

Lingnan University

Faculty of Arts

Department of Chinese

It is the pride of the Chinese Department to have prestigious professors to contribute to our programme: the well-known scholar Professor XU Zi-dong (許子東教授) (Head of Department) and the famous writer, Professor LEUNG Ping-kwan (梁秉鈞教授) are teaching staff of the Chinese Department.

It is our honour that modern Chinese literature has been selected as an Area of Excellence in Lingnan University. With the generous support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, we have established the “Distinguished Visiting Professorship of Modern Chinese Literature Programme” which will last for 5 years. Professor CHEN Sihe (陳思和教授 Professor of Fudan University) has been serving as the inaugural professor of the mentioned programme. In addition, Professor CHEN has been teaching our MA course that postgraduate students can enroll for their research benefits.

Writing is a strong pillar of the Chinese Programme, we have launched the Writer-in-Residence scheme (駐校作家計劃) since 2003. Prestigious writers such as Professor BAI Xian-yong (白先勇教授), Professor WANG An-yi (王安憶教授), A Cheng (阿城), LI Ang (李昂) and CHANG Ta Chun (張大春) have been invited to facilitate students' interests and talents in writing and creativity for undergraduate and postgraduate students. In addition, teaching is well supported by guest lectures; seminars and international conferences are organized every year such as “Eileen Chang and Modern Chinese Literature Symposium” (張愛玲與現代中文文學), “The Identity, Issues and Development of Hong Kong Literature” (香港文學的定位、論題及發展研討會) and “International Conference on Contemporary Chinese Literature: The Sixty Years (1949-2009)” (當代文學六十年國際學術研討會). In addition, postgraduate students have contributed with fruitful research outputs in postgraduate students international conferences organized by the Department such as the 1st and 2nd “International Young Scholars Conference on Chinese Literature” held in 2007 and 2009.

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, as well as 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 teaches various forms of literary theory, especially those which draw upon theoretical linguistics. Other areas of departmental expertise include life writing and theories of metaphor. 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: www.ln.edu.hk/eng/staff.php.

The Department is deeply committed to Lingnan's ethos of 'student centred learning'. 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 two 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). 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 19th and 20th centuries. The Department is in the midst of searching for a senior scholar of the Chinese periphery.

Among the senior faculty, Chair Professor Richard Davis is a specialist of 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 Mark Hampton is a specialist of 19th and 20th 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.

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 leadership in scholarship and teaching. In recent years, professors in the Department have published extensively in many important international journals. Our very strength rests with translation theory and members bring their interdisciplinary interests to their research work that reflects the developments of Translation Studies. We are affiliated with two translation journals: *Translation Quarterly* and *Translation and Cross-Cultural Studies*, which will be launched next year.

In addition, the Department is uniquely endowed with a capacity to explore problems concerning 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 cognitive approaches to film, environmental aesthetics, 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 endeavors 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 23rd 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, 2009)* 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 22nd 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 Science

The faculty members of Computing and Decision Science Department have diverse backgrounds and research interests centred on Management Information Systems (MIS), Electronic Commerce, and Operations and Supply Chain Management. We aim at conducting cutting-edge research and publishing in high quality journals. By utilizing our academic backgrounds in IT, operations and supply chain management, we work on a variety of research topics, including data mining, wireless security, computer human interactions, web site development, marketing-operations interface, Internet marketing, production and inventory management in eBusiness, competition and coordination in supply chain management, etc.

In addition to the University's central funding, our department has obtained extra funding from external sources, including University Grants Committee (UGC) with some via its Research Grants Council (RGC), Quality Education Fund (QEF) and Teaching Development Grants (TDG). Furthermore, our faculty members have

achieved a substantial publication record and most of our articles have appeared or will appear in high reputed journals, including *Operations Research*, *Management Science*, *Production and Operations Management*, *Communications of the ACM*, *Information and Management*, *Decision Support Systems*, *IIE Transactions*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetic*.

Department of Finance and Insurance

The Department of Finance and Insurance has six 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, and theoretical models of insurance. 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 MPhil postgraduate programme.

Department of Marketing and International Business

The Department of Marketing and International Business has a faculty of international backgrounds, who are actively engaging in research and published in reputable international journals. We would like to recruit aspiring students to pursue graduate studies in the areas of marketing and international business at Lingnan.

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, University of West Ontario, Rutgers University, University of Connecticut, Georgia State University and University of Pittsburgh. Most of them have presented their research findings at the international academic conferences such as the Academy of International Business Conference and Marketing Science Conference. Ms. Yanan Wang, our postgraduate student (2004) won the Best Graduate Student Paper at the 2005 International Academy of e-Business Conference in San Francisco and is a doctoral candidate at McGill University. Miss Xiaoning Guo, our postgraduate student (2008) won the Best Paper Award at the International Conference on e-Business 2009 in Italy. Mr. Shengsheng Huang (2005) is currently pursuing his doctoral degree at Rutgers University; Mr. Wei Chen (2006) at the University of Connecticut; Mr. Xi Zhang (2009) at Georgia State University.

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Economics

With 13 regular academic staff, the Economics Department is relatively large by Lingnan's standards. Its members all hold PhDs from universities in the US, UK, Canada and Australia. The Economics Department has been punching above its weight on research. Our Economics index at the latest Research Assessment Exercise (2006) conducted by Hong Kong Government was a whopping 94.13% — among top 2 highest Economics Departments in Hong Kong.

The Economics Department recently secured a large Public Policy grant of HK\$1.4 million from the government for research on financial activity in Hong Kong and the region, and has considerable depth across all areas of finance. The Department's research and expertise span broad areas of economic theory, empirical research and policy work. Staff members are actively involved in frontline research on international finance and trade, competition and industrial policy, labour markets, tax theory and policy, housing and health policy, social security, aging problems and population economics. Much of this work coalesces around two broad axes that Lingnan has recognised as priority areas for research: namely international finance and public policy. The publications by the staff members of the Economics Department have appeared in the leading academic 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*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, and *Journal of International Economics*.

Department of Political Science

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, and environmental studies. Particular strengths include global environmental politics, sport-politics nexus, Chinese foreign and security policies, Korean peninsula politics, and democratization in Asia.

Internationally-experienced faculty members all with doctoral degrees from good universities and quality publication records, who are recognised as experts in their fields of study. We are often invited to give talks in Hong Kong and overseas as well as to appear in the local and international media, commenting on current affairs.

The Department has strong links with active university research centres, viz. the

Centre for Asian Pacific Studies (CAPS), the Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS), as well as the Public Governance Programme (PGP), the Environmental Studies Programme (ESP) and the Hong Kong APEC Study Centre.

Department of Sociology and Social Policy

Teaching and research in the Department of Sociology and Social Policy cover many exciting areas including social gerontology, occupational health psychology, crime, gender, the family, work-family balance, social inequality, social change, work well-being, science and technology. Committed to inter-disciplinary investigation, we have close links – as part of the integrated Social Sciences Programme – with Economics and Political Science.

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

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