

DEAN'S MESSAGE



After serving as Head of the Division of Social Science (SOSC) for the past five years, I am honored and re-energized by the

opportunity to lead the School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS). Since assuming the deanship on July 1, my priority has been to get to know colleagues in the Division of Humanities (HUMA) and the Center for Language Education (CLE), and re-configuring our space to foster school-wide identity and collegiality. The faculty, staff, and students of SHSS bring diverse

strengths to our community. This newsletter provides highlights from the 2017-18 academic year. I look forward to working with you in the forthcoming ones.

Stay posted for renovations to our space and more events to bring us together.

FACULTY

New Appointments

Mr Thomas Chan
Lecturer II
CLE

Prof Stuart Gietel-Basten
Associate Professor
SOSC/PPOL

Ms May Liao
Lecturer II
CLE

Dr Xiaolu Ma
Assistant Professor
HUMA

Prof Kira Matus
Associate Professor
PPOL/SOSC

Dr Jia Miao
Research Assistant
Professor
SOSC

Dr Nicholas Sampson
Lecturer I
CLE

Ms Kasina Wong
Lecturer II
CLE

Visiting Faculty

Dr Daniel Amos
Fulbright Scholar
Washington State
Department of Health
2 August 2017 - 19 June 2018

Dr Nahum Brown
Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Macau
September 2017 - May 2018

Prof Frederick Damon
Professor
UVA
19 June-24 July 2018

Dr Guangtian Ha
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
School of Oriental and African Studies
University of London
February - May 2018

Prof Krishan Kumar
University Professor
UVA
19 June-25 July 2018

Dr Dechao Li
PhD, HUMA
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
January - June 2018

Prof Katya Makarova
Associate Professor
UVA
19 June-25 July 2018

Prof Rehav Rubin
Elman Family Visiting Professor,
Hebrew University
27 August - 23 December 2017

Prof Yuzhong Zhao
Professor
Kunming University of Sciences and Technology
February to August 2018

Farewell to Faculty

Ms Sue Chang

Instructor
CLE

Prof Xueliang Ding

Professor Emeritus
SOSC

Mr Keven Kasten

Instructor
CLE

Prof James Kung

Professor Emeritus
SOSC

Mr Mike Ladao

Senior Lecturer
CLE

Prof Deborah Sang

Professor
HUMA

Dr Leo West

Instructor
CLE

Dr Claudia Wong

Senior Lecturer
CLE

Prof Raymond Wong

Professor
SOSC



CONGRATULATIONS!

Promotions

Prof Yongshun Cai

Chair Professor
SOSC

Ms Delian Gaskell

Senior Lecturer
CLE

Mr Levi Lam

Lecturer I
CLE

Prof Yi-min Lin

Full Professor
SOSC

Ms Ivy Sek

Senior Lecturer
CLE

Prof Jin Wang

Associate Professor
SOSC

Prof Xiaogang Wu

Chair Professor
SOSC

Honors

Prof Naubahar Sharif

Appointed to the **HK Government's Advisory Committee on Mental Health**

Prof Billy So

Appointed **HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) Senior Fellow**


Prof Agnes Ku

A photo exhibition: **Where Time Turns Black**

Received a **Bronze Prize (Book/Fine Art)** in the Tokyo International Foto Awards, 2017

Prof Xiaogang Wu

Appointed **inaugural president of the International Chinese Sociological Association** (formerly, the North American Chinese Sociologists Association)

Prof Carine Yiu

Awarded a **Harvard-Yenching Institute Visiting Scholars Fellowship**, 2018-2019

Faculty Book Publications



Xueliang Ding

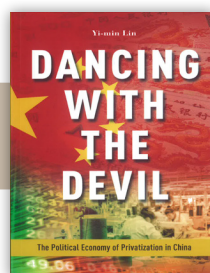
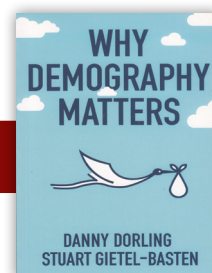
政治與中國特色的幽默

Oxford University Press, 2017

**Stuart Gietel-Basten and
Danny Dorling**

Why Demography Matters

Polity, 2018



Yi-min Lin

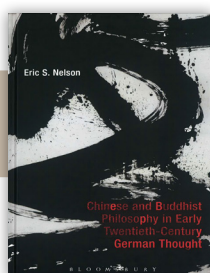
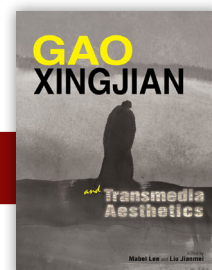
*Dancing with the Devil: The Political
Economy of Privatization in China*

