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## The 56th Commencement (2015.11.12,14,16)

The History Department offers its warmest congratulations to the Class of 2015, which graduated in mid-November with their well-earned degrees.

Graduates of the Class of 2015 (including BA [Hons] in History, BA [Hons] in History & BEd [Hons] in Liberal Studies Teaching, BSc [Hons] in China Studies – History Concentration, and MSSs in Contemporary China Studies – History and Culture Concentration) attended the 56th Commencement Ceremonies held at the Academic Community Hall on 12 and 14 November 2015. In addition, two PhD students of the Department also graduated on 16 November 2015. All graduates were presented the degree scroll by Professor Roland T Chin, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKBU.



It is worth noting that Miss Xiaoze Xu 許曉澤 (BA [Hons] in History), Mr. Ka-ming Hung 洪家明 (BA [Hons] in History & BEd [Hons] in Liberal Studies Teaching) and Miss Yat-law Ai 歐侑晃 (BSc [Hons] in China Studies – History Option) were awarded the Scholastic Awards 2014-15 on the merit of their achieving the highest cGPA in their class but Miss Xu was not available to receive the award in person as she is currently abroad for postgraduate study in the U.S..

Dear Class of 2015, the Department appreciates your hard work over the past 3 or 4 years, and is proud of your tremendous accomplishments. We hope that all of you will keep in touch with your alma mater and that your graduation will be the beginning of a bright future. All the best!



Graduates of MSSs in Contemporary China Studies - History and Culture Concentration



Graduates of BSSc (Hons) in China Studies - History Concentration



Graduates of BA (Hons) in History



Graduates of BA (Hons) in History & BEd (Hons) in Liberal Studies Teaching



Fresh PhD graduates

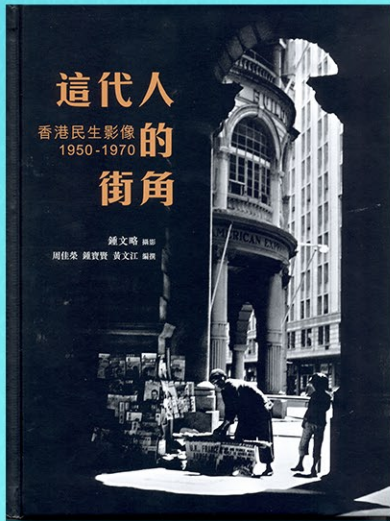


Mr. Ka-ming Hung (left) and Miss Yat-law Ai (right) were awarded the Scholastic Awards 2014-15 by Prof. Yu Huang (Associate Vice-President) and Prof. Frank H. K. Fu (MH, JP, Associate Vice-President).





# Faculty Members Won Hong Kong Golden Book Awards



*A Photo Collection: Hong Kong People's Livelihood 1950-1970* 《這代人的街角——香港民生影像1950-1970》, jointly authored by Prof. Kai-wing Chow, Prof. Stephanie Po-yin Chung and Dr. Timothy Man-kong Wong (with Mr. Man-lurk Chung), has won the “Best Book Award” of the Hong Kong Golden Book Awards in the illustrative book category. The Hong Kong Golden Book Awards Ceremony, jointly organized by the Hong Kong Tradebook Publishers Association and Plaza Hollywood, was held at the Plaza Hollywood on 21 October 2015. This year, all awarded books were nominated by publishers and voted by readers and the jury panel members. The Department extends its sincere congratulations to the three authors for their accomplishment.

## Recent Activities 近期活動

### 歷史系講座：中國近代外交的形成

### Seminar on “The Rise of Modern China's Diplomacy” (2015.11.2)



Dr. Ka-fai Kwok (Project Associate, Faculty of Humanities, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) was invited to give a presentation on “The Rise of Modern China's Diplomacy 中國近代外交的形成” in the GCHC 1003 class (Modern China and World History) at AAB 201 on 2 November 2015.

In his presentation, Dr. Kwok discussed the complexity of the evolution of modern China's diplomacy related to the changing of conception among *tianxia* 天下, *wan guo* 萬國 and *shijie* 世界. He also emphasized the importance of the establishment of

the modern diplomatic institutions such as nationality law, consulates, diplomats and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in shaping China's international diplomacy in late Qing and early Republic of China. He illustrated China's changing diplomatic strategies by examining its efforts to protect the rights and profits of Chinese citizens in Joseon.



## Guest Lecture: Reluctant Ambassador: Hu Shi in Washington, 1938-1942 (2015.11.2)



Prof. Edmund S. K. Fung

Prof. Edmund S. K. Fung (Emeritus Professor of Asian Studies, School of Humanities and Communication Arts, University of Western Sydney) was invited to deliver a guest lecture entitled “Reluctant Ambassador: Hu Shi in Washington, 1938-1942,” jointly organized by the Department and the Advance Institute for Contemporary China Studies at AAB 301 on 2 November 2015.

In Prof. Fung’s lecture, he introduced the background of Hu Shi’s 胡適 diplomatic mission in Washington during 1938-1942. Hu was appointed as Chinese ambassador to the U.S. on 1938 to secure American support, financial and military assistance for China’s war effort. However, Prof. Fung criticized that Hu lacked of understanding of what an ambassador should do for the country and was unable to accomplish the mission assigned by Chiang Kai-shek 蔣介石.

In addition, Prof. Fung judged that Hu was a reluctant ambassador due to the fact that he had insufficient diplomatic experience and his passive personality was not an appropriate approach to diplomacy. He argued that Hu’s idea of quietism, which is a Taoist philosophy of doing nothing, and the strategy of “bitter substance and wait for change, peace being more difficult than war 苦撐待變、和比戰難” made him incompetent and feckless.

Guest Lecture

**Reluctant Ambassador:  
Hu Shi in Washington,  
1938-1942**

**Prof. Edmund Fung**  
Emeritus Professor of Asian Studies,  
School of Humanities and Communication Arts,  
University of Western Sydney

Date: 2 November 2015 (Monday)  
Time: 3:30-5:00 pm  
Venue: Room AAB 301, 3/F Academic  
and Administration Building,  
Hong Kong Baptist University

Free Admission All are welcome  
Delivered in English

Organized by: Research Institute for Contemporary China Studies  
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Prof. Fung further pointed out that Hu's Americanophilia was an essential reason for his failure to view the war-time problems from China's perspective. Thus, Hu was incapable of pursuing China's national interest in Washington during 1938-1942.

