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PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING CRIMES

The rapid development of socio-economic changes in contemporary societies and international cities has created unique challenges in preventing and controlling crimes. In viewing of this, the Department of Applied Social Studies organized the International Symposium on 15 and 16 April, 2009. The symposium was held at Wei Hing Theatre in City University which delivered academic and practical knowledge of Criminology including crime prevention, causes of offending, offender rehabilitation and restorative justice in the hope of maintaining Hong Kong as one of the safest cities in the world.

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Report on the International Symposium on Reducing Offending and Preventing Re-offending

The symposium has attracted more than 200 participants, which include social workers, psychologists, police, correctional officers, governmental officials, policy makers, educators and students. The symposium was marked as huge success with the stunning publicity and overwhelming support by the co-organizers, the Correctional Services Department of the HKSAR Government and the Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention.

There were altogether four keynote presentations and three plenary sessions in the symposium - a total of 16 scholarly papers. Speakers are from places around the world including China, England, Hong Kong, Macau, Scotland, Singapore, Taiwan, and U.S.A. We are, in particular, honored to have Prof. Ronald Clarke, Prof. Nick Tilley, and Prof. Gill McIvor and Prof T.W. Lo, world renowned scholars in Criminology, to share their expert knowledge on crime prevention and offender reintegration with

Words from the Head


Society implies the existence of social rules, rules which express from mild disapproval to the severest penalties of the crime concentrated almost wholly upon, the deviant reaction was largely taken for granted. On the Symposium on Preventing Offending and Re-offending, the world have been invited to delivery their views from a different angle. The initial deviance or crime is taken as the subject of the Symposium. We are celebrating this event as one of our celebration of



participants. Thanks are also given to overseas speakers including Prof P. Senior, Prof. X.H. Di, Prof. J.H. Cheng, Prof. W.C. Chan, and Dr R.H. Zhao. They, together with renowned criminologists such as Dr Dennis Wong, Dr Eric Chui, Dr. Lena Zhong, Dr Jessica Li, Mr David Chan, Mr S.F. Yuen, and Mr Rouben Wu, have made high quality presentations at the following plenary sessions titled "Preventing Offending: Theory, Strategy and Evidence", "Offender Rehabilitation: Theories and Practices" and "Alternatives to Prosecution and Restorative Practices" respectively.

Scholars from all over the world also joined in a roundtable session on April 16 morning to discuss about issues related to 'one woman apartment' crimes (一樓一鳳罪案). They also have a chance to visit a centre run by The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention and the Pik Uk Prison run by the Correctional Services Department on the same day. All these are valuable chances for overseas scholars to have a feel of criminal justice system in Hong Kong.





... mutual expectations, and breaches of which may incur sanctions ranging from fines to imprisonment. In the past, research on deviant behavior, his handicaps or behavior, upon the criminal and his crime. The social reaction to the crime. On the 15th and 16th of April 2009, SS Department has organized an international symposium on Re-offending. Different eminent scholars from many other parts of the world have gathered to discuss the crime from the opposite perspective. This time we approach the crime from the opposite perspective. It is the nature and effects of the social reaction that become the focus of this Symposium and happy to use this opportunity for SS's 20th anniversary at CityU.

There is no doubt that the symposium has provided a platform for scholars, professionals and students to identify solutions for a number of criminological issues, and made contributions in integrating existing knowledge generated by scientific research. The interflow of ideas among speakers and participants has stimulated thinking on the roles that criminologists, policy makers, law enforcement personnel, and social workers should play in addressing crime prevention and offender rehabilitation.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the two co-organizers' contribution in making the symposium a successful one, and our Head of Department, Professor Alex Kwan, for officiating the symposium. I am indebted to various members of the Organizing Committee. They include Professor Lo Tit Wing (Adviser), Dr. Lena Zhong (Vice-Chair), Dr Jessica Li (Financial Secretary); the two moderators Dr. Tom Yuen and Dr. Christopher Cheng; and three other members including Mr. Stephen Ma, Mr. Ding-kee Lai and Mr. Chris Kong. I must also thank my BSocSc Criminology students. They have devoted all their hearts and hands in preparing the conference materials, taking care of the reception, photo-taking, and providing lovely entertainment during the farewell dinner. Last but not least, I have to express my heartfelt gratitude to the four capable conference secretaries including Mr Lawrence Wong, Mr Jeff Kwok, Ms Lemameme Chen, and Mr Castor Wu.

