

STUDENT HUB



Student Achievement

PhD Student Chunyan RAN Won Outstanding Paper Award

We are happy to share that our PhD student, Miss Chunyan RAN, has won the Outstanding Paper Award at the 9th Young Scholars Forum of Journal of Public Administration (《公共行政评论》). Her award-winning paper, titled “Exploring Varieties of Bureaucratic Formalism under the Pressure of Political Re-centralization: A Comparative Analysis in China”, based on her dissertation work, showcases her exceptional research.



Pilot Launch of Summer Internship Program: MPP Program and Leading Organizations

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) Program proudly launched a paid summer internship program in collaboration with the South China Morning Post (SCMP) and several esteemed organizations, including HSBC, IEMS, FemTech Future, Equal Justice, the Business Environment Council, the Center for Industrial Development and Environmental Governance (CIDE), Civic Exchange, The Nature Conservancy, and Votee AI. This exciting initiative aimed to elevate the student experience by providing invaluable insights into the dynamics of diverse workplaces.

Interns had the incredible opportunity to work at the SCMP's Causeway Bay office for 2-3 days per week over an engaging 8-week period.

Eligible candidates, currently enrolled in the MPP Program, were selected based on their academic achievements and relevant experience. This internship program not only equipped students with essential skills but also fostered vital connections between academia and industry. The application process drew significant interest, with students invited to submit their CVs and cover letters. This collaboration marked a significant step in enriching our students' education and preparing them for future success.



Student Activities

MPM and MPP Study Trip to Tokyo

The Master of Public Management program and the Master of Public Policy programs at the Division of Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, recently organized an enriching study trip to Tokyo. Led by Professor Donald Low, the trip was designed to provide students with firsthand experiences of Japan's public policy landscape.

Kicking off with a welcome dinner at Wakikuni Yansandon Ueno, the group then visited prestigious institutions such as Tokyo University Graduate School of Public Policy and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. Engaging discussions with experts like Professor Nami Aoki explored Japan's ongoing challenges, including its demographic shifts and economic strategies. Students enjoyed a walking tour of Ueno, led by Professor Inoue, which highlighted local governance in action. The trip also featured visits to the Asian Development Bank and a session on Japan's health system, led by Professor Naito. Overall, the study trip fostered valuable insights and strengthened the bond among students, enhancing their understanding of global public management practices.



Student Activities

Homecoming and Student-faculty Dinner Events

The Division of Public Policy recently enjoyed several homecoming dinners and faculty-student gatherings, organized by our various programs: the Master of Public Policy, Master of Public Management, and our MPhil and PhD programs. These events were nights filled with interaction, excitement, and community spirit.

Attendees had the opportunity to connect, share experiences, and engage in meaningful discussions in a relaxed atmosphere. These informal settings allowed students and faculty to build stronger relationships, fostering a sense of belonging within our diverse academic community. The homecoming dinners

celebrated the achievements of our students while welcoming new members into the fold. Faculty members shared insights and advice, enriching the conversations and providing guidance for future endeavors.

These gatherings are essential in promoting collaboration and networking among students and faculty, creating an environment conducive to learning and growth. We are grateful for everyone who participated, making these events a success. As we look to the future, we anticipate more opportunities for connection and community-building within the Division of Public Policy. Thank you to all who contributed to these memorable evenings!



MPP Home-coming Dinner



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MPhil & PhD End-of-Semester Dinner



Student Activities

Walking Tour in Hong Kong

The Master of Public Management program recently hosted an engaging urban hiking experience titled “The Ultimate Urban Hike: From Manufacturing to Services—Hong Kong’s Economic Development.” Held on December 12, 2024, the walking tour attracted enthusiastic participants eager to explore the city’s economic transformation.

Led by Prof. Donald Low, the walk began at Kwun Tong, then at Wan Chai, where students gathered to delve into the intricacies of Hong Kong’s shift from manufacturing to a service-driven economy. As they traversed vibrant neighborhoods, participants gained firsthand insights into local industries and the impact of recent policy changes.

The journey concluded in Central, providing a unique perspective on Hong Kong’s evolving landscape. This event not only enriched students’ understanding of public policy but also fostered a strong sense of community among participants. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for this informative and inspiring walk through our dynamic city!



MPhil and PhD Brown Bag Series

The Division of Public Policy at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology recently hosted a successful Brown Bag Seminar titled "Publishing for RPs." Held on October 25, 2024 and 22nd November 2024, these engaging events was designed for MPhil and PhD students eager to enhance their publishing skills.

Speakers Prof Naubahar Sharif, Prof Kira Matus, Prof Xiaodong Chen, Prof Raul Lejano shared

valuable insights into the publishing process, covering essential elements of submitting peer-reviewed journal articles. The seminar provided a platform for participants to ask questions and discuss common challenges faced in academic publishing.



Following the speaker presentations, attendees engaged in a lively Q&A session, fostering an interactive dialogue that encouraged the sharing of experiences and strategies. The event concluded with a discussion on future brown bag meetings, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and collaboration within the academic community. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this seminar a success!

PhD Thesis Presentation

Regulatory Adaptation in the Era of Disruptive Innovations – A Comparative Case Study of Regulatory Response to Disruption in the Financial Services Industry in UK and US

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