

Pursuing MPhil/PhD Programmes at Lingnan University

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) is a very prestigious and globally competitive PhD programme established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong. The Scheme, which will provide each fellowship awardee with HK\$20,000 per month (US\$1=HK\$7.8), is aimed at attracting outstanding students from around the world to come for PhD studies to Hong Kong. Here, at Lingnan University, we would like to welcome you to pursue this degree with us.

Lingnan is Hong Kong's liberal arts university, whose small size, top international faculty and strong emphasis on close staff and student relationship offer a unique environment for the pursuit of advanced studies in this exciting part of the world. The University offers MPhil and PhD programmes in Arts, Business and Social Sciences disciplines. Alongside having a strong international faculty in all the areas it covers, one of its values is student-centred learning which ensures close and supportive thesis supervision. At Lingnan, students establish peer-type working relationships with academics in their departmental homes which offer a wonderful academic environment for postgraduate studies in Hong Kong. You will get better understanding of the strengths of our various departments from the information included on the following pages.

Applicants may seek admission to our PhD programmes in two ways as follows:

- Outstanding and brilliant applicants may seek admission via the HKPFS by **1 December 2014 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)**. Applicants who apply for and do not get the fellowship can still be considered for the regular PhD places at Lingnan.
- Applicants may apply to the University directly during **3 November 2014 to 30 January 2015**. Normally, full-time PhD students will be awarded Postgraduate Studentships which offer a monthly stipend of HK\$14,500* (amount subject to review).

* To be raised to HK\$14,800 after confirmation of candidature.

What is more, we also offer excellent and popular research-based 2-year MPhil programmes. Applicants may apply for admission to our MPhil programmes directly during **3 November 2014 to 30 January 2015**. Full-time MPhil students will also be awarded Postgraduate Studentships which offer a monthly stipend of HK\$14,300 (amount subject to review).

For more details regarding application methods and requirements, please visit our website at www.LN.edu.hk/reg/info/pgrad. Should you have any queries, you are most welcome to contact the Registry (Tel.: (852) 2616 8750; Email: rpgadm@LN.edu.hk).

Lingnan University

Faculty of Arts

Department of Chinese

本系系主任蔡宗齊為嶺南大學中文系講座教授，兼任美國伊利諾伊大學香檳校區中國文學和比較文學教授，是享有國際聲譽的著名學者。蔡教授主持《嶺南學報》復刊工作，致力於復興廣州嶺南大學輝煌的國學傳統，提升本系學術研究，使嶺大中文系的聲譽更上一個臺階。

本系許子東教授為資深的中國現當代文學研究專家；本系在古典經學、語言學和文學方面則有李雄溪教授、許子濱教授、劉燕萍教授、汪春泓教授等，研究成果迭出。著名學者鄭樹森教授亦于文學院任特聘教授。

本系榮休教授劉紹銘、榮譽教授陳炳良、馬幼垣教授都是國際著名的學者。他們退休後，仍繼續關注和提攜中文系學術發展。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畫”，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 年起有駐校作家計畫，白先勇、馬原、王安憶、阿城、李昂、張大春、蘇童等作家已來我系任教。這兩項計畫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 changes 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 11 full-time faculty members. 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

Contemporary English Studies is one exciting area of teaching and research. The Department of English offers a Honours Degree programme and a postgraduate programme in Contemporary English Studies. For us, English Studies embraces the study of Contemporary Literature in English, Applied Linguistic Studies and Language Studies. We recognize English as an international discourse or lingua franca, no longer a literature and language belonging to Britain and North America.

While we embrace a wide range of interests in applied linguistics, pedagogy and literary studies, we are especially strong on

- critical theory

- semiotics
- critical digital literacy
- Asian Literatures in English
- language play and humour
- English in Hong Kong

Details of staff research and teaching expertise can be found on the departmental website: www.LN.edu.hk/eng/people.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, with excellent library and computing facilities
- vigorous and friendly discussions in seminars and informally
- financial support to attend conferences and for archival research
- research links with similar departments internationally
- opportunities for undergraduate teaching
- collegial relations with staff who welcome and value our postgraduates

Department of History

Among the senior faculty, our Chair Professor, Richard Davis, specializes 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.

