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Announcements

Reaffiliation of RIH with Faculty of Arts

The RIH and its eight centres were reaffiliated with the Faculty of Arts in January 2017, reverting to the previous model of operating under the umbrella of the Faculty of Arts.

New Director and Associate Directors of RIH

Prof. Ho Pui Yin, Director of RIH



Prof. Ho Pui Yin was appointed as Director of the RIH with effect from 1 August 2017, succeeding Prof. Simon Haines. Prof. Ho had been Associate Director of the RIH and is also Director of the Leung Po Chuen Research Centre for Hong Kong History and Humanities, a constituent centre of the RIH.

Prof. Lau Kwok Ying, Associate Director of RIH

Prof. Lau Kwok Ying was appointed as Associate Director of the RIH with effect from 1 August 2017. Prof. Lau also serves as Director of the Edwin Cheng Foundation Asian Centre for Phenomenology, a constituent centre of the RIH.



Prof. Pang Lai Kwan, Associate Director of RIH



Prof. Pang Lai Kwan was also appointed as Associate Director of the RIH with effect from 1 August 2017. Prof. Pang is a professor of the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies.



RIH Highlights

“Principles of Cultural Dynamics” (PCD) Network

Introduction to the PCD Network

The PCD network, based at the Dahlem Humanities Center at Free University Berlin, desires to research the factors that may account for what triggers processes of cultural innovation, what catalyzes and hinders them, respectively, and what causes them to subside entirely. The PCD network is a four-year project funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and has six partner institutes:

1. Dahlem Humanities Center, Free University Berlin (FUB)
2. Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University
3. Faculty of Humanities, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
4. Research Institute for the Humanities, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
5. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris
6. Humanities Center, the Johns Hopkins University

The most important programs of the PCD network are exchange programs and Global Humanities Campus. This year, CUHK hosts two visitors from Berlin.

Visitors to CUHK



Caio Yurgel holds a PhD in Comparative Literature at the Free University Berlin, Germany. He is currently a postdoc fellow at the CUHK, where he is conducting research for a book project on 20th-century literature called "After the Apocalypse: A Latin-American Survival Guide".

Katharina Alsen is a PhD scholar at the international research training group «InterArt». She is now working on contemporary nordic performance and theatre as a participant of the Global Humanities Junior Fellowship in CUHK.





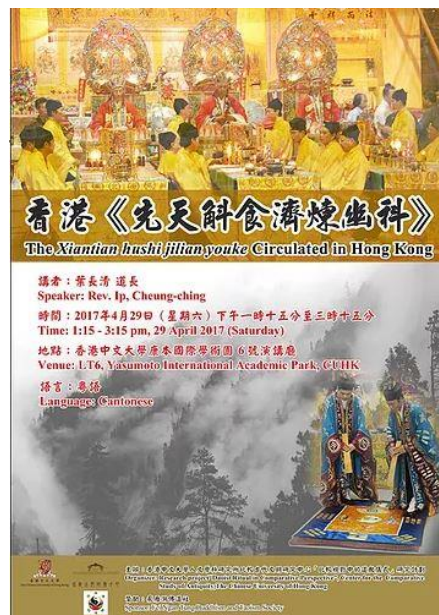
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Centre for the Comparative Study of Antiquity

Recent Activities

"The Xiantian hushi jilian youke Circulated in Hong Kong"

On 29 April 2017, Rev. Ip Cheung Ching, Director of Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Ltd, delivered a speech with the topic "The Xiantian hushi jilian youke Circulated in Hong Kong". This activity was sponsored by the CCSA "Daoist Ritual in Comparative Perspective Project", funded by a grant from Fei Ngan Tung Buddhism and Taosim Society.






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"Ancient Divination and Research Methods" Lecture and Workshop

On 8 May 2017, CCSA held a Lecture and Workshop on "Ancient Divination and Research Methods". Professor Lisa Raphals (UC Riverside) delivered a speech with the topic "Health, Divination and Fate in Early China and Greece". After that, Professor Lisa Raphals, Professor Poo Mu Chou and Dr. Huang Tsz Hsuan (Sun Yat Sen University) conducted a workshop on research methods with the following presenters: Li Hua (Department of History, CUHK), Xu Dongni (Department of History, CUHK), Yu Miaonan (Department of History, Xiamen University) and Ma Qianhui (Department of History, Xiamen University). This activity was sponsored by the Taiwan Research Centre.



