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We are very pleased to announce that Professor William Smith has been appointed as Associate Head of the Department of Government and Public Administration. Professor Smith has also kindly provided an important welcome message for the second edition of the biannual newsletter. Thank you very much to Professor Smith for his kind generosity and expert sharing.

Professor William Smith,
Associate Head,
Department of
Government and Public
Administration, CUHK



Associate Head's Message

Professor William Smith

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our new Biannual newsletter, which provides a summary of some of the more significant goings-on in our department. In the following pages, we present for your entertainment and amusement the teaching and research activities that have occupied our time over the previous six months.

As Vice-Chairperson and Head of Research Panel, much of my time has been devoted to supporting the research that is carried out by colleagues in our Department. It is great to see that so many of our colleagues are active and visible on the global stage, reflected in the large number of colleagues who present their ideas at prestigious conferences and publish their papers in leading international journals.

But research is a curious activity. On the one hand, it is one of the most important duties of being a Faculty-member of a University; in fact, our performance in research is one of the main factors in determining our appointments and career progression. On the other hand, most people—including many of our current and former students—do not realize that we do research at all. It is very common for people to think that academics enjoy long and relaxing holidays in Summer, Christmas, and New Year as there are no classes during this time. In fact, we are often at our busiest during these periods, as these are the best times for us to cram in all the reading, reflection and data analysis necessary for us to complete our papers and books. So, I do hope that you will be interested in reading about the outcome of all this intellectual labour alongside important sharing from our GPA Alumni and current GPA Society!



December 2018 Special Theme - Impact

Chief Editor's Message

**Dr. James F. Downes,
Lecturer
Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK**

Our Biannual Newsletters will from now on have a special theme for each edition. We are delighted that the second edition of our newsletter has the special theme of impact. This Newsletter showcases impact from a number of important perspectives, ranging from research, to teaching philosophy, to public impact, through latest grants news and media commentaries by a number of high profile staff members.

We are also very pleased that our second edition showcases important sharing from our GPA Society and also the latest news on our historic upcoming GPA 50th Anniversary. Please enjoy!

In the next and third edition of our Newsletter, we will celebrate our diverse and wide-ranging Alumni that make our Department so unique within Hong Kong society. This newsletter will also feature special sharing sections from renowned and notable GPA Alumni.



GPA 50th Anniversary in 2020

The GPA Department will reach an important milestone of the 50th Anniversary in 2020. We have already set up an Organizing Committee, which is now ready to start organizing the celebration of this historic moment. It is our great pleasure and much appreciation for the effort of our members of organizing committee who are our GPA alumni mostly.

We are delighted to have some well-known scholars as well as the leading figures of the GPA Department in its historical development to be our members and also serve in our Advisory Committee.

The third meeting of the GPA 50th Anniversary Organizing Committee was held at Chung Chi Staff Club on the 3rd December 2018 successfully. We were extremely delighted that four members of the Advisory Committee (Professor Kuan Hsin-chi, Professor Jeremiah Wong Kui Hung, Professor Wong Wang Fat and Mr. Yang Xiaohui) also joined the meeting to provide numerous insightful ideas and advice. It was a fruitful discussion in staging the celebration for the milestone development of the GPA Department.

We look forward to gathering our alumni to celebrate the milestone of GPA Department. For more details, we will announce the information in 2019.



Members of Organizing Committee standing behind from left to right: Ms. Amy Wang, Mr. Lo Wing Hung, Mr. Raymond Ng, Mr. Jimmy Lau, Mr. Ivan Choy, Ms. Louise Chan, Ms. Janis Tong, Mr. Kenneth Ng.

Members of Advisory Committee sitting in the front from left to right: Mr. Yang Xiaohui, Professor Kuan Hsin-chi, Professor Wong Wang Fat, Professor Carlos Lo Wing Hung (Head of GPA Department), Professor Jeremiah Wong Kui Hung.

