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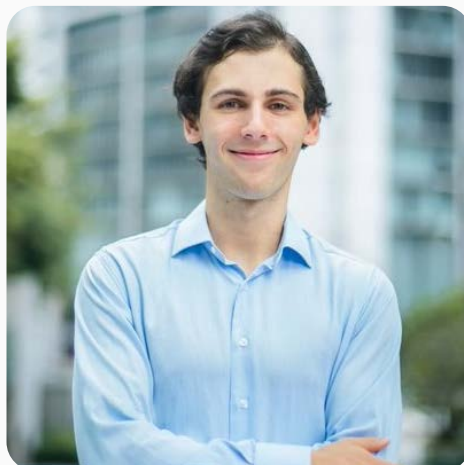
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## CCS welcomes students back to campus

After almost two years' remote teaching and learning, CCS welcomes students from all over the world back to campus. "It is the first time for me to enter classrooms in September even though I am already a Year 2 student. Having more interaction with professors and students, joining more university activities, and being more concentrated while attending lessons are of course something great and long-awaited." Says Bo Yi Tam, a Year 2 BA student at CCS. She is currently taking classes with our students from Hong Kong, Mainland China, South Korea, Malaysia, Germany, the Netherlands and so on, many of whom went through quarantine before returning to the CUHK campus. For them, school life is both exciting and challenging.

"There are more face-to-face classes happening right now that is really something that I am truly happy about. As an international student I was not sure if I could come back to Hong Kong at the very beginning of the first term. Most of my international friends were very uncertain about whether they could get into Hong Kong, get the visas and actually study in Hong Kong. So, I feel really honored that I can finally come back and have this great campus experience here. I am really satisfied with my study so far. I get a refreshing break within classroom where **you can actually see other people's emotions, expressions, and especially in my case where I have a huge focus on the practice of language, especially in Chinese.** I would prefer if we could even have face-to-face classes without masks.

I think that solves the problem when it comes to pronunciation, certain movements of lips and tongue while pronouncing Chinese characters I cannot always fully understand or see the movements through the masks. I hope that would be changed in the future soon and we can all express our gestures and emotions fully again."



ANDRES Leonard, Year 1 BA student from Germany

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## Back to Campus Series

### What CCS Students Say



TAM Bo Yi, Year 2 BA Student from Hong Kong

"Last years' experience also makes me treasure every chance of **having face-to-face lessons much more. Yet, having meals at school should be the biggest challenge** as there is always a long queue in every student canteen during meal break which is something I never experienced last year. Once I ordered a meal, I need to wait for around 45 minutes to get it but I am going to be late for class, so eventually I can only have it after the lesson. Besides academic improvement, **tightening relationships between classmates and teachers should be the thing I want to see the most.** Not many new friends were met or had face-to-face meetings last year even though I usually attended classes with some friends in the University Library. This year, most of us are back on campus and can hang out with classmates instead of meeting each other via Zoom as well as interacting with professors out of classrooms. I hope relationships can be tightened and build up a sense of belonging this year."



CHEN Yirun, Year 3 BA Student from Nanjing

"I think my study on campus is more convenient because now **I can get access to the hard copy of the library resources.** In the past one and a half years when I was away from campus, I cannot get access to those books that just have the hard copy version so I can't read those books which I have listed on my book list. In the past one and a half years, I think I seldom talk to people in English because I do not have that kind of environment but coming back to campus is a great chance for me to speak up in the class and to **practice my English-speaking skills** that I can, for example, express my opinions fluently in class and confidently. When I come back to campus if I feel lost, feel puzzled or encounter problems, I can come to visit the course instructors or my academic advisor during their office hours. So, it's more convenient than before."

# Back to Campus Series

## What CCS Students Say



SONG Baomu Hillary, MA student

**"It is a pure blessing to be able to go back on campus and enjoy the face-to-face discussions with professors and my cohort after a long hiatus caused by the pandemic.** Knowing that I am studying at a perfectly safe place for my health has been the best thing that has happened in this semester, and ever! I came from Hohhot — the very heart of the vast steppes in Inner Mongolia — the broad range of courses that are offered by the program encourage me to search for answers to questions such as the representation of minor groups, environmental protection and the history of borderland."



