US Presidential Debate 2016 in Hong Kong

American Studies, Talk, 26 Sep 2016 (Mon)

As before in 2012, the American Studies Programme brought a U.S. Presidential Election debate to HKU. Last September, we co-organized the debate with the U.S. League of Women Voters®, a storied institution dating back to the women’s suffrage movement of the 1920s. The event featured two representatives each from the Democrats Abroad and the Republicans Overseas and was moderated by Randal PHILLIPS, partner with the Mintz Group and Heather TIMMONS, a former New York Times journalist and current correspondent for Atlantic Media’s Quartz website. The event was very well attended by students from secondary schools and the HKU community. While the Republicans did not like their chances before the debate, they did manage to score a slim victory. Even they did not imagine then that this outcome would turn out to be predictive of the election results in November.
One Belt One Road and a Prosperous Africa (OBORPA)

African Studies, Conference, 30 Nov 2016 (Wed)

A half day conference under the title “One Belt One Road and a Prosperous Africa” was held on November 30, 2016 in the Centennial Campus of the University of Hong Kong. The conference was organised in collaboration with the Consulate General of South Africa in Hong Kong.

Over 80 participants coming from HKU (students and staff), the African Diplomatic Corps, the Hong Kong business community and interested individuals attended this meeting. After the introductory remarks by the Consul General of South Africa, Mrs. Phumelele GWALA, and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Derek COLLINS, a series of highly informative presentations were made by the invited guest speakers and discussed by the audience.

The speakers were Mr. Jacque DE VOS, Director of Investec (Beijing) Ltd; Mrs. Pansy YAU, Deputy Director of research of the HK Trade Development Council; Mr. CL WANG, Chairman of the China League International Group and Hong Kong Maritime Research Centre; Mr. Duke MALAN, Vice President of FleishmanHillard Hong Kong and Dr. Facil TESFAYE, Director of the African Studies Programme of HKU.
Loy Krathong

Thai, 18 Nov 2016 (Fri)

Loy Krathong, also known as Thai Lantern Festival, one of the most cherished and best preserved traditions celebrated annually in Thailand, was held at the University of Hong Kong attracted a hundred of HKU staff and students.

Loi means “to float” and Krathong refers to the traditional banana leaf boat, decorated with flowers and candles. Thai people gather at lakes, rivers, canals, or other waterways to set adrift “Krathongs” to pay respect and gratitude to the water goddess for providing water to people as well as to appeal for forgiveness for polluting the water, illustrating the close relationship between water and the Thai way of life. It is also believed that floating “Krathongs” onto the water will carry away misery while bringing happiness and prosperity.

The festival at HKU included a Krathong workshop, Krathong floating ceremony, Thai dance performance and a Thai food tasting session. This year, a collection of the beloved late King Bhumibol’s inspiring quotes and photos showing his lifelong contribution to Thai people were displayed during the event. The students of Thai class also paid tribute to the late King by singing the King’s self-composed songs.
Over the past ten years, thanks to the generosity of a large number of sponsors, The School of Modern Languages and Cultures has rewarded students who have distinguished themselves in their studies at the SMLC.

This year’s Award Ceremony was held on Monday, November 7, 2016 in the Rayson Huang Theatre at the University of Hong Kong. 32 separate prizes in 10 disciplines were awarded to 104 meriting students.

As in past years, the majority of the prizes are travel grants designed to support students who are taking summer language courses in Europe and Asia. These grants provide students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture they are studying. When asked about their stay overseas, many students list it as one of the highlights of their time at the University – not only does it broaden their horizons, but it also enhances their interest in learning.
Academic Talks

SMLC

29 Aug 2016 (Mon)

New Models for Monograph Publishing

By Mr. Michael DUCKWORTH

European Studies

SMLC Seminar; 05 Oct 2016 (Wed)

When Not In Rome: The Legend of the Citizen-Soldier in the Early Modern Atlantic World

By Dr. Noah SHUSTERMAN

Hong Kong Studies

SMLC Seminar; 12 Oct 2016 (Wed)

