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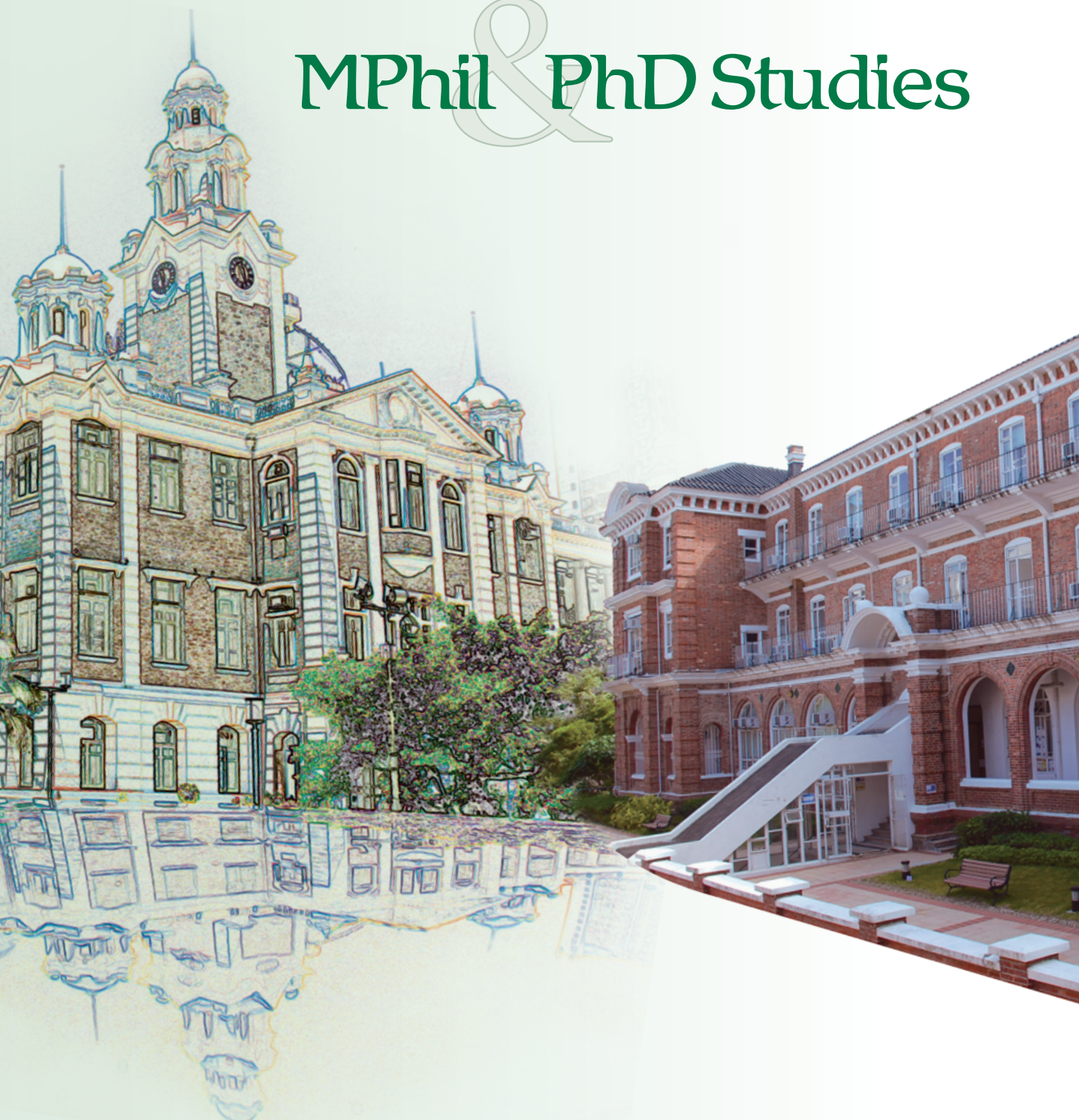
Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences

(Incorporating the Centre of Asian Studies)

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



# MPhil & PhD Studies







*Excellence in Teaching and Learning,  
Research and Knowledge Exchange*





## The University

The University of Hong Kong (HKU), founded in 1911, is Hong Kong's oldest university. It is recognized internationally as a dynamic and comprehensive research-led university of world-class standing, and provides a high standard of education at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

HKU is one of the best universities in Asia and is ranked 22nd in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2011-12.

## The Institute

Established in 2001, the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (Inc. the Centre of Asian Studies) has a mission to promote innovative, multi-disciplinary, and inter-institutional research and teaching in the humanities and social sciences related to China in the world. Focusing on China in Asia and in the world from historical and contemporary perspectives, it supports diverse platforms for a critical community of scholars to share experiences across the globe.

The Institute is also proactively developing new programmes with strategic alliances in the United States, Europe, East Asia, India, and the

Middle East. Key partners include Yale University, Harvard-Yenching Institute, National University of Singapore, Academia Sinica, Association of Asian Studies, and Social Science Research Council (New York).

## Our Teaching Experts

The Institute has developed joint postgraduate programmes across the Faculties and Schools in the University. Our teaching experts include members not only from the Institute but also the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences. The University's Distinguished Visiting Professors in the Humanities and the Institute's Honorary Professors from overseas universities will also participate in postgraduate teaching.

**Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung** PhD (Paris)  
*Director & Chair Professor of History, HKIHSS; Joseph Needham-Philip Mao Professor in Chinese History, Science and Civilization*

Area of expertise: charitable organizations in the Ming-Qing China and history and social science study on science, medicine and technology in pre-modern and modern East Asia.

