

# BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (HONS) NEWSLETTER, 2019/2020 AY

Welcome to the BSocSc (Hons) Programme Newsletter. Here you will find the information from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Departments in 2019/2020 academic year. We welcome contributions and suggestions!

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**Professor SIU Oi Ling**  
Chair Professor  
Dean,  
Faculty of Social Sciences



**Professor Stefan KÜHNER**  
Programme Director  
BSocSc (Hons) Programme  
Associate Dean,  
Faculty of Social Sciences

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### **Congratulation to Professor SIU and Professor KÜHNER**

Professor SIU took up the role of the Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences starting from 15 June 2019, and promoted to Chair Professor with effect from 16 August 2019.

Professor KÜHNER was appointed as the Programme Director, Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme, with effect from 16 August 2019.





## Welcome to the Faculty

**Prof. QIU Dongxiao Larry**  
**Sydney S. W. Leong Chair Professor of Economics**  
**Head, Department of Economics**

Professor Larry Dongxiao QIU obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Zhongshan University, China, in 1983. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Economics in 1989 and Ph.D. degree in Economics in 1993 from the University of British Columbia, Canada. He then joined Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 1993 as Assistant Professor and later became an Associate Professor and Professor there. He moved to The University of Hong Kong in January 2008 as a Professor before joining Lingnan in 2020.

Prof. Qiu's research covers a wide range of topics, with focuses on industrial organization, international trade and foreign direct investment (FDI). In the field of industrial organization, he is interested in issues such as R&D and M&As. In the field of international trade, he has studied the optimal design of strategic trade policies, the impacts of intellectual property right (IPR) protection on international trade, and the impacts of environment policies on technology transfer. In the field of FDI, he analyzes cross-border M&As, strategic alliances and technology transfer. He has also done some research on China's foreign trade and FDI. He has published extensively in international journals and books. Larry has taught a variety of courses at all levels (undergraduate, master, MBA, EMBA, Ph.D. and as well as executive training) and in many places including China, Hong Kong and Portugal. Examples of his courses include globalization, international trade and finance, China's industry analysis, and foreign trade and investment in China.

Prof. Qiu's research has received a number of research grants from the HKSAR Government. He has conducted several consultant projects for the HKSAR Government and Asia Development Bank.

## Welcome to the Faculty

**Prof. AU YEUNG Tat Chor, Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology and Social Policy**

Tat Chor Au-Yeung received his PhD in social policy from the University of Sheffield. Before doing the postgraduate study, he worked as a community organiser advocating policy changes for poverty reduction. He joined the department in August 2019. Prior to joining Lingnan University, he had taught social work at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His research interests include social security, labour market policies, and precarious employment. He also extensively collaborates with NGOs and unions to promote social and labour rights in Hong Kong and beyond.





## Welcome to the Faculty

**Prof. CHIU Tuen Yi Jenny, Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology and Social Policy**

Prof. CHIU Tuen Yi, Jenny has joined the Department of Sociology and Social Policy in August 2019. She obtained her Ph.D. in Sociology from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and was Visiting Fellow at Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University (2014-2015). Prior to joining Lingnan, she was Research Assistant Professor at The University of Hong Kong (2019) and Postdoctoral Fellow at the Asia Research Institute at National University of Singapore (2017-2018). Her current research projects include cross-border marriage migration and transnational grandparenting in Asia Pacific. Apart from migration, gender, family, and ageing, she is also interested in intergenerational relations and violence in intimate relationships. She has published articles in Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Population, Space and Place, Gender, Place and Culture, Violence Against Women and Current Sociology.



## Welcome to the Faculty



**Prof. TANG Lynn, Assistant Professor**  
**Department of Sociology and Social Policy**

I am very glad to join Lingnan University, where the value of liberal arts education is being treasured. I completed my PhD study in Sociology at the University of Warwick and have working experiences in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. In the UK, I worked at the Centre of Excellence for Interdisciplinary Mental Health, the University of Birmingham. In Hong Kong, I was an Assistant Professor at the School of Arts and Humanities at Tung Wah College, and an Assistant Professor (Research) at the HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention at the University of Hong Kong. My main research area is mental health, inequalities and related policies and I have published a book *Recovery, Mental Health and Inequality 2017*, Routledge. I have also researched on topics such as migration, ethnicity, gender, labour and civil society. I look forward to working with colleagues here to develop meaningful research and help students flourish.





