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SCIENCE



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the eighth annual newsletter of the School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS). While I hope that all of you had a productive summer, I also hope you found some time to relax.

The 2025-2026 academic year is already off to a busy start. As usual, September was busy with nearly all of the programs organizing welcome dinners, lunches or receptions. And of course we have teaching, committee work, and GRF, ECS, and other applications. I am pleased to see that colleagues have been busy organizing conferences and workshops, hosting speakers, and presenting their work at conferences and at other institutions.

Eight new substantiation-track faculty have joined the School since last fall. This may be a record. In Humanities, Michael Yan Hon Chung, Giulio Ongaro, Thorben Pelzer, and KT Wong joined. In Social Science, we have Suji Kang, Yu-Hsiang Lei, Jiaxin Shi, and Duy Trinh. We are now close to our previous peak headcount for substantiation-track faculty, which was in 2016. These new colleagues, along with others who have joined us in recent years, have substantially increased the diversity of substantiation-track faculty in terms of national origin, so that in addition to colleagues from the mainland, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, we now have colleagues from Italy, Germany, Malaysia, South Korea, Vietnam, the United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore, and the United States. We also have six new lecturers, as well as a variety of visitors.

We also said farewell to some colleagues. Han Li relocated to Singapore and Siu-woo Cheung retired. Seventeen lecturers and a Research Assistant Professor have moved on. Three long-serving non-academic staff who were important members of the School community also moved on: Clara So, Wendy Tsang, and Vicky Fu.

We also congratulate two scholars with longstanding ties to the School, Peter Bol and David Der-wei Wang, on being awarded Honorary Fellowships by HKUST in fall 2024 and fall 2025, respectively. We also congratulate the distinguished actor Tony Leung on being awarded an Honorary Doctorate in the Humanities by HKUST in fall 2024.

Best wishes for a productive and rewarding 2025-2026 academic year!

