

# Summary of Departmental Strengths Lingnan University

## *Faculty of Arts*

### **Department of Chinese**

在香港八家大學的中文系中，本校中文系已形成自己的特色，尤其在文學、經學和語言學研究領域，在海內外學術界也有一定的影響。

蔡宗齊教授為嶺南大學中文系講座教授，長期擔任美國伊利諾大學香檳校區中國文學和比較文學教授，是享有國際聲譽的著名學者。蔡教授主持《嶺南學報》復刊工作，致力於復興廣州嶺南大學輝煌的國學傳統，提升本系學術研究水準，使嶺大中文系的聲譽更上一個臺階。

本系在經學、語言學和文學方面有李雄溪教授、許子濱教授、汪春泓教授、司徒秀英教授、徐剛教授等，研究成果迭出。剛退休的許子東教授則為著名的中國現當代文學研究專家。專注于香港文學與電影研究的，則有黃淑嫻教授。

本系榮休講座教授劉紹銘教授和榮譽教授馬幼垣教授都是國際著名的學者，榮譽教授劉燕萍教授尤擅長結合西方文學理論研究古典小說和粵劇。他們退休後，仍繼續關注和提攜中文系的學術發展。2008 至 2012 年期間，嶺大中文系獲香港賽馬會資助，設立“傑出現代文學訪問教授計畫”，獲邀請的學者包括復旦大學陳思和教授、顧彬教授、王曉明教授、劉再復教授和鐘玲教授等。另一方面，本系自 2003 年起亦設立駐校作家計畫，曾邀請白先勇、馬原、王安憶、阿城、李昂、張大春、蘇童、陳冠中、黎紫書等作家到本系任教。這兩項計畫均對本系的研究生課程有直接的幫助。

在嶺大中文系畢業的研究生，不少已有卓越的文學和學術成就，如上海作家須蘭，是《投名狀》的主要編劇；香港作家陳慧，代表作《拾香記》獲香港中文文學雙年獎。

### **Department of Cultural Studies**

Established in 2000, the Department of Cultural Studies is the first department of its kind in Asia, with a fully interdisciplinary and international faculty committed exclusively to teaching and research in contemporary Cultural Studies.

The department also offer various opportunities for exposure to workshops in different locations through our Inter-Asia cultural studies networks.

### **Department of English**

Contemporary English Studies is one exciting area of teaching and research at Lingnan. The Department of English offers an Honours Degree programme and a postgraduate programme in English Studies. For us, English Studies embraces the twin strands of Contemporary Literary Studies and Applied Linguistic Studies.

Our departmental research interests include:

#### **General**

- Semiotics
- Metaphor Theory

#### **Applied Linguistic Studies**

- Sociolinguistics
- English in Hong Kong
- World Englishes and English as a Lingua Franca
- Second Language Pronunciation
- Discourse Analysis and Critical Discourse Analysis
- Corpus Linguistics
- Linguistic Landscapes
- Language and Identity
- Language Ideology

#### **Contemporary Literary Studies**

- Critical Theory
- Asian Literatures in English
- Tragic Drama and Tragic Discourse
- Cross-Cultural Studies of Literature
- Travel Writing
- Literature in Adaptation

Details of staff research and teaching expertise can be found on the departmental website:

[https://www.LN.edu.hk/eng/academic\\_staff](https://www.LN.edu.hk/eng/academic_staff).

The Department is deeply committed to Lingnan's ethos of "student-centred learning" and "teaching the whole person". For postgraduates, it offers

- regular, attentive and supportive supervision
- high-quality research support, with excellent library and computing facilities
- vigorous and friendly discussions in seminars and informally
- financial support to attend conferences and for archival research
- research links with similar departments internationally
- opportunities for undergraduate teaching
- collegial relations with staff who welcome and value our postgraduates

### **Department of History**

The Department of History at Lingnan currently has seven full-time faculty members, and their research areas cover the whole span of Chinese history, history of Hong Kong, modern British and European history, and American history. The Department is particularly interested in recruiting students who are interested in global and transnational history.

Professor William Guanglin Liu's research focuses on Chinese economic history, political economy of late Imperial China, Chinese military history, Neo-Confucianism and the market economy in a historical perspective.

Professor Lau Chi-pang is a specialist of Hong Kong History, Ming and Qing China, Modern China, Chinese Intellectual History.

Associate Professor Chunmei Du is a specialist of modern Chinese intellectual and cultural history. Her recent work studies Chinese conservatism, Chinese diaspora, and American military in China in the 1940s in global and comparative contexts.

Associate Professor Mark Hampton is a specialist of 19th and 20th century Britain, media history in particular. His recent work has shifted to imperial culture: Hong Kong's place in 20th century British culture, when Hong Kong was a colony of Britain. He is part of a cluster of History faculty who work with Hong Kong and South China.

Associate Professor Vincent S. Leung is a specialist of early Chinese history (ca. 1000 BCE to 200 CE). He is specifically interested in the political and intellectual history of this period. His research interests include imperial formations, history of historiography, and the development of economic thought in ancient China and Eurasia at large.

