# 2023 - 2024 Newsletter Issue 15

# The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong Department of Social Science

Special Feature: Student Engagement with the Community



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BSocSc (Hons) in Asian Studies, Year 4 UN University Volunteer in Communications and External Relations in UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific During my time as a UN University Volunteer in UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, I had the opportunity to facilitate research on different embassies and donors, provide support for public events and manage social media platforms.

One of the most impactful roles was writing stories for underprivileged women. By shedding light on their challenges, we not only raise awareness but also provide support and love to these women. I firmly believe that empowering underprivileged groups through policy initiatives and campaigns is crucial in helping them catch up with the rest of the world.

I always remind myself to be grateful and appreciative of everything I have. Thus, I strive to spread this love and appreciation by doing my part in social engagement. Engaging in social initiatives is not only meaningful but also beneficial for all parties involved, including both myself and those we care.

#### Article written by Chloe:

https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/stories/featurestory/2024/03/lets-support-migrant-domestic-workersand-efforts-to-build-care-economy-across-the-region I am honored to visit and make policy explanations for subdivided flat families. During the visit, I was deeply shocked to know a four-member family who has been residing in a 200 square foot flat for many years. It was disheartening to see that the two primary school daughters had to do their homework on the dining table due to the lack of space.

Such living constraints faced by this family are not unique. They are just one example of the many challenges experienced by families in Hong Kong. While our visit may not have provided immediate assistance to them or solved any structural housing problems, it allowed us to gain firsthand experience of the hardships faced by grassroots families.

Our mentor, Winky, who is also the founder of Comhome, has been a source of inspiration. As a former social science student, she has transformed her empathy into action by serving underprivileged groups. This reflects the true essence of service-learning which is "knowing and then changing". Personally, I believe that studying social science can have a tangible impact on our community and create positive change.

Video on visit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a>
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Wong Tin Wai Cymbi (right)

BSocSc (Hons) in Philosophy,
Politics and Economics,
Year 2
Volunteer in Comhome Social
Realty Limited



Liu Yehao (left)

MSocSc in Public Policy and Risk Governance Presenter in Conference on Social Transformation and Social Challenges in Greater China, SSC, HSUHK My teammates and I recently presented on the housing problems faced by non-Hong Kong fresh graduates. These challenges often restrict their options for staying and serving in Hong Kong. Many graduates find sub-divided units to be a relatively affordable choice. But they still face issues such as restricted living environments and high living costs.

We proposed policy recommendations on the existing rental control policy from a legal perspective. We believe that the effectiveness of regulating sub-divided units depends on its implementation. Therefore, we advocated for the adoption of a registration system that can minimize regulation costs and ensure actual protection for tenants. By redesigning the system, non-local graduates may feel more encouraged to stay and serve in Hong Kong.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to present our ideas. I encourage everyone to do and speak whatever they can, as it has the potential to contribute to our community.





#### **Awards**



Long Service Award:
Dr. Lucille Ngan, Dr. Rami Chan,
Dr. Wong Muk Yan, and Ms. Ice Kwok

Awards for loyalty and significant contributions to HSUHK

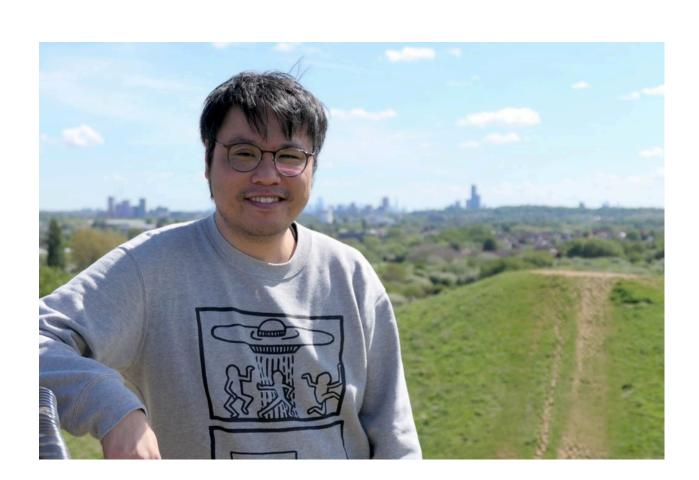


Appreciation of Teachers' and Serving-Learning Ambassadors' Effort:

Awards for appreciation on developing community service and student learning



# **Funded Research**



Anti-Scam and Financial Literacy: funded by Strategic Development Grant and Research Matching Grant Scheme (Research MGS) Award: \$469,000

Team member: Dr. Joseph Li

# Relocation of SSC to Creative Humanities Hub



# Housewarming Party & TPG Programme Lunch Gathering 21 March 2024



**Professor Kao Lang** (second from right) commemorated the relocation of SSC with SHSS and senior management.





**Dr. Todd Yuda Shi**, Lecturer

Hello everyone! I am a new faculty member of the SSC. My name is Shi Yuda and you can call me Todd. Having my bachelor's study in the Southern Medical University in Guangzhou, I obtained my master's degree at the University of Hong Kong. Since then, I lived in Hong Kong for about five years and gained my PhD degree at the Education University of Hong Kong. I teach two modules: ASI4001 Disaster and Crisis Management in Asia and GEN2009 Battles in a Contagious World: Challenges of Global Public Health.

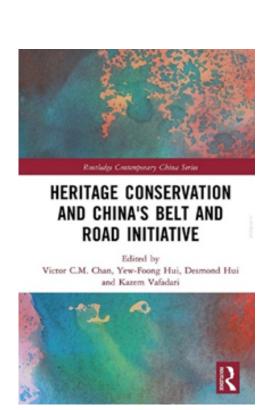
Apart from teaching, I am enthusiastic about doing research. My research interest stems from a wide range of topics, including public policy, crisis governance, social policy and smart cities. Moreover, I am a fan of classical music. I am good at playing the violin. I participated in the symphonic orchestra of the HKU and the EdUHK. Furthermore, I always play duet with my friend.

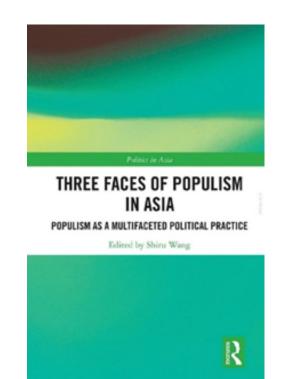




#### **Books**

Chan, C. M. V., Hui, Y. F., Hui, D., & Vafadari, K. (eds.) (2023). Heritage Conservation and China's Belt and Road Initiative. Routledge. <a href="https://www.routledge.com/Heritage-Conservation-and-Chinas-Belt-and-Road-Initiative/Chan-Hui-Hui-Vafadari/p/book/9781032513676">https://www.routledge.com/Heritage-Conservation-and-Chinas-Belt-and-Road-Initiative/Chan-Hui-Hui-Vafadari/p/book/9781032513676</a>





Wang, S. R. (ed.) (2024). Three Faces of Populism in Asia: Populism as a Multifaceted Political Practice. Routledge.

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**Ngan, L. L. S.** (2024). Negotiating work–family transitions: Reverse family migration among second–generation Hong Kong Mothers. Critical Asian Studies, online first, 1–20. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/14672715.2024.2329983">https://doi.org/10.1080/14672715.2024.2329983</a>

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**Chan, C.M.V.** (2023). Silk roads heritage diplomacy: UNESCO & China's Belt and Road Initiative. In Victor C. M. Chan, Yew-Foong Hui, Desmond Hui, Kazem Vafadari (eds.) Heritage Conservation and China's Belt and Road Initiative. Routledge.

**Poon, K. C., & Chan, H. Y.** (2024). A study of tea education's effect on secondary school students' mental health. Counseling & Guidance 460: 37-40 (in Chinese).

**Poon, K. C.** (2023). "Reverse Geyi" and the development of Buddhist psychology. Translation Quarterly, 107: 81–94 (in Chinese).