Oxford University Press, 2017

**Jianmei Liu and
Mabel Lee**

Gao Xingjian and Transmedia Aesthetics

Oxford University Press, 2017



Eric S. Nelson

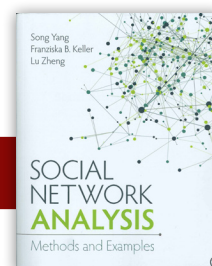
*Chinese and Buddhist Philosophy in Early
Twentieth-century German Thought*

London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2017

**Song Yang,
Franziska B. Keller,
Lu Zheng**

Social Network Analysis: Methods and Examples

SAGE, 2017



CREATIVE ARTS AT SHSS - HIGHLIGHTS


香港科技大學
THE HONG KONG
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY

Israeli Chamber Project
Ensemble-in-Residence
以色列室內樂計劃樂團

Bright Sheng 盛智島
Artistic Director and
Conductor
藝術總監及指揮

**INTIMACY OF
CREATIVITY 2018**
WORLD PREMIERE CONCERTS
創意間的親暱 世界首演音樂會

29.4.2018 – 4pm (Sunday 星期日)
Concert Hall, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
香港演藝學院音樂廳

6.5.2018 – 4pm (Sunday 星期日)
Hong Kong City Hall Theatre
香港大會堂劇院

Intimacy of Creativity 2018



PARTNERSHIP
HKUST × CURTIS INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

BRIGHT SHENG 盛智島
IC Artistic Director

Events to coincide with the
10th anniversary of the
Intimacy of Creativity in 2020!

- + Curtis 20/21 Ensemble, Ensemble-in-Residence, Curtis faculty, students, and alumni
- + Bright Sheng to serve as Composer-in-Residence at Curtis Institute of Music
- + IC2019 and IC2020 Composer Fellows selected via audience vote to have their work featured at Curtis

HKUSTMA Curtis Institute of Music Partnership

Summer Musical 2018 Singin' in the Rain



Intimacy of Creativity 2018 World Premiere Concert

Music faculty

MUSIC

CREATIVE WRITING

Prof **Jianmei Liu** organized a series of creative writing and film events, including

"Science Fiction and its Variations in The Sinophone World"
30 - 31 May 2018

Talks featuring Profs Lianke Yan and Zaifu Liu
2 March 2018

HUMA film course showcase
11 April 2018

TEACHING

Prof **Eva Chen** and Ms **Irene Ng** were awarded

the SHSS Teaching Award

at Congregation in November 2017

SHSS has:

286 Graduate students

315 undergraduate majors

FACULTY EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS 2018-2019

General Research Fund Projects

Cameron Campbell

SOSC

Family Background Influences on the Appointment and Career Mobility of Qing Officials With Examination Degrees

Ji Yeon Hong

SOSC

Resource-Driven Development and Social Welfare under Dictatorship

Yi-min Lin

SOSC

Contractual Dispute Settlement under Corrupt Court

Jianmei Liu

HUMA

A Visual Poetry: The Aesthetics of Chinese Cine-Poems

Kira Matus

PPOL/SOSC

Innovation and Access to Technology for Sustainable Development: The Role of Public Policy Actors

Jenny Smith

HUMA

Refugee Camps: A Global History

Duoduo Xu

SOSC

Socioeconomic Segregation, School Choice, and Geography of Educational Inequality in Hong Kong

Michelle Yik

SOSC

Do Happiness and Sadness Co-occur in Everyday Life? An Experience-sampling and Cross-cultural Study

Lawrence Zhang

HUMA

Money and Politics in Late Imperial China: Office Purchase and Career Entry, Promotion, and Exit in the Qing Civil Service

UGC Teaching & Learning Grants

Nigel Huckstep

CLE

Hong Kong Continuing Professional Development Hub - joint project led by HKU

Sean McMinn

CLE

Developing and Promoting Digital Literacies for Effective English Communication: The Multimodal Online Digital Literacy Lab (MODLL) - joint project with HKU

Keith Tong and Elza Tsang

CLE

Language Enhancement for Capstone Projects Using Interactive Apps - joint project led by HKPolyU

Claudia Wong

CLE

Mastering the Technical Vocabulary of STEM - joint project with HKPolyU led by HKUST

Non-UGC Grants

Stuart Gietel-Basten

SOSC

Beat Drugs Fund Association 2017-18

A Multilevel Analysis of the Demography of Drug Abuse in Hong Kong

Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme from the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of HKSAR

Developing Capacity and International Co-operation in Therapeutic Landscape Architecture for an Ageing Population

NEW STUDENTS, FALL 2018

20 Research Post-graduate students**HUMA****5** MPhil**5** PhD students**SOSC****5** MPhil**5** PhD students, including**2** Hong Kong PhD Fellows**214** Taught Post-graduate students**60** MSc Global China Studies studentsincluding **14** 3+1 students Bachelor's/MSc pathway fromNanjing University,
Shandong University,
Sichuan University,
Sun Yat-sen University, and
Xiamen University**66** new MA in International Language Education students**23** students concentrating in Teaching English as Second Language specialized concentration**43** students concentrating in Teaching Chinese as Second Language**41** new MA in Chinese Culture students**47** new MA in Social Science students**95** Undergraduates**60** new Global China Studies (GCS) and**35** Quantitative Social Analysis (QSA) students joined us in fall 2018

We now have **601** full-time (including beyond-time) UG and PG students, an increase of **73** students from the previous year.

