Natural Resources and Human Subsistence Strategies in South China Between 10000 and 5000 Years Ago

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This project aims to investigate the environment, natural resources and human subsistence strategies during the period between 10,000 and 5,000 years ago in South China, focusing in the Yong River valley in South Guangxi. This period was a crucial time in prehistory, particularly in East Asia, as agriculture occurred both in the Yangzi and the Yellow Valleys, with rice and millet being the major cultivars respectively. The emergence of agriculture was one of the greatest events in human history. It was based upon rice and millet cultivation that Chinese civilization was founded.

The progenitor of domesticated rice is the wild rice, a grass still widely distributed in South China today. Yet evidence for the earliest rice cultivation to date are found in the Yangzi Valley. It has been argued that agriculture was only introduced into South China from the Yangzi Valley by around 5000 BP. Is this argument correct? Why, in South China, which is the heartland of wild rice, rice farming did not occur indigenously? What were the subsistence strategies for the prehistoric occupants in South China during the period from 10,000 to 5000 years ago, when their neighbouring hunter-gatherers in the Yangzi Valley became farmers? Did people in prehistoric South China exploit wild rice? Did they also cultivate rice, or were they still relying upon hunting, gathering and fishing? In each case, what were the causes for the static, or changing economic activities? Those are the questions that this project will focus on. (SS00939)

Resettlement and Indigenous People: A Study of Long Geng Kenyah in Sarawak

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This project is an up-dated study of the Kenyah people (an indigenous minority in Sarawak, Malaysia). Since my study in 1995, the people had been relocated to another site. The study investigates the initial effects of relocation on this people, and sees how the people cope with their economic and social life in the relocated area. It contributes to the study of indigenous people and development, and the results are useful for comparison with the study of indigenous people in China and elsewhere. Theoretically the study contributes to the understanding of how disempowered people articulate their local interests. (SS00377)

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Construction of the Model of AMO for the Exhibition

- HO Puay Peng
- ☐ 1 June 2000
- Leisure & Cultural Services Department, HKSAR Government

To build a model of Antiquating and Monuments Office building. (SS99056)

Photographic Documentation of Pictorial Decorations

- MO Puay Peng
- □ 1 November 2000
- ❖ Leisure & Cultural Services Department, HKSAR Government

The project is to survey key chinese building in rural Hong Kong for pictorial depiction. A database of representative examples will be compiled. (SS00364)

A Model of the Development of Tsuen Wan

- MO Puay Peng
- ☐ 1 November 2000
- Leisure & Cultural Services Department, HKSAR Government

The research is for exploring the urban history of Tsuen Wan for the purpose of developing an exhibition of urban Tsuen Wan. (SS20011)

Cartographic Survey and Recording of Haw Par Mansion and Tiger Balm Gardens

- MO Puay Peng
- □ 1 April 2001
- Leisure & Cultural Services Department, HKSAR Government

Survey and measurement of Haw Par Villa and Tiger Balm Garden. Documentation of existing house, structures and garden features. (SS20016)

Developing Innovative School Design Parameters in Hong Kong for 21st Century

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- □ 1 July 2000
- Quality Education Fund, HKSAR Government

Objectives: The project aims to develop an interactive document to provide future school design parameters to guide school sponsoring bodies and design consultants in undertaking future public sector school building design, in line with the latest development in education reform, community aspirations and international standards.

Targets and expected number of beneficiaries: Over 500 representatives from the following sectors, but the outcome of the project will virtually benefit and have impact on all future school designs and their users: educational/ curriculum experts; education administrators/ school principals; parents; teachers; students; architects from private and public sectors; building consultants and contractors; urban planners; social workers/ psychologists; financial experts and relevant statutory bodies and departments.

Implementation Method: The proposed methodology of the project involves (1) research and consultation; (2) surveys; (3) design workshops and seminars; (4) integration and design testings; (5) publicity and exhibition; and is intended to be carried out in collaboration with the Education Department and the Hong Kong Kong Institute of Architects.

