Welcome to Our Big Family

Professor BURAK HO Beste Esra
I am thrilled to join Lingnan University and I look forward to working together with students and colleagues. I was born and raised in Istanbul and I lived there until I went to college in the United States. I received my PhD in Sociology from Stanford University and my Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology and Economics from Cornell University. Broadly speaking, my research interests are in the areas of income inequality, distributive justice and public opinion. My current research examines American values related to income inequality and focuses on how Americans are reacting to the high levels of inequality at the top of the income distribution. I am looking forward to extending my research to include Hong Kong and mainland China in the coming months. I currently teach Introduction to Sociology, Sociological Research Methods, and Work and Occupation. In addition to writing in sociology I also enjoy writing short fiction. I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Dr. SIAH Poh-chua
I am a social psychologist. I have lived in Taiwan for 6 years for my postgraduate and undergraduate studies, and the U.K. for another 5 years for my PhD study. My research interest is mainly in the psychological aspects among Chinese Malaysians, since this is an area that seldom be explored by social psychologists. It is nice to have a chance to visit Lingnan for 10 months, since I have learned that Lingnan is a university that emphasizes liberal arts I believe this visitation will enhance my understanding on the impacts that a university can provide to the community, especially from the social science approach.
**STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Distinguished New Book Award 2014**

The new book by Professor Tam Wai Keung, *Legal Mobilization under Authoritarianism: The Case of Post-Colonial Hong Kong* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), has received Honorable Mention from the Committee for the Distinguished Book Award for 2014 of the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association.

According to the Committee for the Distinguished Book Award, Prof. Tam’s book "...is deeply researched, persuasively argued and lucidly written. In its focus on campaigns of strategic litigation and legal mobilization, this book addresses what are arguably two of the most important areas of study in Sociology of Law since WWII...This work moves creatively beyond recent ground breaking work by Tom Ginsburg and others to add important new insights into the role played by law under authoritarian regimes."

**Research Excellence Awards Scheme, 2013-14**

Congratulation to Professor Yeung Wai-lan, Vicki, who has been given Honourable Mention under the Research Excellence Awards Scheme. The Scheme was established to give recognition and encouragement to academic staff members who have demonstrated a high standard of research with a proven track record in publication within a specified period.

“I am grateful to have been awarded the Honorable Mention in REAS. The award encourages me to continue my passion in doing scientific research. My research adopts the experimental approach to examine the role of communication, human mind and behavior in maintaining and building of societies and cultures. Recently, I have also conducted research in consumer psychology. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Prof. Siu Oi-ling for her nomination. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to Prof. Siu for her encouragement and support. I would like to share the honor with her. I also want to thank the selection panel and the external reviewers for their recognition of my research work.”
DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Distinguished Public Lecture
The Department of Economics was honored to have Professor Avinash Dixit, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, to deliver a Distinguished Public Lecture on "Corruption: Demand-side and Supply-side Solutions" on 21 March 2014.

Innovative Master Class Course
Professor Liah Greenfeld, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, delivered an innovative master class course on nationalism, its root and implications, from 12 to 15 May 2014.
Dr. Lee Shiu Essay Competition Prize Presentation Ceremony

The Department of Economics co-organized an essay competition, “Lee Shiu Essay Competition 2014, with Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Faculty of Business and Economics of The Hong Kong University in the second semester 2013-14. The competition was sponsored by Lee Shiu Family Foundation Limited. The Prize Presentation Ceremony was held on 22 September 2014 at Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The prize winners from Lingnan University are: Mr. FOK Cheuk Kwong (First Prize), Ms. LEUNG Fung Kiu (Second Prize) and Mr. MA Man Wai (Third Prize).

Other than the donors, Dr. LEE Shiu and Dr. Jennie LEE, we were honored to have Professor the Honourable Joseph YAM to present the Grand Prize.
VINCENT WOO DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAMME, 2014-15

Professor Stathis N. Kalyvas was nominated by the Departments of Political Science, and Sociology and Social Policy to give a public lecture on the topic “What We Know and We Don’t Know About Civil Wars” on 9th October 2014.

Stathis N. Kalyvas is Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science and Director of the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale University. He is the author of The Logic of Violence in Civil War (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and The Rise of Christian Democracy in Europe (Cornell University Press, 1996), and the co-editor of Order, Conflict & Violence (Cambridge University Press, 2008). He has received several awards, including the Woodrow Wilson Award for best book on government, politics, or international affairs (2007), the Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics (2008), the European Academy of Sociology Book Award (2008), the J. David Greenstone Award for best book in politics and history (1997), and the Gregory Luebbert Award for best article in comparative politics (2001, 2009, and 2011).
DISCIPLINE MAJOR/STREAM BRIEFING

The Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme Office held a DM/Stream Briefing to brief 1st year students under the 4-year system on the details of the individual DM/Stream, as well as the criteria for allocation of DMs/Streams in April 2014. About 110 students participated in the Briefing.