女性、家庭和乾嘉學人

**A Public Lecture: Women, the Family and Qian-Jia Evidential Scholars (2015.11.3)**



Prof. Weijing Lu (Department of History, University of California, San Diego; Visiting University Fellow, Department of History, HKBU) was invited by the Department and the Mr. Simon Suen and Mrs. Mary Suen Sino-Humanitas Institute (SHI) to deliver a lecture on "Women, the Family and Qian-Jia Evidential Scholars 女性、家庭和乾嘉學人" at WLB 104 on 3 November 2015.

Prof. Lu introduced the cult of "faithful maiden" (*zhennü*) in Ming and Qing dynasties. She claimed that the cult was affected by the Neo-Confucianism's extremalization that stressed on the performance of virtue, such as the emphasis on the idea of "it is a small matter to starve to death; it is a greater matter to lose fidelity 餓死事小，失節事大" claimed by the Two Chengs 二程 (Cheng Hao 程顥 and Cheng Yi 程頤) who were Neo-Confucian philosophers in Northern Song dynasty.



Prof. Weijing Lu



Besides, Prof. Lu indicated that there was an increasing number of young women or “faithful maidens,” defied their parents' wishes and chose either to live out their lives as widows upon the death of a fiancé or killed themselves to join their fiancé in death across the empire.

Prof. Lu further pointed out that the cult of “faithful maiden” not only became a social and cultural phenomenon, but also a significant point of debate among Qian-Jia evidential scholars. Therefore, she demonstrated how the faithful maiden cult could interweave the political, cultural, social and intellectual history of late imperial China.



## Historians Say: Seminar Series (2015.11.5)

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**Historians Say:  
Seminar Series**

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SESSION A: GENDER AND SEX (2:30 PM - 3:40 PM)  
Chair: Prof. Clara Wing-chung Ho

**Sex, Lies, and a Murder Mystery: Eunuch Studies 70 Years and Beyond**  
*Dr. Michael Hoeckelmann, Assistant Professor*

**Talented Women and Complications of Concubinage**  
*Prof. Weijing Lu, Visiting University Fellow*

SESSION B: MOBILITY AND MATERIAL CULTURES (4:00 PM - 5:30 PM)  
Chair: Prof. Stephanie Po-yin Chung

**The Zhou Road: The Chariot Highway in an Age of Limited Mobility (Futonghua)**  
*Dr. Lei Chih-hau, Visiting Lecturer*

**A Mere Place of Transit: Circulation, Infrastructure, and Urbanism in Nineteenth-Century America**  
*Dr. David Schley, Assistant Professor*

**The Component-Model Method of Mirror Manufacture in 300 BC China**  
*Dr. Kin Sum (Sammy) Li, Research Assistant Professor*

Date: 5 November 2015 (Thursday)  
Time: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Venue: SWT 702, Shaw Tower, Shaw Campus, HKBU

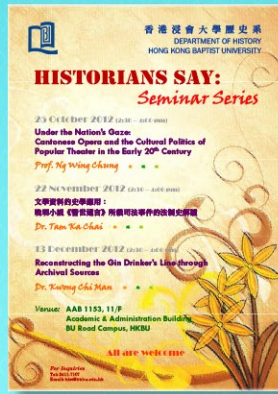
All are welcome

The “Historians Say: Seminar Series” was established in 2010 to welcome new and visiting faculty members by inviting them to share their research findings. The 5th round of the seminar series was held at SWT 702 on 5 November 2015 (Thursday). Speakers included Prof. Weijing Lu (Visiting University Fellow), Dr. Michael Hoeckelmann (Assistant Professor), Dr. David Schley (Assistant Professor), Dr. Kin-sum (Sammy) Li (Research Assistant Professor) as well as Dr. Chinhau Lei (Visiting Lecturer). Significantly, two representatives of an international publishing company De Gruyter also attended the Seminar, including Dr. Anke Beck 白安柯 (CEO and Managing Director) and Xingguo Shi 史行果 (Director of Representative Office China).

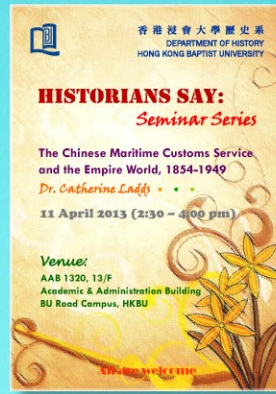
Prof. Clara Wing-chung Ho chaired the first session and explained why the event has employed “Historians Say” as the title. This title



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2013



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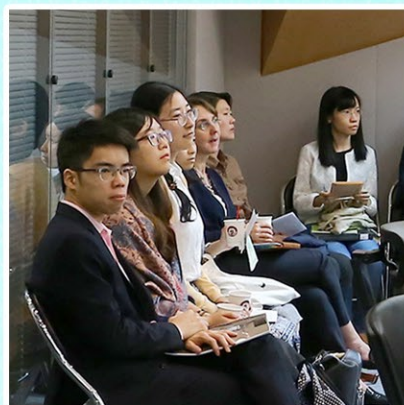


borrowed from a tradition in Chinese historiography. In *Zuo* tradition (Zuo tradition), some historical comments were attributed to a noble man with the phrase “Junzi yue” 君子曰 (The noble man says). Sima Qian 司馬遷 often delivered his comments by using the phrase “Tai shi gong yue” 太史公曰 (The grand historian remarks). Countless historians inherited this style. Some even introduced their own names in their comments by writing “so-and-so says.” This standard style of presentation in Chinese historiography was even honored in a recent work, *The Talented Women of the Zhang Family* (2007) by the eminent gender historian Susan Mann, in which the author introduces her comments with the phrase “The historian says” at the end of each chapter.

Dr. Michael Hoeckelmann delivered a presentation entitled “Sex, Lies, and a Murder Mystery: Eunuch Studies 70 Years and Beyond.” He pointed out that knowledge of eunuchs is very limited in the West until today and the main reason should be the dearth of sources due to the pre-modern historians’ bias against eunuchs. However, he indicated that the newly discovered tomb epitaphs (*muzhiming* 墓誌銘) have become available that challenge the common perception (or non-perception) of eunuchs. He explained that those sources depict eunuchs as fully functional male members of the Tang elite and allow current researchers to reevaluate eunuchs’ role during the Tang-Song Transition.