By Dr Dennis S W Wong
The Chairperson of Organizing Committee of Symposium

"In this conference, scholars discuss research which has not been explored in Hong Kong yet. This is highly beneficial to us. Their analyses widen our horizon and provide us insights in studying criminology... Overall, the conference raises the community's awareness on how social capital could help to prevent re-offending. I really find the Symposium highly fruitful for my study as well as for the benefit of Hong Kong society." –

Jessica Wong, Year 3 student, BSocSc Criminology

"When I was having lunch and dinner with all the renowned scholars, I did have opportunities to share my own study experience at City University and introduce Hong Kong to them. Besides, I am also glad to have a chance to ask these scholars questions such as crime situation in other countries. From their sincere sharing with me, I knew more about the crime situation abroad and felt great to talk to them." –

Lawrence Kwok, Year 2 student, BSocSc Criminology

"As a participant as well as a helper of the symposium, I enjoyed the preparation work. It gave me an opportunity to experience how to organize such a large-scale international symposium... Overall, I am very pleased to have such a chance to participate in the symposium which gives me a sense of importance, and makes my university life more meaningful." –

Eva Cheng, Year 2 student, BSocSc Criminology





**Promoting Harmony and Justice in a World of Conflict:
An International Conference on Social Work and
Counselling Practice 2009**

Date : **2-5 June, 2009.**

Venue : **City University of Hong Kong**

Organizer : **Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong S.A.R., China**

Co-organizer : **Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston,
Houston, Texas, U.S.A.**

In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of City University of Hong Kong, an International Conference with the theme Promoting Harmony and Justice in a World of Conflict is being organized by the Department of Applied Social Studies and co-organized by the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Houston. It will be held from June 2-5, 2009 at City University.

This conference is designed to study social work and counselling practice from bio-psycho-social-cultural-spiritual, socioeconomic, and political perspectives, and it prides itself in providing an update on the current advancements in all areas of social work and counselling practice and research. There will be leading experts presenting for three and a half days on promoting harmony and social justice, conducting evidence-informed practice, and working with different client groups. To support the local community while promoting academic exchange, a series of skills training workshops and open lectures on a wide range of topics on social work and counselling practice will be organized in parallel with paper presentations.

By *Dr LEE Tak-yau, Conference Convener*



Registration for the conference is welcome. For details, please visit : <http://ssteach2.cityu.edu.hk/~cswc>

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Conference Keynote Speakers

Subtheme 1: Macro Social Work Practice in a World of Conflict

Dean and Professor Ira C. Colby, DSW, LCSW, ACSW,

Dean, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston and President, Council on Social Work Education

Subtheme 2: Evidence-informed Social Work and Counselling Practice

Professor Michael Holosko,

Pauline M. Berger Professor of Family and Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Georgia

Subtheme 3: Counselling Practice in a World of Conflict

Professor Adrian Raine,

University Professor and the Richard Perry Professor, Department of Criminology, Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Pennsylvania

Subtheme 4: Working with Diverse Clientele in a World of Conflict

Professor Robert Neimeyer,

Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Memphis

Plenary Keynote Speakers

Professor Edward Canda, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas

Presentation paper: Spiritually Sensitive Social Work: Evidence and Theory Base for Promoting Harmony of Self, Society, and World

Professor Monit Cheung, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

Presentation paper: Utilizing Child Sexual Abuse Interview Protocol with Diverse Client Populations

Professor Brigid Daniel, Department of Applied Social Science, University of Stirling

Presentation paper: Child Welfare and Protection Reform in the UK—Messages from Our Experience

Professor Susan H. Gere, Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences, Lesley University

Presentation paper: Evidence-informed Trauma Counselling in an International Context

Professor Lawrence H. Gerstein, Department of Counselling Psychology and Guidance Services, Ball State University

Presentation paper: To be confirmed

Mrs. Deborah Ann Holosko, School of Social Work, University of Georgia
Presentation paper: Developing Evidence Based Questions in Determining Capability for Long Term Care Decisions

Dr. Kam Ping Kwong, Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of HK

Presentation paper: To be confirmed

Professor Patrick Leung, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

Presentation paper: Practitioners as Evaluators: Models for Evidence-based Practice Evaluations