## Welcome to the Faculty

**Prof. LAI Yuen Shan Ruby, Research Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology and Social Policy**

Ruby Lai Yuen Shan received her PhD in Sociology from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her research interests revolve around gender, family, reproductive politics, and ethnicity in Hong Kong and China. Her doctoral research explores how reproductive choices of young Chinese women are shaped by structural forces such as the state policies, the labor market, and the interpersonal dynamics within the changing family and sexual culture in China. Her other works look at the lives of new immigrants and ethnic minorities in Hong Kong. She was a Fulbright junior scholar at UCLA in 2018.



## Five Year Programme Review

After the BSocSc Programme Review in 2014, The Programme had its Five Year Programme Review in 2019-2020 AY. A comprehensive Review Document was prepared for the Five Year Programme Review Meeting on 26 May 2020. External Reviewers, graduates and current students were invited to meet with our Faculty members. Valuable feedbacks received at the meeting will be discussed/considered for the future development of the Programme.





## Social Sciences Faculty Retreat

In view of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), unlike previous years, the Social Sciences Faculty and Departments of Applied Psychology, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology & Social Policy had its annual Retreat on campus on 1 June 2020. A half day meeting started with the introduction session from the Programme Director on chosen topics, followed by small group discussion. Colleagues voiced and exchanged views on issues relating to the development of the Programme, teaching and learning, and research areas.



## Williams Winter Study

Professor Gregory Whitten from the Economics Department led a group of 8 Lingnan University students to Williams College, a renowned liberal arts college established in 1793 in western Massachusetts, from 6 Jan to 31 Jan 2020. Sponsored jointly with Williams' Department of Asian Studies, the programme paired each Lingnan student with a Williams "study buddy" where both took the same 1-month course during Williams' Winter Study term. Classes taken include "Solution design and product management," "Socialism in Asia," "Planets and the Search for Life," and "Introduction to tap dancing."

Students also joined the weekly Chinese conversation table to help Williams students and community members practice their Putonghua and Cantonese. Prof. Whitten gave a lecture to the Williams community on the US-China trade war while Prof. Sam Crane, Chair of Asian Studies and the Edward S. Greenbaum 1910 Professor of Political Science of Williams College, gave a talk on the impeachment trial of US President Donald Trump to the Lingnan students. In their spare time, students visited the Williams historical museum, the world-famous Clark Art Institute, and a local ski slope where students benefitted from the copious snow that fell during their visit!





## Photos Sharing, Williams Winter Study



## Experiential Learning: SSC4339 Global Health Field Trip

Experiential learning is an integral part of Liberal Arts education and the Department of Sociology and Social Policy strongly supports it. Students are given many opportunities to experience 'out of classroom' learning with different communities. *SSC4339 Global Health* students visited the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences on 17 October 2019.





## Colleagues in the Faculty of Social Sciences continue to do well in the highly competitive Research and KT Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following colleagues to receive the prestigious Awards for their excellent performance:

### Research Output Excellence Award 2020 and 2019

Professor Stefan Kühner, Associate Professor – 2020 Award  
Department of Sociology and Social Policy

Professor Zhang Tianle, Associate Professor – 2019 Award  
Department of Economics





### **Public Policy Research Fund**

Congratulations to Professor Samson YUEN Wai-hei, Assistant Professor of Department of Political Sciences, for his projects "Ripple Effects of Social Movements: Initial Biographical Consequences of Hong Kong's Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill Movement" and "Loss of Innocence: Participation of Secondary School Students in Hong Kong's Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill Movement" being granted the Public Policy Research Fund from the Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office (PICO) of the HKSAR Government in March 2020.

### **RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) 2020/21**

Prof. LAI Yuen Shan Ruby, Research Assistant Professor, won a three year HK Post-Doc Fellowship from the UGC. These fellowships are, of course, extremely competitive.

### **Research Fund (GRF)**

Congratulations to the following three Professors who have been awarded General Research Fund (GRF) or RGC Early Career Scheme (ECS) in 2019-20 with received about \$1 million research grant funded by Research Grants Council. Congratulations to their excellent works.

- **General Research Fund (GRF)**

Prof. CROZET, Matthieu Daniel, Department of Economics  
Project title: Pricing to markets and exchange rate shocks spillovers

Prof. ZHANG Tianle, Department of Economics  
Project title: Consumer Search and Product Liability

- **RGC Early Career Scheme (ECS)**

Prof. LIU, Sibó, Department of Economics  
Project title: Politicians and Firms: Evidence from Politician Rotations in China



## **Best Senior Thesis Award 2019/2020**

In order to encourage final year students to write quality Senior Thesis, the Office of Faculty of Social Sciences offers the Best Senior Thesis Award each year. We share the joy and recognize their achievements for the high quality of Senior Thesis.