Left:  
Dr. Anke Beck (3rd from right) and Ms. Xingguo Shi (2nd from right).



Right:  
Selective De Gruyter catalogues presented by Dr. Beck and Ms. Shi.

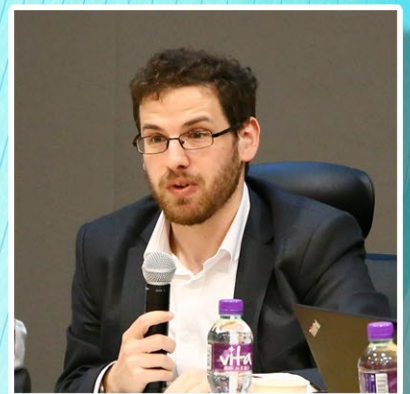


Prof. Weijing Lu gave a presentation entitled “Talented Women and Complications of Concubinage,” which mainly argued that the institution of concubinage was subject to the influence of changing ideas. Her presentation attempted to take a close look at a number of cases from early and High Qing period and to explore how the old and new ideas intersected, how men and women responded, and what the implications were for marital relations among the Qing social elite.



In the second session, which was chaired by Prof. Stephanie Po-yin Chung, Dr. Chinhau Lei delivered a presentation entitled “The Zhou Road: The Chariot Highway in an Age of Limited Mobility 周道：西周時期的馬車大道與遠距交流。” In his presentation, Dr. Lei combined classical sources with excavated texts and material evidences in order to trace the history of the Zhou Road, which was an efficient transportation system for long-distance communication, from the introduction chariots into China and its subsequent institutionalization by the Western Zhou Dynasty. Also, he not only attempted to reconstruct the routes of Zhou Road, but dealt with the experience of travel and the administrative system that served the aristocratic travelers on the Zhou Road.

Dr. David Schley gave a presentation entitled “A Mere Place of Transit: Circulation, Infrastructure, and Urbanism in Nineteenth-Century America,” which mainly discussed the importance of the system of underground tunnels, deep cuts, elevated rails and ferries on influencing the urbanism as well as national economic network of the United States in the nineteenth century. He focused on Baltimore, and argued that unearthing the history of Baltimore’s tunnels can help us understand the spatial order of modern capitalism. Dr. David Schley gave a presentation entitled “A Mere Place of Transit: Circulation, Infrastructure, and Urbanism in Nineteenth-Century America,” which mainly discussed the importance of the system of underground tunnels, deep cuts, elevated rails and ferries on influencing the urbanism as well as national economic network of the United States in the nineteenth century. He mainly focused on Baltimore, and argued that unearthing the history of Baltimore’s tunnels can help us understand the spatial order of modern capitalism.





Dr. Kin-sum (Sammy) Li delivered a presentation entitled “The Component-Model Method of Mirror Manufacture in 300 BC China.” His presentation introduced the revolution of the design and manufacturing technologies of the bronze mirror production industry in the in 300 BC China. He also explained with examples the “component-model method” of mirror manufacturing, which allowed producers to efficiently manufacture mirrors. He concluded by highlighting that the revolution in the bronze industry had laid the foundation for the Chinese expansion of socio-economic power to the rest of the greater East Asian continent.



## 大埔社區考察 (2015.11.7-8)

Reported by Dr. Kam-chau Kwok



修讀GDSS 1057 (Critical Approaches to Hong Kong History since 1945)的同學，分別在11月7日和8日考察大埔天后廟、文武廟、廣福橋、火車博物館和太和公共屋村。大埔天后廟的位置，過往是大埔舊墟，由大埔頭鄧氏宗族所壟斷。清末時林村等七個不同村落組成「七約」，建立新墟(即現時太和街市)和興建文武廟，挑戰舊墟地位。為了與舊墟競爭，「七約」集資興建廣福橋，方便旅人往來，再加上大埔火車站設在新墟旁，造成新墟日益繁榮。在這些舊社區旁，則分別是大埔工業村、公共屋村和私人樓宇，這些現代建築是香港政府在1970年代末發展新市鎮時興建。考察讓同學以社會史和商業史的角度了解大埔新舊社區的交替。

## 歷史系講座：卑南族史與巴代歷史小說

## Lecture on "Puyuma's History and Badai's Historical Novels" (2015.11.16)

香港浸會大學歷史系  
歷史系講座  
卑南族史與巴代歷史小說  
講者：巴代  
小說家、歷史文化工作者  
國際作家工作坊 2015 訪問作家  
日期：二零一五年十一月十六日 (星期一)  
時間：下午二時三十分至四時二十分  
地點：九龍塘浸會大學道校園教學及行政大樓AAB206室  
語言：普通話  
巴代 (台灣·卑南族)  
歡迎參加

Mr. Badai (Professional writer; local culture and history researcher) was invited to deliver a presentation on "Puyuma's History and Badai's Historical Novel 卑南族史與巴代歷史小說," jointly organized by the Department and the International Writers' Workshop in the HIST 4107 class (History of Taiwan) at AAB 206 on 16 November 2015.

In Mr. Badai's lecture, he gave a general introduction to the history of the Puyuma people, including the formation of the Austronesian languages, their sociocultural systems, as well as their life style. He pointed out that the Puyuma preferred to use oral history over historical writing for the transmission of cultural and knowledge.

Nevertheless, the Puyuma entered into textual records in 1637 when since the Dutch ships of the Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie landed in the Taidong region in search of gold.

Mr. Badai pointed out that the lack of historical record was one of the difficulties for his writing of historical novels. As a result, he emphasized the importance of field trip and oral history methods to reconstruct the historical background. He believed that historical and cultural contexts in the story are important elements and setting of novels. Furthermore, the historical novels would be a good means to enhance readers' historical consciousness.



