

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (HONS) NEWSLETTER

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Newcomers to Our Faculty



**Professor PONCET, Sandra, Visiting Associate Professor,
Department of Economics**

Sandra Poncet is a French citizen who received her PhD in Economics from University Clermont Auvergne (France) in 2003. Prior to joining Lingnan University in 2017 she was Professor at the University Paris 1 (Panthéon Sorbonne) and was a Scientific Advisor at CEPII (France). Sandra also taught at University Paris 11 (Paris Saclay) and the College of Bruges (Belgium), Sciences Po Paris, SUIBE (Shanghai), BNU (Beijing), etc. Her research primarily focuses on international economics applied to the Chinese economy. She is a co-Editor of the *China Economic Review*. Her most recent research is connected to regional economics and international trade, which exploits firm-level data to study the local determinants of Chinese firm performance at home and on global markets. Sandra has published in various leading academic journals such as the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *The World Bank Economics Review*, *Journal of Comparative Economics* and *European Economic Review*, etc.



**Professor XU, Xiaohong, Assistant Professor,
Department of Sociology & Social Policy**

Professor XU Xiaohong obtained his PhD in Sociology from Yale University in 2014 and had previously taught at the National University of Singapore. His research interest revolves broadly around the contexts and dynamics of big social transformations, with particular focuses on politics, political economy, intellectual history, and technology. His past and ongoing research encompasses events and processes that have shaped political modernity in China and Europe, including the May Fourth Movement, the Chinese Communist Revolution, the Chinese Cultural Revolution, and religion and state formation in early modern Europe. His work has appeared in *American Sociological Review* and *Critical Historical Studies*, among others. Aside from publishing articles, he is currently writing a book manuscript, examining the performativity of politics in the Chinese Cultural Revolution and its legacy in modern politics. While he is writing on these epoch-making changes, he has also embarked on a new research on the underexplored social aspects of technological innovations in contemporary era, with particular attention to lifestyle change and class dynamics. His goal is to shed sociological light onto these changes while enriching sociological theories in the process.

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Professor LIU, Sibō, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Sibō Liu received his PhD from the University of Hong Kong. He also holds a MPhil from Lingnan. Sibō joined Lingnan, his alma mater, in 2018 as an assistant professor. His research interests include financial economics and empirical Industrial Organization. His works appear in major conferences, such as WFA, SFS Cavalcade, and EFA.



Dr. YE Jiawen, Carmen, Senior Lecturer, Department of Applied Psychology

Dr. YE Jiawen Carmen received her undergraduate and master levels of education in mainland and obtained her PhD in Hong Kong from the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, City University of Hong Kong. Before joining the Department of Applied Psychology this August, she taught in two local self-financing degree-awarding institutions for both bachelor's degree and higher diploma students. She has taught courses on introduction to psychology, Chinese psychology, personality, abnormal psychology, research method, and courses of general education. Her research interests include trust and culture, bicultural identity, and positive youth development.

Professor LO Chuen Yee, Barbara, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Psychology

Professor LO Chuen Yee Barbara received her Master of Social Science (Clinical Psychology) degree at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and her PhD degree at the University of Melbourne. She is a registered psychologist in Hong Kong and Australia. Barbara had clinical experience in various settings in Hong Kong, including Hospital Authority and non-government organizations. She had worked at The University of Hong Kong, serving as Director of Doctoral Programs in Clinical Psychology as well as Admissions Director of Master of Social Science in Clinical Psychology Program before joining Department of Applied Psychology at Lingnan University. In Lingnan, she is now serving as Associate Director of the Wofoo Joseph Lee Consulting and Counselling Psychology Research Centre. Her research interest is on affective dysregulation, particularly emotion processing in youth's mental health.

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Awards



Teaching Excellence Award 2017/18

Prof. Esra Burak Ho, Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Policy, received this year's Teaching Excellence Awards (Early Career Faculty), in recognition of her ability to provide students with a sociological perspective whilst contributing to their whole-person development.



Research Output Excellence Award 2018

Prof. Roman David, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Policy, received the Research Output Excellence Award in recognition of the Department's excellent achievements in research. The Award Ceremony was held on 23 March 2018.



