ACHIEVEMENTS AND GRANTS



Prof. Masaru YARIME's Co-authored Paper Received the Best Poster Award at the International Conference on the Science of Science and Innovation (ICSSI) 2026

HKUST's Division of Public Policy (PPOL) is delighted to announce that a collaborative research paper co-authored by PhD candidates Siqi XIE, Xuan ZENG, and PPOL Associate Professor Masaru YARIME has been awarded the **Best Poster Award** at the International Conference on the Science of Science and Innovation (ICSSI) 2026. Hosted in Boulder, Colorado, USA from June 29 to July 1, 2026, this prominent annual conference gathers global scholars to advance research on science systems, technological progress and innovation governance.

The award-winning poster carries the full title "Bless or Curse? An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of U.S. Export Controls on China's High-Tech Innovation Through the Lens of Entity-Listed Firms". Centered on entity-listed enterprises as the core research sample, the study delivers an in-depth empirical examination of how U.S. export restriction policies reshape the high-tech innovation trajectory of targeted Chinese firms, unpacking both constraining pressures and potential transformative incentives brought by external regulatory barriers to domestic technological development.

The paper's three authors bring complementary academic backgrounds rooted within HKUST's interdisciplinary research ecosystem. Siqi XIE is a PhD Candidate enrolled in the University's Individualized Interdisciplinary Program specializing in Innovation, Policy and Entrepreneurship. Xuan ZENG pursues doctoral studies within the Division of Public Policy. Their supervisor and co-author, Associate Professor Masaru YARIME, is a core faculty member of HKUST PPOL, whose research portfolio spans technology policy, climate governance, smart city systems and data-driven social science inquiry.

This joint work embodies the division's core mission of integrating graduate student research with faculty-led interdisciplinary public policy scholarship.

ICSSI stands as a leading international platform for the science of science field, evaluating poster submissions based on originality of research questions, methodological rigor, empirical insight and contribution to policy-relevant innovation studies. By securing the Best Poster Award, the team's analysis of geopolitical technology regulation and industrial innovation has received formal peer recognition from the international academic community.

This milestone achievement highlights the robust graduate research training and impactful policy-oriented scholarship fostered by HKUST's Division of Public Policy. It further solidifies the division's standing as a key center for cutting-edge research at the intersection of international technology policy, industrial development and public governance.

Congratulations to Siqi XIE, Xuan ZENG and Professor Masaru YARIME on this well-earned conference distinction. We anticipate this research will continue to offer valuable evidence and perspectives for global discussions on trade controls, technological competition and inclusive innovation governance.





Prof. Stuart GIETEL-BASTEN Appointed as a Member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council

The Division of Public Policy is proud to announce that Prof. Stuart GIETEL-BASTEN, Professor and a distinguished scholar in the Division of Public Policy, has been appointed as a member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council.

The G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) is an independent body of leading global experts established to provide high-level, evidence-based advice to G7 leaders on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide. As a member of the Council, Prof. Gietel-Basten will contribute his expertise to shape discussions, develop actionable recommendations, and drive progress on critical gender equality priorities across the G7 agenda.

Prof. Gietel-Basten's research spans demography, population policy, family change, and gender dynamics, with a focus on East Asia and comparative international perspectives. His work has been widely published in leading academic journals and cited in policy discussions globally. Beyond academia, he brings extensive experience in engaging with governments, international organizations, and civil society to translate rigorous research into policy impact—an expertise he will bring to his role on the GEAC. This prestigious appointment underscores Prof. Gietel-Basten's standing as a leading voice in global gender and population policy.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Gietel-Basten and look forward to his impactful contributions as he takes on this important role, further elevating the Division of Public Policy's engagement in international policy dialogue.

G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council



Prof. Alex Jingwei He Appointed as a Panel Member of the Research Grants Council (RGC)

The Division of Public Policy is proud to announce that Prof. Alex Jingwei He, Professor at the Division of Public Policy, has been appointed as a Panel Member of the Research Grants Council (RGC).

The RGC, established under the University Grants Committee (UGC), is the key public funding body supporting academic research in Hong Kong. It plays a vital role in promoting high-quality research across disciplines and fostering academic excellence in the region. As a member of the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel (Joint Research Schemes), Prof. He will contribute his expertise to the peer review process, evaluating research proposals and advising on funding allocations to support impactful and innovative research projects.

Prof. He's research focuses on public health policy, health system governance, and social policy in Greater China, with extensive publications in leading international journals and significant contributions to evidence-based policy making. His deep understanding of public policy challenges and research methodologies makes him well-positioned to contribute to the RGC's mission of advancing research excellence in Hong Kong.

This appointment reflects the high regard for Prof. He's academic standing and expertise in the field. We extend our warmest congratulations to Prof. He and look forward to his contributions to shaping the future of research funding in the humanities and social sciences in Hong Kong.

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