Assistant Professor Diana Lemberg specialises in Twentieth-century U.S. history, twentieth-century European history, colonial and imperial formations, human-rights history, cultural history, history of technology, and global English.

Assistant Professor Zhang Lei is a specialist of modern China, trained both as a historian and geographer, his research focuses on urban history, environmental history and historical geography of China.

### **Department of Philosophy**

By the beginning of the next academic year, the Department of Philosophy at Lingnan will have at least 12 faculty members. Their expertise covers all of the main areas in philosophy, including aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, history of Chinese philosophy, logic, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of science. The work of Lingnan philosophers has been published by leading publishers (e.g. Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press) and in top journals (e.g. *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Ethics*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, and *Philosophy of Science*). Further information on our current staff list and interests can be found at [https://www.LN.edu.hk/philoso/?page\\_id=9](https://www.LN.edu.hk/philoso/?page_id=9).

Given the breadth and high quality of research done by Lingnan philosophers, the Department is one of the best places in Asia for undertaking doctoral studies in philosophy, especially in analytic philosophy. The department is a place of lively philosophical exchanges in our regular staff seminars and even more in informal and frequent discussions.

### **Department of Translation**

The Department of Translation at Lingnan is one of the largest in Hong Kong, with some of the best translation scholars in the Chinese speaking world. It has long been recognised as one of the top translation departments in Greater China, upholding a proud tradition of excellence in scholarship and teaching. In recent years, professors in the Department have published extensively in numerous significant international journals. Faculty are especially strong in translation theory, to which we bring interdisciplinary interests, thereby contributing to the development of Translation Studies.

In addition, the Department is uniquely endowed with a capacity to explore problems related to English-to-Chinese and Chinese-to-English translation. The Department offers not only opportunities for research in many areas of Translation Studies, but also a well-developed and congenial community that provides strong support to its graduate students in advancing their

intellectual development as they proceed through the PhD programme. Some of our PhD graduates are now teaching at such prestigious institutions as Tsinghua University and Shanghai International Studies University. Our PhD programme is a vigorous and rigorous one aiming to prepare our students to meet the research challenges they will confront in their future academic careers.

### **Department of Visual Studies**

Visual Studies at Lingnan is a stand-alone department, focusing on the following core sub-disciplines: art history, film studies, and philosophical aesthetics. The emphasis on philosophical aesthetics gives Visual Studies at Lingnan a unique profile, as does the emphasis on cognitive approaches to film, museum studies, art and well-being, and Chinese art in a global context. For more information about our department, please visit <https://www.LN.edu.hk/visual/>.

## ***Faculty of Business***

### **Department of Accountancy**

The Accountancy Department at Lingnan has the overall ranking of 154 worldwide based on accounting research publications in the last six years according to a comprehensive survey “Accounting Rankings for Universities 2019” by Brigham Young University ([www.byuaccounting.net](http://www.byuaccounting.net)). By topical areas, our research in taxation, financial accounting and auditing are ranked 73, 106, 190 worldwide respectively. This is a great achievement given the small scale of the department. The Department has published research in top-tier academic journals, including *The Accounting Review*; *Journal of Accounting and Economics*; *Contemporary Accounting Research*; *Review of Accounting Studies*; *Accounting, Organization and Society*; *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*; *Journal of Financial Economics* and *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*. Our research contributes to accounting theory and practice that offers significant insights to the accountancy profession in the Mainland and Hong Kong.

### **Department of Computing and Decision Sciences**

The Department of Computing and Decision Sciences is one of the five departments in the Faculty of Business, specialising in teaching and research in Data Science (DS), Information Systems Management (ISM) and Operations Management (OM). It has a small group of faculty members who are among the most active researchers in Hong Kong in their specialised research areas (<http://cptra.ln.edu.hk/>), and who are well recognised by peers with competitive research grants and publications in high quality journals (e.g. *Management Science*, *Operations Research*, *Production and Operations Management*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, *Communications of the ACM*, *Decision Support Systems*, and *Information and Management*).

The Department offers MPhil and PhD degree programmes in Business with a special focus on DS, ISM and OM. We welcome motivated applicants and are fully committed to offering the best possible learning and research environment for our MPhil and PhD students. Qualified applicants are also encouraged to consider the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), a highly competitive and prestigious programme established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong.

## **Department of Finance and Insurance**

The Department of Finance and Insurance has seven faculty members who are active in research. Our research interests are wide ranging and use theoretical, empirical, and applied approaches. Faculty have recently completed studies on credit ratings, securities volatility and derivatives, bank lending decisions, corporate finance, and theoretical models of insurance and risk management. The findings from these studies have been published in prestigious international journals.

The research students work closely with their supervisors. In addition to their theses, the students have the opportunity to work with faculty members on other research projects. Students do relevant coursework at Lingnan and at other local universities. One characteristic of our approach is that students start to work on research projects from their first term.