BSOCSC (HONS) PROGRAMME RETREAT

The Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme Office together with the Departments of Applied Psychology, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology & Social Policy had its annual Retreat on 27th May 2014 at Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel. 43 faculty members participated in the Retreat where colleagues voiced and exchanged views on issues relating to the development of the Programme, teaching and learning, and research areas. After the meeting, colleagues enjoyed the rest of the day in the theme park.
SOCIAL SCIENCES ORIENTATION DAY

In order to help freshmen experience a smooth transition to University life, the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme Office together with the Society of Social Sciences held a welcoming session for the new students under 4-year system on 21st August 2014. More than 90 students joined this important event. The Programme Director briefed freshmen on the distinctive characteristics on our Programme, while professors gave valuable insights to freshmen on how to equip themselves for their university life. The Society’s members shared their study experiences and gave guidance on course registration. Freshmen found the Orientation Day very useful for them to know more about the Programme, as well as to prepare them for University life.

TEA RECEPTIONS

In addition, Academic Departments organized Tea Receptions in September 2014 to welcome their students. Through interaction with the Professors, the participating students had a deeper understanding about their teachers, major programmes, career prospects, as well as to make informed choices about what courses to enroll in.
INFORMATION DAY 2014

The Information Day was held on 1st November 2014, which had attracted more than 5,600 visitors this year. The Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons.) Programme Office together with the Departments of Applied Psychology, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology & Social Policy organized a series of activities encompassing programme introductions, exhibitions, seminars/talks, and booths. Staff and student ambassadors were allocated to different corners to answer inquiries. Successful alumni were specially invited to share their insights and experiences with the prospective students. Throughout the Programme introductions, visitors showed strong interest in our Programme. The Faculty members, alumni and students made the Information Day a big success.
THE PRESIDENT’S SCHOLAR

Mr. Ching Ka-chun, Kelvin was selected as the President’s Scholar, to spend a year to study at University of Leeds, UK, on a full scholarship.

“I am very delighted to visit the University of Leeds on behalf of the Social Science Faculty and Lingnan University as the President’s Scholar. I am most grateful to my university and the social sciences faculty for their logistical and communication support which enables me to enjoy.

After two years of studying in great companionship with professors and students from the faculty, I have set strong foundations of academic competence and vision for my application for the President’s Scholar scheme. The supportive and encouraging attitude of the faculty staff was also a vital motivation which allowed me to excel in the selection interviews.”

EXCELLENT SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENT AWARD, 2013-14

The Excellent Social Sciences Student Award was established under the Bachelor of Social Sciences Programme to recognize students’ excellent performances in their academic and community achievements.

We send our warmest greeting to Mr. KWOK Man-wai and Ms. CHAN Yau-yung for being selected as the Excellent Social Sciences Students in 2013-14.
DR. AND MRS. JAMES WU AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Congratulations to our student, Ms. Chow Shuk Yan, with our sincere appreciation for her impressive social and community service and leadership records.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENT

Chan Kit Lee, Associate Degree Graduate

“Thank you very much for your generous donation. This scholarship is a great recognition for my hard work throughout my study at Lingnan. This is the second Lingnan Education Organization Scholarship I earned. The first one motivated me to keep my hard work and thus I am able to receive the second one. I will try my best to learn and hope that I can make improvement in my future studies.”
THE BEST SENIOR THESIS AWARDS

In order to encourage final year students to write quality Senior Theses, the Programme Office offers the Best Senior Thesis Award each year. On 20th October 2014, the Programme Office presented the prizes to the three winners: Miss Man Kwan Ki, Miss. Chan Pik Ying and Mr. Luk Ki Chun. The students’ parents, supervisors, friends, and faculty members shared their joy and congratulated them for their outstanding performance.

Chan Pik Ying
“Writing up a thesis is never easy, from preparing the research proposal, conducting experiments, analyzing the data, and continuing writing and correcting it for a year long, the whole process could be a real challenge. In this year-long project, with the guidance of my supervisor, I get to know what research is really like, and was able to apply knowledge that I have learnt in lecture rooms.”

Luk Ki Chun
“I am glad to have my final year thesis finished and won the award of Best Senior Thesis Award in 2013-2014. As everyone may agree, it is not an easy task to carry out an independent research work because of several requirements in doing a good thesis. First and foremost, your work must make significant contribution to the academic world. The way to do it is to either collect original data or to apply existing theoretical models in the literature to case studies. All these would involve extensive literature review and in-depth understandings of the issue you are going to study.”
SOCIAL SCIENCES ORIENTATION CAMP

The Social Sciences Orientation Camp held from 13\textsuperscript{th} to 15 August 2014 in the Caritas Ming Fai Camp in Cheung Chau. It was a big step for the freshmen to enter University. The Camp aims to help freshmen build up a sense of belonging to the University, and to provide them with an opportunity to meet new friends. Over 70 new students joined the Camp. Around 40 senior helpers from the social sciences faculty took up the role of leading freshmen in different games and mass activities. The freshmen enjoyed the activities and more importantly, they had built up a good relationship among themselves.

LUNCH WITH DELEGATES FROM DUKE-KUSHAN UNIVERSITY

“\textit{It was a great honor to be invited to a lunch meeting held on the 14\textsuperscript{th} of October with the delegation from the Duke-Kushan University along with a couple other students of Lingnan University. It was a very friendly and relaxed environment to interact with the visitors, sharing my Lingnan life and experiences with them. It was a great chance for me to even hear from the visitors about their experiences. I got to learn and hear about many interesting things including the culture and lifestyle differences. I really enjoyed the meeting especially since it was in such a casual setting in which everyone was talking openly.}”

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