- (1) Ms. Lam Man Wai, Angela, Major in Psychology
- (2) Mr. Lee Lok Sang, Major in Sociology

## **Excellent Social Sciences Student Award 2019-2020**

The Excellent Social Sciences Student Award was established to recognize students' excellence performance in their academic and community/university contribution. We send our warmest greeting to Ms. Mariam BiBi, Major in Psychology, for being selected as the Excellent Social Sciences Student this year.



Choosing to study in the Social Sciences Programme is one of the best decisions I have made. Professors do not just emphasize students' academic development but also their personal and intellectual development. This learning experience has prepared me well for my future career path and enabled me to compete and stand out in society.

## PhD Fellowship, 2020/2021 and 2019/2020

A total of five PhD Fellowships from Department of Sociology and Social Policy were awarded. Congratulation!

### 2020/2021

Mr. ARTHUR-HOLMES Francis  
Mr. CHANDA Patrick  
Mr. HUSSAIN Rasel

### 2019/2020

Mr. ABREFA Busia Kwaka  
Mr. TULIBALEKA Paul Ogwang

## The President's Scholar 2019/2020

**Mr. CHANDRA Sonal, Third Year, Major in Economics**

Mr. Chandra, one of our top Economics students, is the awardee of the President's Scholar Award, in AY2019-20, a scholarship of more than HK\$530,000 that covers tuition fees, room & board, and a stipend. He is spending the current AY at Davidson College in US.

## The Best Economics Students Awards, AY2019/2020

To provide an extra incentive to our students to discover the allure of economics, the Economics Department decided to award the "Best Economics Students Awards" to top students from Discipline Major in Economics of BSocSc (Hons) Programme, each student will be awarded **HK\$5,000**:

We are pleased to announce that the Awardees of the 2019/2020 **Best Economics Students Awards** are:

<u>Name of Student</u> (in Alphabetical order)	<u>Year of Study</u>	<u>Programme</u>
CHAN, Hon Chuen	Fourth Year	BSS (Economics Major)
CHANDRA, Sonal	Third Year	BSS (Economics Major)
YEUNG, Kong Lung	Third Year	BSS (Economics Major)



## The Best Economics Minor Students Awards, AY2019/20

To encourage non-economics major undergraduate students to choose economics as their minor programme, the Department of Economics has created the “Best Economics Minor Students Award” of HK\$3,000 to go to deserving students. The Awardee of the 2019-20 Best Economics Minor Students Awards is:

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Year of Study</u>	<u>Programme</u>
HUANG, Yijun	Third Year	BBA (Finance Stream)

## The Economics Scholarships, AY2019-2020

To encourage final year Economics students to pursue further study in economics, the Economics Department decided to award the “The Economics Scholarships” to top full-time, final year undergraduate students pursuing the Discipline Major in Economics of BSocSc (Hon) Programme at Lingnan University. The awardee will receive HK\$50,000:

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Year of Study</u>	<u>Programme</u>
WEN, Yi	Fourth Year	BSS (Economics Major)



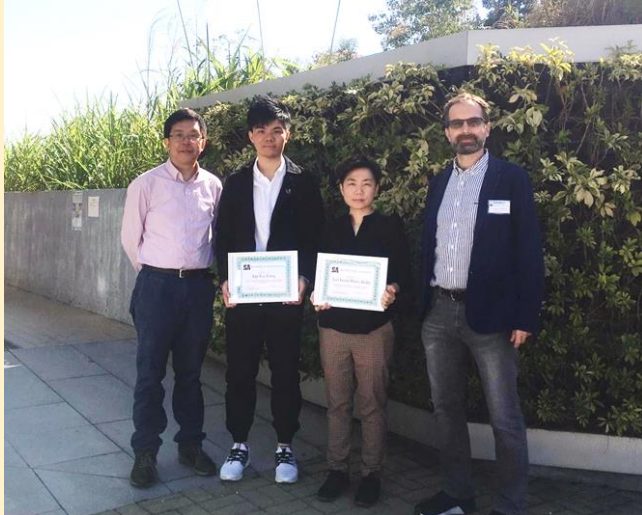
## The Hong Kong Sociological Association Award for the Best Thesis 2019

Mr. YIP Yui Fung Gary, MPhil graduate, and Prof. LAI Yuen Shan Ruby, Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Policy, who won 2019 Best Thesis Award (MPhil and PhD respectively) from the Hong Kong Sociological Association (HKSA).

