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Conference Organized

International Conference on “Catholic Church in China: from 1900 to the Present”, 6-7 June 2013, Hong Kong Baptist University

The two-day conference was organized by LEWI and supported by the Department of History, HKBU, the Center for Catholic Studies, CUHK, the Christian Study Center on Chinese Religion and Culture, CUHK, and the Society for the Study of History of Christianity in China.

The conference adopts an inter-disciplinary approach to the study of the Chinese Catholic Church. Eight panel sessions were held covering topics including: Sino-Vatican relations, Catholic missionaries and their contribution, Catholic church in localities and Catholic church under nationalist rule. 20 papers were presented at the conference. Selected papers will be published in an edited volume by Palgrave Macmillan.

The Conference attracted about 40 participants. It brought a good opportunity for scholars to interact and share their research findings and experience in the areas of Catholic Church in China.



The annual LEWI conference on “Catholic Church in China: from 1900 to the Present” was held on 6-7 June 2013



Keynote speaker, Dr. Jean-Paul Wiest of The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, delivering a speech on “Benedict XVI and China: Searching for the Common Ground or Drawing the Line in the Sand?”

Summer Global Immersion Program for Southern Methodist University

In June 2013, LEWI organized a three-week summer global immersion programme for students from the Southern Methodist University (SMU). The group of 10 students are master’s students of SMU’s Temerlin Advertising Institute. They were accompanied by Director of Graduate Studies & Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor of SMU, Dr. Carrie le Ferle, who gave lectures to the students on advertising in the mornings. In the afternoons, LEWI organized seminars, cultural outings and agency visits for the students. The seminars were given by Prof. Kara Chan, convenor of the Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group and Dr. Shanshan Lan, Research Assistant Professor of LEWI. The students considered their stay at HKBU a highly rewarding and enjoyable experience.



SMU students having a great time in Macau

LEWI Seminar Series

From aspatial to spatial, from global to local: A progressive agenda for measuring segregation (7 June 2013)

Speaker: Prof. David Wong, Professor, Department of Geography & GeoInformation Science, George Mason University

Abstract:

The talk provides a very concise summary of some major progresses in measuring segregation over the past two decades from a spatial perspective. Original segregation measures capture no geographical information in evaluating population distributions. Those measures can also be labeled as global measures as they summarize the general situation over the entire region, but do not reflect local conditions. Later, spatial segregation measures were introduced, and neighborhood or local level measures were also developed. After the review, I present an improved version of a local measure, correcting some distribution issues found in previous measures. This new measure integrates the isolation-exposure concept introduced by Lieberson, and the proximity measure proposed by White. The measure can also be formulated in a relative term such that it resembles some characteristics of the location quotient. The utilities of this index in supporting research in public health and safety, and the future directions of segregation research will also be briefly

discussed.

Material migrations: the object stories, networks and practices of return migrants in Hong Kong (3 July 2013)

Speakers: Dr. Allison Hui, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, LEWI, HKBU & Miss Kelly Li, Research Assistant, LEWI, HKBU

Abstract:

Studies of migration have demonstrated the value of examining objects in order to learn about everyday life and transnational links. Yet such work has often acknowledged the mobility of people without foregrounding that of objects, which undertake patterns of intermittent movement and help to constitute social life. The FRG project upon which this seminar is based therefore contributes to understandings of migration and everyday practices by following the mobilities of migrants' objects and considering how these simple things can highlight cultural, emotional and structural dynamics of migration. We will first introduce the project, which has studied Hong Kong residents who moved to other countries and subsequently returned to the city, and its innovative methodology, which involves a combination of qualitative interviews and 'object experiment books' through which participants generated diverse types of written and photographic data. We then consider how material migrations are embedded in return migrants' lives by looking at both object stories and object networks. By following the movements of banal objects such as Tempo tissue and photographs, we highlight how imagined lives and everyday object practices are interrelated. Then by considering the way that objects form different networks of home, travel, and use over time, we highlight how both the use and disuse of objects sheds light on migrant adaptation in new places. This presentation highlights how consumption and seemingly boring or ordinary objects can reveal a great deal about return migrants' lives, and how their practices remain unique even upon return to their place of birth.



Dr. Allison Hui (left) and Miss Kelly Li delivered a seminar on “Material migrations: the object stories, networks and practices of return migrants in Hong Kong” on 3 July 2013.