Mr. Badai



## 性別與明清文化研究論壇

# Forum on Recent Research in Gender and Ming-Qing Culture (2015.11.24)

**性別與明清文化研究論壇**  
Forum on Recent Research in Gender and Ming-Qing Culture

**第一場 Panel One (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)**

Chair 主席: 甄淑慧 Dora WING-CHUNG HO  
Speakers 講者:  
高麗蓮 Dorothy KO  
盧翠蓉 Weijing LU  
盧志良 HUI-LING PING-CHEN  
蘇漢明 Han-ming YIP  
文潔華 Eva KHUOH-MAN  
李麗蓮 Lorella L. NUN  
李麗 Li Li

**第二場 Panel Two (4:00 pm – 5:45 pm)**

Chair 主席: 張宏生 ZHANG HONGSHENG  
Speakers 講者:  
華露 HUI WAI  
宋存存 Cuncun WU  
楊松榮 Brian YANG  
史維輝 Mark STEVENSON  
何耀文 Michael HOECKELMANN  
朱靜 SHING SHENG  
張麗 Elen Y. ZHANG

日期: 二零一五年十一月二十四日 (星期二)  
Date: November 24, 2015 (Tuesday)  
時間: 下午二時至五時四十五分  
Time: 2:00 pm – 5:45 pm  
地點: 九龍香港 Baptist 大學教育學院行政大樓 AAB1312 室  
Venue: Room 1312, Academic and Administration Building, Baptist University Road Campus, Kowloon Tong

語言: 國語、英語  
Languages: Putunghua and English  
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主辦單位: Organizers: Department of History, Hong Kong Baptist University  
協辦單位: Co-organizer: Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

16 scholars from Hong Kong, the U.S., and Australia assembled at HKBU for a "Forum on Recent Research in Gender and Ming-Qing Culture," jointly hosted by the History Department and the Mr. Simon Suen and Mrs. Mary Suen Sino-Humanitas Institute (SHI), and co-organized by the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong, held at AAB 1312 on 24 November, 2015.

Prof. Clara Wing-chung Ho (Head and Professor of History) opened the forum and chaired the first panel, while Prof. Zhang Hongsheng (Professor of Chinese and Director of SHI) chaired the second panel and concluded the forum. Speakers at the Forum are leading scholars in different fields who share a common focus on gender issues, especially in Ming-Qing China, including Prof. Dorothy Ko (Columbia University / The University of Hong Kong), Prof. Weijing Lu (University of Califor



Speakers of panel one (From left to right: Dr. Li Ji, Prof. Eva Kit-wah Man, Prof. Hsiung Ping-chen, Prof. Dorothy Ko, Prof. Clara Wing-chung Ho, Prof. Weijing Lu, Prof. Hon-ming Yip and Dr. Loretta E. Kim).

nia, San Diego / Hong Kong Baptist University), Prof. Hsiung Ping-chen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), Prof. Hon-ming Yip (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), Prof. Hua Wei (The University of Hong Kong), Prof. Eva Kit-wah Man (Hong Kong Baptist University), Dr. Michael Hoeckelmann (Hong Kong Baptist University), Dr. Loretta E. Kim (The University of Hong Kong), Dr. Li Ji (The University of Hong Kong), Dr. Mark Stevenson (Victoria University), Dr. Song Geng (The University of Hong Kong), Dr. Cuncun Wu (The University of Hong Kong), Dr. Binbin Yang (The University of Hong Kong) and Dr. Ellen Y. Zhang (Hong Kong Baptist University). The Forum provided a platform for participants to share from various dimensions their recent findings and current research projects. Active participation was engaged when the discussion was opened to the floor. The usefulness of gender as a category of analysis was interestingly and productively debated, drawing insights from disciplines such as history, literature, religion, and philosophy. The event was very well received and has successfully attracted a full house of audience including students in different programmes and scholars in other universities, as well as an Acquisitions Editor of a university press.







Speakers of panel two (From left to right: Dr. Ellen Y. Zhang, Dr. Mark Stevenson, Dr. Binbin Yang, Prof. Hua Wei, Prof. Zhang Hongsheng, Dr. Cuncun Wu, Dr. Song Geng and Dr. Michael Hoeckelmann).

由香港浸會大學歷史學系、孫少文伉儷人文中國研究所主辦，香港大學香港人文社會研究所協辦的性別與明清文化研究論壇於2015年11月24日，16位來自香港、美國及加拿大的著名學者聚首於香港浸會大學，交流研究心得。



性別與明清文化研究論壇共分為兩場，並由兩位相關領域的學者——劉詠聰教授（歷史學系教授及系主任）和張宏生教授（中國語言文學系教授；孫少文伉儷人文中國研究所所長）擔任主持。一眾學者交換最新研究計劃與心得，從歷史、文學、宗教和哲學等不同角度探討以明清時期為主的性別課題，並就性別作為一項分析工具的價值進行建設性的對話。參與論壇學者包括：高彥頤教授（哥倫比亞大學；香港大學）、盧葦菁教授（聖地牙哥加利福尼亞大學；香港浸會大學）、熊秉真教授（香港中文大學）、葉漢明教授（香港中文大學）、華璋教授（香港中文大學）、文潔華教授（香港浸會大學）、何彌夏博士（香港浸會大學）、金由美博士（香港大學）、李紀博士（香港大學）、史麻稗博士（維多利亞大學）、宋耕博士（香港大學）、吳存存博士（香港大學）、楊彬彬博士（香港大學）及張穎博士（香港浸會大學）。

是次公開論壇反應熱烈，座無虛設，吸引近百名浸大同學、各院校學者及大學出版社策劃編輯踴躍出席，並積極提問和參與討論。





### Departures

- ◆ Dr. Kinia Choi-lin Hg, P/T Senior Research Assistant  
Effective from 14 November 2015
- ◆ Mr. Fei Wong, Research Assistant  
Effective from 14 November 2015

### New MPhil student

- ◆ Miss Yanqi Cheng 程妍琪小姐

### Members' Activities 本系成員學術活動

#### **Prof. Clara Wing-chung HO (Head and Professor)**

- ◆ Chaired the First Session of the “Historians Say: Seminar Series,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 5 November 2015.
- ◆ Represented HKBU to attend the “Summit on Assessment and Development of Academic Chinese” held at CUHK on 18 November, 2015.
- ◆ Chaired the First Panel of “Forum on Recent Research in Gender and Ming-Qing Culture,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 24 November 2015.

#### **Prof. Kai-wing CHOW (Professor)**

- ◆ 「孫中山與儒家思想——他怎樣讀《四書》《五經》」（2015年10月24日於孫中山紀念館演講）。

#### **Prof. Stephanie Po-yin CHUNG (Professor)**

- ◆ Chaired the second session of the “Historians Say: Seminar Series,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 5 November 2015.