Prof Cameron CAMPBELL

**Acting Dean
School of Humanities and Social Science**

FACULTY

NEW APPOINTMENTS

CLE

Dr Hong To Chan
Lecturer II

Ms Althea In Suet Chan
Lecturer II

Ms Stephanie Pui Ting Keung
Lecturer II

Ms Caroline Petit
Lecturer II

HUMA

Prof Michael Yan Hon Chung
Assistant Professor

Prof Giulio Ongaro
Assistant Professor

Prof Thorben Pelzer
Assistant Professor

Prof Kok Thong Wong
Assistant Professor

Dr Waldemar Brys
Research Assistant Professor

Dr Fons Dewulf
Research Assistant Professor

Dr Steven Snowden
Senior Lecturer

Dr Steve Haonan Ma
Lecturer II

SOSC

Prof Suji Kang
Assistant Professor

Prof Yu-Hsiang Lei
Assistant Professor

Prof Jiaxin Shi
Assistant Professor

Prof Duy Trinh
Assistant Professor

VISITING FACULTY

HUMA

Prof David Der-wei Wang
Visiting Professor
20 Aug - 26 Sep 2025

Master Gan Guo
Visiting Professor
21 Apr - 28 Apr 2025

Prof Ou-fan Lee
Visiting Scholar
1 Jul - 31 Dec 2024

Dr Siya Li
Visiting Scholar
1 Feb - 31 May 2025

Dr Dechao Li
Visiting Scholar
1 Jun - 31 Aug 2025

Mr Yichin Lo
Visiting Scholar
13 Feb - 12 Jun 2025

Dr Pui Yiu Szeto
Visiting Scholar
13 Jan - 12 Jun 2025

FAREWELL TO FACULTY

CLE

Mr Edward Li
Senior Lecturer /
Associate Director

Dr Elza Shuk Ching Tsang
Senior Lecturer

Dr Ana Alias Martinez
Lecturer I

Ms Sandy Wai Ching Chan
Lecturer I

Ms Jenny Hirst
Lecturer I

Ms Linda Yeung Oi Mak
Lecturer I

Mr Abel Perez Abad
Lecturer I

Mr Jonathan Pickard
Lecturer I

Ms Suzan Stamper
Lecturer I

Dr Su Yuan
Lecturer I

Mr Colin Cheung
Lecturer II

Ms Joyce Lui
Lecturer II

Mr James Speirs
Lecturer II

Ms Trista Yeung
Lecturer II

HUMA

Prof Siu-woo Cheung
Associate Professor
Emeritus

Dr Linus Ta-lun Huang
Research Assistant
Professor

Dr Mercedes Dujunco
Senior Lecturer

Dr Tim Page
Lecturer I

Dr Qiuzi Guo
Lecturer II

SOSC

Prof Li Han
Associate Professor

CONGRATULATIONS

PROMOTIONS

CLE

Ms Rebecca Farmer
Senior Lecturer

Mr Mark Melican
Senior Lecturer

Dr Dinesh Sadhwani
Senior Lecturer

Ms Kasina Wong
Senior Lecturer

Ms Maisie Glofcheski
Lecturer I

Ms Rolian Chun Man Lee
Lecturer I

Mr Eugene Li
Lecturer I

Ms Chi Shen
Lecturer I

Dr Yolanda Zhou
Lecturer I

HUMA

Prof Eric Nelson
Chair Professor

Prof Huan Jin
Associate Professor

Prof Xiaolu Ma
Associate Professor

SOSC

Prof Dong Zhang
Associate Professor

2024 SHSS TEACHING AWARD

SOSC

Prof Julian M. Groves



AWARDS & HONORS

Prof Janet Hui-wen Hsiao was named a 2024-25 Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association

Dr Linus Ta-lun Huang was named a StarTrack Scholars Fellow by Microsoft Research Asia

Prof Xiaolu Ma received an Honorable Mention for the Anna Balakian Prize by the International Comparative Literature Association (ICLA) for her book *Transpatial Modernity: Chinese Cultural Encounters with Russia via Japan (1880-1930)*

Prof Sangyoon Park received the 2025 HKUST-YONSEI Global Knowledge Network Award

Dr Nicolson Yat Fan Siu received an Honorable Mention of the Thetos Early Career Teaching Award 2024-25

Prof Lianke Yan received the 2024 Hsing Yun Award for Global Chinese Literature

FACULTY EXTERNAL GRANTS

GENERAL RESEARCH FUND PROJECTS

2025-26

SOSC

Prof Yongshun Cai
“Fiscal Stress and State-Business Relations in China”

HUMA

Prof David Cheng Chang
“The Silent Ultimate Survivor of the Long Cold War: Matsushita Kazutoshi in Three Wars, Six Armies, UN Prison, and Postwar Japan”

SOSC

Prof David James Hendry
“The Intergenerational Impact of Extrajudicial Racial Violence”

SOSC

Prof Janet Hui-wen Hsiao
“Understanding the relationship between face scanning behavior and autistic traits through computational modeling”

SOSC

Prof Shaocong Ma
“Unveiling the Dynamics of Conformity: Examining Young Children’s Preferences for Conformists and Nonconformists Across Different Contexts”

HUMA

Prof Eric S Nelson
“Martin Buber, Daoism, and Intercultural Philosophy”

HUMA

Prof Zhen Qin
“Younger and older adults’ attentional control in their dichotic listening of Cantonese tones: the role of bilingual experience”

HUMA

Prof Shengqing Wu
“Transcultural Keywords in Chinese Emotion and Aesthetics”

FACULTY

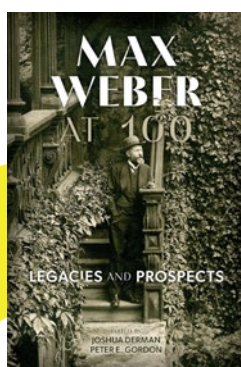
BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Joshua Derman

(co-edited with Peter E. Gordon)

Max Weber at 100: Legacies and Prospects

Oxford University Press, 2025



Jianmei Liu

Chinese Thirdspace: The Paradox of Moderate Politics, 1946-2020

Columbia University Press, 2025

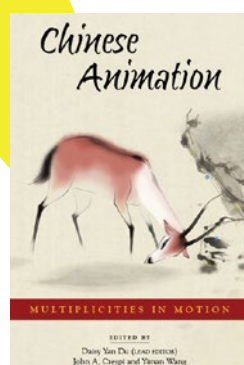
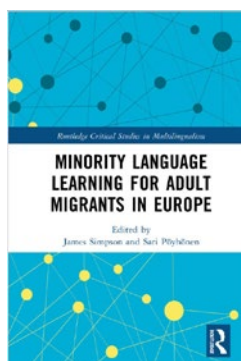


