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Grant Application

Successful Application of HKBU's Strategic Development Fund

In March 2011, Hong Kong Baptist University extended a major grant under the Strategic Development Fund scheme to substantially strengthen LEWI's research infrastructure, more specifically, to enable the Institute to recruit full-time research personnel. Seven research staff members at the ranks of Research Assistant Professor and Postdoctoral Research Fellow have been recruited; all are prominent young scholars with immense potentials (please refer to "Introducing New Staff" session for more details). They will work with the working group convenors to bid for consultation projects for the government, NGOs, and to bid for GRF, PRF and other RGC grants.

Public Lecture Series

East-West Cultural Exchange Public Lectures: Late Ming Series (Feb – June 2011)

The "LEWI Public Lecture Series", held from February to June 2011, was a major event of the Institute for 2011. The series, entitled, "East-West Cultural Exchange Public Lecture Series: The Late Ming Period", was delivered by LEWI visiting scholar Father Louis Ha. There were 4 public lectures which introduced the writings of two Jesuits and two Chinese intellectuals –

1. "The Logic of Matteo Ricci (1552-1610): Introducing Western Humour – 'Ten Discourses by a Foreigner' (1608)". Held on 18 Feb 2011. About 80 people attended.
2. "The Yoke of Xu Guangqi (1562-1633): Eastern Fidelity in Practice – 'Argument on Knowledge - A Letter to the Emperor' (1616)". Held on 25 March 2011. About 100 people attended.
3. "The Wisdom of Giulio Aleni (1582-1649): Western Insistence – 'Discourses in Fuzhou' (1627)". Held on 15 Apr 2011. About 50 people attended.
4. "The Passion of Wong Ching (1571-1644): Conscience Eastern Style – 'On the Urgent Need to Fear Heaven and to Love People' (1628)". Held on 27 May 2011. About 60 people attended.

Held on Friday evenings (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm), the lectures were very well received with the largest audience of about 100 people.

Study Tour to Quanzhou (3-6 June 2011)

The study tour was a tie-in activity to the East-West Cultural Exchange Public Lecture Series. Father Louis Ha, LEWI visiting scholar, with the assistance of Ms. Alice Lu, LEWI programme officer, led 50 participants to visit Quanzhou, an important place for researching on East and West cultural exchange as it is the host to Taoism, Buddhism, Manicheism, Nestorianism, Catholicism and the Islamic faith. During the four-day trip, the group visited places of historical heritage such as Kaiyuan Temple, Tianhou Palace, Qingshui Rock, Quanzhou Maritime Museum and Lisnghan Holy Tomb. A reporting session was held on 17 June for participants to report on their learning from the trip.

Co-organised Symposium/Conference/Seminar

The 13th International Symposium on Coordination of Chinese Economic Systems, 18-19 May 2011, Fo Guang University, Taiwan

Professor Si-ming Li, Director of LEWI and Ms. Alice Lu, Programme Officer, were invited to participate in the Symposium of which LEWI is a sponsor. At the Symposium, Professor Li presented a paper entitled “China’s Re-eminence and Urban and Economic Geography”. LEWI is working on publishing an edited volume based on the papers presented in the Symposium.

A Roundtable in Honour of Worldwide East-West Centre Day”, 13 May 2011, Hong Kong Baptist University

Co-organised with the East-West Centre (EWC) Association-Hong Kong Chapter, the theme of the seminar was “East West Encounters in Hong Kong”. Twenty LEWI and EWC alumni attended the occasion.

Conference on “Solid Waste 2011: Moving Towards Sustainable Resource Management”, 3-7 May 2011, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

LEWI is a funding body to the captioned conference, which was organised by the Sino-Forest Applied Research Centre for Pearl River Delta Environment of HKBU.

The three-day conference provided a platform for 400 prominent professionals and stakeholders from over 30 countries and regions in Asia, Africa, America and Europe to share and discuss the challenges and opportunities arising from the environmental, economic and social issues pertaining to solid waste management.

Executive Committee Meeting

The annual executive committee meeting was held on 25 May 2011. The meeting, attended by representatives from Mercer University, Simon Fraser University, University of Western Sydney, Fudan University and Lanzhou University, was held in the form of a telephone conference. The major focus of the meeting was the restructuring of LEWI and the integration of LEWI's existing programmes with the new directions of development of the Institute.

