

## Department News

### FAREWELL PARTY FOR PROFESSOR JOSEPH BOSCO

Prof. Joseph Bosco, who had joined the CUHK Anthropology Department since 1992, retired in August 2016. In these 24 years, Prof. Bosco has taught numerous undergraduate students and inspired them a lot in their anthropological journey. As the Graduate Division Head of the department and the Director of our MA programme, Prof. Bosco also gave valuable advice to many of our postgraduate students and guided them in developing their own research.



*The farewell party for Prof. Bosco*

Prof. Bosco has always been a wonderful colleague and teacher, devoting a lot to the department and influencing a lot of undergraduate and postgraduate students with his passion in anthropology. After retiring from the department, Prof. Bosco has moved to the U.S. and works as a Research Associate at the Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. He has retained his academic affiliation with the department as an Adjunct Associate Professor. Alumni and students can reach him at [josephbosco@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:josephbosco@cuhk.edu.hk).



*Prof. Bosco (second from right) being awarded the 2013 Exemplary Teaching Award in General Education*

Here, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Prof. Bosco, for his devotion to the department, and to the numerous Anthropology students. You'll be sorely missed by all of us.

All the best to you and your family!

### MA, MPhil, PHD PROGRAMMES IN ANTHROPOLOGY OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS NOW!

#### Taught Programme:

MA in Anthropology (Full-time - 1 year/ Part-time - 2 years)

This programme is designed for people who have not majored in anthropology but wish to receive a formal education in the discipline. The programme will provide students with systematic training in anthropological theory and methodology.

Past students include: teachers of "Liberal Studies", journalists, marketing professionals wishing to learn about culture, professionals seeking a career change, and local and non-local students interested in learning about Chinese culture.

Application deadline: 15 January 2017 (1st round)  
28 February 2017 (2nd round)

#### Information Session for MA programme

Date & Time: 3 December 2016 (Sat), 2:00 p.m.

Venue: YIA Room 512, CUHK

Registration: <https://goo.gl/ZRxj3v>

#### Research Programmes:

MPhil / PhD in Anthropology (Full-time)

In these programmes, students work closely with a supervisor in reading the literature and conducting research. This allows each student's studies to be tailored to his or her needs. Students are expected to be highly self-motivated in pursuing their anthropological training.

Application deadline: 31 January 2017

**POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN ANTHROPOLOGY**  
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS NOW**

**Taught Programme: MA in Anthropology**  
Full-time - 1 year/ Part-time - 2 years

**Research Programmes: MPhil / PhD in Anthropology**  
Full-time

**Information Session for MA programme**  
Date: 3 December 2016 (Sat)  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Venue: Room 512, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, YIA, Shatin, New Territories

**Application deadline: 15 January 2017 (1st round)  
28 February 2017 (2nd round)**

**Programme details:** [www.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk)  
**Online application:** [www.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk)

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## NEW MINOR PROGRAMME

Apart from the [Minor in Cultural Heritage Studies](#) program, our department now has a new minor program that Anthropology majors can take! The [Minor in Archaeology program](#), coordinated by the Department of Anthropology, provides students an option to develop an integrated focus on archaeology by bringing together various perspectives including anthropology, culture management, fine arts, geography and geology, and history. Students will learn about the preservation and management of archaeological sites and excavated objects, and relevant data such as in art and historical studies.

While there is growing awareness about the significance of archaeological discoveries in Hong Kong and the rest of East Asia, systematic training is lacking locally. This minor programme is the first and only programme in Hong Kong that teaches students basic skills in archaeological excavation and research, as well as knowledge in the appreciation, curation, and exhibition of archaeological materials. The programme will connect students with Archaeology programmes in Mainland China and overseas, to expand their perspectives beyond Hong Kong.