# Conferences, Talks and Presentations

- **Ngan, L. L. S.,** & Chan, A. K. W. (2024, 27 April). Exploring the influence of digital technologies on aging experience in transnational family contexts: A study of older adults in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the Conference on Social Transformation and Social Challenges in Greater China, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Siu, Q. K. Y., & **Ngan, L. L. S.** (2024, 27 April). Negotiating achievement amid challenges: Exploring Hong Kong migrant's narrative construction. Paper presented at the Conference on Social Transformation and Social Challenges in Greater China, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- **Tang, G.,** & Yuen, S. (2024, 27–28 March). Revisiting post-materialist orientation: Generational differences in how subjective precarity shapes policy views. Paper presented at the Symposium on Managing Social/Demographic Change: Comparative Educational and Social Policy Studies in East Asia, Chiayi.
- **Tang, G., Hung, E.** & Yuen, S. (2024, 15–16 March). Unsettling neoliberalism: The moderation effect of social precarity on neoliberal orientation in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the Symposium on The Transformation of East Asian Welfare States in the Post–COVID–19 Era, Taipei.
- **Yu, J.** (2023, 30 November). The practice of psychodynamic therapy. Invited Guest Lecture at Department of Psychology, HKU Master's Programme in Clinical Psychology, Hong Kong.
- Wang, S. R., & Zhu, M. Q. (2024, 29–30 April). What are nationalist narratives in China today? Concentration of nationalist discourse. Paper presented at the Workshop on Exploring the Digital Tapestry: Unraveling the Dynamics of Social Media in China. Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School, Shenzhen.
- **Li, M. K.** & Wong, B. (2023, 11–13 September). The eye of a needle: On how the convergence conception of public justification upsets social insurance. Paper presented at MANCEPT Workshop 2023, Manchester.
- **Li, C. K.** (2023, 14 December). Small shops: a cultural infrastructure and the production of conviviality. Paper presented at the Theory Hong Kong Conference 2023. Hong Kong Studies, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong and Hong Kong Studies Initiative, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- Li, C. K. (2023, 7 December). ChatGPT in game-based education. Talk given at Centre for teaching and learning, HSUHK, Hong Kong.
- **Li, C. K.** (2023, 17 October). LLM as a tool of condensed translation. Talk given at Data Science Research Centre Talk Series, Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Hong Kong.





### Research Conference



Conference on Social Transformation and Social Challenges in Greater China 27 April 2024

> SSC and Centre of Greater China Studies, HSUHK

Welcoming remarks by **Professor Kwok-kan Tam**, Dean of School of Humanities and Social Science and Chair Professor, Department of English





Keynote presentation by **Professor Joshua Ka Ho Mok**, Vice-President and Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Comparative Policy, Lingnan University

Presentation topic: The impact of geopolitics on international student mobility: The Chinese students' perspective and challenges for sustainable development

#### Participating institutions (in alphabetical order):

Ca'Foscari University of Venice
Guangzhou University
Jiangxi University of Science and Technology
Lingnan University

Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong

The Australian National University
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Education University of Hong Kong
University of Padua



Session 1: Ageing & Healthcare Chair: **Dr. Lucille Ngan (SSC)** 



Session 2: Migration Issues Chair: **Dr. Rami Chan (SSC)** 



Session 3: Sustainable Cities Chair: **Dr. Gary Tang (SSC)** 



Session 4: Diversity and Inclusion Chair: **Dr. Victor Chan (SSC)** 

#### Papers presented by members of SSC:

- Bridging Local Welfare and National Ambitions: How do mid-rank officials drive integrated care reforms in Southwestern China? by **Dr. Todd Yuda Shi (SSC)**
- Exploring the Influence of Digital Technologies on Aging Experience in Transnational Contexts:
   A Study of Older Adults from Hong Kong by Dr. Lucille Ngan (SSC) & Dr. Anita Kit Wa Chan
   (EdUHK)
- Hong Kong Government's Climate Change Policy Shifts and Social Media Activism by Mr. Yuen Chau Lee & Dr. Shiru Wang (SSC)
- Navigating Green Governance: The Pursuit of Environmental Sustainability in China Under Xi Jinping by **Dr. Victor Chan (SSC)**
- Negotiating Achievement amid Challenges: Exploring Hong Kong Migrants' Narrative Construction by Ms. Queenie Kwan Yee Siu (The Australian National University) & Dr. Lucille Ngan (SSC)
- Politicization of Public Health Discourse Through Memes: A Case Study of Medicine Vaccine
  Debate in Taiwan by Dr. Gary Tang (SSC), Ms. Stephanie Kwan Nga Lam (SSC), Dr. Lawrence
  Ka Ki Ho (EdUHK) & Ms. Lai Yan Tang (CUHK)
- The Impact of Sports on Migrants' Social Integration in Hong Kong by Ms. Karen Lok Yiu Tsang, Mr. Stephen Ka Yuen Cheung & **Dr. Lucille Ngan (SSC)**
- To stay or to leave: overseas migrants and their quick return considerations by **Dr. Rami Chan** (SSC)

#### Details of the conference:

https://ssc.hsu.edu.hk/conference-on-social-transformation-and-social-challenges-in-greater-china-2/



#### **School Events**



Creative Humanities Fest 2024

1 June 2024

BA-PSY: Award Presentation Ceremony for Mental Health Shorts Competition

Professor Kwok-kan Tam (front, second from right), the Dean of School of Humanities and Social Science, presented prizes to the winners for Mental Health Shorts Competition.



