

MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP)

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I. Programme

Director's Message – Professor Wong Wai Ho, Wilson

Greetings during semester break with alternate summer heat and heavy rainfall. In this issue, it is exciting for us to share with you some of the good news about MPUP.

First, I am pleased to let you know 2017 is a year of great success in terms of our MPUP admission. The quality of MPUP intake is noticeably rising. Under the given quota, we have to disappoint some well qualified applicants. A good piece of advice to share if you are going to refer friends / colleagues to join us in the future: early application would be an advantage to make sure that we have the capacity to admit the best fit applicants before the quotas are all filled up. I look forward to welcoming the new batch of talents. In fact, this issue of Newsletter would be delivered to all our new MPUP students joining us in this academic year.

Second, the result of the most prestigious and competitive research grant exercise in Hong Kong, the GRF grant, has just been announced right before July 1, the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of our HKSAR. It is a great pleasure to let you know that both Professor Travis Ng and I are successful in our grant application. You should find more details in the "Staff Updates" section below. As all grants are externally reviewed, it is not just the money that matters. The success is a solid recognition of the quality and significance of our research.

Third, in the spirit of working closely with students in education and research, I have just published a new Chinese book "Food Hegemony" (食物霸權 (花千樹出版有限公司)) with a former student. The book, co-authored with Ms. Janet Ng, is expected to be released during the Hong Kong Book Fair 2017 (July 19-25). By setting an example, I look forward to seeing more teacher-student research collaboration and partnership in the future.

Meanwhile, the Programme Office is experiencing some personnel changes this summer. Our Teaching Assistant, Jason, has completed his contract and left MPUP. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution. Meanwhile, a new member will join the administration team. You will know more about the new Project Assistant in the next issue of newsletter.

II. Staff Updates

Staff Accomplishment in General Research Fund (GRF)

We would like to extend our congratulations to Professor Wilson Wong and Professor Travis Ng for having their research projects on “Social Media and Political Participation of the Youth in Hong Kong” (HK\$748,676 awarded) and “Resale Price Maintenance in a Corruptible Market” (HK\$239,932 awarded) respectively to be funded by General Research Fund (GRF).

New Book – Staff-Student Joint Publication



Professor Wilson Wong works with a graduate from Department of Government and Public Administration, Ms Janet Ng, on a new book to be released in Hong Kong Book Fair 2017 in mid-July.

The book presents a multi-perspective analysis of the food policy of Hong Kong. More information about the publication is available at: http://www.arcadiapress.com.hk/book_detail?id=712

Completion of Service of Teaching Assistant

Mr Jason Tsui, MPUP Teaching Assistant, has completed his service in MPUP and left his position in June. The Programme thanks for his contribution and wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

III. Past Events

Visit to Legislative Council and Meet Hon. Wan Siu-kin Andrew

A group of students visited Legislative Council on 29 March and had a dialogue with Hon. Wan Siu-kin Andrew (the left on the right photo) under the coordination of Mr Lee Wing Tat, course instructor of MPUP5501. After the facility tour, participants gained a better understanding on the local legislature via an in-depth conversation with the serving legislator.

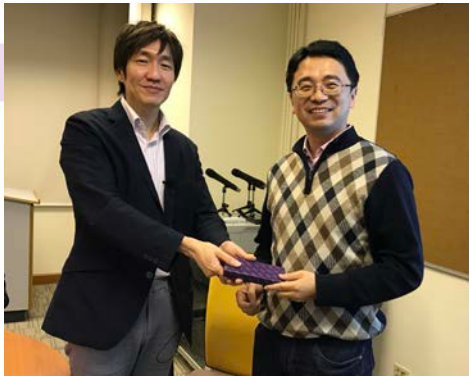


Academic Visitors – Dr Hu Tao, Professor Heng Yee Kuang, Professor Bridget Hutter, Professor Dorothy Solinger and Professor Thomas Bernstein

In Term 2, MPUP invited five international scholars to share their insights with students on their professional fields respectively. Below is a summary of the topics discussed.



Dr Hu Tao (on the stage), China Program Director, World Wildlife Fund US and Chairman of Board, Professional Association for China's Environment (PACE), shared on *Economic Globalization and Environment* on 1 March. The event also attracted groups of professional practitioners from the environmental field.



(Photo on left above) Professor Heng Yee Kuang (left) from Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo gave a seminar on *Global City Singapore in an Age of Grand Visions: From One Belt, One Road to Maritime Fulcrum* on 17 March.

(Photo on right above) Professor Heng then joined Professor Hideaki Shiroyama (third speaker from left), also from The University of Tokyo, and Professor Jimin Zhao (second speaker from left) of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to give a *Public Policy Workshop on Governance of Grand Risks* on 20 March.



(Upper photo) Professor Bridget Hutter, Professor of Risk Regulation of Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science shared on *Regulatory Crises: Regulatory Encounters with Disaster, A Multi-disciplinary Approach* on 28 March.



(Lower photo) As the Faculty Distinguished Scholar, Faculty Dean, teachers and students organized a welcome dinner for Professor Hutter (sixth from left in front row) on the same day.

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(Photo on right) Professor Dorothy Solinger, Professor of Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine presented on *Banish the Impoverished Past: The Predicament of the Abandoned Urban Poor in China* on 11 April.



(Photo on left) Professor Thomas Bernstein, Professor Emeritus of Department of Political Science, Columbia University shared on *How Foreign Academics Studied China during the Cold War and the Post-Mao Era* on 12 April.

Term End Gathering

More than 50 teachers and students gathered on 22 April to celebrate their hard work during the term. Besides the great food by Staff Common Room Clubhouse Restaurant, participants enjoyed catching up with each other and taking pictures to capture the happy moment before everyone dismisses for summer.



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IV. Upcoming Events

Orientation for New Students

MPUP would welcome new students on 2 September (Sat). If you would like to get to know the new batch or share your programme experience, please email us at publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk for further arrangement.

Programme Review

It is the University practice to conduct Programme Review on regular basis for continuous enhancement of teaching and learning effectiveness. Students and alumni would be invited for one of the discussion sessions. Invitation would be sent in due course to recruit representatives.

Public Policy

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.



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