Mr. Liu Ren Jou, President, Tainan Family EQ Development Association, Tainan, Taiwan

Presentation paper: Counselling for Deep Healing: Therapy from the Family Perspective

Professor Joav Merrick, Medical Director, Division for Mental Retardation, Ministry of Social Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel

Presentation paper: A world of conflict: Service for people with intellectual disability in Israel in the midst of many conflicts

Dr. Kwok Siu-Ming, School of Social Work, University of Western Ontario
Presentation paper: Child Welfare Discourse in Western Cultures and Its Implications to Child Protection Practice in Chinese Communities

Professor Andrew Pithouse, School of Social Sciences, University of Cardiff

Presentation paper: Engaging early in children's needs in England through the Common Assessment Framework: New challenges for practice in England and Wales?

Professor Virginia C. Robbins, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston,

Clinical Professor and Director of Field Education

Presentation paper: To be confirmed.

Professor Steven Shardlow, School of Community, Health Sciences and Social Care

University of Salford

Presentation paper: Ethical Social Work for a Harmonious and Just World

Dr. Dora Tam, School of Social Work, University of Western Ontario

Presentation paper: Justice and Community Response on Intimate Partner Violence in Canada and Their Transferability in China

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Preparation Committee for the Social Work Alumni Association, CityU

In order to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of City University of Hong Kong and the 21st Anniversary of Department of Applied Social Studies, a preparation committee for the Social Work Alumni Association was established on 8 January 2009 with the help of Department of Applied Social Studies. All graduates of Social Work undergraduate and postgraduate courses, including Diploma of Social Work students who were graduated before 1993 (Full-time) and 1994 (Part-time) are welcome to join.

The convener of the committee is Mr LEUNG Tsz-tun, Arnold (BSSSW-2004). There are 8 core members of the group, graduated from 1986 to 2008 in social work courses, working in both social work and non-social work field. Mr MAK Hoi-wah, Assistant Professor, is the teaching adviser. We have held altogether 4 (5) meetings in the previous months and have collated the aims of forming the Social Work Alumni Association—

- To relate the graduates;
- To promote the coherence of the graduates and create a platform for their mutual sharing in enhancing their professional growth; and
- To serve the Department for enhancing the professionalism of the social work students through graduate mentor scheme, career talks, and mock interview.

The proposed mission of the Social Work Alumni Association—

- To enhance the social and professional network of alumni and social work students;
- To support the Department of Applied Social Studies to achieve its educational mission;
- To enrich the professional growth of social work students from college to practice;
- To collaborate with other alumni associations and professional bodies to achieve the objectives of our association;
- To make professional contribution to the betterment of Hong Kong community.

In the previous meetings, we have invited representatives from Alumni Relations Office and other existing executive committee members of other alumni associations in CityU to show us the resources we may have from the school and the experiences of them. The members of the preparation committee have been taken part actively in the Graduate Mentor Scheme 2009 and Interview Workshop for the final year students this year in private capacity. In the coming months, we are going to hold a reunion dinner to meet the alumni of different years and the teachers by October 2009, and a consultation session to decide the way forward of the Alumni Association.



If you are interested to join the preparation committee or the reunion dinner, you may wish to contact us at either way—

E-mail : cityusocialworkalumni@yahoo.com.hk

Webpage : <http://hk.myblog.yahoo.com/cityusocialwork-alumni/> or

Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=71400939816&ref=mf>; and

Contact Mr MAK Hoi-wah, Assistant Professor, at e-mail ssmakhw@cityu.edu.hk or telephone 2788 8981.



Promoting Growth and Well-Being amid Diversity

An International Conference on Psychology in Modern Cities

Date : **24-27 June, 2009 (Wed - Sat)**

Venue : **City University of Hong Kong**

Organizers : **Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong S.A.R., China.**

The Hong Kong Psychological Society, Hong Kong S.A.R., China.