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BSocSc-AS: Seminar on Exploring Thai Pop – A Brief Probe into the Thai Idol-Making Industry

Mr. Henry Yiu, a KOL in Thai culture, discussed the growth and influence of Thai pop stars and the Idol-Making Industry in Asia with audience.



Dr. Serrini Leung (second from left), a Canto-pop singer, and Mr. So Chi Ho (second from right), one of the founders of Trial & Error, a popular Youtube channel, shared their insights on songwriting and video production and the influence of Hong Kong culture.







#### Memorandum of Understanding with Ueda College of Fashion, Japan

11 December 2023

Dr. Lucille Ngan (left), Associate Head of SSC, and Dr. Hitoshi Tajima, the President of Ueda College of Fashion, signed the memorandum to improve collaboration in academic achievement and personal progress of the faculties and students.



### Student Achievements



#### School of Humanities and Social Science Dean's List and Best Progress Award Presentation Ceremony 2022–23 21 November 2023

23 students from the SSC were awarded the Dean's List Honour and the Best Progress Award

BSocSc-AS

BA-PSY

BSocSc-PPE

#### Dean's List

Fong Man Suen
Fong Pui Ka
Kwok Sze Wai Callum
Lau Yuen Tung Chloe
Leung Man Kit
Lo Lok Man
Ng Hoi Tung
So Kai Yuen
Ting Cheuk Yin Gianni
Tsang Ching Yan

Chan Pui Huen Lo Cheuk Hin Cheri Tang Yui Ting Yeung Ka Man Tam Man Yu Taffy

## Best Progress Award

Chan Chi Ho
Chan Chun Long
Leung Ching Yi
Li Yuen Lam
Mak Cheuk Wang
Mui Chun Yu
Pang Sze Wang
Wong Ka Yan
Wong Ting Kwan

Chow Choi Yin Lam Yu Tin Li Ka Wai

Tsang Ho Wai



# **Campus Visit**





Man Kwan QualiEd College
15 December 2023

30 students and teachers visited residential colleges and attended sharing sessions.



## SSC Research Seminars



The US-China Climate Arm Race in Global South: Unpacking Pivoting Strategies of Southeast Asian Countries 22 March 2024

#### **Dr. Trissia Wijaya** Senior Research Fellow, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan

Ageing in Asia: Trends, Challenges and Strategies 14 March 2024

Professor Teresa Tsien Adjunct Professor, SSC





Press-Police Relations after a Critical Political Event: News Reports about Police Officers in Post-Social Movement Hong Kong 22 February 2024

Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Communication, HKSYU and Dr. Gary Tang
Associate Professor, SSC

The Silk Roads Narratives and China's Heritage Diplomacy in the Post COVID-19 Era 18 January 2024

**Dr. Victor Chan**Assistant Professor, SSC





Gerontechnology: Solutions to Promote Active Ageing in Hong Kong 16 November 2024

> **Professor Teresa Tsien** Adjunct Professor, SSC





Good Future Talk Series: Further Studies Info. Sharing 11 November 2023

Alumni of AS program was invited to share the path to further studies.

