## THE HANG SENG UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE



## **ASIAN STUDIES SEMINARS**

Asian studies Seminars held in the 1st semester have incorporated a 'new format' with our teachers' chitchat. On 19 Nov, we have Lucille, Shiru and Jacky sharing their memories of further studies and overseas living. Apart from topics of learning experiences and internship in the semester, we will have other conversations with teachers on the topics of career, vision and mission of social science in the 2nd semester. Let's see each other soon in this casual dialogue.

## **HSU INFO DAY**

Dr. Gary Tang introduced Social Science as a discipline to prospective students on the HSU Info Day.





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## **NEW FACULTY MEMBER**



Hi, this is Joseph. I joined the Department of Social Science in August 2020. My research interests center around Cultural Studies, especially in public affect, postcolonial studies, cultural Cold War, and different forms of cultural and artistic activism in Asian and Sinophone societies. I teach Appreciating Asian Art, Heritage and Museum, Introduction to Cultural Studies, and Perspectives on General Education. I like the writings of Raymond Williams, Benedict Anderson, and Sara Ahmed-they demonstrate a struggle with many contradictions that cannot be easily captured with academic jargon. I also like the humanity expressed in Astro Boy, Doraemon, Moomin, Marvel Cinematic Universe, and the works of Edward Hopper, Ann Hui, and Richard Linklater, etc. I like the animal photos on Frans de Waal's Facebook page, AEON.co, Youtube videos of Apple Seed and Eat and Travel Weekly. I like local and regional travel, especially obsessing with small shops that demonstrate humanity & energy and possibility. I like Cultural Studies and truly believe that it is good for students and society because CS teaches us to be appreciative before being creative.

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## SSC RESEARCH SEMINARS

8/10/20 GHOSTPA'S KITCHEN A TASTE OF THE CULINARY ARTS OF HELL

DR. JOE POON

3/12/20 A REVIEW ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST PSYCHOLOGY IN EAST ASIA

DR. EVA HUNG

12/11/20 ONE GATEWAY, TWO CHECKPOINTS, THREE BROKERING PRACTICES: ORGANIZING SHUTTLE TRADE AT THE CHINESE-KAZAKH BORDER





SSC Research Seminar SHSS Transnational Studies Research Seminar

One Gateway, Two Checkpoints, Three Brokering Practices: Organizing Shuttle Trade at the Chinese-Kazakh Border

Abstract This paper looks at the organization of shuttle trade in the khorgos free trade zone, located at the China-Kazakhstan border and hailed as a key link on the Belt and Road between China and Central Asia. In particular, we focus on how the institutional setup and regulatory mechanism of checkpoints shape the brokering practices as well as the institution common to all nation-states. It is the prime establishment responsible for prepulsing trans-boundary movements and enforcing the selective permeability of borders. While existing studies on cross-border informal shadow exchanges all see the governing the actual flow of goods and people: the checkpoint.

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governing the actual flow of goods and people: the checkpoint. By checkpoint politics we refer to the material and power exchanges among state and non-state actors in negotiating the selective permeability of horders. We argue that the configuration of checkpoints directly shapes the forwards of organization and social networks that forware resch-norge. We illustrate this with the empirical field research undertaken in Khorgos free Trade Zone at the China-kazahlstan border border trade zone was open in 2022 and services as a gateway of resource flow in both directions: Kazahlst traders go there to huy cheap Chinese goods and transport it to kazahlstan and leswhere, whereas Chinese traders are mostly taking advantage of the duty-free policy to buy foreign goods. A large number of petty traders from both sides engage in informal trade evaluating the official custom regulations. Though informal, a closer look at their mode of operation suggests that their activities are highly organized and indeed institutionalized, and the Kazakh and Chinese exhibit vastly different brokering practices due to the different checkpoint setup.



PROF. TERESA TSIEN (VISITING PROFESSOR OF THE RESPATI UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA)

29/10/20 Hong Kong As An Aged Society: Challenges And Opportunities



SSC Research Seminar

Hong Kong as an Aged Society: Challenges and Opportunities

Abstract Prof. Tsice will introduce the demography and profile of ageing in Hong Kong, then discuss the challenges on the declining work force, medical and weilfare policy and practice, etc. She will focus on opportunities, the 'young old' as an untrapped pool of resources, emergence of the silver market covering products and services intended for consumers who are aged 60 and above, etc.

Date | 29 October 2020 Fime | 2:00 pm (1 ECA / 1 iGPS) Venue | D302 & Online Seminar Speaker | Prof. Teresa B.K Tsien



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A collaborative project with Centre for Asian Language and Culture, a total of 13 Asian Studies students conducted an individual project of selected themes, including Asian Art, Heritage and Museum, Japanese Culture and Society, Disaster and Crisis Management in Asia, Political Emotions and Social Justice in Asia, and Scientific Development and Social Changes in Asia. They outreached to overseas Asian communities/ local ethnic Asians (other than Chinese) to collect primary data. The research results were presented on the Asian Studies Students Virtual Forum scheduled on January 13, 2021.



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the module ASI1002 Individual and Society, in multiple breakout rooms, would have a themed sharing to a group of non Chinese students (NCS) from a local primary school. Through the service, AS students understood every life situation and cultural practice of the local ethnic group and the NCS would have chances to practise Chinese in the chatroom. In one themed chat about travelling, postcards were exchanged as a post-meeting activity.



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