Upcoming Event – International Conference 2019



Unpacking the Complexity of Regulatory Governance in a Globalising World

An International Conference to inaugurate a Global Regulatory Governance Research Network, 4-6 July 2019

Organisers:  政治與行政學系
GOVERNMENT AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

 香港中文大學香港亞太研究所
Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

 Regulatory Governance
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standing group

International Regulatory Governance Conference 2019

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) will host the International Conference on Regulatory Governance, jointly organised by its Department of Government and Public Administration and the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies on 4–6 July 2019, with the support of the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Standing Group on the Regulatory Governance. The theme of this conference is “Unpacking the Complexity of Regulatory Governance in a Globalising World”.

The objective is to gather together researchers from both East and West to explore complex issues on regulatory governance. Underpinning this event is the vision of building a global network to meet the demands and challenges of globalising research on regulatory governance.

Call for Abstract

We are delighted to announce that we are now ready to open the call for abstracts of the Conference and the submission system are now in place. We would like here to invite submission of abstract with the links as follows:

Conference webpage: <https://icgrg-cuhk-2019.com/>

Submission of abstract: <https://icgrg-cuhk-2019.com/program/call-for-abstracts/>

Please visit these two sites and consider submitting an abstract. At the same time, please help us to send out this announcement and invitation to researchers, scholars and students interested in regulation and compliance research.

Recent Event Highlights

Delegation: Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University

Date: 28 November 2018 The delegation of the Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University visited the GPA Department to discuss possible collaborations.

Delegation: University of Auckland

Date: 23 October 2018 The delegation of the University of Auckland visited the GPA Department to discuss possible collaborations.

Public Lecture: 上山下鄉運動五十年

Date: 1 November 2018 Speaker: Professor Qin Hui
Adjunct Professor, Department of Government and Public Administration,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Promotion Event: Orientation Day 2018 for Undergraduate Admissions

Date: 20 October 2018 The GPA Department organized three admission talks and exhibitions. Visitors included secondary school students, parents and teachers.

Research Seminar: 研究生的苦與美

Date: 4 October 2018 Speaker: Professor Li Lianjiang
Professor, Department of Government and Public Administration,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Research Seminar: Unsolicited Justice: the Impact of FCPA Prosecutions on Local Corruption

Date: 23 August 2018 Speaker: Mr. Xu Jian
PhD candidate, Political Science,
Emory University



Delegation of the Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University from Taiwan



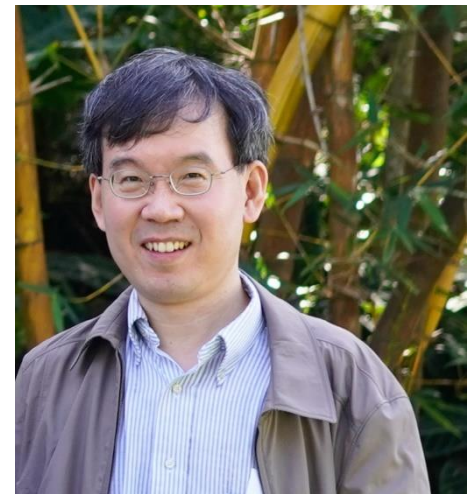
**Professor Qin Hui
Adjunct Professor,
Department of Government and Public
Administration, CUHK**

Star Researchers

Professor Li Lianjiang

Li Lianjiang and Lyu Shupeng. (2018). The Dual Effect of Economic Development on Trust in the Central Government: Evidence from Two Waves of a National Survey in China. *The China Review: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Greater China*, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp. 65-85.

Abstract: Using individual-level survey data while incorporating county/district-level information on per capita gross domestic product, this study finds that economic development in China has a dual effect on popular trust in the central government. First, positive individual-level perception of family economic conditions (compared to the past) increases trust in central government. Second, county/district-level per capita GDP is negatively correlated with individual-level trust in the central government. Methodologically, the article suggests that researchers may conduct contextualized thought experiment to establish logical priority of one event over another, particularly when it is impractical to empirically determine the temporal sequence of phenomena that are observed simultaneously in cross-sectional surveys. The article also suggests that China scholars may employ cross-region comparison as a substitute for longitudinal research when it comes to projecting long-term effects of quantitatively traceable changes such as economic development.