#### **Prof. Ricardo King-sang MAK (Professor)**

- ◆ Delivered a keynote address entitled “Transnational Cultural and Business Connections between China and Australia in the early Twentieth Century” at the International Symposium on China in the World from the Maritime Perspective jointly organized by the Asia-Pacific Cluster for Chinese Entrepreneurial Studies of the University of Queensland, the Institute of Modern History of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Center for Chinese Entrepreneur Studies of Tsinghua University, the Nanyang University of Sciences and Technology, Chinese University of Hong Kong, ACCS, Australian National Library, National Chinese Maritime Museum and Chinese Museum of Australia on 5-6 October 2015 in Sydney and 7-8 October 2015 in Brisbane, Australia.

#### **Prof. Weijing LU (Visiting University Fellow)**

- ◆ Was invited to deliver a public lecture, “Women, the Family and Qian-Jia Evidential Scholars,” jointly organized by the Department of History and the Mr. Simon Suen and Mrs. Mary Suen Sino-Humanitas Institute, Hong Kong Baptist University, 3 November 2015.
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- ◆ Spoke at the Second Panel of “Forum on Recent Research in Gender and Ming-Qing Culture,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 24 November 2015.

**Dr. David SCHLEY (Assistant Professor)**

- ◆ Delivered a presentation entitled “A Mere Place of Transit: Circulation, Infrastructure, and Urbanism in Nineteenth-Century America” at the “Historians Say: Seminar Series,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 5 November 2015.

**Dr. Ka-chai TAM (Assistant Professor)**

- ◆ Attended a round table discussion on “Aquaculture and Sustainability” at the Da Tong Project: Interdisciplinary Research Week, Hong Kong Baptist University, 27 November 2015.

**Dr. Kin-sum (Sammy) LI (Research Assistant Professor)**

- ◆ Delivered a presentation entitled “The Component-Model Method of Mirror Manufacture in 300 BC China” at the DCH 2015 - Interdisciplinary Conference on Digital Cultural Heritage, Staatsbibliothek Berlin, 28-30 October, 2015.
- ◆ Delivered a presentation entitled “To Rule by Manufacture: Measurement Unification of the Qin Empire and Production of Metal Weights” at the Southeast Early China Roundtable 2015, Knoxville, Tennessee, 31 October – 1 November 2015.
- ◆ Was invited to give a talk on “The Production of Metal Weights in the Qin Empire” invited talk at the Da Tong Project: Interdisciplinary Research Week, Hong Kong Baptist University, 23 November 2015.
- ◆ Delivered a presentation entitled “The Component-Model Method of Mirror Manufacture in 300 BC China” at the “Historians Say: Seminar Series,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 5 November 2015.

**Dr. Yuen-han LAW (Lecturer II)**

- ◆ 〈東南亞華人的醫療觀與對中醫的寄望：以《叻報》為研究個案（1881-1900年）〉，「報刊與近現代中國的知識再生產」工作坊提交論文，上海復旦大學（2015年10月31日－11月1日）。

**Dr. Chinhau LEI (Visiting Lecturer)**

- ◆ Delivered a presentation entitled “The Zhou Road: The Chariot Highway in an Age of Limited Mobility 周道：西周時期的馬車大道與遠距交流” at the “Historians Say: Seminar Series,” Hong Kong Baptist University, 5 November 2015.

**Kelvin Yu-hin HO (PhD student)**

- ◆ 〈清代士大夫家訓文獻的性別內容——以陸隴其《治嘉格言》為探討中心〉，「第十六屆兩岸四地歷史學研究生論文發表會」提交論文，湖南大學嶽麓書院（2015年11月6-9日）。

Dr. Bettina DIETZ



In December I will travel to Stockholm (Sweden) to participate in a workshop on the history of scientific publishing. But it's not a discussion of this – to me – very interesting topic that I would like to share but a photo of the conference venue, which I guess is more interesting to you. The conference will be held at the Royal Swedish Academy of Science. It is in this room (see photo), decorated with portraits of famous Swedish scholars, that the winners of the Nobel Prize are announced every year! The photo shows the announcement of the winners in chemistry in 2008. Hopefully I can get a glimpse of this room while I am there.

Sharing by Students 學生的分享

Shing-fai HO 何成輝

BA (Hons) in History, Year 4

Former General Officer of the History Society

Participated in an internship programme at the Communication and Public Relations Office (CPRO), HKBU

升大學四年級，亦意味這最「自由」的大學生涯快將完結。同學們都為著畢業後的前途各有打算，為自己增值。而我，只是為了填補「CV」上的空白，不讓未來僱主覺得自己是無所事事的人，才在升大四的暑假期間找實習機會。可惜事與願違，發出去的電郵總是苦候無訊。正當我以

為暑期又要白過的時候，大學的傳訊公關處給了我一個實習的機會。於是，我便過了兩個半月大學職員身份的日子。



在實習之前，我其實是傳訊公關處的學生幫工（Student helper），對其日常事務亦有所了解，故並未太擔心在此工作的問題。但實習工作帶給我的第一個挑戰，並非辦公室的事務，而是星期一至五都要早上九點上班的規律。作為一個「標準」的大學生，熬夜是常態吧，而早起更是傻的嗎。由是，我在實習的日子裡，要強逼自己每天早起上班，是件痛苦的事。

傳訊公關處即是浸大的宣傳部門，並透過不同渠道向校內及校外發放大學的最新消息，加強大學對內對外的溝通之餘，亦彰顯學者和同學的成就，推廣浸大持續發展。其中分為三組，即公共事務組，出版、品牌及網絡推廣組和活動策劃、廣告及網絡推廣組。我在實習期間，主要是協助活動策劃組的工作。

在辦公室內的工作，除了平時剪報、整合資料等的日常事務外，實習時更有機會與同事一起籌備整個活動。就如第六十屆開學典禮，同事會把整個活動所需的籌備事宜向我一一詳述，讓我了解當中程序，然後再互相分工，根據進度表逐一完成活動籌備工作。讓我感到新奇的是招標一項，原來在選取用某一間公司的服務時，不能只靠單向的意願行事，而是要配合大學政策，按照金額多寡而去招標和索取報價，亦可能要與所選取的公司有利益申報等等。除開學禮外，我亦在實習期間參與周年音樂會、歡送陳校長晚宴、錢校長的迎新活動及浸大六十周年的各樣籌備工作，這些都豐富了我的工作經驗及知識。