James Simpson

(co-edited with Sari Pöyhönen)

Minority Language Learning for Adult Migrants in Europe

Routledge, 2024

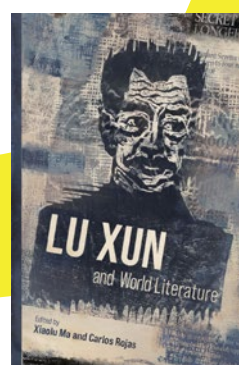


Daisy Yan Du

(co-edited with John A. Crespi and Yiman Wang)

Chinese Animation: Multiplicities in Motion

Harvard University Press, 2025



Xiaolu Ma

(co-edited with Carlos Rojas)

Lu Xun and World Literature

Hong Kong University Press, 2025

Ritual in Early China

21-23 March 2025

Participants

Yongnam Park, Sungkyunkwan University
Jesse Chipman, Independent Scholar
Mick Colson, University of California, Berkeley
Vincent Gossuvert, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Études
Gün Joo, Beaudette College
Vincent S. Leung (Co-Organizer), Lingnan University
Filippo Marini, Saint Louis University
Mark Meadows, University of Hong Kong
David Medina, University of Cambridge
Michael Puri, Harvard University
Rebecca Robinson, Université de Montréal
Bony Schachter, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Dennis Schilling, Renmin University of China
Anna Shih, Princeton University
Tobias Zürn (Co-Organizer), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

21 Mar (Fri) Location: MPL 1403, M+ Tower, Lingnan@WestKowloon
Session 1: Theorizing Rituals in Early China
| Why Ritual in/and Early China?
| Ritual in the Liji (Records of Rites)

22 Mar (Sat) Location: Room 5007, HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study
Session 2: Reconstructing Rituals from Early China
| Spirit Writing in the Han?
| Ritual, Agriculture, and Cosmology: Almanacs

23 Mar (Sun) Location: Room 5007, HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study
Session 3: Performing Rituals in Early China: Local-Elite Interactions
| Illustrations of Local Rituals in the Han
| Theorizing Local Religion, Ritual, and Elite Culture

Workshop

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Limited Space Available
Registration Required

Lingnan 嶺南大學 University of Hong Kong 香港大學 Department of History Lingnan University THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Explanation, Narrative, and Understanding in the Social Sciences

25 - 27 June 2025

Room 7332, Academic Building, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

ISAAC ABRAHAM, University of Illinois
PAUL A. BORN, University of California, Santa Cruz

CONTRIBUTED SPEAKERS:

Kath Chan (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Adam Chomkowski (University of Wrocław)
Fam Dettlaff (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Mark Fyfe (University of California, Davis)
Anur Govin (Bar Ilan University)
Mina Goussard (University College Dublin)
Michal Hubalik (Czech Academy of Sciences)
Morgan Jones (University of Manchester)
Yuh Kalerovic (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich)

Ching Lam Justice Law (Hong Kong Baptist University)
Alexander Lindecker (Johannes Kepler University Linz)
Markus Mader (Jagellonian University)
Zong Hong (Shanghai University)
Michael T. Stuart (University of York)
Yuen Tan (University College London)
Louis Étienne Villeneuve (École de recherche de Québec - Société et culture)
Qing Wang (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Conghui Zhou (Hong Kong Baptist University)

Center for Philosophy of Science, HKUST
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, HKUST
The Asian Philosophy of Science Association

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MAJOR EVENTS



**HKUST-ZJU
PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
SUMMER SYMPOSIUM**

3 July, 2025
Room 2463, Academic Building
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

CENTER FOR PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY

HKUST-ZJU Philosophy of Science Summer Symposium

3 July 2025
Division of Humanities



**首届历史人类学与巴子社会
研究论坛**

主办：太康大学民俗文化研究院 香港科技大学华南研究中心
协办：通海县文物管理所（通海县博物馆）

中国 云南 通海
2025年7月23日-25日

特邀嘉宾
科大卫、刘世伟、赵世瑜、蔡志祥、程美宝
刘永华、贺 磊、杜正忠、郑玄盛、黄光

The First Conference on Historical Anthropology and the Bazi Basin Society Studies

