and Cultural and Creative Industries (BA-CCI) programmes were placed on the Dean's List and five BSS-AS students received the Best Progress Award. Besides, one student has been awarded the Talent Development Scholarship under the Self-financing Post-secondary Scholarship Scheme of Education Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government for two consecutive years.

#### **Best Progress Award**

CHAN Wing Yin (AS)  
CHUNG Uen Yui (AS)  
HONG Shun Lok (AS)  
LAM Tsz Wing (AS)  
LAW Hon Yin Desmond (AS)

#### **Dean's List**

CHAN Ho Yin (AS)  
FONG Lok Tim (AS)  
HE Suying (AS)  
LAU To Wing (AS)  
LI Yuk Ki (AS)  
LO Kar Li (AS)  
CHAN Wing Yan Vivian (CCI)  
YIP Hiu Ping (CCI)

#### **Talent Development Scholarship**

2017-18 LAM Tsz Wing (AS)  
2016-17 LAM Tsz Wing (AS)



## Upcoming Event

### South Taiwan History and Cultural Tour 2019



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#### 南台灣歷史文化研習營 2019

#### SOUTH TAIWAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL TOUR 2019

日期：2019年1月3日至2019年1月9日 (7天)

Date: 3 January 2019 - 9 January 2019 ( 7 Days )

地點：高雄及臺南

Location: Kaohsiung and Tainan

費用：港幣5,386元\*

(包括來回機票，住宿，早餐和午餐(或晚餐)，當地交通及旅遊保險)

\*費用有機會下調

Programme Fee: HKD 5,386\*

(including round-trip air tickets, accommodation, breakfast and lunch (or dinner), ground transportation and travel insurance)

\*programme fee is subject to reduction

行程：司法博物館、打狗英國領事館、蓮池潭及左營舊城等

Highlighted Programme: Tainan Judicial Museum, The British Consulate at Takow, Lotus Pond and Old City of Zuoying etc.

名額：15人

Quota: 15



截止日期

2018年11月12日

Enrollment Deadline

12 November 2018

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立即報名！ Enroll Now!

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