Victims in a foreign land: Self-representation of Chinese expatriates in Australia on Weibo

Speaker: Dr. Chong Han, Associate Lecturer, Linguistics, Interpreting & Translation Studies, University of Western Sydney

Abstract:

In the age of Web 2.0, Weibo has become a crucial place to learn more about overseas Chinese. In Australia, for example, there are more than 600,000 Sina Weibo users. Chinese students, Chinese businesses and organisations in Australia use Weibo to disseminate information, interact with each other and stay connected with the homeland. Australian politicians and governments at State and Local levels, media outlets and universities also use Weibo as a platform to reach Chinese communities. This paper presents a case study of Weibo communication in Australia. It applies Critical Discourse Analysis to investigate how Chinese expatriates in Australia use Weibo to report and reflect their unpleasant and traumatic experiences. I argue that Weibo provides a space where Chinese nationalism in relation to the incidents of violence against Chinese expatriates is manifested through three main strategies: separation, recurring topoi of danger and displacement, and legitimisation (cf. Hart, 2010). Separation is predominately achieved by theus-them distinctions (e.g. ‘Chinese compatriots’ vs. ‘white Australians’). Within the topoi of danger and displacement,

Australia is depicted as a place full of racism and discrimination, and thus not an ideal place to live and study. Weibo-enabled functions such as repost and @users facilitate and accelerate the recurrence and circulation of these topoi in Chinese expatriates' Weibo writing. Legitimation is typically realised in picture attachments, hyperlinks and by reference to sources of authority to confirm the authenticity of the reported incidents. Within this Weibo space, the reported incidents are dramatised, and instant pressure from public opinions are generated on authorities in both Australia and China, compelling them to respond to the reports with firm and decisive actions. These Weibo posts by Chinese expatriates in Australia also form a discourse of resistance, challenging the 'study abroad dreams' that are highly sought after by people in China. They also confront the image of present-day Australia being a culturally diverse and inclusive society.



Dr. Chong Han, Associate Lecturer, Linguistics, Interpreting & Translation Studies, University of Western Sydney

Myanmar: Urban Development Issues and Prospects

Speaker: Prof. Chung-Tong Wu, Emeritus Professor, University of New South Wales; Emeritus Professor, University of Western Sydney; Adjunct Professor, University of Technology, Sydney

Abstract:

Political reforms in Myanmar over the last two years have led to changes in the country's economic and social environments. With international sanctions dissipating, eager multinational conglomerates with business interests ranging from energy, telecommunications, banking, tourism, and property development began to openly negotiate major projects. Experience from other emerging nations indicates the major cities of Myanmar will be the preferred locations of foreign investments. It is uncertain whether the cities of Myanmar have the capacity to absorb any influx of new investments. Available information show an advanced state of urban neglect, failing infrastructure and deteriorating urban environmental quality even though the rate of urbanization is still low compared to most Southeast Asian nations. Equally concerning is the lack of institutional framework and human resource for planning and implementation. This presentation canvasses the potential issues and policy implications that are likely to emerge if large foreign investments start to descend on Myanmar's urban centres.



Audience listening to Prof. Chung-tong Wu's presentation on the urban development of Myanmar

Migrants in a Chinese mega city – diversity of urbanising life-worlds in Guangzhou

Speaker: Prof. Werner Breitung, Professor, Department of Urban Planning & Design
Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University Suzhou, China

Abstract:

The Chinese urbanisation discourse moves from building cities towards creating urbanites. Migrants, which have previously been conceptualised as “floating” people and outsiders, shall now and are now turning into new citizens. Sociologically, this conversion should be viewed as an interactive process between the individual and his/her life-world (German: Lebenswelt). This process has three interrelated dimensions: culture, social connectivity and personality. The author looks at social connectivity of migrants in Guangzhou. Based on a large-scale survey on social networks, the diversification of migrant life-worlds in the city is discussed. In this course, differences become evident – in a first step between so-called old generation and new generation migrants, but the author goes beyond this by differentiating further and describing different life-worlds of differently integrated migrants.



Prof. Breitung speaking on the diversity of urbanising life-worlds in Guangzhou

Outputs of Research Staff

Publications

By directors/working group convenors:

Hui, A.N.N., Yueng, D.Y.L., Sue-Chan, C., **Chan, K.**, Hui, D.C.K., & Cheng, S.T. (2014, forthcoming). "Gains and Losses in Creativity Personality as Perceived by Adults across the Lifespan", *Developmental Psychology*.

