

MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP)

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I. Programme

Director's Message – Professor Wong Wai Ho, Wilson

Happy New Year of the Rooster! 2017 is destined to be an exciting year filled with changes. With the new LegCo formed a few months ago, the Chief Executive election is also around the corner. This new combination of policymakers is going to bring significant influence to every one of us. With the vision of inspiring leaders and professionals, MPUP would strive to achieve its objectives of equipping students with skills and knowledge required to take up all the new challenges.

Cruising into the second half of the academic year, this issue of our MPUP newsletter would review some of the highlighted MPUP events in Term 1 and introduce some upcoming activities which would be equally rewarding.

Academically, with Professor Kumiko Shibuya and Dr. Hanyu Xiao joining MPUP, I look forward to the synergy brought by the new teaching team. In bringing theory into practice, we continue to invite international scholars and renowned practitioners to exchange ideas with faculties and students. Seeing the positive feedbacks from the attending alumni and students, we look forward to your future participation.

The Programme Office is recently working on Programme Review, a regular exercise where the University invites experts of the field to assess programme quality. While we are confident that MPUP is adding value to our students, we would approach some of you, as a student or alumnus, in the near future to meet the Review Panel for focus group discussion. The advice from the Review Panel is going to help us bring MPUP to the next level.

As shared in the last newsletter, we are witnessing a steady rise in the quality of student intake. To keep up with the momentum, please do encourage your friends who share our vision to apply for the programme. Application deadline for 2017 intake would be 30 March. More details are now available on our website.

Before we meet again in the upcoming programme events, let me wish you and your family a fruitful and rewarding year ahead!

II. Teachers

New Teacher of MPUP5132 – Dr. Hanyu Xiao

Dr. Hanyu Xiao is a part-time lecturer in CUHK. He obtained his PhD in City University of Hong Kong in 2015. His current research interests are corruption and anti-corruption, and public budgeting and finance. Some of his current articles appear in *Governance*, *Social Indicators Research* and *Policy & Society*.

Dr. Xiao is teaching MPUP5132 Social Policy Research in the second term this year.



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New Teacher of MPUP5801 – Professor Kumiko Shibuya



Professor Kumiko Shibuya is Research Associate Professor at the Global Studies Programme (GLSD), CUHK. She received her PhD and MA in Sociology from the University of Chicago. Before joining CUHK, she held senior-level positions at Ontario Government in Canada, including Senior Economist at Ministry of Finance and Senior Econometrician and Senior Policy Advisor at Ministry of Community and Social Services. She also taught graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of Toronto. Her research interests include migration, urban poverty, neighborhoods, social stratification, life course analysis, and the transition to adulthood in Japan. Her publications appeared in top journals including *American Sociological Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, and *Demography*. Professor Shibuya is teaching MPUP5801 Topical Studies in Public Policy - Demography for Public Policy in the second term this year.

News from Professor Xu Yuan

Professor Xu Yuan has been promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Resource Management this academic year. Our Heartfelt Congratulations!!!



News from Professor Wong Wai Ho, Wilson



Professor Wilson Wong, together with Professor Anthony Fung (JLM) and Professor Stephen Chiu (SOC), all members of the research team of Centre for Youth Studies, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, have conducted a study of youth participation and social media in Hong Kong. A press conference was held in CUHK on 3 January 2017 to announce the results and they are widely reported by the media. More information about the survey and its findings can be found in the Centre website: http://youthstudies.com.cuhk.edu.hk/?page_id=401

III. Past Events

AO-EO Training Workshop

An exclusive workshop has been organized for MPUP students who are interested in joining HKSAR Government as an AO/EO. The first session of the workshop was held in November 2016 and covered relevant skills required for the selection process. In January 2017, two CUHK alumni were invited to the second session of the workshop. The advice given and experience sharing by the serving AOs during the workshop is going to help the participants for their preparation.

Academic Visitor – Professor Christopher Hinnant and Professor Carlos Lo

Professor Christopher Hinnant from the School of Information at Florida State University was invited to give a seminar on *The Role of Information Management Practices in Knowledge Discovery: Examining Science Teams at a National Research Lab in the US* on 15 November 2016.



Professor Carlos Lo, Head of Department of Management and Marketing of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, gave a seminar on *Doing Environmental Policy Research in China: Lessons and Challenges* on 6 January 2017. Drawing on his extensive research experiences in mainland China for more than two decades, Professor Lo identified the lessons learnt and projected possible challenges ahead in research organization, research topics, research design, methodology and data analysis with originality and scholarship as the core focus.



Dinner with Mr. Nicholas Yang, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government

Mr. Nicholas Yang, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, had a dialogue with MPUP students and alumni during dinner on 30 November 2016. The Secretary shared his policy ideas and experience as both a veteran member of the industry and also a top policymaker.



IV. Upcoming Events

International Scholars and Renowned Practitioner Visiting our Programme

Following the January seminar on doing environmental policy research, MPUP has invited Dr. Hu Tao, Managing Director of China Program, World Wildlife Fund, to share his practical experience in the field in late-February.

Professor Heng Yee Kuang from The University of Tokyo and Professor Bridget Hutter from London School of Economics and Political Science will visit in March while Professor Dorothy Solinger from University of California, Irvine and Professor Thomas Bernstein from Columbia University will come in April.

Admission Exercise 2017

The admission exercise for 2017 entry has started. Application deadline is 30 March 2017. Should you know any friends and colleagues interested in our Programme, please encourage them to apply.

The new programme leaflet is now available at <http://mpup.ssc.cuhk.edu.hk/newsandevents/mpup-at-a-glance/>.

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