## **Department of Management**

Lingnan's Department of Management has developed research strengths in major areas as conflict management, organisation studies, business ethics, innovation and entrepreneurship, cross-cultural management, and China business studies and is also exploring emerging research issues. Our research supports Lingnan University's liberal arts mission of developing and applying knowledge for public service. We seek motivated, capable students who are committed to developing their research competence through our postgraduate programmes.

## **Department of Marketing and International Business**

Our faculty received their doctoral degrees in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, or the United States. Over the years, the graduates of our programme have been gainfully employed by organisations in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas. Some continue to pursue advanced studies in other prestigious universities, including Georgia State University, McGill University, Rutgers University, York University, University of Connecticut, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Alberta. Our graduates have presented their research findings at international academic conferences such as the Academy of International Business Conference and Marketing Science Conference. Some of them have won such awards as "Best Graduate Student Paper" or "Best Conference Paper" at international conferences.

## *Faculty of Social Sciences*

### **Department of Applied Psychology**

Teaching and research in the Department of Applied Psychology cover many exciting areas, including occupational health psychology, counselling psychology, applied social psychology, cross-cultural psychology, cognitive psychology, and human-computer interaction, etc. Members of staff have internationally recognised expertise in the areas of:

- Occupational health psychology (occupational stress, work-life balance, psychology of safety, job insecurity)
- Counselling psychology (anxiety and coping and abnormal psychology)
- Cross-cultural psychology
- Applied social psychology
- Interpersonal communication
- Sensation and perception

### **Department of Economics**

With 13 regular academic staff, the Department of Economics is large by Lingnan's standards. Its members all hold PhDs from top universities internationally, and now counts with world-renowned scholar in International Economics, Professor Mark Rosenzweig as its Distinguished Adjunct Professor (spending periods of two weeks with us annually). Professor Rosenzweig is Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics and Director, Economic Growth Center at Yale University. The Department of Economics has been punching above its weight on research since being rated among the top 2 highest Economics Departments in Hong Kong in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (2006) conducted by the Hong Kong SAR Government, with a huge 94.13% score against an average 76.72% in Business and Economics in Hong Kong's universities generally. Equally important for our research students, the Department hosts a constant string of top scholars from around the world for short visits and seminars.

The Economics Department's research and expertise span broad areas of economic theory and empirical and policy work — in international economics, finance and trade, competition policy, labour markets, housing and health policy, environmental economics, ageing problems and population economics. The publications by the staff members of the Economics Department have appeared in the leading journals in economics and finance such as *Econometrica*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *International Economic Review*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, and *Journal of International Economics*.



## **Department of Political Science**

Internationally-experienced faculty members in the Department of Political Science have quality publication records and some are recognised as experts in their fields of study. Faculty members in the Department specialise in a wide range of sub-disciplines, such as government and politics of Hong Kong and China, Asian-Pacific international relations, and regional and global politics. Particular strengths in instruction and supervision include governance of Hong Kong, Chinese reform politics, regionalism, sport-politics nexus, Chinese foreign and security policies, Korean peninsula politics, and democratisation in Asia.

## **Department of Sociology and Social Policy**

The Department of Sociology and Social Policy has more than ten professorial members from six different countries. Since 2014, it has had 19 research postgraduate students from Asia, Africa, Europe and North America, including an outstanding record of six Hong Kong PhD Fellows. The department also offers taught MA courses, which are available to our research students. Members of staff currently have a world-leading or internationally recognised expertise in areas including:

- Ageing, social gerontology
- Comparative policy including international education
- Economic and urban sociology; housing
- Gender and sexuality studies
- Health research, population; social well-being
- Hong Kong society and culture
- Income inequality and social stratification
- Justice and society; transitional and historical justice
- Religion, ethnic minorities
- Social and political thought; political sociology
- Social theory

## *Core Curriculum and General Education Office*

### **Science Unit**

As a liberal arts university, Lingnan University aims to provide a unique postgraduate experience in Environmental Science by combining the expertise in the Science Unit with the three faculties (Arts, Social Sciences, and Business), as well as partnerships with local and international NGOs.

The Science Unit has five members whose research and teaching interests cover core areas of environmental science including ecology, evolution, geology, geography, urban studies, and environmental education.

The MPhil in Environmental Science Programme is the first ever science programme offered by the Science Unit at Lingnan University. It is a two-year full-time postgraduate programme and it is now inviting application for the second cohort starting in the academic year 2021-22. This programme will equip students with a strong theoretical background in environmental sciences, as well as provide a diversity of hands-on, experiential experiences needed to be successful in this field.

#### **Key research areas:**

##### **1. Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation**

- Phylogenetics and population genetics
- Freshwater and terrestrial ecology
- Surveys of the wildlife trade in Asia
- Development of new technologies to aid in wildlife trade enforcement

##### **2. Urban Climate, Air Pollution, and Environmental Health**

- 3D-GIS and spatial modelling
- Environmental and social impact assessment (urban climate and air pollution)
- Environmental epidemiology and health technologies
- Environmental consciousness and sustainability

##### **3. Science and Environmental Education**