23 - 25 July 2025
Division of Humanities



**International Conference
Global and Comparative
Perspectives on Development of
China's Western Regions**

August 19-20, 2025
19:00am & 20:00pm
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of Hong Kong

Global Comparative Perspectives on the Development of China's Western Regions

19 - 20 August 2025
Division of Social Science



JUNK!VR — Music-Making in Virtual Reality

25 October 2024



Pianist Olli Mustonen in Recital

7 October 2024



South African Jazz with the Tlale Makhene Quartet

21 February 2025



CREATIVE ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

COSMOPOLIS FESTIVAL OFF-SEASON EVENTS 2024-25



Of Time and Love: HK Phil at HKUST

12 - 13 April 2025



GRAND OPENING OF SHSS WELLNESS ROOM



The SHSS Wellness Room officially opened on March 31, 2025. We were honored to have distinguished guests from the Dean of Students' Office, including Prof Pak Wo Leung (Dean of Students), Dr Silver Chan, Ms Helen Wong, and Ms Shirley Leung, who officiated the grand opening alongside Prof Cameron Campbell, Prof James Simpson, Prof Yongshun Cai, and Prof James Wong. The Wellness Room offers a variety of facilities for students to relax and unwind, including Switch games, board games, a massage chair, and a cozy chill-out area. Initially located in the Cheng Yu Tung Building, the Wellness Room was relocated in September 2025 to a larger, newly renovated space in Room 3020C of the Academic Building. We look forward to seeing our students enjoy this wonderful space!



FAREWELL GATHERING WITH 2025 GRADUATES



On April 25, 2025, SHSS bid farewell to our GCS and QSA 2025 graduates during a joyful lunch gathering in the Dean's Suite. Joined by Prof Cameron Campbell, Prof Stuart Gietel-Basten, and Prof James Wong, the gathering was filled with laughter, lively chit-chats, and delicious food and drinks. Saying goodbye is never easy. As our graduates embark on their new journeys in their careers, our thoughts will always be with them. Bon voyage!





CAREER DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY BOARD LAUNCHED

The School of Humanities and Social Science proudly launches the Career Development Advisory Board, chaired by Prof Albert Ip, with Acting Dean Prof Cameron Campbell as convenor. The Board comprises prominent Hong Kong business leaders from CK Infrastructure, New World Development, Deloitte China, and more, the Board held its first meeting on 20 March 2025 with guests in attendance (see picture above). This initiative will support the School in student development and enhance internships and job placement opportunities for undergraduate students, reinforcing SHSS's commitment to student success and institutional excellence.

SHSS Career Advisory Board:

Prof Albert Ip (Chairman, University Foundation, HKUST)
Prof Cameron Campbell (Acting Dean, SHSS, HKUST)
Mr Dominic Chan (CK Infrastructure, Power Assets, Hong Kong Electric)
Mr Edward Lau (New World Development)
Mr Frankie Leung (Bain & Company)
Mr Ryan Wu (Deloitte China)
Mr Tat Lee (WeLab Bank)
Prof James Wong (Associate Dean, SHSS, HKUST)

NEW STUDENTS, FALL 2025

25

RESEARCH
POST-GRADUATE
STUDENTS

HUMA

6 MPhil students
8 PhD students

SOSC

8 MPhil students
3 PhD students

304

TAUGHT
POST-GRADUATE
STUDENTS

73 MA in Chinese Culture students

64 MA in International Language Education students

31 students concentrating in Teaching English as
Second Language specialized concentration

33 students concentrating in Teaching Chinese as
Second Language

95 MA in Social Science students

72 MSc Global China Studies students

Including five 3+1 students Bachelor's /
MSc pathway from Shantou University,
Sichuan University, Shandong University,
and South China University of Technology

100

UNDERGRADUATE
MAJORS

54 Global China Studies (GCS) students

46 Quantitative Social Analysis (QSA) students

WE NOW HAVE

946

FULL-TIME
(INCLUDING BEYOND-TIME)
UG AND PG STUDENTS



STUDENT GRADUATION 2025

Nearly **416** UG, TPG and RPG students graduated from SHSS in 2025. This year's graduating UG class of **76** students include **9** students with **First Class Honors**.

