

MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP)

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I. Programme

Director's Message – Professor Wong Wai Ho, Wilson

This issue of our MPUP newsletter has witnessed some major milestones of the Programme. One of them is the transfer of MPUP to the Department of Government and Public Administration. Despite this structural change, we have the commitment of both Professor Chiu Chi-yue, Dean of Social Sciences, and Professor Vivian Zhan, Department Head of GPA, to ensure that MPUP will continue to maintain its autonomy and interdisciplinary identity after the transfer. The second milestone is we are proud to have the first MPUP graduate entering HKSAR Government as an Administrative Officer, the most elite grade in the civil service of Hong Kong. This is one of the many accomplishments of MPUP which provide a solid proof of our capability to educate and produce visionary and effective leaders in public policymaking.

In further developing MPUP, we would also keep organizing a full range of activities, including seminars and talks, which you are all welcome to participate. For example, we will organize a dinner with Mr Nicholas Yang, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government on 19 Oct. The dinner is open for all our MPUP students and alumni. As seats are limited, please do register as soon as possible.

Finally, I would also like to report some changes in our personnel in MPUP. Ms Zita Lui, our MPUP EO, has been transferred to the Global Studies Programme of the faculty. I would like to thank Zita for all her contribution to MPUP and wish her all the best for her career development in the new position. Her successor is Ms Joyce Chan, who is equally effective and capable. In addition, Mr Jason Tsui, an alumnus of MPUP, has joined our programme as Teaching Assistant. A big welcome to Joyce and Jason! I am very sure you would have plenty of opportunities to meet and know more about them in our MPUP classes and future events.

II. Teachers

New Teachers of our Programme

Dr Kumiko Shibuya and Dr Hanyu Xiao will join our teaching team in January 2016. You can learn more about them in the next issue of e-newsletter.

News from Professor Xu Yuan



Professor Xu has been featured by CUHK website for his studies of China's policies on efficient energy production and pollution reduction. His avocation is that 'incremental progress' fits China better than an 'ideal' solution. He called this a comparative-advantage strategy. In the interview, he also talked about how his multidiscipline background benefitted his research and studies.

The full article is available at:

http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/features/xu_yuan.html.

News from Dr Ip Ka Wai, Kevin



Dr Ip has his book, *Egalitarianism and Global Justice: From a Relational Perspective*, newly published. In this book, Dr Ip articulates and defends an egalitarian conception of global distributive justice grounded on the value of equality as a normative ideal of how human relations should be conducted. Arguing that relationships of equality, rather than those characterized by domination or exploitation, are a requirement for a just system, Ip spells out the real-world implications of this approach. Ip defends the ideal of equality against the diverse objections which have been brought to bear, and the responsibilities we bear in our aspirations towards global justice.

Kevin K W Ip, *Egalitarianism and Global Justice: From a Relational Perspective*

(Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016):

<http://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9781137517586#otherversion=9781349704170>

News from Professor Lam Kin-Che

Professor Lam has received International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) 2016 Regional Award in recognition for his contribution to the field of impact assessment. Being the first awardee from the Greater China region, an interview with Professor Lam is available at

<http://www.iso.cuhk.edu.hk/english/publications/sustainable-campus/article.aspx?articleid=63814>.



(Photo credit: ISO, CUHK)

News from Professor Wong Wai Ho, Wilson



This September has been a busy month for Professor Wilson Wong. He was invited by the government of Sejong City, the new capital of South Korea, as the keynote speaker in their seminar on governance of local governments. In the same trip, he also made a presentation in the Department of Public Administration of Yonsei University on his research on social media and youth activism. In the end of September, Professor Wong completed the executive training session on public policymaking and management for the senior management of the Fire Services Department (FSD) in Hong Kong. It was already the fourth session he has conducted for FSD. Finally, starting from late last year, in addition to contributions to Ming Pao, Professor Wong also publishes his review and analysis of public policies regularly in the e-media, including HK01 and the Initium.