Visitations

Visit to Simon Fraser University, 19 April 2011

Professor Si-ming Li, Director of LEWI, visited member institution Simon Fraser University (SFU) on 19 April. Professor Li had a meeting with Dr. Paul Crowe, Director of the David Lam Centre at SFU, where he introduced the new development of the Institute.

Visit by University of Amsterdam, 20 – 25 June 2011

Dr. Leo Douw, Lecturer of Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, visited LEWI from 20 to 25 June 2011. The purpose of Dr. Douw's visit is to explore the possibility of collaborating with HKBU faculty on a research project on "The History of the Indian Ocean".

Visit by Simon Fraser University, 16 – 30 June 2011

Dr. Paul Crowe, Director of the David Lam Centre at Simon Fraser University, visited Hong Kong and LEWI from 16 to 30 June 2011. The purpose of Dr. Crowe's visit is to establish contacts and to determine the viability of a publication project aimed at detailing the history, institutional dynamics and religious praxis of a network of four Luzu altars.

Visit by University of Western Sydney, 31 May 2011

Dr. Rhonda Griffiths, Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Western Sydney, visited LEWI on 31 May 2011. Professor Si-ming Li and Professor Cindy Yik-yi Chu, Director and Associate Director of LEWI, had a meeting with Dr. Griffiths during which they discussed closer collaboration between the two institutions.

Visit by Leeds University, 10 March 2011

Dr. Judith Lamie, International Director, and Mr. Marc Smelik, Head, Corporate & International Relations, Leeds University, visited LEWI on 10 Mar 2011. Professor Cindy Yik-yi Chu, Associate Director of LEWI, had a meeting with Dr. Lamie and Mr. Smelik and explored collaboration possibilities between Leeds and LEWI.

Visitorship Program

Professor Kara Chan, Hong Kong Baptist University (15 – 24 Apr 2011)

Professor Kara Chan, Head and Professor of Department of Communication Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, visited Simon Fraser University in April 2011. During her visit, Professor Chan discussed and consolidated a collaborative cross cultural research project titled “Parental mediation in healthy eating of children and young adolescents” with Professor Stephen Kline. Professor Chan also gave a guest lectures at classes as well as faculty forum on “Children and Advertising in a Cross Cultural Setting” at Simon Fraser University.

Resident Graduate Scholarship Program

New Students in Spring 2011

In Spring 2011, we welcome three new students to LEWI to participate in the Resident Graduate Scholarship (RGS) Programme:

Wei, Chen, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Journalism and Communication, Wuhan University. Thesis topic: “The Image of China in Hong Kong Media: Content Analysis of the Coverage of China by Hong Kong Newspapers from 2005 to 2010”. Field supervisor at HKBU: Professor Huang Yu, Department of Journalism.

“It is my honor to be able to conduct my research at LEWI. HKBU is of great importance to me. My postgraduate study here four years ago laid the foundation of my academic career. I cherish all good memories here. Thanks to LEWI for giving me this opportunity to study in HKBU again and Prof. Huang Yu for being my supervisor. My thesis will analyze the coverage of China by Hong Kong newspapers from 2005 to 2010 in order to understand how China was portrayed in Hong Kong media. I expect to have a wonderful experience and exchange thoughts and ideas with scholars in HKBU.

Mr. Chris White, Ph.D. candidate, Department of History, Xiamen University. Thesis Topic: “Chinese Stories: A Local History Look at Chinese Christians in Southern Fujian, 1842-1949”. Field Supervisor at HKBU: Prof. Kam-keung Lee, Department of History

“I am a Ph.D. candidate in Modern Chinese History at Xiamen University. My research focuses on the lives of Chinese Christians in Southern Fujian from the mid 19th century until the mid 20th century. I’ve worked and lived in China for a total of nearly eight years. In addition to studying at Xiamen University for the past three and a half years, I’ve taught Chinese university students in Shandong and American university students studying abroad in Xiamen. I enjoy all kinds of sports, travelling, and spending time with his wife”.

Ms. Stefanie Scherr, Ph.D. candidate, Institute of Social Research, Swinburne University of Technology. Thesis topic: “The Migration Experience of Old Believers”. Field Supervisor at HKBU: Prof. Cindy Chu, Department of History

“I studied history and politics in Germany, the Czech Republic and Russia before moving to Australia in 2009 to do my PhD at Swinburne University. My research focuses on the migration experience of the Old Believers, a Russian Orthodox religious group, which moved from mainland China via Hong Kong to Australia in the 1950s and 1960s. The interest of my research project includes the fields of social and religious memory, refugee studies, life histories and creative writing.