ACADEMIC PLACEMENTS

HUMA GRADUATE

Ling Lu

Post-doctoral Fellow,
Division of Humanities, HKUST

SOSC GRADUATES

Felity Hoo Ching Kwok

Lecturer, Division of Social Science, HKUST

Yabin Yin

Post-doctoral Fellow, The University of Hong Kong

PHD PROGRAM PLACEMENT OF MPhil GRADUATES

HUMA GRADUATES

Zhizhi Chen

PhD in Philosophy, Tsinghua University

Xinrong Ji

PhD in Anthropology, HKUST

Kangdi Liu

PhD in Linguistics, HKUST (HKPFS awardee)

Qinyi Wang

PhD in Philosophy and Religion, HKUST

Jing Xiao

PhD in Chinese Language and Literature,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

SOSC GRADUATES

Yueran Hou

PhD in Social Science, HKUST
(HKPFS awardee)

Jiawen Ke

PhD in Social Science, HKUST

Jiajun Li

PhD in Social Science, HKUST

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

UNDERGRADUATE



Ashleigh Ma (GCS, Year 4)

Ashleigh represented Hong Kong in the Chinese Athletics Championships, held in Quzhou, Zhejiang, where she competed in the 400 metres hurdles event. Finishing the race just half a second behind her personal best, she demonstrated remarkable determination and skills. This competition provided a valuable opportunity for her to go head-to-head with most of the top athletes in China, enriching her experience in high-stakes environments. The challenge of performing under pressure has taught her the importance of maintaining composure and finding effective ways to relax, ultimately enhancing her performance. She views this experience as a significant step in her athletic journey, motivating her to strive for excellence in future competitions.

Andy Yau (GCS, Year 2)

During his studies at HKUST, Andy has been awarded four prestigious scholarships recognizing his academic achievements and social contributions. Last summer, he received the HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship. This year, he reaches another significant milestone by earning the For Our Future Scholarship, HKUST Award for Social Good as well as the HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship this year. Over the past two years, Andy has been granted a total of HKD 183,000 in scholarships, reflecting his commitment to excellence and cultivating positive impacts within the community.



RESEARCH POST-GRADUATE

Dr Charles Chan Postgraduate Scholarship 2024/2025:

HUMA

Kangdi Liu
MPhil, Year 2

SOSC

Jiajun Li
MPhil, Year 2

HKUST Enhanced RedBird PhD Award Program 2024/25:

Academic Excellence Award

HUMA

Yin To Chui
PhD, Year 2
Chong Li
PhD, Year 2
Sirong Zou
PhD, Year 2

SOSC

Yilin Wang
PhD, Year 2
Jinfeng Wu
PhD, Year 2

Recruitment Awards

HUMA

Anish Misha
PhD, Year 1
Yifei Wang
PhD, Year 1
Yuqi Wang
PhD, Year 1

SOSC

Gewei Chen
PhD, Year 1
Xinzhuo Huang
PhD, Year 1
Hoi San Lam
PhD, Year 1



TAUGHT POST-GRADUATE

MA in Chinese Culture Dean's Award 2024/25

Xueheng Hu, Huilin Li, Kong Ho Tong, Yue Wang, Yizhi Yao, Yu Yang, Qianxiang Zhang, Liqi Zhong, Yusen Zhong

