

# Lingnan University

## *Faculty of Arts*

### Department of Chinese

前兩位中文系主任陳炳良教授和劉紹銘教授，退休以後對中文系學術發展仍有支持。著名作家梁秉鈞（也斯）是本系比較文學講座教授，香港散文家陳雲（陳雲根）也加盟我系。現任系主任（許子東）則主要研究中國現當代文學。本系在古典文學和語言學方面則有李雄溪教授、汪春泓博士、許子濱博士、劉燕萍博士等專家，研究成果卓著。著名學者鄭樹森教授亦於文學院客座任教。

自 2008 年起，嶺大中文系獲香港賽馬會資助，設立“現代文學傑出學人計劃”，為期五年，已邀請的學者有復旦大學陳思和教授、劉再復先生和顧彬教授（德國）等。另一方面，我系自 2003 年起有駐校作家計劃，白先勇、馬原、王安憶、阿城、李昂、張大春等作家已來我系任教。這兩項計劃對本系的研究生課程都有直接的幫助。

在嶺大中文系畢業的研究生，不少已有卓越的文學和學術成就，如上海作家須蘭，是《投名狀》的主要編劇；香港作家陳慧，代表作《拾香記》獲香港中文文學雙年獎。

### Department of Cultural Studies

Culture today is a business of global importance, a site of social hope, and a focus for policymakers worldwide. As the “knowledge economy” takes hold, culture and education have become major forces of economic and social change today. Corporate players, local communities, and policymakers all generally recognise the significant role played by the “creative” industries (cinema, new media, the visual and performing arts) and the heritage complex (cultural tourism, museums, libraries, galleries) as key factors in urban development.

Thus, Cultural Studies as a contemporary discipline is both inter-disciplinary and context-specific. In Asia, it is a relatively young but rapidly growing field. Cultural studies developments in Hong Kong are favoured generally by the city’s proximity to the dynamic social and cultural changes occurring in China as well as by access to networks with parallel interests and challenges in the Asia-Pacific

region. Established in 2000, *the Department is the first and still the only place in the Chinese-speaking world with a fully interdisciplinary and cosmopolitan faculty of staff committed exclusively to the teaching and research in contemporary Cultural Studies.*

With areas of strength in Education & Cultural Studies, Community & Cultural Policy, and Creativity & Media Studies, the Department has an establishment of 10 full-time faculty members led by Chair Professor Meaghan Morris. Since 2000, we have received growing recognition locally, regionally and internationally from peers in the field, while reaching out to the community, schools, the media, and other cultural sectors. Crucial to our work are its strong ties to cultural developments on the ground, driven by applied cultural studies projects in domains such as media, cultural policy, creativity, community culture, human rights, and education. In short, Lingnan is in a unique position to offer a high-quality bi-lingual cultural education with a global outlook, a regional focus, a uniquely effective pedagogy, and a shared commitment to community engagement, through its PhD programme in Cultural Studies.

### **Department of English**

The Department of English offers a three-year Honours Degree programme and a postgraduate programme in Contemporary English Studies. Our definition of English Studies embraces the study of Contemporary Literature in English, Applied Linguistic Studies and Language Studies. The Department is especially strong in critical theory (including literary, linguistic, and translation theory), applied linguistics (including Critical Discourse Analysis and pedagogical linguistics), and drama. We recognise English as an international discourse, spoken on all continents, reflecting different - not merely British or North American - perspectives. Details of staff research and teaching expertise can be found on the departmental website: <http://www.ln.edu.hk/eng/staff.php>.

The Department is deeply committed to Lingnan's ethos of 'student-centred learning' and 'teaching the whole person'. For postgraduates it offers regular, attentive and highly supportive supervision; high-quality research support; a vigorous and friendly discussion environment through seminars and other activities; financial support to attend conferences and undertake archival research; research links with similar departments in various parts of the world; opportunities to undertake undergraduate teaching; and collegial relations with

staff who greatly value the presence of postgraduates in the Department. In other words, the English Department replicates many of the qualities that make Lingnan such an attractive destination for postgraduate study.

### **Department of History**

The History Department contains three clusters of expertise for postgraduate studies: 1) Hong Kong and South China (R.L. Davis, Grace Chou, C.P. Lau, Shuk-Wah Poon); 2) Atlantic History (M. Hampton, J. Fichter, D. Smith); 3) Russian/Soviet and Inner Asian History (N. Pianciola). The same faculty members represent sub-fields in cultural history, economic history, educational history, historiography, media history, political history, and religious history. The temporal focus is 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Among the senior faculty, Prof. Davis specialise in middle-period China (Five Dynasties to Song period). His publications touch upon cultural history, historiography, and political history. He has also published historical translations.

Associate Professor James Fichter is a specialist of Qing Military History, Modern French History, Early American History, Southeast Asia, Comparative Colonial History, International Economic History.

Associate Professor Mark Hampton is a specialist of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain, media history in particular. His recent work has shifted to expatriate media in Hong Kong over the past century, when Hong Kong was a colony of Britain. He is part of a cluster of History faculty who work with Hong Kong and South China.