RGC Competitive Grants Awards 2018

The President, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences congratulated Prof. Peter Baehr, Prof. Annie Chan and Prof. Chen Hon Fai for the RGC Competitive Grants Awards on 23 March 2018.

Awards

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Congratulations to the following three Professors whose projects have been awarded the General Research Fund (GRF) or RGC Early Career Scheme (ECS) in 2018-19, with the total project funds at HK\$1,194,093. Congratulations to their excellent achievements.

General Research Fund (GRF)

Department of Economics

Professor ZHANG Tianle, project title: Antitrust Policy, Continuing Innovation and R&D Incentive

Department of Political Science

Professor TAM Wai-keung, project title: A Study of the Legislative Behaviour from the Perspective of Parliamentary Questioning: The Case of Undemocratic/Semi-Democratic Hong Kong

RGC Early Career Scheme (ECS)

Department of Political Science

Professor YUEN Samson Wai-hei, project title: Dynamics of Participation: A Study of Youth Political Participation in Post-handover Hong Kong



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2018 - Mainland, Hong Kong and Macau Young STEAM Maker Competition

Lingnan University and National Institute of Education Sciences (NIES) jointly organised the “2018 - Mainland, Hong Kong and Macau Young STEAM Maker Competition” in July at Lingnan University, and the award ceremony of the competition on 28 July. The officiating guests attending the ceremony included: Prof LI Lu, Director General of the Education, Science and Technology Department, the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR; Mr YIN Changchun, Secretary of the Party Committee of the NIES; Dr Christine CHOI Yuk-Lin, Under Secretary for Education Bureau of the HKSAR Government; Dr David CHUNG Wai-Keung, Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology Bureau of the HKSAR Government; Prof WANG Su, NIES’s Centre for STEM Education and other invited guests.

Professor WEI Xiangdong, Chairman of the organising committee of this competition and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Lingnan University, shared with the audience that the purpose of this activity is to promote STEAM education, and foster collaboration in STEAM related fields among teachers and students from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao. It also aims to raise awareness and practical knowledge of STEAM education among young talented students from Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao. This competition hopes to help students cultivate their innovative thinking and develop their creativity, collaboration and problem-solving skills. We hope this event can nurture young professionals to problem-solve challenges in the fields of economy, science and technology. Overall it could enhance Hong Kong’s city or even China’s national competitiveness.

This competition was actively supported by NIES and the education departments of various cities in Mainland China. More than 540 primary and secondary school students from 75 schools from different large cities from Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao formed 104 teams to participate in the finals in Hong Kong. More than 20 schools from different regions in Hong Kong and Macao also participated in the finals.



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Unveiling Ceremony of “Lingnan University STEAM Education and Research Centre”

In order to promote the development of innovative and multi-talented individuals, and support STEAM education, Lingnan University established the “Lingnan University STEAM Education and Research Centre” with the generous support of social philanthropists. The centre particularly focuses on designing STEAM curriculum, academic and educational policy research, teacher training, student competitions, support for primary and secondary education, and academic forums. At the award ceremony, an unveiling ceremony of the “Lingnan University STEAM Education and Research Centre” was held by Prof LI Lu, Mr YIN Changchun, Dr Christine CHOI Yuk-Lin, Dr David CHUNG Wai-Keung and Prof WEI Xiangdong.

To further promote STEAM teacher training, student competitions, curriculum research and design projects in the Mainland and Hong Kong, Lingnan University has jointly established with NIES, the most well-known educational research think tank in the Mainland China. It aims to unite local, Mainland and overseas scholars and professionals from businesses and other industries and to support the education authorities in promoting the competitiveness of Hong Kong and the country as a whole in a variety of ways, including promoting innovative project incubators. On the day of the award ceremony, Mr YIN Changchun and Prof WANG Su presented the nameplate of the “Mainland-Hong Kong STEAM Education Research Centre” to Prof WEI Xiangdong and Dr CHOW Man-Kong, Director of STEAM Education and Research Centre of Lingnan University.



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Lingnan Competition Policy Forum

The Lingnan Competition Policy Forum, organized by the Centre for Competition Policy and Regulation, was held on 15-16 December 2017 on campus. Supported also by the Hong Kong Competition Commission and the Department of Economics, the Forum was one of the celebratory events for the 50th anniversary of Lingnan University's re-establishment in Hong Kong. It focused on recent developments surrounding the Competition Ordinance of Hong Kong (CO) and the Anti-Monopoly Law (AML) of China.