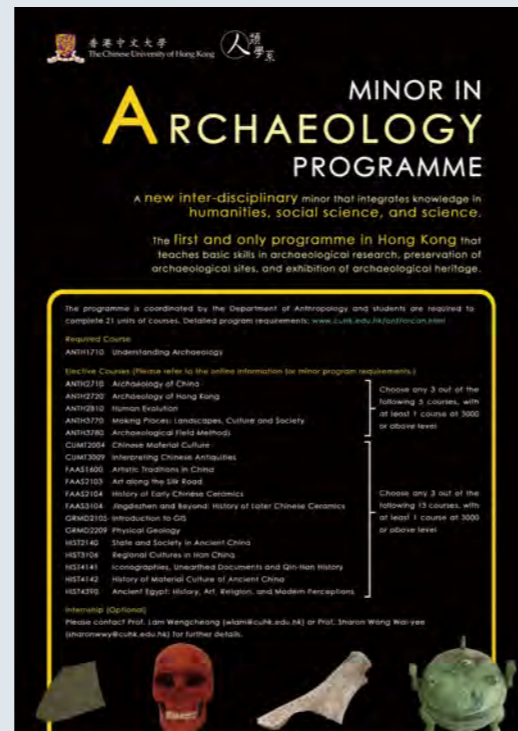
In light of increasing admission figures to archaeological exhibitions, students will find themselves equipped for culture-related careers, especially in archaeological excavations, museums, education, and cultural tourism.

The Minor in Archaeology program requires students to complete 21 units of courses: ANTH 4 courses (12 units) + CUMT/HIST/GRMD/FAAS 3 course (9 units) = 7 courses (21 units). Students can also contact [Prof. Lam Wengcheong](#) or [Prof. Sharon Wong Wai-ye](#) for internship opportunities (optional).

Detailed information of the new minor program can be found at:

[www.cuhk.edu.hk/ant/arcan.html](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/ant/arcan.html).

For enquires, please call the department at 3943-7670/ 3943-7677, or e-mail us at [anthropology@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:anthropology@cuhk.edu.hk).



Programme poster

## 2017 SUMMER FIELD TRIP TO CAMBODIA (TENTATIVE INFORMATION)

This year, the summer field trip organized by the department will be counted as a credit-bearing course offered in the 2016/17 summer term. Prof. Sharon Wong will lead the trip to Cambodia and explore with students the meanings of cultural heritage and archaeological sites to “insiders” and “outsiders”.

The course period is 16 May to 30 June. Learning activities include a 6-hour workshop and briefing sessions before the field trip, and 12 days field trip in Cambodia.

Major contents of this course:

- ◆ Conducting participant observations, interviews and group research projects in 1-2 cultural heritage/archaeological site(s) or museum(s);
- ◆ Visit the major temples of Angkor National Park and some archaeological sites;
- ◆ Meeting with researchers and students in local and international Institutions;
- ◆ Meeting with archaeologists and anthropologists working in Angkor-World Heritage Site in Southeast Asia;
- ◆ Daily briefing sessions and workshops

After taking this course, students are expected to:

- ◆ Understand the cultural heritage studies, archaeology, museum anthropology and people and cultures in Southeast Asia in concrete experience;
- ◆ Study the various interpretations of “Memory of the World”—case study on the memory of Khmer Rouge and “World Heritage”—case study of Angkor
- ◆ Connect cultural dynamics with local and international researchers/students in Cambodia—study the meanings of cultural heritage and archaeological sites to ‘insiders’ and ‘outsiders’;
- ◆ Know how to collect data and prepare a mini research report on a case study of cultural heritage/archaeological site or museum;
- ◆ Learn to communicate with local people in ways other than students’ spoken language
- ◆ Use inter-disciplinary approaches and critical thinking in discussing heritage issues

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## DEPARTMENT OUTREACH

Our department has launched a School Talk Programme “Rethinking Humans and Culture” since last year to share knowledge with secondary school students.