The awards are given annually to the best theses submitted from all higher educational institutions in Hong Kong. The aim of the Award is to recognize theses achieving standards of excellence. There is only one award at each level (MPhil and PhD levels).

Mr. Gary YIP was supervised by Prof. Peter BAEHR and Prof. CHEN Hon Fai in the department. His thesis title is "The Dynamics of Online Shaming: A Sociological Study of Hong Kong's Virtual World". Dr. Ruby LAI received her PhD from CUHK and her thesis title is "Premarital Abortion: Reproductive Politics in China".

The awards were presented to awardees at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) during the HKSA 21st Annual Conference on 30th November 2019 (Saturday).



From the right: Prof. Roman DAVID (Head of SOCSP), Dr. Ruby Lai, Mr. Gary Yip and Prof. CHEN Hon Fai, Associate Professor



## The 30-year Anniversary of the Czechoslovak Velvet Revolution of 1989 and The Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 Exhibition, Workshop and Movie on 5 November 2019



Exhibition



Workshop

Speakers in the Workshop and the Titles of their Presentations:

(From Left to Right)

1. Prof. Stefan Auer  
Associate Professor & Jean Monnet Chair, The University of Hong Kong  
Power and Violence, Hope and Despair: Václav Havel's Political Thought in 1989 and 2019
2. Dr. Petra Guasti  
Goethe University Frankfurt  
Non-linear Democratization: Central Europe between Past and the Future
3. Prof. Kenneth Ka Lok Chan  
Associate Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University  
The End of Communism in 1989 in the Eyes of CCP

## World Leading Economist Lectures Series

**Distinguished Public Lecture by Professor Mark R. ROSENZWEIG,**  
Distinguished Adjunct Professor, Lingnan University; Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics and director of the Economic Growth Center at Yale University: “Housing Prices, Inter-generational Co-residence, and Excess Savings by the Young in China”, on 12 December 2019.



**Distinguished Public Lecture by Professor John A. LIST**  
Kenneth C. Griffin Distinguished Service Professor in Economics at the University of Chicago: “Using Field Experiments to Make the World a Better Place”, on 30 December 2019.





## Meetings with ECON / IEP / SPPS Students

Students from Discipline Major in Economics, International Economy and Politics (IEP) Stream, and Social and Public Policy Studies (SPPS) Stream were invited to hear our teaching staff to give tips about courses offered in AY2019-20 so as to help student plan their future studies and careers. The meeting with students was held successfully on 30 August 2019 and we arranged a second meeting on 2 September. In total, more than forty students from Economics, IEP, and SPPS joined the meetings. Major students in Economics who attended the meetings had received a free economics polo shirt and windbreaker.



## Summer Internship, AY2019-2020

The Department of Economics recruited three Economics students in AY2018/19 and AY2019/20 respectively. They are our top students from Discipline Major in Economics of BSocSc (Hons) Programme. They provide research support for projects related to Economics fields (duties include questionnaire construction, data collection, data analysis, literature review, and report preparation) and assist in organizing department's teaching and learning activities.

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Year of Study</u>	<u>Programme</u>	<u>Academic Year</u>
HE, Jiaying	Third Year	BSS (Economics Major)	2018/19
HONG, Xiaoyu	Third Year	BSS (Economics Major)	2018/19
YEUNG, Kong Lung	Third Year	BSS (Economics Major)	2018/19

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Year of Study</u>	<u>Programme</u>	<u>Academic Year</u>
MENG, Baosi	Second Year	BSS (Economics Major)	2019/20
YUAN, Chenxuan	Second Year	BSS (Economics Major)	2019/20
ZHANG, Fuze	Third Year	BSS (Economics Major)	2019/20





## Swap of the General Offices

Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Department of Economics have swapped the general offices at the Dorothy Y. L. Wong Building effective from Term 1 of 2019/2020 AY.

The current locations of the General Offices:

Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences: WYL302

Department of Economics: WYL320



## Launch of Economics Mobile App (LU Mobile)

The ECON mobile app (via LU Mobile) has been launched on 30 August 2019, to allow students, staff, alumni and the public to acquire our latest news and information.

About LU Mobile:

<https://www.ln.edu.hk/itsc/services/mobile/lu-mobile>



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