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III. Alumni and Students

Academic Distinction Award 2016

In graduation class of 2016, Maisie Cheng, Doris Dai, Terrence Ho, Sin Chi Ho and Andy Yau are awarded

“Academic Distinction Award” with their excellent academic achievement in our Programme. Congratulations and wish them every success in the future.

Outstanding Student Service Award 2016

In graduation class of 2016, Shasha Liu, Aaron Tang and Gary Wang are awarded “Outstanding Student Service Award” in recognition for their contribution to our Programme. Congratulations and our heartfelt thanks.

Admission Statistics 2016

We have admitted 35 full-time and 15 part-time students this year. For students from mainland China, all are from Project 211/985 and universities directly administered by the Chinese Ministry of Education. For students in full-time employment, they are working in different fields, such as government, disciplinary forces, private sector and educational institutions. It is also the first time we admitted a student working in the Consulate of Mexico and another student working as Senior Station Officer of the Fire Services Department. We wish all new students a fruitful and rewarding learning journey in our Programme.

Admission Scholarship 2016

For the Admission Scholarship for the 2016 entry, eight newly-admitted students are awarded: Keith Chan, Alvin Chiu, Candice Feng, Hugo Leong, Amy Mao, Susana Munoz Enriquez, Anna Shi and Ling Wan. All of them possessed remarkable academic results or impressive work experience. For recipients in full-time employment, they are also contributing to the society with their work relating to the community.

IV. Past Events

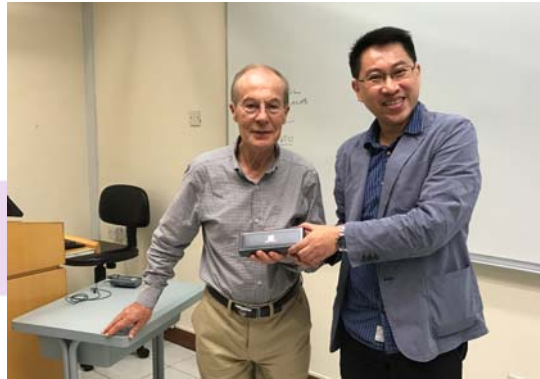
Academic Orientation for New Students – 3 September 2016

Before the semester officially starts, all new students are invited to the academic orientation to meet the Programme Director and MPUP teachers. Apart from getting to know the programme structure, students also had a pleasant time mingling with teachers and fellow classmates.



MPUP Seminar by Dr Paul Collins – 28 September 2016

Dr Paul Collins, Senior Hon. Fellow of International Development Department, University of Birmingham, was invited to give a seminar titled “Can the BRICS make a difference to the global governance architecture? The public policy management and administrative capacity factor”. Dr Collins shared his insights with over 30 participants.



Brown Bag Workshop by Dr Paul Collins – 6 October 2016

Dr Paul Collins, Hon. Advisory Editor of *Public Administration & Development*, gave a workshop on “How to Get Your Article Published in an International Peer Reviewed Journal”. Dr Collins first shared some essentials of preparatory work, then followed with some practical advice on how to get a research paper published based on his experience as a former editor in chief and now the hon. advisory editor of a major international peer reviewed journal.



V. Upcoming Events

Dinner with Mr Nicholas Yang, Secretary for Innovation and Technology

MPUP has invited Mr Nicholas W Yang, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology of HKSAR Government, to visit CUHK on 19 October and meet some of our students and alumni over dinner. If you are interested in understanding the local policies on innovation and technology, don't miss this valuable chance for a close interaction with the Secretary. Act fast to enroll for the event! Limited places are available on a first-come-first-served basis.



To register, please email your full name, year of graduation and contact number to publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk.

International Scholars Visiting our Programme

Professor Charles Hinnant from Florida State University and Dr Hu Tao of WWF-China Programme will visit our Programme in November. Stay tuned for more details.

Admission Exercise 2017

The admission exercise for 2017 entry will start in November 2016 and end on 30 March 2017. Should you have any friends and colleagues interested in our Programme, please encourage them to apply.

Keep in touch with us. Let us know any updates of your contact information (e.g. email address and contact number) by emailing to joycechan@cuhk.edu.hk.

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