The programme is an initiative launched by the department to promote anthropology in Hong Kong. It aims to introduce anthropological thinking to secondary students, and to demonstrate how it is useful not only for academics and anthropology majors, but also secondary students in understanding the human condition and contemporary issues.

In year 2016/17, our department teacher and postgraduate student visited schools like Po Leung Kuk No.1 W.H. Cheung College, SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School, Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School, and Wah Yan College (Hong Kong) to deliver talks on different topics like gender and culture, preservation of cultural heritage, and asylum seekers in Hong Kong.

Our department will invite more secondary schools to collaborate with us in organizing the programme in the upcoming year. If you are interested in our School Talk Programme and would like to know more details, feel free to contact Ms. Esther Chok at 3943-9264 or [wschok@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:wschok@cuhk.edu.hk).



*Our postgraduate student Kikki giving a talk on “Preserving Cultural Heritage” at SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School*



*Prof. Sealing Cheng delivering a talk on “Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong” to students of Wah Yan College (Hong Kong).*



## PROF. MIRIAM STARK'S VISIT TO CUHK

Prof. Miriam Stark (Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa) visited the CUHK to give a public lecture on World Cultural Heritage Site—Angkor on 14 October 2016. The talk was jointly organized by our department and the Centre for Cultural Heritage Studies, and co-organized by the Institute of Chinese Studies, Chiang Ching-kuo Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies as well as the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO).



*Prof. Miriam Stark giving a talk at CUHK*

Angkor's first great king, Jayavarman II, established Cambodia Angkorian state on the banks of the Tonle Sap in 802 CE and built his first capital, Mahendraparvata, on the slope of the nearby Kulen mountains. What followed were six centuries of political competition, warfare, and imperial rule by Angkor's kings. Like rulers of other ancient states, Khmer kings built vast stone monuments to honor their predecessors and gods that still stand today. A century of scholarly research on the Khmer empire's achievements has shed light on the scale and nature of premodern Southeast Asia's most influential polity; it has also shaped political agenda in unanticipated ways. The lecture visited such accounts and myths and explored how archaeological research offers another strategy for imagining Angkor: its rise, its splendor, and its collapse and regeneration over two millennia.



*The one-day workshop*

A one-day workshop on “Materiality and Anthropology” (Part I) and “Archaeology in Asia” (Part 2) instructed by Prof. Stark was also organized on 17 October 2016. First part of the workshop focused on how social boundaries and ethnoarchaeological survey relate to the study of anthropology, while the second part of the workshop focused on interesting archaeological discoveries in Asia and selected methodologies that Asian Archaeology has contributed to World Archaeology.

Recaps on the public lecture and the one-day workshop will soon be released on the [blog](#) and [Douban](#) of our department. Stay tuned!

**SUMMER FIELD TRIP 2016 EXHIBITION**

**Kiat Hun: Changes in wedding rituals and customs in Southern Taiwan**

Every year, the Department of Anthropology organizes a field trip to give majors a chance to gain experience conducting fieldwork in another culture. This year, Prof. Joseph Bosco led the students to Pingdong, southern Taiwan to study the tradition and change in wedding rituals. An exhibition, coordinated by Dr. Ju-chen Chen, was held afterwards to showcase the fruitful learning outcomes of the students.

Opening ceremony of the exhibition was held on 18 October 2016. Prof. Gordon Mathews, Chairperson of the Anthropology Department, and Ms. Jean Luk, Secretary of the New Asia College, were invited to give a short speech during the ceremony. Prof. Joseph Bosco, who could not come to the ceremony, also recorded a short video to congratulate the students.

The exhibitions showed how wedding rituals have changed over time, and illustrated how anthropologists can study a simple custom to learn more about a society and culture more broadly.