Lecture and Workshop on Ancient Divination and Research Methods
Date: 8 May 2017 (Monday)
Venue: KHB101
Language: English


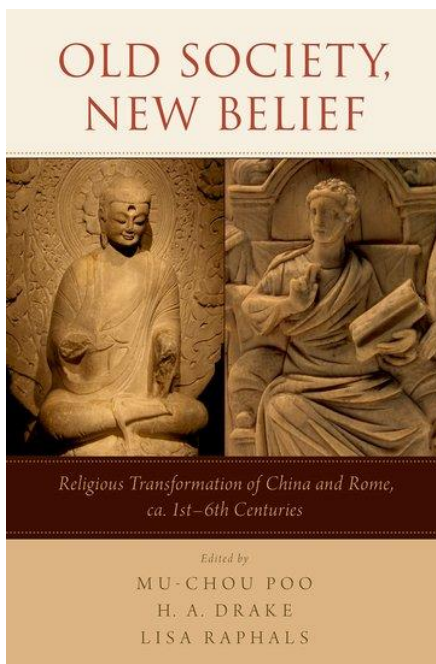
(1) 14:00-15:30
Lecture: Health, Divination and Fate in Early China and Greece
Speaker: Professor Lisa Raphals (UC Riverside)

(2) 15:30 – 17:30
Workshop on research methods
Moderators: Professor Lisa Raphals, Professor Poo Mu-chou, Dr. Huang Tzu-hsuan (Sun Vatsen U)

Presenters: LI Hua, Xu Dongni (Department of History, CUHK)
Yu Miaonan, Ma Qianhui (Department of History, Xiamen U)

Organizer: Centre for the Comparative Study of Antiquity,
Research Institute for the Humanities, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Sponsor: Taiwan Research Centre

Publication

In April 2017, the conference volume "Old Society, New Belief: Religious Transformation of China and Rome, ca. 1st - 6th Centuries" edited by Prof. Mu-chou Poo et al. was published by the Oxford University Press. This is the result of an international conference organized by the CCSA in June 2014.



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Centre for the Study of Islamic Culture

Recent Activities

Distinguished Lectureship in Islamic Civilization

The 2nd Distinguished Lectureship in Islamic Civilization was successfully held from 6 to 8 April 2017. Professor Recep Senturk, President of Ibn Khaldun University, Turkey was invited as the Speaker of this prestigious event. Prof. Senturk delivered two lectures on campus and one lecture at the Islamic Centre, Wan Chai. In addition to the three lectures, Prof. Recep Senturk met CUHK professors of related disciplines.

The three delivered lectures are as follows:

1. Islam as an Open Civilization (6 April 2017)
2. Human Rights in Islam (7 April 2017)
3. Pleasure of Faith (8 April 2017)

Speaker:
Professor Recep Senturk
President, Ibn Khaldun University, Istanbul

Professor Recep Senturk is the President of Ibn Khaldun University (IHKU) in Istanbul, Turkey. He holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University, Department of Sociology, and specializes in civilization studies, sociology and Islamic studies with a focus on social networks, human rights, and modernization in the Muslim world.

2nd Distinguished Lectureship in Islamic Civilization
香港中文大學伊斯蘭文明傑出講座系列

Research Seminar
Islam as an Open Civilization
Date: 6 April 2017 (Thursday)
Time: 4:00pm–5:30pm
Venue: Room 229, Fung King Hey Building, CUHK

Academic Lecture
Human Rights in Islam
Date: 7 April 2017 (Friday)
Time: 5:00pm–6:30pm
Venue: Swire Hall 1, Fung King Hey Building, CUHK

Public Talk
Pleasure of Faith
Date: 8 April 2017 (Saturday)
Time: 2:30pm–4:30pm
Venue: 6/F Seminar Room, Masjid Ammar & O.R.S. Islamic Centre, Wanchai

Language: English

Organizer: The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Co-organizer: Islamic Studies Centre

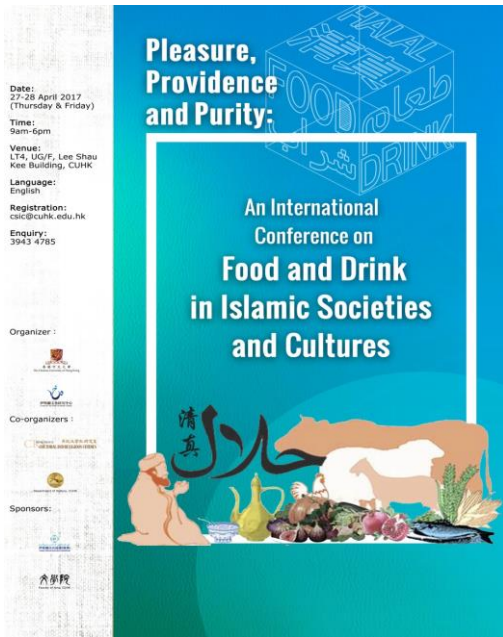
Sponsor: Islamic Studies Centre

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International Conference on “Food and Drink in Islamic Societies and Cultures”



The conference, held on 27–28 April 2017, focused on halal (清真). It brought together around 30 scholars from 17 countries and regions, including East Asia, Southeast Asia, Western Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa and the US. It aimed to examine the complexity and diversity of attitudes and practices related to food and drink among Muslims in various parts of the Islamic world and beyond. Conference participants presented research from a variety of disciplines, including history, sociology, anthropology, literature, religious studies and law. Selected papers will be published by the CSIC.