我的工作亦不只局限於辦公室，亦有許多機會到外參與活動及拍攝影片等。就如上述的幾個活動，我的角色既為學生大使，亦是浸大職員，協助當日活動事宜。學校大型活動所邀請的嘉賓

大多是在政經界有名氣的人，這讓我深切體會到「母校晚會，站著如嘍囉」的感覺，不過總算見過世面。另外，來年是浸大六十周年校慶，因此需要大量師生對浸大的寄語及祝福片段以作宣傳，而我便要負責當「攝影師」，到不同地方攝影。這亦是一個非常好的經驗，與不同師生溝通合作，使我接觸陌生人時亦能逐漸打開話匣子。



在實習的日子裡，同事們都對我很好，教給我許多工作技巧及分享他們的經驗，務使我在實習工作中有所得著。而在一層之隔的歷史系職員亦非常友愛，收容我這個「孤兒仔」與他們共晉午餐，「+;![]致使我不迷失在.\*這場...×°職場遊戲」當中。雖然在實習期間得著很多，但朝九晚六的「打工仔」生活的確很枯燥，沒有功課考試的壓力，但每天面對著意想不到的任務及挑戰，亦勞心勞力。「大人」的世界誠如「蛩吟罷一覺才寧貼，雞鳴時萬事無休歇」，日復日的工作，無盡的壓力堆擁生活。說罷，其實這是我即將要面對的事，但先讓我繼續享受大學自由的時光，口腹自役之事以後再算吧！

## Kevin Chun-hei CHAN 陳浚希

BSSc (Hons) in China Studies – History Concentration, Year 3

Participated in an internship programme at the internship programme at HKCSS

上月，我接受社會科學院頒發的Certificate of Achievement，以表揚我在上學期的實習計畫 (SSI) 中良好的表現；對我而言這是一個極大的鼓勵，同時我亦希望這是各位同學的一個借鏡，所以在此向大家分享一下我的感想。

參加實習計畫是我一次勇敢的嘗試，因為這是我的第一份工作，之前我不曾做過兼職或暑期





工，工作經驗是個零，所以初期充滿顧慮，很怕自己不能適應新的工作環境，或是為機構帶來麻煩；可是想到進入大學快要兩年卻沒有為自己尋找一些突破，為了早日熟悉工作的實際情況，我便鼓起勇氣，申請實習，而經過反覆的準備和多重的面試，我終於得到香港社會服務聯會（HKCSS）分配工作，直到現在我還記得當時我收到錄用通知的欣喜與成功感。

在實習期的四個月間，我一周有三天都會去機構上班，其中兩天是在下課後以“九秒九”的速度過海到灣仔的辦公室上班；雖然勞碌，卻感覺到生活很充實，每天都能在課堂和工作環境裡吸收新的知識，機構的同事對我很好，非常樂意教導我工作上要注意的事情，而我也保持著一種求知的心態，不斷向他們請教。譬如有一次在討論分工時，有一個項目需要使用新的電腦軟件，我為了多認識自己不專長的電腦技巧，自薦負責這份任務，並在同事簡單教授軟件的運用後把項目做好。這件事帶給我很大的成就感，以及發現只要主動嘗試，迎接我的不一定是失敗。

儘管實習只有短短數月，但產生的影響很大。在社聯工作不止讓我見識在社福機構的工作情況，為我進行生涯規劃提供了很有用的生活經驗，而且這次實習的決定，使我消除了對新事物的恐懼；因此，雖然實習生沒有工資，但是我從沒有後悔過參加實習計畫，加上得到學院頒授的獎狀，令我感到這段日子的努力與付出得到認可。

我希望我的經歷可以給一些與我相似同學一點啟發，現在我們可能因為缺乏勇氣、沒有信心而還不能踏前一步，其實只要下定決心，做一次勇敢的抉擇，就會發現自己的能力不但可以應付，而且表現出色；有了這一次成功的經驗，往後就更能把握好機會，發揮自己所長、發掘自己潛能！



Po-yi WONG 黃葆兒

BA (Hons) in History, Year 4

Participated in an internship programme at the UNICEF HK

I gained a great off-campus learning experience through taking an internship in UNICEF HK, which enabled me to be a student and a worker at the same time and learn how to multi-task and work efficiently under pressure.



I was very grateful for my mentor for giving me opportunities to organize events and big activities. I was put in charge of one of the workshops of the “Youth Envoys Programme.” It was a communication activity, aiming to demonstrate the importance of collaboration in communication and enhance Youth Envoys’ communication skills. I had to set up the procedures of the activity and discussion topics for the Youth Envoys, think about relevant materials, allocation of man-power and prepare and deliver introductory remarks to the participants in the briefing session. One of the challenges in this task was I needed to make around 60 teenagers pay attention to my presentation. Ultimately, thanks to my efforts and the guidance of my colleagues, the activity was held successfully and the Youth Envoys played an active role in the workshop. I really learnt how to hold a big activity and communicate with teenagers well. More importantly, I acquired public speaking skills, delivering a well-organized speech clearly and interestingly. The event strengthened my communication skills as well as those of the participants.

Another major task was to plan, prepare and implement an annual interview for the “Voices of Youth” programme. Since the duration of the interview was around three hours, I had to consider grouping, time allocation, interview format, in order to make a logistic arrangement. Of course, I also needed to prepare some documents, such as a notification letter for interviewees, question papers, guidelines for student helpers and so on.



When I had difficulties, I would refer to the previous work done by my colleagues and consult them if necessary. Besides, I found that communication was one of the effective solutions to increase work efficiency and enhance interpersonal skills in a real workplace. Furthermore, being the emcee of the interview was the most unforgettable thing because it let me gain a great, exciting and pragmatic practice in public speaking.

The above tasks let me acquire more transferable skills and confidence in event management and leadership. My abilities in communication, multi-perspective thinking and problem-solving were also greatly enhanced. And I found that good preparation, being cautious, courageous and confident are crucial elements to be a good organizer.

Look back to my internship in UNICEF, the most inspiring task was to search for human stories from photos and videos provided by overseas UNICEF committee members, for launching an urgent appeal to super cyclone victims in Vanuatu. It really raised my awareness of how many children worldwide are deprived of their rights to survival, education or development. Also, it let me know more about UNICEF's endeavors to improve children's life and civil participation.