*The exhibition was held from 17 October 2016 to 28 October 2016.*



*Esther Ng (left) and Eunice Chiu (right) were the M.C. for the opening ceremony.*



*Prof. Gordon Mathews gave a short speech at the opening ceremony.*



*Dr. Chen (third from left) and the field trip tutor Wu Ying-ching (third from right) assisted the students in the preparation of the exhibition*

**2016 CUHK ORIENTATION DAY**

The CUHK Orientation Day was successfully held on 5 Nov 2016. The Orientation Day is an annual event for secondary schools students and their parents to know more about different academic programmes offered by the university.

During the Orientation Day, our department set up an information booth and a display room in the Esther Lee Building where our student helpers helped to introduce anthropology and explain our programme requirements to secondary school students and other visitors. Prof. Gordon Mathews, Prof. Sealing Cheng, Prof. Wengcheong Lam, and Prof Teresa Kuan also delivered admission talks to the visitors in English or in Cantonese.

The department was also opened to visitors during the day, showcasing the exhibits of our Virtual Museum, collections of the Taiwan Field Trip exhibition, and teachers' publications. The Archaeology Demonstration Session, led by Prof. Lam and Prof. Sharon Wong, was organized to introduce archaeology to secondary school students.

Thanks to the undergraduate society Anthroorigin, our professors, and our student helpers, this year's Orientation Day was a great success! Hopefully, the secondary school students could know more about anthropology and our undergraduate programme after attending the event.



*The Archaeology Team*



*Student helpers stationing at the Esther Lee Building*

## Department Events: Overview

### FRIDAY SEMINARS

- Sep 23** 李維怡、蕭朗宜和張詠儀，影行者，“在禮物經濟的思考中：藝術、人類學和基層社會運動(三個人類學學生的分享)。”(廣東話主講)
- Sep 30** **Deby BABIS**, Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “*The Role of Beauty Contests in the Filipino Community in Israel.*”
- Oct 7** **Mark STEVENSON**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, “*Zones, Landmarks and Spatialized Conflict in a NE Tibetan Town.*”
- Oct 17 (Mon)** **Pardis MAHDAVI**, Pomona College, “*Children of the Emir: Citizenship, Family, and Migration in the Gulf.*”
- Nov 4** **Justin MURGAI**, Christian Action, “*No More Refugees’: Mapping the Shift in Hong Kong’s Human Rights Discourse 2015-16.*”
- Nov 11** **Saskia SCHÄFER**, Freie Universität Berlin, “*Watching Our Tongues: Scholarship on Islam In Southeast Asia in the Digital Age.*”
- Nov 25** **Tom MCDONALID**, The University of Hong Kong, “*Mobile Money and Migration in Shenzhen.*”
- Dec 2** **Isaac GAGNE**, The University of Hong Kong, “*The Price of Belief: Money, Effort, and Reciprocity in Japanese New Religions.*”

Seminars take place at 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
in Room 11 Humanities Building, New Asia College, CUHK.

A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. First come first served.

**ALL INTERESTED ARE WELCOME!**

### EXHIBITION

- Anthropology Department Field Trip Exhibition 2016:  
Kiat Hun: Changes in wedding rituals and customs in Southern Taiwan
- Oct 17-28** (結婚啦:南臺灣婚禮禮俗變遷) ([details](#))  
Opening ceremony: Oct 18, 12:00nn  
Venue: Hui Gallery, New Asia College, CUHK

### STUDENT FORUM

- The 9th Annual CUHK Anthropology Postgraduate Student Forum:  
**Jan 20-21** Engaged Asian Anthropology: Opportunities and Challenges ([website](#))  
Enquiry: [anthforum@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:anthforum@cuhk.edu.hk)