WAMS Hidde, MA student

**"A big advantage of MACS is the amount of freedom students have in designing their study plans to suit their personal interests. I am very happy that face-to-face learning has been resumed here at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Being able to meet faculty members and classmates in person has been a great privilege.** I have already made quite a few friends with whom I engage in respectful discussions, both during and after class. Oftentimes we continue our talks over a meal in one of the campus canteens. **Indeed, life at CUHK feels quite immersive and allows me to practice Mandarin every day. I am also taking a Cantonese course at CUHK, which is not only great for improving my language skills, but also a fun way to meet other international students!"**



KIM Heeyoon, BA Graduate 2021 from South Korea, currently an MA student at HKUST

**"I was actually really thrilled to hear that universities were conducting face-to-face courses. Since everyone was wearing a mask previously, I had a hard time to get to know new people. Another change that I have observed was all the QR codes in front of the canteens and classrooms. I feel safer by now, seeing how the school is trying to make a safer environment for the students to study and socialize. I wish there are more events that encourage students to meet their peers and professors."**

# CCS Mid-Autumn Festival Activities

To celebrate the resumption of on-campus learning, Centre for China Studies has organized a series of events for all CCS students, faculty and visitors to reunite and get to know each other on the special occasion of Mid-Autumn Festival!

## Lantern DIY Workshop

CCS students learnt about Chinese poetry and had fun designing and making their own lanterns.



## Talent Show

We were pleased to have shown an animated video of Mid-Autumn tradition composed by year-1 BA student, Rina Leung and had a live singing performance from Chen Yirun, our year-3 student. Our new Research Assistant Professor, Jacqueline Zhenru Lin also shared a video clip of her dance which was refreshing!

## Lantern Riddles

Twenty lantern riddles in Chinese & English are set up for students to solve and more than 50 prizes were claimed by students and visitors!

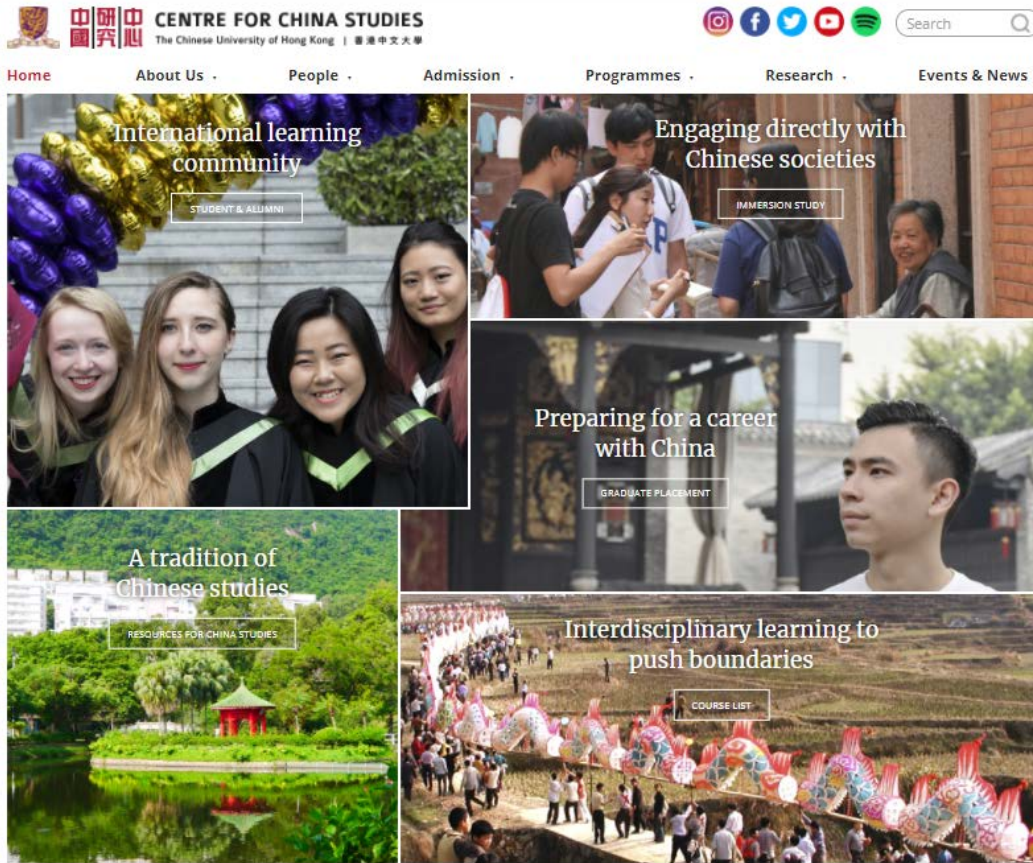


## Festive Treats

During the activities, mini mooncakes with a variety of tastes were served as well as white rabbit creamy candy. Having sweets is always one of the best ways to cope with academic pressure!