SOSC launched a new UG Major in 2017-18: **Quantitative Social Analysis**

Entering 2018 **GCS** students will have a choice between an Integrated Humanities and Social Science track, or a Social Science track.

MASTERS IN
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE
EDUCATION (MAILE)

SHSS launched a dual degree program in language teaching with the USC Rossier School of Education.

SHSS SUMMER
GLOBAL SEMINARS**125** students enrolled this summer

along with **11** secondary school students from St. Paul's Convent

HKUST	86
China	14
UVA	13
Warwick	10
Leiden	2

10 teachers attended shadow teaching from

Shanghai International Studies (SISU)	3
Shanghai Jiaotong U (SJTU)	2
Shandong U (SDU)	2
Beijing Foreign Studies U (BFSU)	2
St. Paul's Convent (SPC)	1

STUDENT GRADUATION

Approximately 300 UG, TPG and RPG students graduated from SHSS in 2018.

This year's graduating GCS class of 59 students include 5 students with First Class Honors.

Thanks to our International and Mainland Programs and UG Program Service and Advising Offices, as well as the support of an outside donor, **69 percent** of our 2018 UG graduates had a Mainland and/or International learning/internship experience of at least one term abroad.

2018 Academic Placements**HUMA Graduates****Dr Law Shun Man**

Humanities
Lecturer
Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Dr Rongkun Zhang

Philosophy
Jiliang University
China

SOSC Graduates**Mr Huang Bin**

(MPhil graduate)
Research Assistant
HKUST

Dr Hoi Wing Chan

(PhD graduate)
Teaching Assistant
HKUST

Dr Lingwei Wu

Assistant Professor
Economics
University of Bonn

**PhD Program Placement of MPhil Graduates****HUMA****Mian Chen**

History
Northwestern University

Yiming Ha

History
UCLA

Min Qiao

HUMA
HKUST

Yingfang Wang

Philosophy
Chinese University of Hong Kong

Yiqiao Wang

History
Chinese University of Hong Kong

Tung Tin Wong

HUMA
HKUST

Huanyu Yue

Comparative Literature
Washington University, St. Louis

Xiuwen Zhu

Law
Chinese University of Hong Kong

SOSC**Zheng Fu**

Sociology
Columbia University

Xincheng Ge

Political Science
New York University

Jingyang Huang

SOSC
HKUST

Siqin Kang

Politics and Political Administration
University of Hong Kong

Mingtang Liu

Sociology
Johns Hopkins University

Yao Lu

Sociology
UC Davis

Vivien Pong

SOSC
HKUST

Yunzhu Ren

SOSC
HKUST
(HKPFS awardee)

Jiaxin Shi

Demography
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Qingyan Wang

Political Science
University of Georgia

Further Academic Study

20 percent of our PG students—including nearly all graduating MPhil students and 3+1 MSc student—go on to further academic study.

In 2018, 18 SHSS MPhil graduates advanced to PhD programs: 8 in USA, 5 at HKUST, 4 at other Hong Kong Universities, and 1 in Germany.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

In 2017-2018, SHSS PG students, published articles in scholarly journals, including the *International Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Stedelijk Studies*, and Chinese journals such as 當代電影. They also published chapters in academic volumes including English language books published by World Scientific and Palgrave Macmillan.

MAJOR CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

HUMA hosted a workshop,

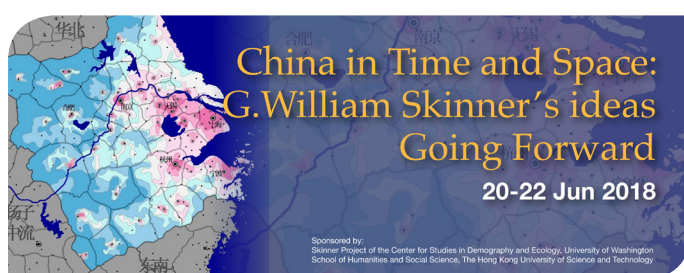
"Dignity in Critical and Comparative Perspective"

27 June 2018

SOSC and IEMS co-hosted the 5th Annual Meeting of the International Consortium for China Studies,

"China's Developmental Challenges and Opportunities 19th Party Congress"