During my studies in Hong Kong I hope to improve my Mandarin and complete my archival research. The LEWI program gives me the chance to access valuable research resources in Hong Kong which I could not access otherwise. The cross-cultural research environment of LEWI will encourage my personal development as much as it will provide me with another international perspective for my research.”

LEWI Publications

Working Paper Series

The LEWI Working Paper Series is an endeavor of LEWI to foster dialogues among institutions and scholars in the field of East-West studies. It was launched in April 2002 and serves as a forum for the speedy and informal exchange of ideas as scholars and academic institutions attempt to grapple with issues of an inter-cultural and global nature. 113 papers have been published so far and we welcome papers in any academic field related to East-West studies and from authors within and outside of our LEWI consortium. For further information, please contact Miss Hidy Ng at hidying@hkbu.edu.hk or visit <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~lewi/publications.html#4> for details about ordering and submitting a manuscript. Where author's consent is given, full text of these papers is available on the Internet. This will provide a wide readership of the publications and will provide a platform for discussions.

Recent Publications in the Series (abstracts are available on our website):

- No. 109 Sze-Pang Pablo Tsoi (Hong Kong Baptist University), Paralysis and paranoia: Comparing *Lu Xun* and Joyce: Two contrasted modes of modernism, English/28 pages, March 2011.
- No. 110 Quan, Hou (Hong Kong Baptist University) and Si-ming Li (Hong Kong Baptist University), Transport infrastructure development and changing spatial accessibility in the great Pearl River Delta, China, 1990-2020, English/26 pages, April 2011.
- No. 111 Daud Hassan (University of Western Sydney), Land based sources of marine pollution control in the South China Sea: A regional overview, English/28 Pages, May 2011.
- No. 112 Daud Hassan (University of Western Sydney), Land based sources of marine pollution control in Japan: A legal analysis, English/18 Pages, June 2011.
- No. 113 Huimin Du (Hong Kong Baptist University) and Si-ming Li (Hong Kong Baptist University), Is it really just a rational choice? The contribution of emotional attachment to temporary migrants' intention to stay in the host city in Guangzhou, English/16 Pages, July 2011.

Introducing New Staff

Newly Recruited Research Personnel

In summer 2011, LEWI recruited seven young and prominent scholars, who will join the Institute as Research Assistant Professors and Postdoctoral Research Fellows in September 2011. Below are the biographies of our new recruits:

Dr. Perry Johansson, Research Associate Professor, Cross-Cultural Studies Working Group

Dr. Johansson is a Ph. D. and Privatdozent at Stockholm University. He has been a Senior Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore and a visiting scholar at Columbia University. Recently his book *Sinofilerna* and an annotated translation to Swedish of *Zhao Ziyang's* political memoirs were published in Swedish. His book, *Saluting the Yellow Emperor*, will appear on Brill in late 2011. Dr. Johansson has also published extensively in international academic journals and in edited research volumes. Among his current research projects is an investigation into how Western archaeology and collecting activities in China helped foster the development of a modern Chinese historical consciousness. Another project aims at rewriting the history of Maoism in Western Europe. Perry takes a special interest in teaching. He has an MA in education, and has taught at a number of universities, recently at the highly acclaimed liberal arts college Truman State University. In 2011 he is publishing an introduction to China's history to be used as course literature at Swedish universities.

Dr. Shanshan Lan, Research Assistant Professor, Mobility/Urbanization Working Group

Dr. Lan received her doctoral degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2007. Before joining Hong Kong Baptist University, she worked as an Andrew W. Mellow postdoctoral research fellow in Northwestern University and Connecticut College. Dr. Lan's research interests include: urban anthropology, race and immigration, globalization and transnational labor migration, Asian diaspora in North America, Chinese Americans, class and social service, multiculturalism, interethnic relations among U.S. minorities, China and East Asia. Her first book, *Diaspora and Class Consciousness: Chinese Immigrant workers in Multiracial Chicago*, is scheduled for publication in December 2011 by Routledge Press. Based on sustained ethnographic research in Chicago's Bridgeport and

Chinatown communities, the book examines the various dilemmas and contradictions in Chinese immigrant workers' development of knowledge on racial and class differences in a multiracial urban environment.