Last but not least, I gained a better understanding of children's rights and the ways of helping them get rid of suffering through being a part-time intern in UNICEF HK. And it was a valuable experience to let me strike a balance between study and work by prioritizing my tasks well.



I sincerely express my gratitude to my mentor and colleagues for giving me a platform to put my skills into practice and enrich my personal growth.

Mr. Edward Hay-ching FU 符氣正先生

BA (Hons), HKBU, 2015



不經不覺間，我已然修畢學士課程，踏入社會，「搵工」、「OT」、「強積金」等詞語漸始充斥於生活中。回想在歷史系的兩年間，我在不同的教授身上有不同的得著，亦認識了不少互勵互勉的友儕，甚至做過歷史學會迎新營的組爸，可謂收穫甚豐，實在無悔當初於副學士畢業後選擇入讀浸大歷史系。



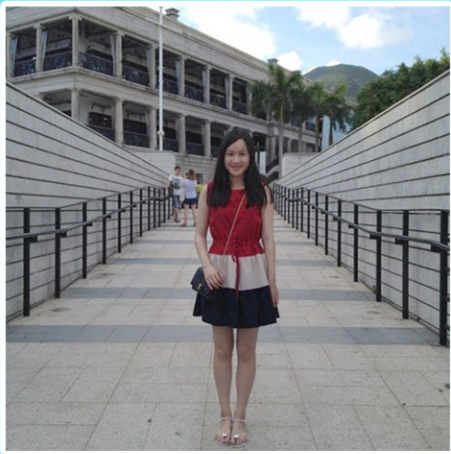
也許歷史系畢業生在旁人眼中，做老師是惟一出路，畢竟歷史系並不是專科。但事實上，除了教育以外，各位師兄姐在畢業後進入銀行界、金融界、新聞界等各行各業，亦有人選擇繼續進修，亦有人選擇踏出香港，走向國際。可見歷史系畢業生的出路甚多，並不需要局限於做老師，所以所有師弟妹不需要過份擔憂前程。大家甚至可以在畢業後任性一年，出國working holiday，走一走萬里路，看看大世界。

最後不得不提的是，過去一年間，香港政局出現鉅變，作為歷史系學生，不論持甚麼立場，均應關心香港政治、社會時事。我相信這是作為歷史系學生，甚或是作為大學生的基本責任。

Miss Miu-sze MAN 萬妙詩小姐

BSSc (Hons), HKBU, 2015

MA Candidate in Comparative and Public History (CUHK)



時間在無聲中消逝，不經不覺我已經歷了一千零九十五日的浸大時光。我跟中研歷史的同學們驟然成了“Class of 2015”的一員，身份從浸大的學生轉換成畢業生和校友，一切來得多麼突然。可是，當我回首細味這短促的三年，一個又一個的「浸大故事」湧現眼前，恰似回到昨天。這讓我察覺到我在悄無聲息的流光中，留下了不少實在的「浸大足跡」。

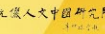
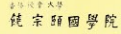
還記得大學一年級時，曾因找不到課室而慌張；大學二年級時，選擇了歷史為專業，找到屬於自己的方向；大學三年級時，為完成畢業論文而奮鬥，並在過程中確立了志向。

畢業後，我的學習生涯並沒有告一段落，現於香港中文大學修讀比較及公共歷史碩士課程，延續我對歷史研究的志趣。現在的一切，由過去累積而成。在浸大的歷史研究訓練，成就和裝備了今天的我，讓我勇於面對新環境和迎接新挑戰，正面和積極應對一切改變。



最後，感謝歷史系一眾老師三年來的教導、關懷和支持，特別是畢業論文指導老師——丁潔博士。此外，我亦十分慶幸在浸大歷史系認識了一群志同道合的好友。希望各位能有美好的前程，並走上屬於自己的康莊大道。

# 1. Voyages, Migration and the Maritime Silk Road: An International Symposium on China's Role in Global History 航行、遷移及海上絲綢之路：中國在全球史上的角色國際研討會 (2015.12.7-8)



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**OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE SESSION** (SWT 501, 9:15am-12pm, December 7, 2015)

### Officiating Guests

Prof. Roland T. CHIN 錢大康教授  
(President and Vice-Chancellor, HKBU)  
Prof. Adrian J. BAILEY 貝力行教授  
(Dean of Social Sciences, HKBU)  
Prof. Yue-him TAM 譚汝謙教授  
(Conference Chair, Macalester College)  
Prof. Clara Wing-chung HO 劉詠聰教授  
(Head, Department of History, HKBU)  
Prof. Ricardo King-sang MAK 麥勁生教授  
(Director, Advanced Institute for Contemporary China Studies, HKBU)  
Prof. CHEN Zhi 陳致教授  
(Director, The Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology, HKBU)  
Prof. CHEN Duoyou 陳多友教授  
(Dean, Faculty of Asian Languages and Cultures, GDUFS)  
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(President, ZHSNY)  
Dr. TAN Ta Sen 陳達生博士  
(President, International Zheng He Society)  
Prof. Jeff Chin-yi LAI 賴進義教授  
(President, Chinese Cheng Ho Society)

### Keynote Addresses

#### The World in the Year 1000: The View from Beijing

Prof. Valerie HANSEN, Department of History, Yale University  
韓森教授 (耶魯大學歷史系教授)

#### 明清時代 (15-18世紀) 中國航海家的優勢條件

Prof. Kuo-tung CHEN, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica  
陳國棟教授 (中央研究院歷史語言研究所研究員)

#### World/Global History and the Positionality of Historians

Prof. HANEDA Masashi, Vice-President and Professor of History, The University of Tokyo  
羽田正教授 (東京大學副校長及歷史學教授)

### Panel Participants include members of the following institutions:

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Brown University	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Chinese Cheng Ho Society	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
City University of Hong Kong	The London School of Economics and Political Science
Diogenes Research	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Guangdong University of Foreign Studies	The University of Hong Kong
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Hong Kong Baptist University	The University of Texas at San Antonio
International Zheng He Society	University of Amsterdam
Lingnan University	University of California, Los Angeles
Macalester College	University of California, San Diego
McGill University	Xiamen University
Michigan State University	Yunnan University
National University of Singapore	Zheng He Society of New York
Northeastern University	

### Dates

December 7-8, 2015 (HKBU Session)  
December 10-11, 2015 (GDUFS Session)

### Venues

SWT 501 (Council Chamber) & SWT 702,  
Shaw Tower, Shaw Campus,  
Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong  
WLB 109, Lam Woo International Conference Centre,  
Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University,  
Kowloon Tong

For further details, please visit the conference website  
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## 2. The Special Collections and Learning Centre (AAB 1132)



As the examination period of the 1st semester is coming, it is important to start your exam preparation early. Please be reminded that the History Department Special Collections and Learning Centre (AAB 1132), which is a good place for History Majors to do revision and prepare for your exams, will be opened as usual from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, from Monday to Friday, except public holidays. If you need to use the room at other times, advance booking with the Department is necessary.