**Professor Li Lianjiang,
Professor,
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**Professor Li Wei,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Government and
Public Administration, CUHK**

Professor Li Wei

Lam Wai Fung and Li Wei. (2018) Network structure and collaborative innovation processes—A comparative analysis of two elderly service networks in Shanghai. *Public Administration and Development*. Vol 38, Issue 2. pp. 87-99.

Abstract: How does the structure of government-funded service networks affect the process of service innovation? We have conducted a comparative analysis of the structure and processes of collaborative innovation of 2 government-funded community-based elderly service networks in Shanghai. We have found that in consistent with the literature, a network that has a network administrative organization structure is better able to manage the process of service innovation in a way that balances the need to achieve government policy goals on the one hand and the imperative to facilitate bottom-up citizen participation on the other. Surprisingly, contrary to what prior studies have suggested, we have found that a network in which a lead organization plays a dominant role, despite its more centralized process of service innovation, is often able to deliver a variety of high-quality and low-cost services addressing citizens' needs. With the leadership provided by the network lead organization and its close affiliation with the street-office government, the network has been able to solicit government support. Such a hierarchical yet responsive state-society relation has emerged as a result of the coalescence of a corporatist state legacy and an increasing pressure for local governments to seek citizens' support in service delivery.

Star Researchers

Professor Carlos Lo Wing Hung

Department Head, Professor, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK

1. Lam, T.C. and Lo, C.W.H. Forthcoming. Local State Building and Bureaucratization of Service Organizations: The Environmental Protection System in Guangzhou. *The China Journal*.
2. Liu, N., Lo, C.W.H. and Zhan, X. Forthcoming. Regulatory Ties and Corporate Compliance Strategies. *Public Performance & Management Review*.
3. Liu, N., van Rooij, B. and Lo, C.W.H. (2018). Beyond Deterrent Enforcement Styles: Behavioural Intuitions of Chinese Environmental Law Enforcement Agents in a context of Challenging Inspections. *Public Administration*. Vol. 96, September, pp. 497-512
4. Liu, N., Tang, S.Y., Zhan, X., and Lo, C.W.H. (2018). Policy Uncertainty and Corporate Performance in Government-sponsored Voluntary Environmental Programs. *Journal of Environmental Management*. Vol. 219, August, pp. 350-360.
5. Li, H., Tang, S.Y. and Lo, C.W.H. (2018). The Institutional Antecedents of Managerial Networking in Chinese Environmental NGOs. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 325-346.
6. Ngai, E.W.T., Law, C.C.H., Lo C.W.H., Poon, J.K.L. and Pang, S.S. (2018). Business Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility: Case Studies of Three Case Operators in China. *International Journal of Production Research*, Vol. 56, Nos. 1-2, pp. 660-676.

Professor Chen Xi

Chen Xi and Dana Moss. (2018) Authoritarian Regimes and Social Movements in The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Social Movements. David A. Snow, Sarah A. Soule, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Holly J. McCammon (eds.). *Wiley Blackwell*. pp. 666-681.

Abstract: Social movements and protests are a more commonly occurring feature of social and political life in authoritarian states than generally thought. However, the effects of authoritarianism on mobilization are often neglected or misapprehended because authoritarianism is assumed to be a monolithic regime type that is uniformly violent and closed to dissent, cohesive in its response to social movements, and insular in its repressive dynamics. Drawing on research and existing studies, this chapter advances a refined approach to the study of authoritarianism and its effects on mobilization. It does so by demonstrating: (1) the range of authoritarian regime types; (2) variation in regime repression and propensities for violence; (3) variation in activists' access to state officials; (4) the range of elite responses to and uses of protests; and (5) transnational dimensions of authoritarian state repression. It concludes with suggestions for further research.



Professor Chen Xi,
Associate Professor,
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and Public Administration,
CUHK

Star Researchers

Dr. James F. Downes

Lecturer,

Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK

Appointed Senior Fellow, Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right (CARR); Council Member & Director, Hong Kong Political Science Association.