A Cross-Cultural and Evolutionary Examination of Prepubescent Children’s Hormone Responses to Physical and Non-Physical Forms of Competition

By Mr. Timothy MCHALE

China Studies

02 Sep 2016 (Fri)

How to be “The Most Lustful Man Ever” and Be Guilt-free: Some Thoughts on the caizi Baoyu

By Prof. Kam LOUIE

American Studies

SMLC Seminar; 09 Nov 2016 (Wed)

Anecdotes of the Sublime

By Prof. Tom LUTZ

Korean Studies

03 Nov 2016 (Thu)

South Korea’s Democratic Transition: A Social Movement Perspective

By Dr. Sun-Chul KIM

European Studies

SMLC Seminar; 03 Nov 2016 (Thu)

The Chosen Path of the Idea(lisms) of the 60s: Anti-domination, Limitless Freedom and the Politics and Ethics of the Impossible

By Prof. Wayne CRISTAUDO

European Studies

SMLC Seminar; 23 Nov 2016 (Wed)

The Crisis of Leadership in the EU

By Dr. Roland VOGT
Publications

VOGT, Roland

*Personal Diplomacy in the EU: Political Leadership and Critical Junctures of European Integration*

Routledge, 2016.

At a time when economic troubles, Brexit, and a refugee crisis are casting a significant doubt on the future viability of the EU, it is crucial to examine the origins of the political will and leadership that is necessary to move the integration process forward. This book makes a significant conceptual and empirical contribution by elucidating the extent to which the integration process hinges not on institutions and norms, but on the relations among leaders. The book conducts a comparative diplomatic history of three critical junctures in the process of European integration: the creation of the Common Market (1955-1957), British accession (1969-1973), and the introduction of the Euro (1989-1993). It illustrates how personal diplomacy, leadership constellations, and the dynamics among leaders enable breakthroughs or inhibit accords. It also reveals how the EU’s system of top-level decision-making that privileges institutionalised summity has operated in the past and suggests why it has come to atrophy and prove more dysfunctional of late.

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CHEE, Wai Chi

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“Hong Kong Cultural and Creative Industries Reconsidered: Pop Music as Example”

香港文化創意產業再思：以流行音樂為例”

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**Student Co-Teaching to Foster Learning Autonomy: A Case Study in an Undergraduate History Classroom in Hong Kong**  
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"戦後教育史: 香港のデキる女たちのあゆみ (Education since 1945)"  
"大学: 世界ランキングで優勢なのは、なぜか？ (Hong Kong Universities and World Rankings)"  
"寄付文化: 社会に与えられたものは社会に (Charitable Contributions and Donations)"  
"日本食: 手の届くぜいたく (Japanese food in Hong Kong)"  
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WONG, Dixon HW
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Enterprise as an Instrument of Civilization: An Anthropological Approach to Business Administration. Eds. Nakamaki, K ... (et al)

WONG, John D.
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Changing Chinese Masculinities: From Imperial Pillars of State to Global Real Men. Ed. Kam Louie

LI, Ji
God’s Little Daughters: Catholic Women in Nineteenth-Century Manchuria
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AUER, Stefan
“Brexit, Sovereignty and the End of an Ever Closer Union”
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Dr. Tim GRUENEWALD

Hong Kong treated to rare collection of African American art and history
South China Morning Post
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Trump, May have ‘fair bit in common’: Academic
CNBC
26 Jan 2017

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Brexit and EU Referendum
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Dr. Dixon WONG

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「學者抗命」考慮參選高等教育界選委 當選後傾向投白票對特首認受性
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通識導賞：水盡雲起還原美國黑人故事
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18 July 2016

Why was Emperor Akihito’s speech so significant?
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Cultural and Other Events

African Studies
12 - 28 Sep 2016
Mandela Exhibition
In collaboration with The South African Consulate-General, HKSAR/MSAR & The University of Hong Kong Libraries

27 Sep 2016 (Tue)
A Closer Look at Ethiopia: Visit of HKU Students
By Ms Yik Fai LEUNG, Eve, Mr Ka Sing HO, Kevin, Dr. Facil TESFAYE and Miss Melody Sin Yee LI