Professor Han Xiaorong is a specialist of 20th century Chinese and Vietnamese history, focusing on peasant movements, ethnic relations, and regional interactions.

Associate Professor Grace Ai-Ling Chou is a specialist in Hong Kong and Chinese intellectual and educational history. Her recent work has expanded to include the British Empire and its educational heritage in other former Asian colonies in Southeast Asia, with a comparative focus on the Mediterranean. She also researches the cultural and educational aspects of the Cold War in Asia, within a broader context of the history of East-West interactions.

Associate Professor Mark Hampton is a specialist of 19th and 20th century Britain, media history in particular. His recent work has shifted to imperial culture: Hong Kong's place in 20th century British culture, 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 specializes 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.

Associate Professor Poon Shuk-wah specializes in the social and cultural history of 20th century China and colonial Hong Kong. Her publications deal with the impact of modernity on various aspects of common people's everyday life, including popular religion, sports, animal welfare and food culture.

Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy at Lingnan has 15 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. For more information about our department, please visit <http://www.ln.edu.hk/visual/>.

Faculty of Business

Department of Accountancy

By topical area, the Accountancy Department at Lingnan in the last 6 years ranks 26th worldwide in taxation research according to a comprehensive survey “Accounting Rankings for Universities 2013” by Brigham Young University (www.byuaccounting.net) and is the leader in taxation research in Hong Kong. The Department 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*. The Department also ranks highly in auditing research according to the same study, and has published auditing research in the leading journals such as *Contemporary Accounting Research*; *Review of Accounting Studies*; *Accounting, Organization and Society*; *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*; and *Journal of International Accounting Research*. The accounting faculty also has an interest in corporate governance and ethics research, and published a book entitled “The Dream of the Red Chambers and Corporate Governance of Family Business (《紅樓夢》與家族企業管治)”. Our faculty members’ membership in the Editorial Review Board of leading research journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research* and *Journal of the American Taxation Association* is clear recognition of our research standing. Our research contributes to accounting theory and practice 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 Department is one of the five departments in the Faculty of Business, 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-ranging and use 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 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 Georgia State University, McGill University, Rutgers University, York University, University of Connecticut, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Alberta. 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 Applied Psychology

Teaching and research in the Department of Applied Psychology cover many exciting areas, including occupational health psychology, positive psychology, applied social psychology, cross-cultural psychology, family, work-life balance, and, human-computer interaction.

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

- Occupational health psychology (occupational stress, burnout, work-life balance, safety)
- Positive psychology (positive emotion, psychological capital including resilience, self-efficacy, optimism and hope.)
- Cross-cultural psychology
- Applied social psychology
- Interpersonal communication
- Human error, human-computer interaction

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

In the Department of Sociology and Social Policy, teaching and research cover many exciting areas in these two related disciplines (<http://www.ln.edu.hk/socsp/>). In terms of research locations, we have expertise in Hong Kong, China and many other countries of the Asia-Pacific (including, for example, Korea, The Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Macau, and Myanmar) and other regions. As well as sociology and social policy topics, we encourage interdisciplinary and

cross-disciplinary research with our sister social sciences departments of Applied Psychology, Political Science and Economics. We would therefore also be delighted to hear from students interested in undertaking postgraduate research in such areas. Within Sociology and Social Policy, members of staff have internationally recognised expertise in areas such as:

- Ageing, social gerontology (the study of ageing)
- Health research, population, social well-being
- Social theory
- Social and political thought, political sociology
- Economic and urban sociology, housing
- Hong Kong society and culture
- Justice and society, income inequality and social stratification, gender and sexuality studies, religion