Dr. Lan is a member of the American Anthropological Association, the Society for Cultural Anthropology, the Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology and the Association for Asian American Studies. She has published articles in *Asian American Law Journal*, *City and Society*, *Amerasia Journal* and others. Dr. Lan has extensive teaching experience in Asian American Studies and Anthropology in the United States. Her previously taught classes include: Imagining Chinatown: Race, Community Building and the Construction of Differences; Multiethnic Chicago: Race, Space and Boundary Making; Race and Immigration; Introduction to Asian American Cultures; Asian American and Racialization in the United States; Comparative Racial Formations: Asian Americans, African Americans and Latinos. Dr. Lan is in the process of developing a new research project on African immigrants in Guangzhou, China.

Dr. Jun Wang, Research Assistant Professor, Mobility/Urbanization Working Group

Dr. Wang got her Ph.D. from the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Hong Kong, and has been working at HKU and National University of Singapore with research fellowships. Her main research interest is urban transformation in Asian cities, particularly on gentrification and culture-led urban regeneration. Recently, she has been working on neoliberal space in development states, starting from the case of Singapore. Before shifting to academic research, she worked as architect and urban planner in Shanghai, China for years.

Dr. Judy Yuen-man Siu, Research Assistant Professor, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

Dr Siu received her Ph.D degree from the School of Population Health in the University of Queensland, Australia, and both M.Phil. and B.S.Sc. from the Department of Anthropology of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Judy is a medical anthropologist with a strong research interest in the areas of social and cultural determinants of health, perceptions and responses on health and diseases, health and illness behaviours, illness experiences, health inequalities, stigma in relation to illnesses, and public health. Before joining the Hong Kong Baptist University, Judy received her post-doctoral fellow training in the Nethersole School of Nursing and the School of Public Health and Primary Care, under the Faculty of

Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, involving in the study of infectious diseases from a social and cultural angle, perceptions on vaccinations, chronic patient self-care strategies, and a system of care for chronically ill patients under a family doctor model.

Dr. Allison Hui, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Mobility/Urbanization Working Group

Dr. Hui is a sociologist whose work examines the links between mobilities, everyday life, and the concepts we use to understand them. Her Ph.D. thesis, completed whilst a Commonwealth Scholar at Lancaster University, examined the relationship between everyday practice and travel in four cases of leisure. It focused in particular upon how the multiple mobilities of people, objects, images and skills condition and constrain performances of leisure, and extended concepts from theories of practice (Schatzki, Bourdieu, Reckwitz, Shove), the new mobilities paradigm (Sheller and Urry), anthropology (Ingold) and time-geography (Hägerstrand). Her work has been published in *Tourist Studies* and in Davidson, T.K. et al. (eds) *Ecologies of affect: placing nostalgia, desire, and hope* (Wilfred Laurier University Press, 2011). In addition, she has contributed to public scholarship through contributions to the British Sociological Association's PG Focus podcasts <<http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>>, BBC Radio 4's *Thinking Allowed* <<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00114p6>>, and the ESRC-funded *Social Change Climate Change Extraordinary Lecture* <<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/staff/shove/lecture/lecture.htm>>.

Dr. George Kam-wah Mak, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Cross-Cultural Studies Working Group

Dr. Mak obtained his B.A. and MPhil degrees in Translation at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and PhD in Chinese Studies from the University of Cambridge. His academic interests include Bible Translation, History of Chinese Protestantism, History of late Qing and Republican China, and Translation Studies. Mak is the author of 《大英聖書公會與官話〈和合本〉聖經翻譯》(*The British and Foreign Bible Society and the Translation of the Mandarin Chinese Union Version*) (Hong Kong: Christian Study Centre on Chinese Religion and Culture, 2010). He was awarded Honorable Mention of Stephen C. Soong Translation Studies Memorial Awards 2010 for his Chinese article published in 《近代中國基督教史研究集刊》(*Journal of the History of Christianity in Modern China*). His English article published in *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* was shortlisted for the second Sir George Staunton Prize of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He is also the Chinese translator of Aretta Loving's *Slices of Life* (片片生活點點情), which

recounts the author's experience as a Wycliffe Bible translator in Papua New Guinea.

Others

Invitation to be Consulting Editor of *Asian Geographer*

LEWI Director Prof. Si-ming Li was invited to be a consulting editor of the prestigious journal *Asian Geographer*. The *Asian Geographer* is a Routledge journal with a focus on geography issues in Asia and the Pacific Rim. As a consulting editor, Prof. Li shall provide advices and suggestions on the future development of the journal.