Selected Articles:

1. Downes, James, Loveless, Matthew and Lam, Andrew. Opening Pandora's Box? Strategic Positioning: Right-Wing Party Competition over Immigration during the 2015-2018 European Refugee Crisis. *Journal of Politics/Democratic Audit.* 2018.
2. Downes, James and Bruno, Valerio Alfonso. The Italian populist government is voluntarily heading towards the next political crisis (and it may have the upper hand). *Democratic Audit.* August 2018.
3. Downes, James and Bruno, Valerio Alfonso. Why has the populist radical right outperformed the populist radical left in Europe? *London School of Economics, European Politics and Policy.* August 2018.
4. Downes, James and Chan, Edward. Explaining the electoral debacle of social democratic parties in Europe. *London School of Economics, European Politics and Policy.* June 2018.
5. Downes, James and Chan, Edward. The electoral system and support for populist parties in Europe. *openDemocracy.* November 2018.

Conferences:

1. Why Do Voters Lose Trust in Governments? Explaining the Decline of Political Trust in Australian Politics from 2007-2016. (with Liang Jiang). Paper to be presented at the 25th World Congress of Political Science, IPSA, Brisbane (Australia): 21-25 July 2018.

Dr. Li Hak Yin

Lecturer, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK

Invited Talk: How could China construct the new world order through the One Belt One Road Initiative?, Kowloon Region Outstanding Students' Association and Hong Kong Youths Unified Association, Hong Kong, 2018-11-24



Research Grants Updates

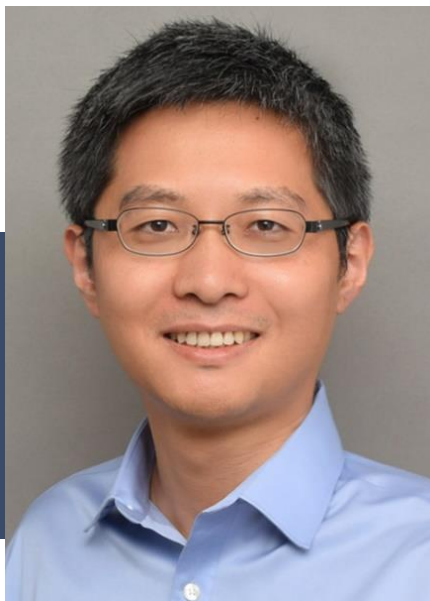
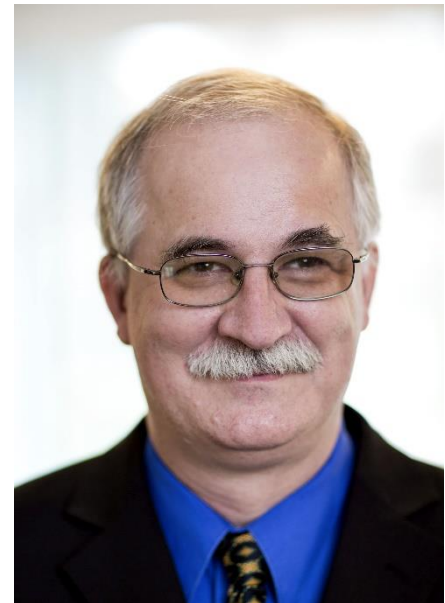
Research Grants 2018/19:

Our faculty members are committed to research excellence across the discipline of political science. Two of our renowned colleagues have recently been awarded prestigious and large scale research grants to conduct their high impact research. The funding results in 2018-19 are outlined below:

**Professor Pierre Landry,
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Project Title:
Territorial Governance and FDI in China

General Research Fund,
Hong Kong Research Grants Council



**Professor Jiang Junyan,
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Department of Government and Public
Administration, CUHK**

Project Title:
Informal Institutions and Information Politics in
Authoritarian Regimes: Theory and Evidence from
China