President Leonard K Cheng presented the welcoming remarks and around 60 speakers/guests participated in the two-day Forum. It is our honour to have Director-General Hongcan YANG from the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, Hon. Justice Godfrey Lam, President of the Competition Tribunal of Hong Kong, Mr. Brent Snyder, CEO of Hong Kong Competition Commission, and internationally renowned competition policy scholars including Professors HUANG Yong, WANG Xiaoye, SHI Jianzhong, and Professor Damien GERADIN. The other speakers are from academics including legal scholars and economists, multinational law firms and industry professionals.



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Seminar on Artificial Intelligence and Innovative Education For Principals of Primary and Secondary Schools



The STEAM Education and Research Centre (SERC) has cooperated with the Intel Corporation in July 2018 to establish the first “Intel Intelligent Innovation Center” in Lingnan University by using Intel’s hardware and technology to provide artificial intelligence (A.I.) experience and trainings to primary and secondary schools. Aiming to present the functions and responsibilities of the Center, a seminar was held on 21st September 2018. This seminar introduced Professor Wei’s research on STEAM + A.I. education, and Intel’s latest research and application of A.I., as well as some A.I. courses and activities for primary and secondary school students. 50 Principals and Vice Principals from different primary and secondary schools found the seminar useful and inspiring as STEAM + A.I. education is innovative and trendy. They hoped to cooperate with SERC to implement school-based curriculum for STEAM + A.I. education in the future.



Research Seminar “Make It or Break It? A Study of the New Power Party in 2018 Taiwan Local Election”

Research seminar entitled “Make It or Break It? A study of the New Power Party in 2018 Taiwan Local Election”, by Mr. Tommy Kwan, organised by Department of Political Science, was held on 27 November 2018.

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A Series of Seminar on Policy Studies and Management

A Seminar series on Policy Studies and Management co-organised by Department of Political Science, Division of Graduate Studies (DGS), the Library and Office of Service-Learning (OSL) has started in October 2018.



“Globalization of Audit Culture in Higher Education: Asia Pacific Perspective”, Professor Anthony Welch, Professor of Education, the University of Sydney, 13 October 2018.



“Internationalisation Policies in the UK and China in Comparative Perspective: Alignments and Dislocations in International Higher Education”, by Professor Catherine Montgomery, Academic Director of International Partnerships, the University of Bath, 18 October 2018.



“不能迴避的現實－回顧任局長五年的房屋政策”，Professor Anthony Cheung 張炳良教授, 8 November 2018.



“增闢土地，你我抉擇”，Mr. Stanley Wong Yuen-fai, Chairman of Task Force on Land Supply, 19 November 2018

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“Linking You to Innovation” Entrepreneurship Training, Visits and Internship Programme 2018

The “Linking You to Innovation” Entrepreneurship Training, Visits and Internship Programme 2018 (The Programme), co-organised by the China Economic Research Programme (CERP) and the Student Services Centre (SSC) of Lingnan University, has arranged 29 Lingnan students to take up summer internships in renowned corporations in Xiamen with durations of 5 weeks from 4 June to 7 July.

The entrepreneurship training and visits are components that distinguish the Programme from other internship schemes. The introduction to entrepreneurial opportunities in Greater Bay Area, development of a startup company to a micro-enterprise, and how it attracts venture capital and goes listed. Apart from the training sessions, in order to have an alignment of the knowledge and action, the Programme also arranged visiting activities to publicly-owned and privately-owned coworker spaces, namely Cyberport and Cocoon.

Apart from entrepreneurial training, internship opportunities had been offered to Lingnan students by the enterprises from Mainland’s fast-growing industries, such as finance, e-commerce and Start-up Company. Participating enterprises and scenic spots include Well Software, Coca-Cola, JiMei University and Gulangyu Island.



PSY Reception

The Department of Applied Psychology organized a reception for students on 8 October 2018. All teaching staff joined the reception and shared their research interests. The courses offered by Department of Applied Psychology were also introduced by colleagues at the reception.