Associate Professor Lau Chi-pang is a specialist of Hong Kong History, Ming and Qing China, Modern China, Chinese Intellectual History.

Associate Professor Niccolò Pianciola specialises in late Tsarist and early Soviet history in Central Asia. His works have dealt with the management of ethnic diversity, forced population transfers, and policies of agricultural colonization and socio-economic transformation.

### **Department of Philosophy**

The Department of Philosophy at Lingnan has 12 members. They cover all the main areas in philosophy in their research and teaching, including metaphysics, epistemology, history of Western philosophy, history of Chinese philosophy, logic, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, aesthetics, philosophy of science, ethics, bioethics, political philosophy, philosophy of action, etc. The recent work of Lingnan philosophers has been published by leading publishers (like Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press, etc.) and in top journals (like *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Review*, *Ethics*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *British Journal of Aesthetics*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, etc.).

Given this breadth and high quality of research done by Lingnan philosophers, the department is definitely one of the best places in Asia for undertaking doctoral studies in philosophy. Most teachers have recently been involved in the supervision of postgraduate students, who worked on their MPhil degree on a number of different topics. The department is a place of lively philosophical exchanges in our regular staff seminars and even more in informal and frequent debates on an ad hoc basis. The analytical approach to philosophy is perhaps the dominant orientation but the department is very open to other philosophical traditions as well. So those interested in Chinese or continental philosophy will also easily find an excellent scholar who would be able and willing to supervise their research.

### **Department of Translation**

The Department of Translation at Lingnan is one of the largest in Hong Kong with some of the best translation scholars in the Chinese speaking world. It has long been recognised as one of the top translation departments in Greater China, following a proud tradition of excellence in scholarship and teaching. In recent years, professors in the Department have published extensively in many important international journals. Our very strength is in translation theory and members bring their interdisciplinary interests to their research, which reflects the developments of Translation Studies. We are affiliated with two translation journals: *Translation Quarterly* and *Translation and Cross-Cultural Studies*.

In addition, the Department is uniquely endowed with a capacity to explore problems related to English-to-Chinese and Chinese-to-English translation. The Department offers not only opportunities for research on many aspects of Translation Studies, but also a well-developed and congenial community that provides strong support to its graduate students in advancing their intellectual development as they proceed through the PhD programme. Our former PhD students have become eminent professors at such prestigious institutions as Tsinghua University and Shanghai International Studies University. The PhD programme is a vigorous one aiming to prepare our students to meet effectively the research tasks that will be required of them in their future academic careers.

### **Department of Visual Studies**

Visual Studies at Lingnan is a stand-alone department focusing on the following core sub-disciplines: art history, cognitive film studies, and philosophical aesthetics. The emphasis on philosophical aesthetics gives Visual Studies at Lingnan a unique profile, as does the emphasis on environmental aesthetics, cognitive approaches to film, Museum Studies, Art and Well-being and Chinese art.

Visual Studies has recruited scholars from diverse national backgrounds (Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Hong Kong), and with degrees from a range of top-tier research institutions. These scholars are all active researchers, with ongoing research projects on such topics as environmental aesthetics, film and risk, creativity and constraint, the diversity and roles of film schools, collaborative art-making, the aesthetic properties of music, the rightness of proportion in architecture, negative emotion in response to art, empathy theories of the aesthetic experience, Chinese art and modernity, Hong Kong art, and art and healing. Several of these research endeavours have attracted funding from such competitive sources as Hong Kong's Research Grants Council and the Leverhulme Trust.

The Department of Visual Studies recruits two artists on an annual basis, the one local, the other non-local. With their diverse backgrounds, mix of expertise, and focus on the practitioner's perspective, these artists contribute to the dynamic nature of the research environment offered by Visual Studies. The Department occasionally hosts visiting PhD students from partner universities, the view being

that these students help to foster valuable networks and fruitful exchanges at the graduate student level.

Visual Studies at Lingnan offers prospective PhD students a research milieu that is cosmopolitan and globally linked, dynamic, collegial, and professional.

## ***Faculty of Business***

### **Department of Accountancy**

Lingnan excels not only in teaching but also in research. According to the most recent Research Assessment Exercise conducted by University Grants Committee of the Hong Kong SAR, the Accountancy Department at Lingnan was rated as a leading Department in accounting research among all universities in Hong Kong.

By topical area, the Accountancy Department at Lingnan ranks 14th in taxation research among universities worldwide according to a study on accounting programme research rankings by professors at Brigham Young University (Coyne, Summers, Williams and Wood, 2010) and is the leader in taxation research in Hong Kong. The accounting faculty at Lingnan has published tax research in top-tier academic journals, including *The Accounting Review*; *Journal of Accounting and Economics*; and *Journal of the American Taxation Association*. Lingnan Accountancy Department also ranks highly in auditing research according to the same study. The accounting faculty has published auditing research in the leading journals such as *Review of Accounting Studies*; *Accounting, Organization and Society*; *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*; and *Journal of International Accounting Research*. The accounting faculty's research contributes to both the theory and the practice of accountancy that offers significant insights to the accountancy profession in Mainland China and Hong Kong.