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Public Lectures

“Connecting Art Histories: A Comparative Reflection on Islamic and East Asian Ceramic Art’s Display Philosophy”

Speaker: Dr. Valerie Gonzalez

Date: 15 February 2017

“Islam and the Cultural Imperative: From USA to China”

Speaker: Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah (Internationally renowned Islamic scholar, author and theologian)

Date: 3 April 2017

Upcoming Events

Publication of Conference Papers

Papers generated from the international conference ‘Chinese Muslim (Hui) in Diaspora: Culture, Gender, Identity, and Religious Traditions’ held on 3-4 December 2015 is under review now. It is expected to be published in early 2018.

International Conference on “Islam in the China Seas”

The Centre is planning to host an international conference on “Islam in the China Seas” in the spring of 2018.



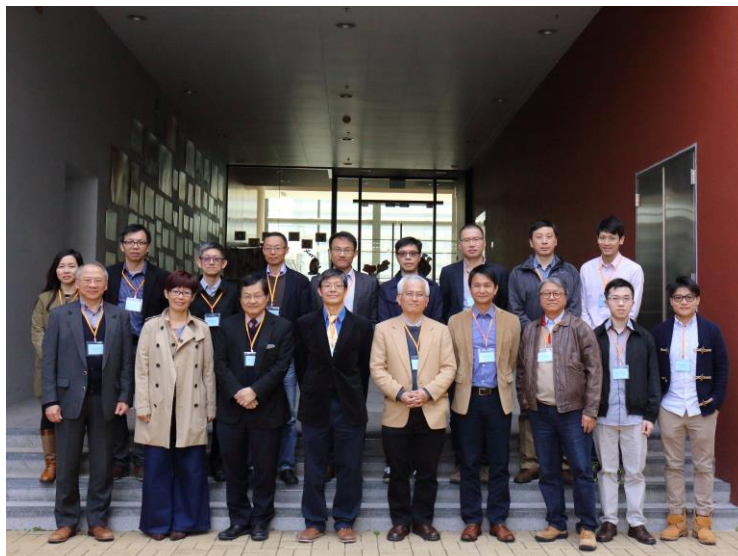
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Edwin Cheng Foundation Asian Centre for Phenomenology

Recent Activities

Conference: Phenomenology and Anti-Phenomenology in Post-war France (「戰後法國的現象學與反現象學思潮」學術研討會)

The vitality of the phenomenological movement in Post-war France is a phenomenon in itself. It has produced several generations of philosophers of great originality. Yet phenomenology in France has also faced constant challenges from other currents of humanistic thinking such as structuralism, post-structuralism, deconstruction, and post-modernism. These currents were born from the confluence of new discoveries in linguistics, psychoanalysis, anthropology, literary criticism, historiography, and other disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences. The joint effects of the encounter between phenomenology and anti-phenomenology have made France a unique cradleland of avant-garde thoughts in the last 70 years. In order to have a more in-depth understanding of the vibrant scene of contemporary French thought, the Edwin Cheng Foundation Asian Centre for Phenomenology organised a three-day conference on “Phenomenology and Anti-phenomenology in Post-war France” on 2–4 March 2017 in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.





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Visiting Postgraduates Gathering

The Centre organized a Visiting Postgraduates Gathering on 27 February 2017 at which Mr Szeto Man-chun Henry (Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France) and Mr Lo Kwun-lam Clement (University of Cologne) shared their recent research progress with our postgraduate students and teachers. These two visiting postgraduate students worked on their research projects during their visiting period from 28 February to 5 March 2017 at the CUHK.



Publication

Journal of Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, No. 6 : *Merleau-Ponty: Reform of Phenomenology through the Human Sciences* (in Chinese) edited by Kwok-ying LAU & Chan-fai CHEUNG in September 2016



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Leung Po Chuen Research Centre for Hong Kong History and Humanities

Academic exchange

In April and May 2017, Professor Ho Pui-yin, the Centre Director, delivered lectures as a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Health Policy and Management, National Taiwan University. Professor Ho presented three lectures on “Public Health in Historical Perspective”, explaining the evolution and experience of public health in Hong Kong from four aspects, namely the development of water supply, land use, public housing policy and town planning.

Achievements

In July 2017, a research project on the Contemporary Chinese History, commissioned by the Curriculum Development Office of the Education Bureau, was completed. The results of this research will be used to develop an e-learning resource package to support teachers in their teaching.



