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Event Summary

1 The FIRST Greater Bay Area Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Forum 2023

The FIRST Greater Bay Area Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Forum 2023 was successfully organized by IAS on 26 August 2023. More than 30 doctoral students from renowned universities in mainland China gathered to discuss interdisciplinary subjects encompassing humanities and social sciences, finance and technology, and public health. The forum's objective is to promote academic exchanges in the Greater Bay Area and establish a global platform for interdisciplinary exchange and research.



Professor Yu Xingzhong warmly welcomed the participants at the opening ceremony. He extended his appreciation to the doctoral students who aided in organizing the forum and encouraged the participants to push the boundaries of their disciplines and facilitate the integration and advancement of diverse subjects.

Professor Yuan Fang, the Executive Deputy Editor of “China Law Review,” praised the selected interdisciplinary topics of the forum. She agreed that these topics are widely discussed issues in current academic research and believed that the chosen papers were innovative and had made valuable efforts to introduce a new research paradigm.



The forum was divided into four panel sessions: “ethical issues and regulations in artificial intelligence”, “industrial development and innovation regulation in synthetic biology in the future”, “social governance under public health and new circumstances”, and “oversight of financial technology and cross-border transactions in international financial markets”. The doctoral students gave a presentation on their research findings and participated in roundtable discussions. They engaged in vibrant discussions with the hosts and the audiences and shared their valuable perspectives with each other.



Professor Zhao Guoqiang, from the Faculty of Law of the UM, presented certificates to the eight recipients of the Outstanding Paper Award during the closing ceremony. He encouraged the participants in the forum to maintain their enthusiasm for research, overcome the difficulties and challenges in research, and keep striving for excellence in their academic pursuits.



2 2022 - 2023 IAS Seminar

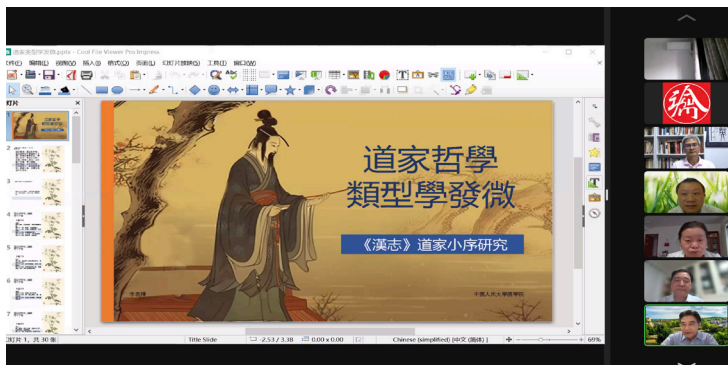
“Exploring the Typology of Taoism: A Study on the Preface of Taoism in ‘Hanzhi’”

Date: 01 September, 2023

Speaker: Li Ruohui, Professor, School of Chinese Classics, Renmin University of China

Moderator: Yu Xingzhong, Director of IAS, Chair Professor, Faculty of Law, UM

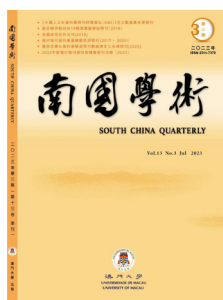
The IAS seminar for the 2023-2024 academic year titled “Exploring the Typology of Taoism: A Study on the Preface of Taoism in ‘Hanzhi’” was successfully held on 1 September via Zoom during the typhoon. Professor Li Ruohui was invited to discuss the significant and far-reaching impact of Taoist philosophy in the field of history and interpersonal interactions.



Professor Li emphasized the core principles of Taoism, which include purity, self-restraint, humility, and the belief that a “Junzi” should align with nature and abide by its natural laws. Professor Li referred to classical texts, such as “Laozi,” to highlight Taoism’s distinct perspectives on success, survival, blessings, misfortunes, and both ancient and modern ideas.

At the end, Professor Li highlighted the connection between the monarch and the people, and explained how to manage interpersonal relationships using the principles of Taoism, which are characterized by both limitations and boundlessness.

Latest Publication



Journal of South China Quarterly

- The latest issue (Vol.13 No.3 Apr 2023) of South China Quarterly has been published.
- E-version is now available scan the QR Code on WeChat or on the IAS website: <https://ias.um.edu.mo/scq/>



The South China Quarterly is edited and published by the UM as its arts journal. It is a comprehensive journal that covers academic research and study in humanities and social sciences with the publishing principle of “focusing on humanities, touching upon inter-disciplinarity and transcending beyond boundaries”. The journal is published in traditional Chinese characters and issued on a quarterly basis. Articles in this quarterly journal cover global and regional issues. Meanwhile, they not only consider the East and China from a global perspective but also engage in discussions about global issues from the Eastern viewpoint.

Upcoming Events



Guia Lecture – The Misinterpreted Demise of Qin Keqing: A Multifaceted Analysis Blending Socio-Legal and Redology 東望洋講堂：被誤讀的秦可卿之死——法社會學與紅學的複合考察

Date: 8 September, 2023 (Friday)

Participation mode: E31 – Theatre and Online via Zoom

Speaker: Professor Ke Lan

Moderator: Professor Yu Xingzhong

Language: Chinese



Writing about the daily life of modern Chinese cities - big issues in small tea houses 書寫當代中國城市的日常生活——小茶館裡的大問題

Date: 15 September, 2023 (Friday)

Participation mode: Zhuhai UM Science & Technology Research Institute and Online via WeChat Channels Live

Speaker: Professor Wang Di

Language: Chinese

Symposium on Therapeutic Jurisprudence 療愈法學專題研討會

Date: 28 September, 2023 (Thursday)

Participation mode: Online via Zoom

Organizers: Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, University of Macau and The HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education

Language: English

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