### OTHER EVENTS

- Oct 14** **Graeme WERE**, Associate Professor in Anthropology and Museum Studies, University of Queensland, “*Made to Measure: Understanding Crafting Revival in a Melanesian Society.*” ([details](#))  
Time: 12:00nn  
Venue: NAH 401, Humanities Building, New Asia College, CUHK
- Oct 14** **Miriam STARK**, Professor of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i, Manoa, “*Imagining Angkor: Politics, Myths, and Archaeology.*” ([details](#))  
Time: 4:00pm—6:00pm  
Venue: Lecture Theatre (L1), Institute of Chinese Studies, CUHK
- One-Day Workshop with Prof. Miriam Stark  
(Lecture, fieldwork experience sharing, and discussion) ([details](#))
- Oct 17** Part I: Materiality and Anthropology  
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm  
Part II: Archaeology in Asia  
Time: 3:30am-6:30pm (lecture, fieldwork experience sharing, and discussion)  
Venue: NAH401, Humanities Building, New Asia College, CUHK
- Oct 25** 饒一晨，香港中文大學人類學哲學碩士，“英雄聯盟、弑父、和電擊治療：從網癮看中國社會。”(普通話主講) ([詳情](#))  
時間：下午 1:30 至 3:00  
地點：香港中文大學蒙民偉樓 LT2
- Roundtable: “Low-End Globalization on Three Continents”
- Nov 1** **Juliane MÜLLER**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany, “Popular trade in Bolivia and the Andes in relation to China”  
**Sayaka OGAWA**, Ritsumeikan University, Japan, “Copy Mobile Phones, Tanzania and China”  
**Gordon MATHEWS**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Cheating between African entrepreneurs and Chinese suppliers in Guangzhou”  
Time: 5:30PM-7:00PM  
Venue: Room 401, Humanities Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- GE Salon 2016-17 Try.Feel.Seek (Session 4)  
**Sealing CHENG**, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, CUHK, “*Love, Sex, and Money: Some Reflections from an Anthropologist.*” [Moderator: Yeung Yang]  
Time: 7:00pm—9:00pm  
Venue: LT4, Yasumoto International Academic Park, CUHK  
([Details and Registration](#))

# Feature

## THE MULTICULTURALISM IN ACTION PROJECT

Text: Lee Wing Tung Connie (Research Assistant)

The South Asian communities have settled in Hong Kong since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They have played a vital role in enriching Hong Kong society in various ways, especially in religious and culinary customs, as well as through festivals and traditions, though today they constitute only 1% of Hong Kong’s population. Despite this fact, the social and cultural needs of these Hongkongers of South Asian origins have often been ignored, resulting in denial to basic rights such as access to education, employment, and healthcare. Very often they face social discrimination and cultural misunderstandings in everyday life. Although Hong Kong is proud of being a city where “East meets West”, we should not focus only on Chinese and Western cultures. Rather, we need to develop an inclusiveness and appreciation for cultural diversity.

Based on her research on South Asians in Hong Kong, Prof. Siumi Maria Tam initiated the Multiculturalism in Action (MIA) Project in 2013, aiming at involving people of different ethnic origins to make a change together. She believes that cultural knowledge and sensibility are the basis to ending multiple marginalization of the minority communities, which could be done through: 1) partnership between different ethnic communities, 2) mutual empowerment through intercultural experiences, and 3) sustainability of intercultural education. These actions, in the long run will help Hong Kong in becoming a real metropolis with more soft power.

Funded by the Knowledge Transfer Project Fund (KPF), MIA turns academic research into knowledge accessible to the public. Since 2013, MIA has organized workshops on [Indian](#), [Nepali](#), [Pakistani](#), [Bangladeshi](#) and [Sri Lankan](#) cultures. These workshops pioneer a two-tier model in intercultural education. In the first tier, post-secondary students are trained to be Cultural Trainers through seminars and field trips that involve speakers from South Asian communities. After learning different aspects of South Asian cultures, the Cultural Trainers are guided in developing community-based projects together with ethnic minority youth, which are presented in secondary schools and universities, accompanied by the Exhibition on South Asian Communities and a South Asian sports hands-on program.