In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of City University of Hong Kong, and 20th anniversary of the Department of Applied Social Studies, an international conference, Psychology in Modern Cities: Promoting Growth and Well-Being amid Diversity, will be hosted to highlight current advancements in psychological research relevant to growth and well-being. A number of leading experts have been invited to present the most current findings and developments in their own fields of research for 3 days. Delegates from the Hong Kong Psychological Society will enrich the interflows of ideas with inputs and experiences derived from professional practice. The focus of the scientific program of the conference is on the following topics:

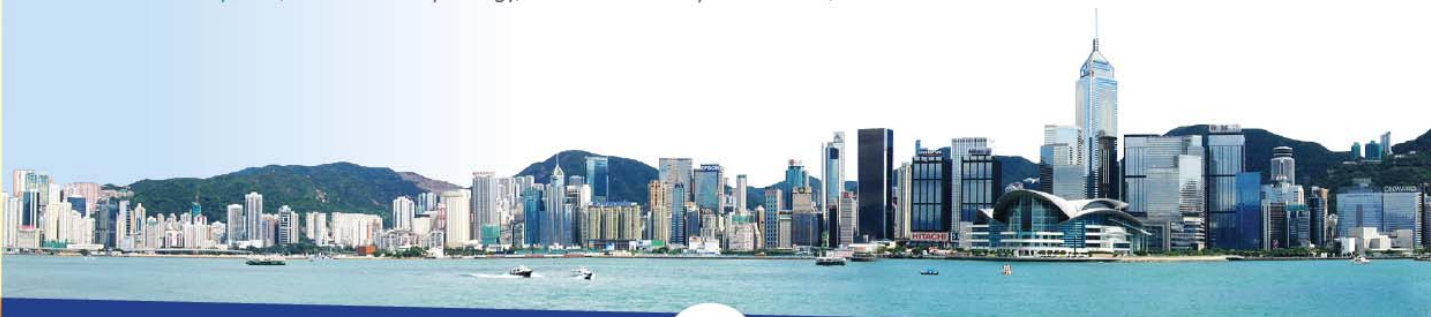
Development, Growth and Diversity

Keynote Title: School Bullying: Reflections on Eastern and Western Perspectives
Professor Peter K Smith, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

Speech Title: Towards Differentiated Constructions of Autonomy Experiences in Learning: Insights from Filipino Adolescent Students' Perceptions of the Legitimacy of Parental Control over Academics
Dr Allan B.I. Bernardo, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines

Speech Title: Posttraumatic Stress Reactions among Survivors in the Early Stage after the Sichuan Earthquake
Professor Yuqing Zhang, Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Speech Title: A Cross-Cultural Perspective on the Development of Fairness Behaviour
Professor Liqi Zhu, Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China





Multiculturalism and the Brain

Keynote Title: Cultural Influences and Neural Substrates of Human Cognition

Professor Shihui Han, Peking University, China

Speech Title: Immigrant/Host Community Relations in Multicultural Settings: Recent Acculturation Research

Professor Richard Y. Bourhis, Université de Québec à Montréal, Canada

Speech Title: Hot and Cool Reactions to Foreign Cultures: Some Social Psychological Implications of Globalization

Professor Chi-Yue Chiu, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Speech Title: Cultural Neuroscience: Examples and Reflections

Professor Ying-Yi Hong, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.

Psychosocial and Neuroendocrine Correlates of Well-Being

Keynote Title: Integrating Emotional, Cognitive, and Neuroendocrine Measures in the Study of Successful Aging

Professor Phil Evans, University of Westminster, UK

Speech title: Pursuing Goals You Really Want: Motive Congruence and Well-Being in Turkish Immigrants

Dr. rer. nat. Michael Bender, Tilburg University, Netherlands

Speech Title: The Study of Paranoid Ideation in Non-Clinical Samples in the Chinese Context

Professor Raymond Chan, Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Speech Title: Social Relationships and Psychological Well-being in Chinese Older Adults

Professor Sheung Tak Cheng, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong S.A.R.

Speech Title: The Cortisol Awakening Response (CAR) as a Biomarker of Psychosocial Variables, Well-Being and Health

Professor Angela Clow, University of Westminster, UK

Speech Title: Neuroendocrine Pathways to Well-Being and Health

Professor Frank Hucklebridge, University of Westminster, UK

Speech Title: Psychosocial Well-being: Perspectives and Interventions

Dr. B. Udaya Kumar Reddy, International Institute of Stress Management, India



Registration for the conference is welcome. For details, please visit : <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/ss/psyconference/>

By Julian Lia, Conference Convenor

