

# NEWSLETTER



## My thesis in 100 words: Yuet-Man Li

My thesis is about school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and SEN education (education for students with special educational needs) innovations in the public schools. I compiled a dataset about what Hong Kong public schools have done on STEM and SEN education in the previous two years. The data shows some interesting patterns that partially confirm the linkage between school status and school innovation, a prediction drawn from Erza Zuckerman's theory. With participant observations in 15 schools and in-depth interviews with 60 education participants, I also proposed some mechanism-based hypotheses to the causal relations between organizational status and its innovative capacity.

## CONFERENCES

Yiqing Gan - the Middle-Term Conference of RC04 Sociology of Education International Sociological Association, Moscow, Russia, July 24-26, 2019.

David Edmonds

- Talk on thesis research at the University of York, United Kingdom, June 24, 2019.
- Talk on thesis research at the University of Oldenburg, Germany, June 25, 2019.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Cheung, Yuk-Man, Yuet-Man, Li, and Ching-Wai Ho. 2019. "Foreseeing the new educational dream just before the post-industrial reality: equality, mobility, and the expansion of upper secondary schools in Hong Kong in the 1980s." Pp. 155-177 in *High school for all in East Asia: Comparing experiences*, edited by Shinichi Aizawa, Mei Kagawa, and Jeremy Rappleye, New York: Routledge. ([read the abstract](#))
- Fong Eric and Shafei Gu. 2019. (In Japanese) "Patterns of international migration in East Asia." translated by Korekawa Yu. Pp. 75-90 in *Population Issues and Immigration: How Does Japan's Population and Hierarchy Change?* edited by Hiroshi Komai and Yu Korekawa, Akashi Shoten. ([read the abstract](#))
- Chen, Fuping and Rongyu Li. 2019. (In Chinese) " 'A Straw Shows which Way the Wind Blows': New Media in the Context of Community Governance." *Sociological Studies* 34(3). ([read the abstract](#))

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Xiaohang Zhao and Yiqing Gan will attend a summer school in Peking University (under Prof. Yu Xie).
- Francisco Olivos will attend the 52nd Essex Summer School in August for an Agent Based Modeling course.
- Wei Yao will attend the ICPSR summer program on quantitative methods at the University of Michigan. 1

# MPhil Graduates

## What have they been up to ?

Simon Chan

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE A JOB OUTSIDE ACADEMIA?

During the time of MPhil, I met people who work in the digital marketing industry, and I found that I want to engage with projects in that industry as they are closer to people's daily life.

### A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF YOUR CURRENT JOB

I am currently running a digital marketing studio, which helps SMEs to establish their own website / mobile application and improve the efficiency of advertisement in social media and search engines. My work is mainly about technical stuffs, but data analysis is also crucial.

### DID YOU GET THIS JOB DIRECTLY AFTER GRADUATION OR DID YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE BEFORE?

I was working with a marketing agency before getting on my own. I had learnt about project execution and the hardcore technique there.

### HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE AT CUHK BROUGHT YOU TO YOUR CURRENT STATUS?

Skills of conducting research is important. In order to know the needs of a certain group of audience, I have to utilize what I had learnt in Sociology. Also, UX (User-Experience) design is adopting the methodology of Social Sciences.



### ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CURRENT MPhil STUDENTS IN CUHK WHO WANT TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS?

Talk to more people, whether they are related to your study or not. You will gain insights for your research and life. At the same time, you are building your own social network.

### HOW IS YOUR LIFE IN YOUR CURRENT OCCUPATION SIMILAR AND DIFFERENT FROM YOUR LIFE AT CUHK?

My life at CUHK was more about the analysis of social issues. I currently have more chances to apply my analytical sense to tangible products.

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR CURRENT POSITION?

I like the way I am being able to deal with various kinds of people. Clients and Coworkers... They keep me connected to the society.

### NAME ONE THING YOU WISH YOU HAD DONE IN CUHK

I wish I had held a movie screening event. Like playing "The Truman Show" for lecturing on post-modernism.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✓ Conference submission deadline:

- After Liberalism? Populism and the Future of Democracy - Deakin Downtown, Docklands, Melbourne, from Nov. 20th to 22nd, 2019 - deadline: July 5, 2019. ([see more informations](#))
- Mid-term Conference of Research Committee 13 on Sociology of Leisure -University of Lucknow, Lucknow, India, from Dec. 2nd to 4th, 2019 - deadline: July 15, 2019. ([see more informations](#))
- International Immigration: Theory and Policy - Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, from Sep. 5th to 6th, 2019 - deadline: July 20, 2019. ([see more informations](#))

### ✓ Job ads:

- Lecturer in Data Analytics - The University of Sydney, Australia - Application deadline: July 23, 2019. ([see the ad](#))