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Visiting a Pakistani grocery in Kwai Chung

Prof. Tam also gave seminars and [interviews](#) based on her research and experiences in running MIA. The MIA series was selected as a highlight project by the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services, and featured in the [Chinese University Bulletin](#). To ensure a sustainable development of this knowledge in the community and to promote the two-tier training model, MIA has published Information Kits after each workshop. These are made available free of charge to the public, and have been sent to secondary schools in Hong Kong, universities, public libraries, and social service centres. They are also available online (Information kit – [Indian Culture Workshop](#) / [Nepali Culture Workshop](#) / [Pakistani Culture Workshop](#)).

Since 2016, a community outreach program “[FUN with Inteculturalism](#)” (sponsored by the Equal Opportunities Commission) has been launched to promote messages of multiculturalism to various local communities. Over 30 Chinese and South Asian youth have been trained as docents for the Exhibition on South Asian Communities in Hong Kong, and as helpers to assist the kabaddi (a South Asian sport) hands-on program. Feedback on this program shows that learning and experiencing culture first-hand is the best way to debunk myths and break down stereotypes.



Celebrating Nepali New Year on campus



A Bangladeshi nutritionist giving a seminar on Bangladeshi food culture



Information Kits published by MIA



Audience of different ethnic origins enjoying kabaddi



Our exhibition docents at work

## THE MULTICULTURALISM IN ACTION PROJECT (CONT'D)

Come join us!

Follow us on our [Facebook page](#) to find out our latest activities. In November and December 2016, MIA will be presenting different events for the public. All interested are welcome!

Date and Time	Activity	Venue
3 Nov 2016 19:00 – 21:30	Film Screening: <a href="#">A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness</a>	LT5, Yasumoto International Academic Park, CUHK
5 Nov 2016 10:30 – 12:00	Public Lecture: <a href="#">Multiculturalism in Wan Chai</a>	Lockhart Road Public Library
10 Nov 2016 19:00 – 21:30	Film Screening: <a href="#">The Necklace</a>	LT5, Yasumoto International Academic Park, CUHK
12 Nov 2016 15:30 – 17:00	Public Lecture: <a href="#">Ethnic Minorities and Hong Kong's Multicultural Society</a> (In Cantonese)	Yau Ma Tei Public Library
26 Nov 2016 14:30 – 16:00	Public Lecture: <a href="#">Footprints of South Asian Ethnic Groups and South Asian cultures in Hong Kong</a> (In Cantonese)	Fa Yuen Street Public Library

Also, in this semester, a documentary on MIA and South Asian communities in Hong Kong is being produced. It will be premiered in February 2017. Stay tuned!



MIA participating in a community event

## Student Activities

### 2016 ORIENTATION NIGHT & ORIENTATION CAMP

The Orientation Night and Orientation Camp organized for incoming freshmen of the department were held on 12 August and 17–20 August. During the Orientation Night, Anthroorigin, the 2015/16 Undergraduate Student Society, organized various games for the freshmen to help them break the ice.



Group photo taken at the Orientation Camp

The 4-day Orientation Camp was started off with a visit in the department. Students had a chance to meet our department teachers and learnt about the department environment. Other activities such as “City Hunt” and group performance were arranged to train the team spirit of the students. The students also visited Kung Yung Koon-The Dost to learn more about the lives of South Asian immigrants in Hong Kong.

Here, we warmly welcome all the incoming freshmen. We wish them a fruitful university life and an inspiring intellectual journey in the four years ahead!

### 2016 MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The 2016 Mentorship Programme, coordinated by Anthroorigin, was held on 25 October. This year, the student society invited our graduates who were now working in the fields of archaeology, art administration, public relations, social work, and community engagement work to share with the undergraduate students the career prospects of Anthropology majors.

The purpose of the Mentorship Programme is to enhance the connection between alumni and undergraduate students, so that the latter can learn from the alumni's social and work experience, especially on how to apply anthropological knowledge in different job situations and career paths.



Graduates of our department coming back to share with our students their work experience

## CONTACT US

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