



IAS NEWSLETTER

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Each year, the IAS welcomes many outstanding staff members as research fellows from science and non-science faculties specializing in various research fields. As a university platform dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary research exchange and collaboration, the IAS provides opportunities for fellows to participate in academic discussions and exchange ideas across disciplines through academic activities such as public lectures, forums, roundtable discussions, and conferences organized by the Institute. To introduce our 26 Research Fellows for the year of 2022-2023, we will be featuring them in three separate issues, grouped according to the clusters they belong to.

What is Signature Research Cluster Programme?

The Signature Research Cluster Programme is one of the academic programmes in the IAS with the purpose of building an interdisciplinary research platform and expanding diverse research fields. It is divided into three clusters — Chinese Culture in Diverse Cultural Environment (CCDE), New Opportunities at the Intersection of Humanities and Sciences (IHUS), and Macao Studies from a Global Perspective (MSGP). By means of top-down design, the IAS will invite internal scholars with research achievements to be the principal investigators of these three SRCs, responsible for carrying out sub-projects centred around the themes. For the academic year 2022-2023, the IAS has 26 affiliated research fellows, consisting of 8 in CCDE, 9 in IHUS, and 9 in MSGP. By fostering cross-disciplinary and collaborative teamwork between the humanities and sciences, the IAS hopes to achieve landmark academic accomplishments with far-reaching impacts. This issue will focus on introducing the research fellows of CCDE.



Chinese Culture in Diverse Cultural Environment (CCDE)

From the perspective of humanities and social sciences, the IAS examines how Macao can evolve into a platform for cultural exchange that emphasizes Chinese culture while embracing multiculturalism. It will work closely with the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Education, the Centre for Chinese History and Culture, the Confucius Institute and other units to create synergies.

Objectives:

- To enrich the Chinese culture in Macao and make it more vibrant and creative
- To construct globally applicable Chinese narratives in a multicultural context
- To develop UM into a Chinese culture powerhouse of the world outside mainland China

Academic Activities in CCDE

To promote high-quality academic activities for this specific cluster, the IAS regularly organizes academic events targeting the research fellows of CCDE. Fellows from various fields actively participate and engage in in-depth discussions with students and scholars, encouraging cross-border cooperation and diverse dialogue in various fields of humanities and social sciences. These efforts aim to establish interdisciplinary and high-level research platforms, and to work together towards promoting the development of CCDE and SRCs.



2022-2023 IAS 1st CCDE Cross-disciplinary Dialogues Meeting



2021-2022 IAS 4th CCDE Cross-disciplinary Dialogues Meeting-Cultural Memory and Poems on History in Early Medieval China

The Title *Our Jing Ke*

- “concretion of identity”
- The cultural bond based on the values of loyalty and commitment.
- Connects the contemporary audience with the ancient figure of Jing Ke.
- Suggests that Jing Ke is one of us.
- “Our” and “My” : choose figures whose character or experience touches the playwright; an emotional attachment to the figure.
- Challenged the social status quo: a historical counter-narrative and new interpretations of important historical events
- iconoclasm

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2022-2023 IAS 1st Lecture on Frontiers in Humanities of CCDE– On Mo Yan’s Historical Play



2021-2022 IAS 3rd IAS Lecture on Frontiers in Humanities – “Translational Spaces: Towards a Chinese Western Convergence”

Research Fellows in CCDE

This cluster consists of 8 research fellows mainly from the faculties of FAH and FSS. Scholars have their own research interests and are dedicated to interdisciplinary research at IAS. Below is the introduction of CCDE fellows for the year 2022-2023:



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. Lee Tien Tsung

Head of the Department of Communication, FSS

Professor of the Department of Communication, FSS

Research Interest: Political Communication

Media Credibility and Effects

Diversity (gender and race) Issues in Media



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. Lin Shaoyang

Head of Academic Programme and Publication of Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences

Distinguished Professor of the Department of History, FAH

Research Interest: The Intellectual, Literary and Political Histories in the East Asian

The Late Qing Chinese Intellectual History

The History of Historiography in Modern China and Japan



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. Hans-Georg Moeller

Professor of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, FAH

Research Interest: Chinese and Comparative Philosophy

(Specifically Daoism)

Social and Political Thought

(Specifically Social Systems Theory)



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. Sun Yifeng

Chair Professor of the Department of English, FAH

Research Interest: Translation Theory

Translation Criticism

Intercultural Studies

Comparative Literature

English & American Literature and Literary Theory



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. João Veloso

Head of the Department Portuguese, FAH

Professor of the Department Portuguese, FAH

Research Interest: Phonology

Theoretical models in Phonology

Formal Phonology

Descriptive Phonology of Portuguese

Comparative Linguistics

Linguistic Typology



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. Wang Di

Associate Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences

Chair Professor of the Department of History, FAH

Research Interest: Modern China

Chinese Social and Cultural History

Chinese Urban History

Chinese Secret Societies

Linguistic Typology



Senior Research Fellow

Prof. Wang Qingjie

Associate Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Distinguished Professor of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, FAH

Research Interest: East-West Comparative Philosophy

Chinese Philosophy

Ethics and Moral Philosophy



Research Fellow

Prof. Zhang Yue

Assistant Dean for Academic Programme of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Associate Professor of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, FAH

Research Interest: Classical Chinese Literature

Sinology Studies