Chu, C. (2014 forthcoming). *Chinese Catholicism from 1900 to the Present*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Chu, C. (2014 forthcoming). "The Catholic Church in China during the Republican Period". In Stolte, C. and Kikuchi, Y. (Eds.), *Eurasian Encounters: Intellectual and Cultural Exchanges, 1900-1950*. Leiden: International Institute for Asian Studies.

Li, S.M., Cheng, H.H. & Wang, J. (2013) "Making a Cultural Cluster in China: A Study of *Dafen* Oil Painting Village, Shenzhen". *Habitat International*, 41, 156-167.

By Research Assistant Professors and Postdoctoral Research Fellows:

Lan, S. (forthcoming). "The Shifting Meaning of Race: African Diaspora Communities in Guangzhou". In Renfrew, D. & Snyder, G. (Eds.), Special issue of *City and Society*.

Lan, S. (forthcoming). "Race and the Politics of Space: Doing Walking Ethnography in Urban Chicago". In Shortell, T. & Brown, E. (Eds.), *Walking in the City: Quotidian Mobility and Ethnographic Method*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Lan, S. (in press). "The Catholic Church's Role in the African Diaspora in Guangzhou, China". In Cindy C. (Ed.), *Chinese Catholicism from 1900 to the Present*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Lan, S., Hui, A. & Bailey, B. (2013). "Transbordering: Integrating Diverse Hong Kong Mobilities". LEWI working paper series. David Lam Institute for East-West Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University.

Mak, G. K. W. (forthcoming). "The Colportage of the Protestant Bible in Late Qing China: The Example of the British and Foreign Bible Society". In Clart, P. and Scott,

G. A. (Eds.), *Religious Publishing and Print Culture in Modern China, 1800-2012*. Boston and Berlin: De Gruyter.

Siu J.Y.M. (forthcoming). "The Illness Experiences of Women with Overactive Bladder in Hong Kong". *Qualitative Health Research*.

Siu J.Y.M. (In press, Epub ahead of print). "Barriers to Receiving Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination among Female University Students in Hong Kong". *Culture, Health & Sexuality*.

Presentations

By Prof. Si-ming Li, LEWI Director

Patterns of Intra-Urban Migration in Guangzhou: Rural Migrants against General Population. Presented at the Second International Workshop on Regional, Urban and Spatial Economics in China. Peking University, 28-29 June 2013.

By Cindy Chu, Associate Director & Convenor of Cross-cultural Studies

Working Group

China and the Vatican: Conflicts and Resolutions. Presented at the Eighth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 8), Macao, 24-27 June 2013.

The Glocalization of the Catholic Church in China: 1979 to the Present. Presented at The 8th International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China, 14-15 June 2013.

"China and the Vatican, 1979 to the Present. Presented at The LEWI International Conference on "The Catholic Church in China from 1900 to the Present". Hong Kong Baptist University, 6-7 June 2013.

By Kara Chan, Convenor, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

(with Cheng, B.) *Tourists' Awareness and Liking of Outdoor Advertising*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Chinese Communication Society, Taipei, Taiwan, 12-14 July 2013.

(with Ng, Y.L.) *Communicate Healthy Eating to Adolescents in Hong Kong*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Chinese Communication Society, Taipei, Taiwan, 12-14 July.

(with Fung, M.) *Effectiveness of Subway Advertising in Hong Kong*. Presented at The 12th International Conference on Research in Advertising (ICORIA) 2013, Zagreb, Croatia, 27-29 June 2013.

(with Leung, V. and Tsang, L.) *A Content Analysis of Advertising Appeals and Health Information in Hong Kong's Food Commercials*. Presented at The 12th International Conference on Research in Advertising (ICORIA) 2013, Zagreb, Croatia, 27-29 June 2013.

(with Fan, F.) *Effectiveness of Environmental Claims for Bank Advertising*. Presented at The 12th International Conference on Research in Advertising (ICORIA) 2013, Zagreb, Croatia, 27-29 June 2013.

(with Tsang, L. and Leung, V) *Consumers' Attitude Towards Advertising of Medical Professionals*. Presented at the 2013 International Communication Association Annual Conference, London, U.K., 17-21 June 2013.