Interview Skills Workshop 11 April 2024





**CV Writing Workshop** 21 March 2024

Social Services as a Career 22 February 2024

Speaker: Mr. Kwok Hong Liu, Lecturer, Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences, Saint Frances University and registered Social Worker







# **BA-PSY**





Job Nature and Career Prospects of ABA
Therapist and Psychology Assistant in
Hong Kong
29 April 2024

Speaker: Ms. Karie Cheung





Experiential Tour to Mind Space 8 January 2024





Psychology Professional Seminar:原來音樂是一種治療工具 16 November 2023

Speaker: 溫美梨女士







**Graduation Ceremony**6 December 2023

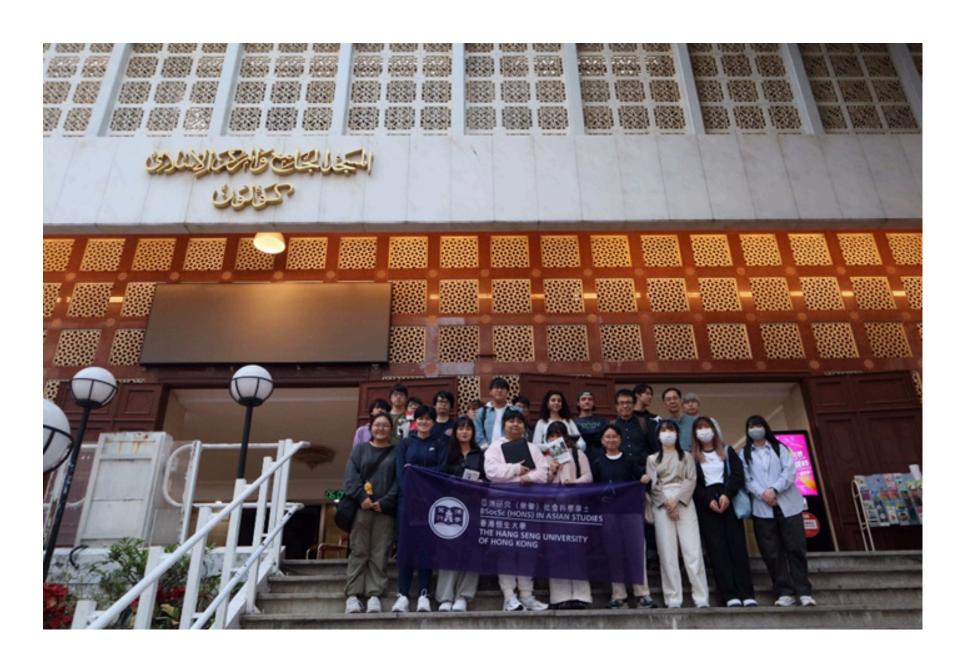
Public Talk: The rise of Virtual Idol & V Tuber and VTubing 101: Crafting a Career in the Virtual World

13 and 28 March 2024

Speaker: Mr. Ray Mok, 3D Animation Director in VX Real







Students explored the architectural design of the mosque and understand the contributions of local Muslims. Photo credits to **Ng Hoi Tung** and **Li Yuen Lam** 



Visit in Kowloon Mosque and Islamic Center
21 February 2024



Yokai Parade: Tour Exhibition in Hong Kong 13 April 2024



Mr. Chau Chan introduced to the public on Japan's yokai and its mysterious culture in Hong Kong Arts Centre.



ASI4102 students assisted in organizing Chinese tea ceremony competition for secondary school students under their service-learning project supervised by **Dr. Rami Chan**.

全港中學學界中國茶藝比賽 決賽 13 April 2024



### BSocSc-PPE



Lyceum: 邊個fact-check 你個fact-check? 事實查核及其限制 18 April 2024

> Speaker: 鄭家榆,事實查核實驗室 (Factcheck Lab) 執行編輯

Ka Yue discussed the dynamics between freedom of expression and information restrictions.

Lyceum: 腐眼開光之路: BL作為一種生活方式 13 March 2024

Speaker: Diane and Konnie, 糧食供應所店主

Diane and Konnie shared the originality of culture of Boys' Love (BL), and its development in Asia.





Lyceum: 認知公義與企業權力: 以平台經濟為例 30 November 2023

Speaker: Dr. Chi Kwok, Assistant Professor, Department of Government and International Affairs, Lingnan University

Dr. Kwok explained how platformization can lead to a new form of power imbalance between corporations and workers.

Lyceum: 從港台到集誌社 追蹤真相之路

3 November 2024

Speaker: Ms. Yuk Ling Choi, Founder of

The Collective HK

Ms. Choi discussed the challenges she faced in media reporting and motivated students to pursue the truth.





Study Tour in Taiwan January 2024

Students visited various academic institutions and studios of Shasha77, a YouTube channel.