### **Department of Computing and Decision Sciences**

The Department of Computing and Decision Sciences is specializing in teaching and research in Information Systems Management (ISM) and Operations Management (OM). It has a small group of faculty members who are among the most active researchers in Hong Kong in their specialized research areas (<http://cptra.ln.edu.hk/>), and who are well recognized by peers with competitive research grants and publications in high quality journals (e.g., *Management Science*, *Operations Research*, *Production and Operations Management*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *Communications of the ACM*, *Decision Support Systems*, *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetic*, and *Information and Management*).

The Department offers MPhil and PhD degree programmes in Business with a special focus on ISM and OM. We welcome motivated applicants and are fully committed to offering the best possible learning and research environment for our MPhil and PhD students.

#### **Department of Finance and Insurance**

The Department of Finance and Insurance has seven faculty members who are active in research. Our research interests are wide taking theoretical, empirical, and applied approaches. Faculty have recently completed studies on credit ratings, securities volatility and derivatives, bank lending decisions, corporate finance, theoretical models of insurance and risk management. The findings from these studies have been published in prestigious international journals.

The research students work closely with their supervisors. In addition to their theses, the students have the opportunity to work with faculty members on other research projects. Students do relevant coursework at Lingnan and at other local universities. One characteristic of our approach is that students start to work on research projects from their first term.

#### **Department of Management**

Lingnan's Department of Management has developed research strengths in such major areas as conflict management, organization studies, business ethics, cross-cultural management, and China business studies and is also exploring emerging research issues. Our research supports Lingnan University's liberal arts mission of developing and applying knowledge for public service. We seek motivated, capable students who are committed to developing their research competence through our postgraduate programmes.

#### **Department of Marketing and International Business**

Over the years, the graduates of our programme have been gainfully employed by organizations in China and overseas. Some continue to pursue advanced studies in other famous overseas universities, including McGill University, York University, Rutgers University, University of Connecticut and Georgia State University. All have presented their research findings at international academic conferences such as the Academy of International Business Conference and

Marketing Science Conference. Some of them have won such awards as “Best Graduate Student Paper” or Best Conference Paper” at international conferences.

## *Faculty of Social Sciences*

### Department of Economics

With 13 regular academic staff, the Economics Department is large by Lingnan's standards. Its members all hold PhDs from top universities internationally, and now counts with world-renowned Professor Avinash Dixit from Princeton University as its Distinguished Adjunct Professor (spending periods of 6 to 8 weeks with us annually). The Economics Department has been punching above its weight on research since being rated among the top 2 highest Economics Departments in Hong Kong in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (2006) conducted by the Hong Kong Government, with a huge 94.13% score against an average 76.72% in Business and Economics in Hong Kong's universities generally. Equally important for our research students, the department hosts a constant string of top scholars from around the world for short visits and seminars.

With funding from the largest-ever policy research grant from Hong Kong's RGC, our Economics Department was first in Hong Kong to launch an in-depth research effort on the determinants of International Financial Centres and financial activity in Hong Kong and the region, and has considerable research, industry and policy depth across all areas of finance. In partnership with its sister Department of Finance and Insurance, this effort has now led to the creation of an International Finance Research Institute, based at Lingnan but bringing together the expertise of associates in industry and in academia locally and internationally. The Economics Department's research and expertise span broad areas of economic theory and empirical and policy work — in international economics, finance and trade, competition policy, labour markets, housing and health policy, ageing problems and population economics. The publications by the staff members of the Economics Department have appeared in the leading journals in economics and finance such as *Econometrica*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *International Economic Review*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, and *Journal of International Economics*.

### **Department of Political Science**

Internationally-experienced faculty members all have quality publication records and are recognised as experts in their fields of study. Faculty members in the Political Science Department are specialising in a wide range of aspects of the governance and public policies of Hong Kong and China, Asian-Pacific international relations, regional and global politics, public policy and environmental studies. Particular strengths include Chinese reform politics, regionalism, global environmental politics, sport-politics nexus, Chinese foreign and security policies, Korean peninsula politics, and democratization in Asia.

### **Department of Sociology and Social Policy**

Teaching and research in the Department of Sociology and Social Policy cover many exciting areas in two disciplines: applied psychology and sociology. Specific areas include: social gerontology, older worker, cross-cultural psychology, occupational health psychology, safety attitudes & safety climate, crime, gender, family, work-family enrichment & work-life balance, social inequality, social justice, social change, science & technology, and employee well-being.

Members of staff have internationally recognised expertise in the areas of:

- Ageing, social gerontology (the study of ageing), older worker
- Social theory
- Occupational health psychology (occupational stress, burnout, work well-being, safety)
- Work-family/life balance, work-family enrichment
- Positive psychology (resilience, self-efficacy, psychological capital)
- Occupational sociology
- Cross-cultural psychology