Process: The development of the design parameters contained within the document will adopt an open, interactive, participatory and community process, through further workshops and consultation involving the aforesaid sectors. An essential element of the proposed project is to receive evaluation and feedback from participants for incorporation into the constituents of the school "design parameters". (SS20004)

An Appraisal of Spatial Standards and Facilities Levels of Elderly-care Architecture in Hong Kong

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- ☐ 1 November 2000
- CUHK Research Committee Funding (Direct Grants)

The key objective of the proposed project is to develop a document outlining the current Spatial Standards and Provisions of Elderly-care Facilities in Hong Kong, with the aim to use such initial appraisal outcome to propose any need of improvements in the spatial provisions, resulting in the review of the current policy standards. The project is to be carried out in collaboration with the Services for the Elderly Division of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, and the Community Development Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects.

There lacks in Hong Kong a common definition of the area standard for the elderly facilities, although a required area of 6.5m² net floor area per resident is the minimum standard required for the licensing of private homes for the elderly. Such standards vary greatly among the private, subvented and other NGO institutions. The CUHK architectural team would carry out a "facilities appraisal" of the range of currently provided elderly facilities to compare the existing area and spatial provisions, to identify the state of the problems and any provision deficiencies. The outcome of the project is to provide an appraisal document which provides elderly-care architectural design spatial reference parameters to assist NGO sponsoring bodies and design consultants in undertaking future elderly-care facilities design, in line with the latest development in "Care for the Elderly" policy, community aspirations and international standards. (SS00979)

Study on Housing Density in China

- ∠ LUI Chun Wan Alex
- ☐ 11 October 2000
- Hopson Development Holdings Ltd.

As China adopts a market economy, some fundamental changes will take place in housing development. The market mechanism will influence decisions by consumers, developers and the local government. This research intends to study the factors derived from the market mechanism, which would influence the housing density in China in It is important to examine the market future. orientation, to determine important factors which influence decisions by consumers and developers. Based on these factors, the research intends to analyse the land take requirements to satisfy the market demand and finally to attempt to draw a conclusion on the amount of land required for different types of housing. The results would be useful to academia, the consumers, the developers as well as the government. (SS00402)

Ridgeline Controversy

- LUI Chun Wan Alex
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- Dennis Lau & Ng Chun Man Architects & Engineers (H.K.) Limited

Hong Kong is a beautiful city-towering Victoria Peak, the harbour's expanse of blue water, the meandering coastline and the city huddling on the slopes, encircled by Kowloon's mountain range. After the war, economic development has taken off in Hong Kong, and particularly during the last several decades, the city has transformed into a world metropolis. Like many other world class cities, tall buildings

have sprung up in many parts of urban areas and the harbour front, creating equally dramatic views challenging the dominating natural features. As the city continues to grow, more developments of significant scale, height and form will take place in the coming years, affecting the visibility of city's encircling ridgelines. This tendency has become a matter of great concern to some people, since it is not simply an issue of view protection, but also an issue relating to future development of a large part of our city. This research study and symposium address this issue directly, studying its implications and exploring possible ways to achieve the planning objectives through a variety of urban design, planning measures and development policies.

(SS00846)

Kowloon Bay Waterfront Development

- LUI Chun Wan Alex
- □ 1 May 2001
- The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

As a major city in the world, Hong Kong is blessed with a uniquely beautiful natural setting. However, the development of waterfront areas have not yielded satisfactory results in the past years. The research has identified many key factors leading to such failures in urban development, such as fragmentation in government policies, lack of coordination between public and private developments, lack of urban design input in the planning process, lack of suitable implementation mechanism.