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Recent Activities

Field Trip to Sam Mun Tsai Village

On 12 March 2017, the Centre organized a field trip to Sam Mun Tsai, with around 40 students taking part. The field trip focused on the history of Sam Mun Tsai Village as well as giving students first-hand experience on fishermen's living conditions and their food culture.



Sam Mun Tsai Village is located at Yim Tin Tsai, Tai Po district, which is a historic fishing village. It was originally located on the eastern side of Pak Sha Tau, but was subsequently relocated due to the construction of the Plover Cove Reservoir in the 1960s. It was then renamed "Sam Mun Tsai New Fishermen Village". The field sites included the village and the Tai Po Geoheritage Centre.

Field Trip to Sai Kung



On 24 September 2016, the Centre organized a field trip to Sai Kung for over 30 students.

Sai Kung is one of the settlements of indigenous inhabitants in the New Territories, in which the historical landmarks still reflect a traditional rural society. Sai Kung was originally a traditional village with agriculture and fisheries, but has now been transformed into a tourist town. Through the trip, the students could learn more about the transformation of Sai Kung, from the past to the present. The Sai Kung Town Centre was the main field site for the trip, with two routes by the sea and the land respectively.



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Scholarships

The Centre is committed to training young generations of scholars. Leung Hung Kee Scholarships aim to provide financial support to outstanding CUHK History undergraduates to conduct research abroad. Each awardee receives a grant of up to HK\$20,000 to develop historical research skills and global awareness through fieldwork and/or archival research outside Hong Kong. In the 2016-17 academic year, a total of 10 History undergraduates received financial support from the Centre:

	Student Name	Research Topic	Place(s) of Research
1	Wong Lik Yi	論維多利亞時期之英國城市規劃	London
2	Wong Sin Tung	從鄉村到新市鎮 — 荃灣都市化的過程	London
3	Wong Chak Yeung	1920-30 年代香港政府處理妹仔問題的政策與華洋關係	London
4	Yeung Tsz Hong	啟德機場從擴建到搬遷的社會意義 (1945-1998)	London
5	Wong Wai Lam	Political Beliefs of Lee Kuan Yew: A Critical Analysis of the Singapore Policy-making Process During his Premiership in 1959-1990	Singapore
6	Lau Pik Yan	Nationalism in the Construction of the New Philippine Society and Metro Manila (1972-1986)	Manila, Cebu
7	Chui Wai Lam	1890 年-1940 年上海電影院的發展	Shanghai
8	Shum Ka Man	清渡臺禁令下的婚嫁現象	Taipei
9	Lau Sum Yi Cherry	周恩來外交思想對 1949-1975 年間中國外交形象的影響	Beijing
10	Ling Chin Pang	1950 至 1960 年代廣州水上人上岸過程初探	Guangzhou



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Taiwan Research Centre

Academic exchange

“Historical and Cultural of Health Behaviors” (健康行為的歷史與文化脈絡)

Prof. Hsiung Ping-chen, Director of Taiwan Research Centre, gave lectures and participated in the colloquiums for the course “Historical and Cultural of Health Behaviors” (Chinese: 健康行為的歷史與文化脈絡) at National Taiwan University on 25, 26 Aug, 1 and 2 Sep, this summer. Adapting B.F. Skinner’s classic book in establishing the foundations of behavioral science *Beyond Freedom and Dignity* (1971), this course aimed at examining the historical background and cultural elements behind health behaviors in order to investigate, consider and debate on the humanly constructed “environment” as opposed to bio-physically, genetically, based conditions of critical social conducts. In this year, the course aimed at studying “Pain and Bliss in life (苦樂人生)”. Four films, which are related to topics on health behaviors, were shown in the classes:

1. *Memories of Tomorrow* (2006) (Jap: 明日の記憶)
2. *Sicko* (2007)
3. *Together* (2010), (Chi: 在一起)
4. *To Live* (1952), (Jap: 生きる)

Students taking the course were required to form groups and prepare audio-visual presentations in class and submit a paper with around 2000 words at the end of course.





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The 2nd Astronomical Silk Road: International Workshop on Astronomy and Archaeoastronomy in China and Central Asia

The Xinjiang Astronomical Observatory invited Professor Hsiung to attend “The 2nd Astronomical Silk Road: International Workshop on Astronomy and Archaeoastronomy in China and Central Asia” in Urumqi, for the period of 6-9 July 2017. Professor Hsiung gave a speech on “Joys of the Fall: Observations on the Season of Life, As of Old”.

Thematic Network Principles of Cultural Dynamics (PCD)

Professor Hsiung accepted the invitation of Director Joachim Kupper of Thematic Network Principles of Cultural Dynamics (PCD) to attend the academic conference of Global Humanities Campus held at Freie Universitaet Berlin from 24 July to 6 August 2017. Professor Hsiung gave a speech with the title of "Food and Aging in Late Imperial China: Material Provision and Textural Evidence in Comparison".



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