Please refrain from making noises and respect people who are reading or working at the Centre.

## 3. Multi-purpose Room (AAB1135)



Please kindly be informed that with immediate effect, the Multi-purpose Room (AAB 1135) will be open throughout office hours except from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm daily. The Multi-purpose Room can be used by faculty members as a space for small group discussions or meeting guests or students.

#### 4. Updated information on the “Class of 1985 30th Anniversary Scholarship”



Following our call for donations in the previous issue of this Newsletter, we are thankful for the arrival of new donations to the “Class of 1985 30th Anniversary Scholarship”:

Mr. Cho-shuen CHAN (\$5,000)

Mr. Chi-Cheong HO (\$3,000)

Further updated information will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

#### 5. Further donation for the “Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Lau Scholarship”

The Department also thankfully registers its gratitude for Dr. Arthur C. F. Lau, who has recently made the following donation:

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<p><b>HIST/CHSH 4135/3730</b> Topic Studies in Chinese History: Historical Geography of China (E) <b>Dr. Lei Chin-hau</b></p>	<p><b>HIST 4137</b> Legal History of Traditional China (C) <b>Dr. Tam Ka Chai</b></p>	<p><b>HIST/CHSH 4145</b> Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society (C) <b>Dr. Kwok Kam Chau</b></p>	

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Global History of the Seas (E)

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Dr. Kwong Chi Man

**HIST 4325**

History of Africa since Independence (E)

Dr. Lau Kwun Sun

**HIST/CHSH 4327**

Topic Studies in Comparative History: Ancient China Meets the West (E)

Dr. Lei Chin-hau

**HIST 4406/2760**

Topic Studies in Cultural History: Asia on America's Screen (E)

Dr. Stacilee Ford

**HIST 7520**

Chinese Culture in Transformation (P)

Dr. Ding Jie

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Dr. George K. W. Mak

**GCHC 1015**

Culture and Everyday Life in Modern China (C)  
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Historical Changes and Intellectual Trends in 20th Century China (P)  
Dr. Ding Jie

**GCHC 1026**

Hong Kong in World History (C)  
Dr. Law Yuen Han

**GCHC 1035**

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Dr. Kwok Kam Chau

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Dr. Fan Wing Chung

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## 8. New Courses in Topic Studies Offered in Semester 2, 2015-16

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## NEW COURSES IN TOPIC STUDIES OFFERED IN SEMESTER 2, 2015-2016

**HIST/CHSH 4135/3730** Topic Studies in Chinese History:  
Historical Geography of China (E)

*Dr. Lei Chin-han*

An understanding of history cannot be detached from its spatial settings. In view of this, the primary purpose of this course is to equip students with the essential knowledge regarding the geographical settings, both natural and human, during historical periods in China.

Topics to be covered include: 1) Political geography of the Chinese dynasties; 2) Transportation geography and military geography; 3) Changing fluvial topography: The Yellow River, Huai River, Yangtze River, Tai Lake and Dongting Lake; 4) Climate change since the Neolithic period as revealed in Chinese sources; 5) Economic geography: The development of agriculture and nomadism; and 6) Urban geography.

The understanding of these topics will enable us to examine major historical issues, ranging from political and military events to more structural ones such as socio-economical and cultural changes, through a geographical lens. I will also delve into human agency of geographical changes and the relations between human and geography during China's historical era.

**HIST/CHSH 4327** Topic Studies in Comparative History:  
Ancient China Meets the West (E)

*Dr. Lei Chin-han*

Although the longevity of Chinese history has long been appreciated, it was not until fairly recent that scholars become aware of the challenges that ancient Chinese civilization poses to the theoretical framework based on western historical experience. Taking the stance of cultural relativism, this course attempts to illustrate the uniqueness of ancient Chinese civilization while highlighting its intellectual impacts on modern scholarship. I will start with a brief introduction to the history of ancient China as well as its sources and methodology, then moving on to confront it with western social and historical concepts.

Topics to be discussed include: 1) Methodology: Wang Guowei's Dual Attestation Method 二重證據法 vs. Leopold von Ranke's historical empiricism; 2) The origin of civilization: The Longshan 龍山 period vs. the chiefdom model; 3) Chronology: Ancient Chinese chronology vs. the chronology of ancient Mesopotamia; 4) Writing system: Ideography vs. the alphabetic and syllabic approaches; 5) Territoriality: The Western Zhou *feng jian* 封建 vs. feudalism and feudal society; 6) Geography: The Zhou Road vs. the Roman roads; 7) Philosophy: Confucianism and the Axial Age; 8) Bureaucracy: Chinese emperors vs. Oriental Despotism; 9) Empire: The Qin and Han Empires vs. the Roman Empire.

It is expected that through these discussions, students will not only be familiar with cutting-edge scholarship on ancient China, but will also be able to approach it from a wider perspective.

**HIST 4406/2760** Topic Studies in Cultural History:  
Asia on America's Screen (E)

*Dr. Stacilee Ford*

For over a century, American cinema has imagined Asia on screen. This course explores diverse representations of Asia/Asian America's people, places, and cultures, foregrounding the cross-cultural encounter between East and West at the movies. "Texts" include films from a range of historical eras and various genres including Hollywood blockbusters, musicals, film noir, romantic comedy, historical fiction and biography, transnational co-productions, and independent and documentary films. From D.W. Griffith's 1919 classic, *BROKEN BLOSSOMS*, to Cold War films such as *LOVE IS A MANY-SPLENDORED THING*, and *THE KING AND I*, to more contemporary films such as *THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST* and *THE KARATE KID*, students will analyze films as an archive of imperfect but influential cultural history.

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