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Experiential Learning: SSC4339 Global Health Field Trip

Students of SSC4339 Global Health visited the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences on 3 April 2018.

Experiential learning is an integral part of Liberal Arts education and the Department strongly supports it. Students are given many opportunities to experience 'out of classroom' learning with different communities.



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Information Day 2018

The Information Day for Undergraduate Admissions 2018 took place on 27 October 2018. The four departments* offered lively seminars on a range of interesting topics for visitors to learn more about the disciplines and the departments. Apart from the seminars, a centralised Programme Introduction Session was held to introduce to visitors the details of our study Programme. Information and exhibition booths were also set up for visitors to exchange with students and staff members in the campus.

*Department of Applied Psychology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology and Social Policy



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Academic Advising Day

In order to help the freshmen to know more about the BSS Programme and to prepare them for course registration, the Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences held the “Academic Advising Day” on 9 & 17 August 2018.

Programme staff briefed individual students on the programme curriculum, important university policies, and gave them advices on course selection.

Social Sciences Orientation Day



To help freshmen experience a smooth transition to University life, the Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences together with the Society of Social Sciences held a welcoming session for new students on 24 August 2018. More than 100 students and academic staff joined this important event. The Programme Director briefed freshmen on the characteristics on Social Sciences in Lingnan, while professors gave valuable insights to freshmen on how to equip themselves for university life. The Society’s members shared their study experiences and gave guidance on the all-important 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.

Rename of “Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme Office”

With effect from November 2017, the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme Office has been renamed to the Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences.



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Career Enhancement Programme for Social Sciences Students

The Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences held a Career Enhancement Programme for Social Sciences students on 18 and 21 May which aimed to provide guidance for Social Sciences Students in recognizing their skills and how to present these to prospective employers. One session was held last year and a CV/Job search session and 2 alumni experience sharing sessions were arranged this year for students. Alumni were invited to share with students their work experience and provided updated job market information and advice on job hunting in their career fields.



The Joint Winter Course with Williams College

The Faculty of Social Sciences hosted the first Joint Winter Course with Williams College at Lingnan from 5 to 25 January 2018. Williams College is a top liberal arts college in the US and one of Lingnan's benchmarking institutions.

The inter-disciplinary course "SSC3001 Hong Kong Culture, Society and Economic Development" was co-designed and co-taught by faculty from both institutions, and eight students from each institution paired up as "learning buddies". Prof Yu Li, Chair of Asian Studies and Associate Professor of Chinese at Williams College, worked with five Lingnan faculty members from our Faculty to make this course a success.

The "learning buddies" engaged in active and collaborative learning in class, and joined field trips in Hong Kong and Shenzhen over the weekends. On 14 January, the Faculty also hosted a reunion for Williams College's alumni in Hong Kong and Macau to share their insights and experiences with the course participants. The Course was concluded with joy by a departure lunch attended by faculty and students from both institutions.



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Outreach Programme

The Faculty of Social Sciences send colleagues participated in a series of programme and admission talks starting from September 2018. At the “Joint Secondary School Event” on 10 November 2018 at Ma On Shan Tak Sun Secondary, the Faculty members introduced the characteristic of the BSS Programme to the Form six students and their parents. We received very positive comments and they showed keen interest in the University liberal arts education as well as to our Programme. Through the mock admission interviews, the students acquired certain level of interview skills.

Social Sciences Faculty Retreat

The Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences together with the Departments of Applied Psychology, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology & Social Policy held the annual Retreat on 25 May 2018 at the Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel. Over 40 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.



Measurement of Learning Outcomes

Shortlisted graduating students from the six Discipline Majors/Streams were invited to attend an assessment interview conducted by the BSocSc Advisory Board members and our academic staff in March 2018. It aims to assess students' achievement in the English language proficiency, as well as in the learning goals of the Programme and Majors/Streams. Students from low, medium and high GPAs were assessed via a set of questions which were related to the learning outcomes of the discipline majors/streams. Individual Departments developed some indicator of existing learning outcome of Major/Stream for the interview before the Advisory Board Meeting. The student representatives received positive comments from the Advisory Board members.