# CCS New Website Launch

## RPg Training Workshop Series



## New Look, New Functions! CCS New Website Launch

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website at <https://www.ccs.cuhk.edu.hk> in October 2021. We wanted to make our department's website faster, more user-friendly, and easier to navigate. We will be consistently updating our content, providing the most up-to-date admission and programme information, and sharing our knowledge and resources in Chinese Studies.

## CCS RPg Training Workshop Series Session 1: Job Hunting in mainland China

On Oct 6, the Centre organized the first session of the RPg training workshop series for 2021-2022. Two speakers Dr Ma Huijuan, and Dr Lu Chentong, both alumni from the Centre, were invited to share their job-hunting experience in mainland China with current RPg students. The webinar was also joined by postgraduate research students from other departments including Anthropology and History.



# CCS STUDENT AND FACULTY NEWS

## CCS Webinar Series, Awards & Publications

photo submitted by CCS graduate Jaliff YIU

### China Studies Webinar Series 2021-22 Term 1

In October, CCS kicked off this year's webinar series, hosting two talks by **Prof. Kenny Ng** from Hong Kong Baptist University, titled "Archival Silences and Cinematic Memories: Union Film's (Zhonglian) Adaptations of Foreign Literary Classics", and our Centre's new visiting Assistant **Professor Wang Xiaoxuan**, who gave a talk on Maoism and Grassroots religion.

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#### CHINA STUDIES WEBINAR SERIES 2021-22 Term 1

**18** Oct 2021 (Mon) 1:00 – 2:30pm | Online via zoom

**Kenny NG**  
Associate Professor  
Academy of Film  
Hong Kong Baptist University  
Archival Silences and Cinematic Memories:  
Union Film's (Zhonglian) Adaptations of Foreign Literary Classics

**26** Oct 2021 (Tue) 12:30 – 2:00pm | YIA 1120 + Online via Zoom

**Xiaoxuan WANG**  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
Centre for China Studies  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Maoism and Grassroots Religion: The Communist Revolution and  
The Reinvention of Religious Life in China

**8** Nov 2021 (Mon) 4:30 – 6:00pm | Online via zoom | Co-organiser: Gender Studies Programme

**Hongwei BAO**  
Associate Professor  
Centre for Contemporary East Asian Cultural Studies  
University of Nottingham  
Contemporary Chinese Queer Cinema: From Celluloid Comrades to Digital Video Activism

**18** Nov 2021 (Thu) 11:30 – 1:00pm | ICS Conference Room & Online via zoom

| Co-organiser: CCKF Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies, Institute of Chinese Studies

**Nagatomi HIRAYAMA**  
Assistant Professor  
University of Nottingham Ningbo China  
The Unmaking of the Chinese Radical Right in WWII

**24** Nov 2021 (Wed) 12:00 – 1:30pm | Online via zoom

**Linh VU**  
Assistant Professor  
School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies  
Arizona State University  
The Civilianization of War in Twentieth-Century China

**1** Dec 2021 (Wed) 4:30 – 5:45pm | Online via zoom

**Rachel MURPHY**  
Professor  
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies  
Oxford University  
Education and Repertoires of Care in Migrant Families in Rural China

ALL interested are welcome!

\* The times shown are Hong Kong Time.

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### Publications

**Professor Jan Kiely** published an article in positions: asia critique, titled "Afterword: Conversing with the Good Left about PRC History".

**Professor Tim Summers** published a journal article in Journal of Current Chinese Affairs. The article is titled "Carrots, not Sticks: A Historical Analysis of Beijing's Economic Statecraft Towards Hong Kong."

**Professor Wang Xiaoxuan** published a journal article in The Journal of Asian Studies. The article is titled "Standardization, Bureaucratization and Convergence: The Transformation of Governance of Religion in Urbanizing China."

**Professor Lin Jacqueline Zhenru** published a journal article in Memory Studies. The article is titled "Remembering Forgotten Heroes and the Idealisation of True Love: Veteran Memorial Activism in Contemporary China."

### Awards

**Professor Ling Minhua** has been awarded the Young Researcher Award 2020. This Award is to recognize young academic staff with exemplary research achievements. The Award will be presented at the Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees.

**Zhang Shidai, BSSc student**, has been awarded the HKSAR Talent Development Scholarship (2020-2021) and an affiliated scholarship "Hong Kong, China - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Scholarship (2020-2021)"

Our upcoming talks in November feature **Prof. Hongwei Bao** from University of Nottingham, **Prof. Nagatomi Hirayama**, and **Prof. Linh Vu** from Arizona State University. For more information, please check out our website and social media!