19 Sep 2016 (Mon)
Film Screening: Sugihara Conspiracy of Kindness
With Exhibition from 19 to 25 Sept 2016
By Mr. Nobuki SUGIHARA, Dr. Florian KNOTHE and Dr. Andreas LEUTZSCH

Korean Studies
29 Sep – 07 Oct 2016
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea: Glimpses and Insights (Exhibition)

Hong Kong Studies
11 Oct 2016 (Tue)
HK Studies Forum - 《江湖·文學·現實·香港》陳冠中×馬家輝
By Mr. Koon Chung CHAN and Mr. Ka Fai MA. Moderated by Prof. Stephen Yiu Wai CHU

SMLC
29 Oct 2016 (Sat)
Information Day

German
Oct - Nov 2016
German Taster Course @HKU 2016
On six Saturdays in Oct and Nov 2016, Tonja FUNG and Shirly TANG of the German Programme, School of Modern Languages and Cultures offered students from various local secondary schools the chance to experience HKU while learning more about Germany and Switzerland.

The German Taster Course @HKU covered a wide range of topics, including history, culture, politics, and language. HKU German students were on hand to share their experiences in Germany and a guest speaker from Switzerland gave an insight into Swiss society.

This course was done in collaboration with the Consulate General of Switzerland in Hong Kong and Project WeCan.
**Japanese Studies**

Oct – Dec 2016

**Drawing Exhibition**

The Department of Japanese Studies hosted an exhibition of children’s drawings from October until December 2016 as part of the Consulate-General of Japan’s “Rediscovering Japan Autumn Festival.” The exhibition comprised 10 drawings of Japan by Hong Kong students from Po Leung Kuk Gold and Silver Exchange Society Pershing Tsang School, and 20 drawings of Hong Kong by Japanese students from the Hong Kong Japanese Supplementary School. The colourful images of Mt Fuji, cherry blossoms, Hong Kong’s skyline, Star Ferry and Pikachu were displayed on the fifth floor of Run Run Shaw Tower and attracted a lot of attention from curious students on their way to class.

**Korean Studies**

02 - 03 Nov 2016

**HKU Korean film screening nights**

**European Studies**

25 Nov 2016 (Fri)

**Karski & the Lords of Humanity**

Film Screening and Discussion with Director Slawomir Grunberg

**Hong Kong Studies**

04 Dec 2016 (Sun)

**Theatre Ronin – ‘Sculpting the CITY’ ‘When Theatre and Literature Integrate’ Sharing Session**

By Dr. Kehuan LIN, Mr. Yijun LUO, Ms. Kwok Wai CHAN, Bernice and Mr. Hung Man TAM. Moderated by Mr. Wai Tong LIU

**China Studies**

16 Nov 2016 (Wed)

**Making Space for Engineering Education: the South China Institute of Engineering**

By Dr. Christine Y. L. LUK

**Spanish**

7 & 14 Nov 2016

**Argentine Movie Days at HKU: XXY & El estudiante**

**Hong Kong Studies**

17 Nov 2016 (Thu)

**HK Studies Forum - 「香港音樂的本土味道」**

By Mr. Anthony WONG Yiu-ming, Dr. CHOW Yiu-fai. Moderated by Miss LOK Fung
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**Staff Achievement**

*Dr. Stefan AUER* was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair, a prestigious title awarded by the Erasmus Programme of the European Union, for a project entitled ‘Enhancing EU Studies in Hong Kong and China’. As one of the key deliverables, Dr. AUER will develop a Massive Open Online Course over the next three years under the heading of ‘Europe without Borders?’, which is also a new Common Core subject.

*Dr. Roland VOGT* received funding for a competitive peer-reviewed research and teaching grant from the European Union’s Erasmus+ Programme (Jean Monnet modules) entitled ‘The EU as a Global Actor and EU-China Relations’. He was awarded EUR 25,830 (approx. HKD 222,138).

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