MA in International Language Education Dean's Award 2024/25

Shuang Ding, Wen Guo, Lei He, Yifei Shen

MA in Social Science Dean's Award 2024/25

Yuqi Kiki Su, Yujia Tang, Yuji Tian

MSc in Global China Studies Dean's Award 2024/25

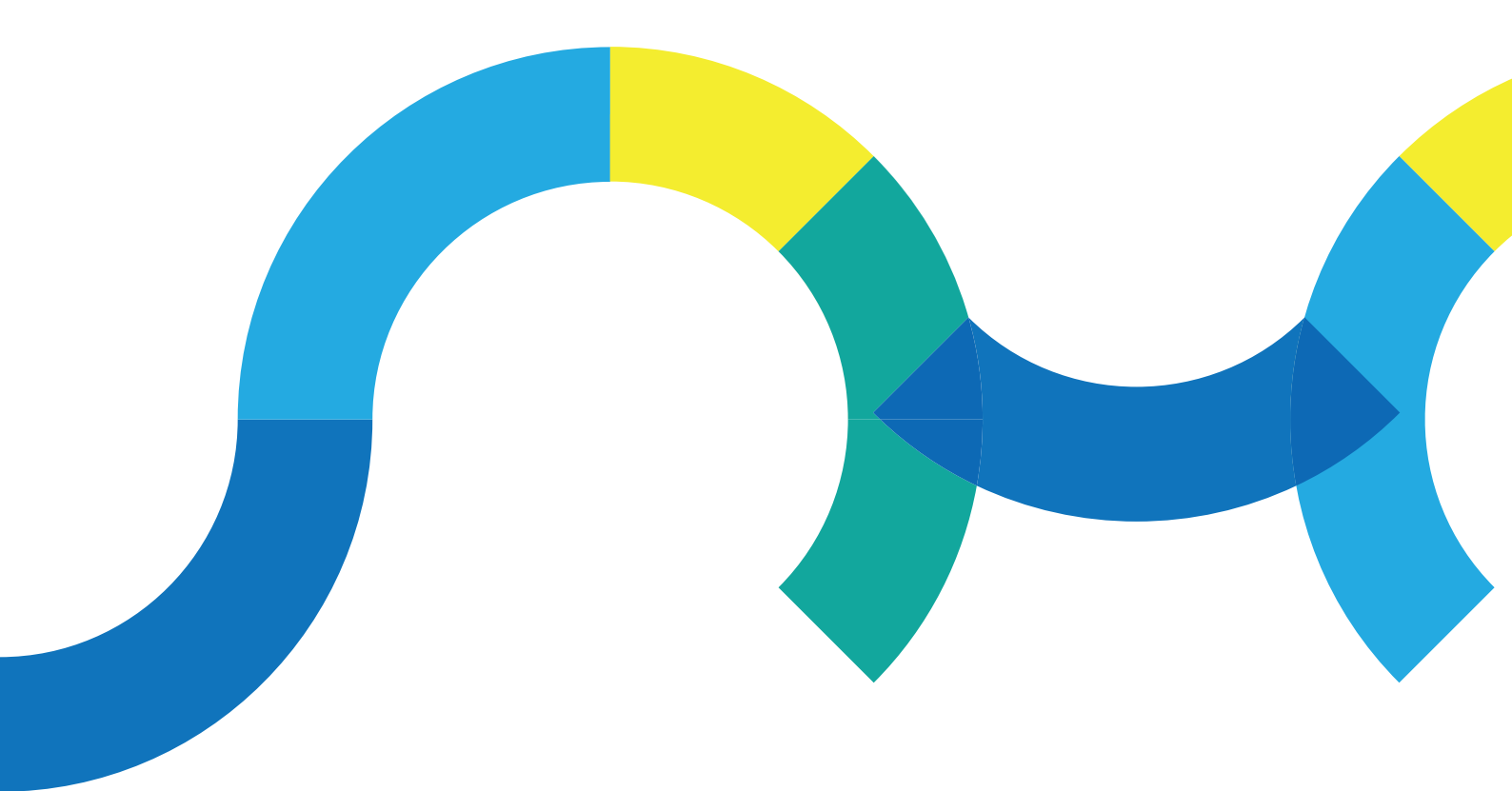
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MA in Social Science Program Scholarship 2025

Yuchen Jiang, Ke Mei, Yuqi Kiki Su, Yujia Tang, Yuji Tian

Mr Wang Shiu Tong Scholarship in Humanities 2025

Xueheng Hu, Liqi Zhong



2025/26 SHSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Cameron Campbell

Acting Dean, School of Humanities and Social Science

James Simpson

Acting Division Head of Humanities

Yongshun Cai

Division Head of Social Science

Melinda Whong

Associate Dean and Director of CLE

Stuart Gietel-Basten

Associate Dean for Research, Global Engagement and EDI

Yimin Lin

Associate Dean for Post-graduate Programs

James Wong

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Xiaolu Ma

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