**Dr. Nanlai Cao** PhD (ANU)

*Research Assistant Professor, HKIHSS*

Area of expertise: anthropology of contemporary China, religious practice, migration and diaspora studies, urban ethnography

**Dr. Fung Kam Wing** DLitt (Kyoto)

*Associate Professor, School of Chinese*

Area of expertise: history of science and technology in East Asia; history of Islamic science, history of Chinese philosophy and scholarship; intellectual history in modern China

**Dr. Li Ji** PhD (Michigan)

*Research Assistant Professor, HKIHSS*

Area of expertise: social, cultural and religious history of late imperial China

**Dr. Izumi Nakayama** PhD (Harvard)

*Assistant Professor, School of Modern Languages and Cultures*

Area of expertise: modern Japanese history, with emphasis on the studies of gender, medicine, and labour

**Dr. David Palmer** PhD (EPHE-Sorbonne)

*Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology*

Area of expertise: sociocultural anthropology; religion and spirituality; civil society and social development; state, society and traditional culture in contemporary China

Students will be supervised by a member of the Institute's academic staff or a qualified fellow engaged in research at the Institute. Cross-disciplinary supervision could be arranged with the co-operation of teaching staff from other teaching units at the University.



## Our Postgraduate Programmes

The Institute offers two postgraduate programmes, the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), to students wishing to conduct research on humanities and social sciences in medicine, science and health in East Asia (China, Japan and Korea).

## Distinctive Features

- Offering of 2-year MPhil, 3-year PhD (for those who already have a research Master's degree), and 4-year PhD (for those who have a Bachelor and/or a taught Master's degree) programmes
- Opportunities to learn under the guidance of leading international researchers
- Chances to take part in overseas training and international research collaboration

## Curricula

In addition to the course component designed by the Graduate School, the Institute requires all postgraduate students to complete a number of courses offered by the Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Social Sciences. Students are also required to participate in the Institute's academic activities such as lunchtime lecture series, workshops and seminars during the normative study period.

### Coursework Requirement

(As at 30 March 2012; subject to amendments made thereafter)

Programme	Coursework Component designed by Graduate School <sup>[1]</sup>	Coursework Component designed by the Institute
<b>MPhil</b>	Core Course I Core Course II	Compulsory: IHSS6001 Elective: 2 courses <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>3-year PhD</b>	GRSC6009	Compulsory: IHSS6001 & IHSS6002 Elective: 2 courses <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>4-year PhD</b>	Core Course I Core Course II	Compulsory: IHSS6001 & IHSS6002 Elective: 2 courses <sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Please visit the Graduate School's website for details.

[2] With advice and approval from supervisor(s), a student is required to complete two courses from the MPhil curricular of the Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Social Sciences which coincides with the student's own research areas and disciplines.

### Thesis Submission & Oral Examination

With approval from supervisor(s), a student may submit his or her thesis for examination. S/he is required to pass an oral examination to meet the graduation requirement. Please refer to the Graduate School Handbook for details. Information could also be obtained at Graduate School's website.





## Awards & Financial Assistance

### Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF) Scheme

Established in 2009 by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, the HKPF Scheme is to provide financial subsidies for brightest students across the world to pursue their research degree programmes in Hong Kong. Each awardee will be provided with a monthly scholarship of HK\$20,000 (US\$2,560) and a conference and research related allowance of HK\$10,000 (US\$1,280) per year for a period of three years. For HKPF awardees who are admitted to a 4-year PhD programme in 2013-14, the University will provide a monthly scholarship and travel allowance at the same level as the HKPF for their fourth year of study.

### HKU University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)

The UPF scheme is available for selected new PhD candidates with excellent academic performances. The Fellowship is worth HK\$70,000 (US\$8,970), which is awarded on top of the Postgraduate Scholarship (see below). There is no separate on-line application form for UPF. Applicants who have applied for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships will be automatically considered for the award of UPF.

### HKU Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)

Full-time MPhil and PhD students who hold a first degree with second-class honours first division (or equivalent) or above are normally considered eligible to receive a Postgraduate Scholarship during the normative study period. Candidates' results in Master's degrees may also be considered. The basic level of PGS is HK\$13,600 (US\$1,740) per month (subject to revision).

### Scholarships & Financial Support for Conference Attendance/Travel

The University administers a number of scholarships that are awarded to postgraduate students for outstanding academic achievements. MPhil and PhD students are also eligible for financial support for conference attendance and/or travel.



## General Qualifications for Admission

The basic qualification for admission to research postgraduate studies is a good honours degree from this University or an equivalent qualification from a comparable institution. Qualifying examinations to test the applicants' abilities and/or interviews may be conducted.

Applicants who wish to be admitted to higher degrees on the basis of qualification from a university or a comparable institution outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching and/or examination is not English are required to provide documents to prove their English language proficiency.

## Application Period for Admissions 2013-14

### Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF) Scheme

Initial application to the Research Grants Council (RGC): early September\* to **December 1, 2012 noon**

Full application to HKU: September 1 to **December 1, 2012**

### Main Round Application

September 1 to **December 1, 2012**

### First Clearing Round

December 2, 2012 to **April 30, 2013**

### Second Clearing Round

May 1 to **August 31, 2013**

\* Exact date to be announced by the RGC at its website.

## HKPF Application & Enquiries

[www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd)

## HKU Online Application

[www.gradschu.hku.hk/gradsch/web](http://www.gradschu.hku.hk/gradsch/web)

## Enquiries & Further Information

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### Graduate School

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