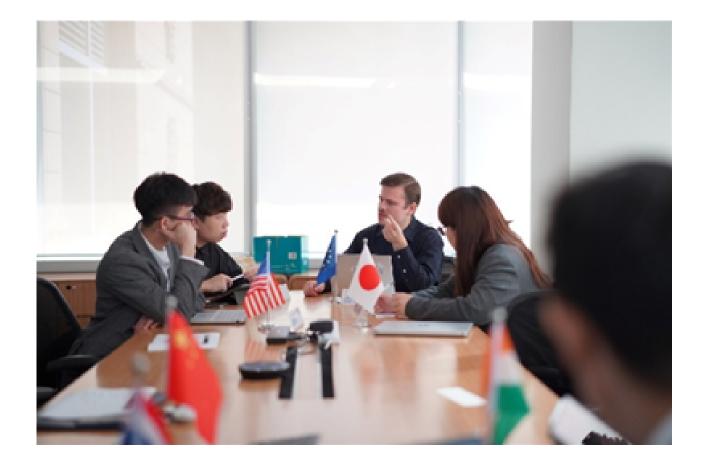


Dialogue on the Capability
Approach
8 January 2024



PPE program co-hosted a conference with Centre for Applied Ethnics in Hong Kong Baptist University and invited Professor Eric Palme, Professor Lori Keleher and Professor Jay Drydyk to share their latest research findings





Global Climate Simulation November 2023

Students in the course PPE3004 Global Politics joined the Global Climate Simulation to understand the complexities behind global climate crisis.

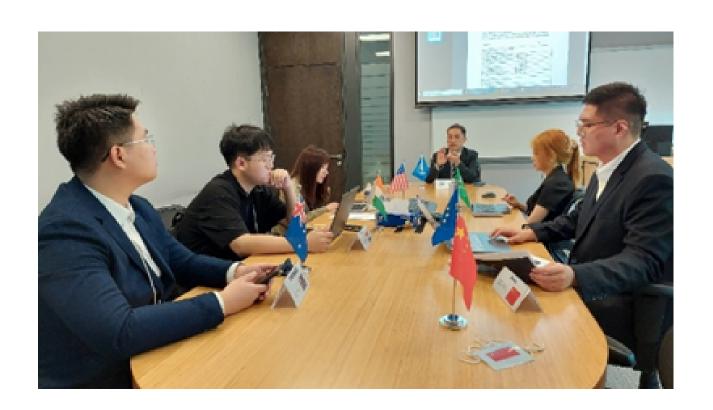


# MSocSc-PPRG



TPG lunch gathering at CR Gallery 21 March 2024

MSocSc-PPRG students joined the TPG lunch gathering organized by the School of Humanities and Social Science on 21 March 2024 afternoon at the Gallery of the Creative Humanities Hub.





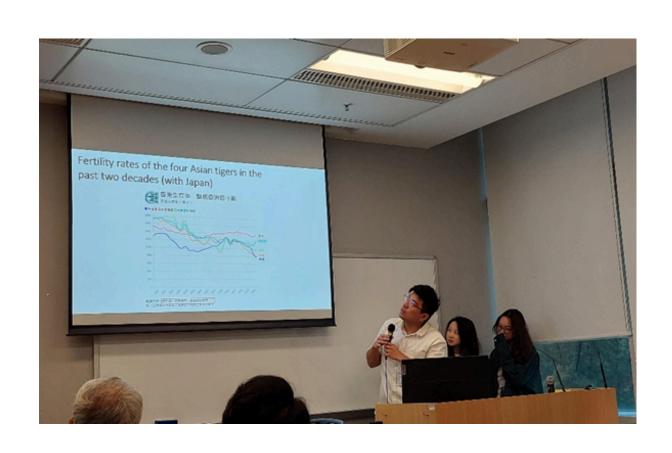
**PRG6202 Simulation** 

Students of PRG62O2 Environment and Global Governance had had a simulation of the United Nations World Climate Summit on 12 April 2O24. Each student acted as the leader of a designated country to address the concern on climate change issue and present the relevant environmental policies.

Presentations at Conference on Social Transformation and Social Challenges in Greater China 27 April 2024







Two groups of MSocSc-PPRG students taking PRG6104 Workshop on Policy and Risk Simulation presented their findings at the Public Policy and Risk Governance Postgraduate Session in the Conference on Social Transformation and Social Challenges in Greater China held on 27 April 2024.

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