Early Career Scheme,
University Grants Committee

Teaching Corner

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教學的藝術

教學，並非一門技術，而是藝術。這門藝術，好比一個樂團的音樂家，他既要磨練好自己對一種專門樂器的演奏技藝，也要講求他和樂團裡其他的樂師合作無間，才能共同奏出悅耳的交響樂，兩方面缺一不可。於大學老師而言，他首先要磨練好的，當然是他本身的學術修為，同時，他要和他的學生緊密“合作”，共同在教與學當中，把教育工作做好。有最好學術造詣的研究者，若不能以其知識學養教育好他的學生，他就只能是一位孤獨的演奏者，在學術生涯上，若有或缺。教學這門藝術，不容易掌握，我自問只是一個初學者，以下三點是我這十年在中大的教學累積得來的一些體會：

首先，大學教育，尤其社會科學學科的重點在於為學生帶來思想上的衝擊、啟發，以及理解問題的視野，如此，大學老師的教學工作，不能缺少他對相關問題的研究的支持。大學生在年齡上已經是成年人，但他們剛脫離中學較為受保護的溫室環境，心智上開始要成長、獨立，要面向世界、面向社會，心中或許充滿對世界對社會的希冀、疑惑，老師要帶領他們走入學術，讓他們掌握思考問題的角度。老師要有自信，要維持其相對於學生在學問上的權威，才能帶領。老師如何維持學問上的權威？最重要者，是他對相關學問的掌握、瞭解，能跟上學術發展的前沿。學術研究，換言之，就是老師進入學問、提高自身學養的重要一途。如此理解，大學老師的研究工作，是為教學而做。在大學，最好的研究者，他的身份還是個老師。

第二，大學老師的教育工作，在於和學生不斷的互動和溝通。要做好教學工作，老師當然要具備最佳的學養，但這並不足夠，他還要知道學生的需要。他要勤於走入學生當中，理解他們的感受和疑惑，再以適當的方式把其學識傳授，對學生加以引導。如此，正式的課堂上的教學，以及非正式的、課餘和學生的接觸，同樣重要。成功的大學教學，並非照本宣科式的教學，而是在緊密的師生互動中讓學生得到啟發，培養對其所處的世界、社會的敏銳觸覺，懂得發問，懂得思考，舉一反三，能從“花裡看世界，沙裡看宇宙”。

Teaching Corner

第三，大學教育的重點，在於把學生培育為有責任感，有所為有所不為的公民。大學教育並非技術的培訓。大學教育，其更重要的任務，是使學生在這個功利主義、工具理性主導的社會中，能踏踏實實認真做事，又能時刻保持清醒，能適當地從社會的主流價值抽離，對社會有關懷，對社會的不公義有批判。好的大學教育，能把學生培養成真正的人。如此看，老師的工作就不單是工具性的知識傳授，而是對學生的栽培。老師是學生在他成長的關鍵時期中的夥伴，以言教和身教，帶領他們思考人生，思考社會和世界，然後能做一個有承擔的公民。

今日社會瀰漫急功近利之風，新自由主義下大學教育體系變質，我這些體會可能已經落伍。與各位共勉！

李家翹

2018年12月



李家翹博士與政政系同學

Media/News Commentaries

Mr. Ivan Choy Chi Keung

Senior Lecturer, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK

- 「[筆陣：台灣的政局會否墮入無間輪迴？](#)」·《明報》·2018年12月5日
- 蔡子強、陳雋文·「[筆陣：九西補選票站數據分析](#)」·《明報》·2018年11月28日
- 「[大館致歉 允馬建講座借場 馬建順利入境 質疑背後有更大黑手](#)」·《明報》·2018年11月10日
- 「[筆陣：梁羽生如何論金庸小說](#)」·《明報》·2018年11月7日
- 「[高鐵究竟客從何處來](#)」·《明報》·2018年09月26日
- 「[『國家民族『敵人』』的虛妄](#)」·《明報》·2018年9月12日

Dr. James F. Downes

Lecturer, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK

Selected Commentary:

- [The EU doesn't want to compromise further on Brexit deal](#) CNBC TV Interview. 2018-11-25
- [UK Prime Minister's Brexit Position Can Become Untenable.](#) The Globe Post. 2018-07-10
- [It's everyone's guess' what May will do next.](#) CNBC TV Interview. 2018-07-09
- [The importance of immigration in European Politics.](#) CNBC TV Interview. 2018-06-24
- Conducted additional interviews for South China Morning Post; RTHK; CNBC Asia & Sputnik International.