25 - 26 June 2018



SHSS and The Centre for Studies in Demography & Ecology of University of Washington co-hosted a conference,

"China in Time and Space: G. William Skinner's Ideas Going Forward"

20 - 22 June 2018

HUMA and IAS co-hosted a conference,

"Science Fiction and Its Variations in the Sinophone World"

30 - 31 May 2018

華語科幻
Science Fiction and Its Variations in The Sinophone World

Keynote Speaker:
Prof. David Der-Wei WANG 王德威教授
Harvard University
Edward C. Henderson Professor of Chinese Literature

Organizers:
Prof. Minowen SONG
香港科技大學
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Scholars:
- Prof. Emily Ungshui CHEN
Washington University in St. Louis
- Prof. Celia HALEY
McGill College
- Prof. Nicole HUANG
The University of Hong Kong
- Prof. Nathaniel ISANCON
Brock University
- Prof. Hua LI
Rutgers University
- Prof. Carlos ROJAS
Columbia University
- Prof. Shengping WU
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Prof. Yan WU
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Prof. Feng YAN
Tsinghua University
- Prof. Ling ZHAN
Hangzhou Normal University

May 2018
- 6:00 pm
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hung Building,
u Kee Campus, HKUST
李兆基校園
會翠樓 高研院演講廳
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DIGNITY
IN CRITICAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Room 7332
Academic Building (Lifts 13-15)
June 27, 2018

Session One: Confucianism, Rights, and Dignity
Chair: Benedict Chan (HKBU)

9:30 - 10:15: Joseph Chan (HKU)
Confucian Reflections on Human Dignity

10:30 - 11:15: Sungmoon Kim (CUHK)
Confucianism, Moral Equality, and Human Rights:
A Minimal Perspective

11:30 - 12:15: Tongdong Bai (Fudan)
Human Rights without Confucian Dignity

Session Two: Dignity and Continental Thought
Chair: David Chai (CUHK)

1:30 - 2:15: Stephen Palmquist (HKBU)
Kant on the Dignity of Autonomy Religion

2:30 - 3:15: Greg Moss (CUHK)
Against Total Oppression: Reassessing Human Dignity in the
Romantic Imagination

3:30 - 4:15: Eric Nelson (HKUST)
Rites and Liberties: Temporality, Prophetic Materialism, and
Republican Dignity

Session Three: Reconsidering Dignity and the Political
Chair: Joshua Derman (HKUST)

5:00 - 6:15: Michael Rosen (Harvard)
The Politics of Dignity

SPECIAL THANKS

A leader with vision, creativity, and an uncompromising drive for excellence, Prof **James Lee** elevated SHSS's global reputation through new degree programs, creative arts opportunities, international partnerships, and an innovative on-line curriculum in Global China Studies. We are fortunate that Prof Lee will remain on our faculty, jointly appointed in SOSC and HUMA, through 2023.

Mr **Mervyn Cheung** served with great dedication as School Administrator over the past 29 years. We wish him the best in his retirement.



Prof James Lee
Dean of Humanities and Social
Science, 2009-2018

2018 - 19 SHSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**Kellee Tsai**

Dean
School of Humanities and
Social Science

Cameron Campbell

Acting Head of Division of
Social Science

Christian Daniels

Head of Division of
Humanities

Keith Tong

Associate Dean and Director
of CLE

Yongshun Cai

Associate Dean for Post-
graduate Programs

Joshua Derman

Associate Dean for
Undergraduate Education

Stuart Gietel-Basten

Associate Dean for Research

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Space (including cyberspace)

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Finance/budgetary issues

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International/mainland
programs

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appointments, research,
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Ms Clara So

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Scheduling meetings with
DHSS

Ms Christine Tang

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General administration

F O R T H C O M I N G

New SHSS UG Commons

New SHSS community space by the dean's suite

Searches for full professors and divisional heads

HKUST Music Alive!: Meg Sterling (Principal Flute, HKPhil)@HKUST(CYT LTL)

8:00 pm, 8 October 2018

SHSS Graduation Ceremony and Alumni Reunion 2018 (IAS Building Lobby, 5/F Reception Area)

1:00 pm, 15 November 2018

HKUST Music Alive!: Bright Sheng and 6-Wire@ HKUST - Celebrating the Naming of the President of HKUST

8:00 pm, 15 November 2018

HKUST Alumni Reunion: HKUST Summer Musical Performance and Workshop (CYT LTL)

2:30 pm, 24 November 2018

HUMA Music Course Showcase Fall 2018 (featuring students of HUMA3102, 3150, 2103, and 3101) (CYT LTL)

6:30 pm, 30 November 2018

Please join us on **15 November** for the
SHSS Graduation Ceremony and Alumni Reunion,
IAS Atrium, 1pm