By Dr. Perry Johansson, Research Assistant Professor, Cross-cultural Studies Working Group

"China and the European 1968". Presented at the Conference on "From One Revolution to Another". Universite Paris-Est Marne la Vallee, 12-14 June 2013.

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

The Catholic Church's Role in the African Diaspora in Guangzhou. Presented at The LEWI International Conference on "The Catholic Church in China from 1900 to the Present". Hong Kong Baptist University, 6-7 June 2013.

By Dr. Dong Dong, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

Legitimizing Journalistic Authority under the State's Shadow: A Case Study of the Environmental Press Awards in China. Presented at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, International

Communication Division, Washington DC, USA, 8-11 August 2013.

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

The Belated Formation of the China Bible House (1937): Nationalism and the Indigenization of Protestantism in Republican China. Presented at the 8th International Convention of Asian Scholars, Macao, 24-27 June, 2013.

(with Choi, D.K.T.) *Catholic Bible Translation in 20th Century China: An Overview with Emphasis on Xiao Jingshan's Xinjing quanji (1922) and the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum Version (1968).* Presented at The LEWI International Conference on "The Catholic Church in China from 1900 to the Present". Hong Kong Baptist University, 6-7 June 2013.

Grants Secured

Project Title: Sweden in World History: The Importance of China and the Vietnam

Principle Investigator: Dr. Perry Johansson, Research Assistant Professor, LEWI
Source of Funding: General Research Fund, Research Grant Council, Hong Kong
Amount Awarded: HKD187,360

Brief Introduction:

Although postcolonial studies have managed to communicate the bias of Western historiography of the non-West, few attempts have been made to explore the importance of the non-West for the history of Western nations. Stressing the role China and the Vietnam War had for changing its political landscape this project aims for a fundamental revision of Sweden's contemporary history along this line. By shifting focus from Sweden's role internationally to the importance of global events for the development of its domestic politics a new understanding for the emergence of radicalization under Olof Palme is pursued. Proceeding from newly opened archives and recently published memoirs this proposed investigation attempts to explain the appearance of an influential Maoist movement in the late 1960s - laying bare the reactions and changes this movement forced upon Swedish foreign and domestic policy of the 1970s. A first hypothesis, already tried in a pilot study, indicates it was the Chinese Communist Party who laid the foundation for a Maoist led united front in Sweden by inviting and training a small number of Swedes. A second hypothesis

following directly from the first is that the radicalization of the ruling Swedish Social Democratic Party was directly caused by political provocations and its relentless focus on American atrocities in Vietnam by the United Front. A third idea that follows from this is that the Social Democratic Party came to use the Vietnam War for domestic politics; especially during national political elections. This proposed revisionist narrative of contemporary Swedish history is to be framed by an epistemological discussion about state influence over Swedish historiography during Social Democratic Party rule. Much of the material from Chinese and Swedish archives has been collected already. The part of the project funded by the RGC will run for two years and result in one article, two conference presentations, and a monograph. The general lesson presumptively drawn from this proposed study is that local history is not comprehensible without its global context. This study might become an important first step for a much needed change of focus in historiography from National history to world history.

Project Title: Reporting Acupuncture in Hong Kong's Local Newspapers Before and After SARS: A Comparative Study

Principle Investigator: Prof. Kara Chan, Professor and Head, Department of Communication Studies & Convenor, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

Co-Investigator: Dr. Dong Dong, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, LEWI

Source of Funding: Department of Communication Studies, HKBU

Amount Awarded: HKD30,000

Brief Introduction:

The SARS epidemic in 2003 is regarded as a crucial turning point in public perceptions on traditional Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, in Hong Kong. This study aims at examining and comparing how the theories and practices of acupuncture were reported and discussed in major local newspapers right before and ten years after SARS. A quantitative content analysis was employed. Two Chinese newspapers, Apple Daily and Ming Pao, which represent the major tabloids and elite newspapers in Hong Kong, were selected for data collection. Variables including the type of news, primary news sources, usages and effectiveness of acupuncture, and the tone of coverage were coded by two independent coders from the total 642 news articles (169 from June 2001 to May 2003 and 473 from June 2011 to May 2013). Interesting and significant differences between the two newspapers across the ten years were found and discussed.