Dr. Li Hak Yin

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- 「[國際間如何處理俄烏衝突](#)」·《香港電台－左右紅藍綠》·2018年12月7日
- 「[俄烏衝突的盤算](#)」·《香港電台－左右紅藍綠》·2018年12月6日
- 「[中美貿易戰－習近平與特朗普會面](#)」·《D100－風波裏的茶杯》·2018年12月3日
- 「[特朗普中期試](#)」·TVB·《新聞透視》·2018年11月10日
- 「[美國中期選舉](#)」·《D100－左右大局》·2018年11月8日
- [Sino-US Relations.](#) RTHK Radio 3's Backchat, 2018-11-05
- 「[China-US relations at an 'impasse' after Pence's wholesale criticism of Beijing's policies](#)」, South China Morning Post, 2018-10-05
- 「[東西政治價值觀迥異修昔底德夢魘難去](#)」·《信報》·2018年7月28日
- 「[SLD 如無牙老虎南海加速造陸](#)」·《信報》·2018年6月2日

GPA Society Sharing

政治與行政學系系會為政政系的註冊學生團體，所有政政系本科生均為系會當然會員。2019 年度的系會名為「溥政」。一如以往，系會職責可簡單劃分成兩部分：

第一，為政政系促進系內同學關係、滿足眾同學的需求、同學爭取福利、舉辦各項活動、代表同學向校方反映意見。本年系會一如以往舉辦「政政盃師生足球賽」、一連串的送舊活動、「兩大政治科學辯論比賽」、與其他院系合辦「社科院歌唱比賽」等等。系會亦會計劃定時舉辦諮詢會，讓同學就系內事務反映意見。另外，系會亦會舉辦活動、聚會讓系內同學參加，務求增加同學之間的交流，促進系內同學關係。

第二，系會代表政政系同學參與社會運動，就各項議題發聲明，表達同學訴求。系會除了參與各項示威活動，亦會在校內、外擺設街站，呼籲其他同學及市民關心社會、為市民發聲。本閣希望與同學們攜手在這眾議紛紜的時代，一同以廣闊的目光了解政事，鼓勵同學實踐政政系所學，增強公民意識及明白不同政治立場的同學。系會亦希望能夠為系內同學發聲，表達意見，讓我們的聲音能被重視。生於政政，有種責任 - 一份令政政系，乃至社會變得更好的責任。生於大時代，學生實難作壁上觀，對抗不公更是應有之義。系會給予同學相當自由的發揮空間，與志同道合的莊員、同學議政論事，同行於社會運動，守護香港的核心價值，讓香港成為一個更自由，更公平，更好的家。



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Admission News & Statistics

Year	75 th Percentile (Upper Quartile)							50 th Percentile (Median)							25 th Percentile (Lower Quartile)						
	CHI	ENG	MATH	LS	S1	S2	S3	CHI	ENG	MATH	LS	S1	S2	S3	CHI	ENG	MATH	LS	S1	S2	S3
2017	5	5*	4	5	5	4		5	5*	4	5	4	4		5	4	4	5	5	5	4
2018	5*	5	5	5*	5*	5	4	5*	5	4	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	

Orientation Day on 20 October 2018



Staff Updates

Thank you Dr. Li! 多謝!

Dr. Li Hak Yin will be leaving our Department in December 2018. We thank Dr. Li Hak Yin for his exceptional service to the Department. He will be a visiting research fellow of the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore from Dec 2018 to Mar 2019, he will then take up an associate professorship of the Institute for International Strategy at Tokyo International University in Apr 2019. Hak Yin will offer both undergraduate and postgraduate courses on theories of international relations, global governance and Chinese foreign policy. We all wish him the very best for his next position at Tokyo International University. Dr. Li can be reached by hakyinli@gmail.com.

Dr. James F. Downes will be taking up the position as Head of the Admissions & PR Committee.



Dr. Li and GPA colleagues at New Asia College

If you have any news, comments, or anything we can include in the next issue of newsletter, please contact us by sending an email to jasmineyip@cuhk.edu.hk

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