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Students' Achievements

Excellent Social Sciences Student Award 2017/18

In 2017/18, Ms. Kwan Siu Yan was selected as the Excellent Social Sciences Student. The Award was established to recognise students' excellent performances in their academic and community achievements. Congratulation to Ms. Kwan.

Best Senior Thesis Award 2017/18

The Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences presented the Best Senior Thesis Award to Ms. Wong Yuen Zhan and Wan Cheuk Yue on 22 November 2018. The students' parents, supervisors, and faculty members joined the Ceremony to share the joy with them.



The Best Economics Students Awards 2018/19

To motivate our students, the three best students (CHAN Hon Chuen, WANG Zhicheng and ZHONG Yicheng) from Economics major were awarded with scholarship (HK\$5,000 each) in AY2018-19.

The Best Economics Minor Students Awards 2017/18

To encourage non-economics major undergraduate students to choose economics as their minor programme, the Department of Economics established "The Best Economics Minor Students Awards" for full-time non-Economics undergraduate in AY2017-18. The awardees are LIN Yuqi (PSY), LIU Hongtao (POLSCI) and ZHANG Xinyi (FIN).

For AY2018-19, students who have obtained/expected to obtain average GPA3.33 (B+) or above in at least three economics courses (9 credits) in Term 1 AY2018-19, can submit the application from 10 - 31 January 2019. The awards shall be up to two per year, each will be awarded up to HK\$3,000.

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Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner on 21 November 2017 of the Social Sciences Society was an important event for the social sciences faculty members and students to have fun outside the classroom, and to express appreciation to the efforts contributed by the Society and faculty members.

“Solaris” Inauguration Ceremony

7 March 2018 was an important day for the inauguration of the Executive Committee of the Society of Social Sciences. The name “Solaris” was chosen to reflect the message, “Mission from the Solaris”: to create a pleasant environment to members of social sciences and to enhance close relationship between members of social sciences. Various kinds of activities were held to raise their sense of belonging to the society.



Social Sciences Week

The Society held its “Social Sciences Week” in April every year. The theme in 2018 was to arouse students’ awareness on “Local Music Production”. Through participating in a series of seminars, forums, film and music sharing, students have a more in-depth understanding of the popular cultures and hot topics/issues in Hong Kong.

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Social Sciences Orientation Camp

The Social Sciences Orientation Camp was held from 11 to 13 August 2018 at the Hong Kong Baptist Assembly with over 100 freshmen. The freshmen built up a sense of belonging to the University and made new friends. The senior helpers played the leading role in different games and mass activities. The Camp marked the beginning of their University life.



“SOLARIS” Orientation Night

The “SOLARIS” Orientation Night with barbecue and games at the Cafeteria Beach came on 8 September 2018. This is another golden chance for those freshmen who have missed the Social Sciences Orientation Day to meet with new friends and get more information about the University and the Programme.



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Video for the Faculty of Social Sciences

The video shooting of the Faculty of Social Sciences has been commenced since the first quarter of 2018. With all the support of the staff from the Faculty and the Office of Communication and Public Affairs, we are pleased to announce that the video will be released soon. Viewers will not only know more about the Faculty of Social Sciences and its four departments via the video, but also our latest programme development. Current students and alumni shared their university life, learning experience and views on our programmes in the video as well.



This video will be posted in the University's website, YouTube, Facebook and other social media platforms.

New Course Offered by Department of Economics

The Department of Economics offers a new course "ECO3002 The Economics of the Digital Economy" in Term 2 of 2018/19. This course introduces students to the economics of markets where buyers or sellers rely on digital products and/or platforms. Students will focus on particular aspects of conventional economic theories used by digital firms (e.g., auctions) as well as the need to re-examine economic theories for markets where "big data" informs the decisions of consumers and producers.

Summer Internship 2018, Department of Economics

Effective from 2014-15, the Economics Department offers up to two internship opportunities to students in Discipline Major in Economics and CAPS/SPPS Stream of BSocSc programme via our Summer Internship Scheme. These students will have the opportunity to get solid trainings in conducting research in economics and under direct supervisions by our economics professors. For AY2017-18, the Department recruited two Economics students, Mr. Paul Lu HAN and Ms. WANG Zhicheng, under this scheme with allowance HK\$9,200 monthly for each trainee, from mid-June 2018 for 2 months.



Announcements

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