Kowloon Bay Waterfront will be Hong Kong's last opportunity to have a desirable waterfront The research has reviewed the development. government's plan for Kowloon Bay Waterfront critically and explored innovative planning and design concepts applicable to this unique site of great In order to realise these innovative potential. concepts, the researcher has explored various methods in implementation and finally proposed to establish a Development Authority for the Kowloon Bay Waterfront. (SS00958)

A Pilot Study on: Review of Daylight Factors Recommendable / Acceptable to Hong Kong in Consideration of the Local Climate and Sociocultural Aspects

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It is important to provide adequate daylight to building interiors for health and safety reasons. Researchers have indicated a close relation between the biological well being and the amount of daily light dose required. In urban Hong Kong, buildings are typically spaced much closer together than their foreign counterparts. They provide a lower overall daylight performance. Under such a context, it is perceivable that inhabitants of Hong Kong would demand a different level of daylight performance from their western counterparts. However, there has been no study to guide designers and law makers as to what could be considered minimum, adequate or This cross discipline study aims to reasonable. establish minimum acceptable the performance (in terms of average daylight factors) of residential spaces in Hong Kong. The study focuses on mass and public housing for low and middle-low income groups. The minimum daylight standard will be the basis for establishing town planning and building design guidelines as well as assisting the law makers to make new laws to safeguard the health and safety aspects of the living environment in Hong Kong. (SS00540)

Hong Kong's New Town Urbanism: The Forgotten Ground Plane

- SANDERS Nancy Margaret LONNMAN Bruce Eric
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The success of great urban environments around the world, both new and old, is largely based on the quality and character of pedestrian activity at the ground level. Hong Kong boasts a dynamic, and almost unparalleled sky-line in terms of design innovation, but her "ground-line," largely ignored in the design and planning process, increasingly offers little to boast about.

High-density new town developments exhibit a particularly acute formlessness at the ground plane. Without clear and cohesive spatial definition, pedestrians are left in a placeless and chaotic diaspora where civility is ignored and culture is absent. Greater design attention and planning of this "leftover" realm is badly needed if new towns are to achieve identity and community.

In order to improve the design of contemporary new town urban form, the researchers propose to undertake a detailed documentation and evaluation of open space systems and the design strategies that make them viable pedestrian environments. Timetested examples as well as fresh innovations within Southeast Asia will serve as the groundwork and inspiration for a set of design guidelines for achieving

a more meaningful, dynamic, and humanly-scaled urban groundscape.

The guidelines, in the form of careful, precise drawings and text, will aim to capture the character and spirit of the case studies as well as their facts and details. It is hoped that they will serve as both inspiration and reference tool for planners, architects, and students interested in obtaining greater insight into the design of the pedestrian realm in high-density new towns.

(SS00575)

Environmental Simulation for Investigating Highrise Residential Building Block Design

- Z TSOU Jin Yeu ZHU Yimin KAN Wai Tak
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- ❖ Donation from Jar-San-Lin Real Estate Co. Ltd.

Through various sources, one of the lands development companies in Taiwan, Jar-San-Lin Real Estate Co. Ltd. (甲山林房屋仲介股份有限公司) has learned that the research team in the Department of Architecture, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, has developed advanced simulation abilities and experience in many research projects regarding the built environment. Both parties found a common interest in developing innovative approaches to achieve environmentally responsible design in a high-density urban context. (SS20003)

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Estimating of and Testing for a Break in the Differencing Parameter

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A time series process y_t is said to be integrated of order d if $(1-L)^d y_t$ is stationary, where L is a lag operator such that Ly_t=y_{t-1}. If the value of the differencing parameter d is not an integer, then the process is said to be fractionally integrated. The process y_t is stationary if d<0.5 and nonstationary if d≥0.5. Previous studies in the literature assume that the value of the differencing parameter is constant over time, much less is known about the behavior of the process if d is unstable. This research aims to examine the behavior of a fractionally integrated process when the differencing parameter changes at an unknown time. The researcher will focus on the estimation method of the unknown break date and the pre- and post-shift differencing parameters, namely d1 and d2 respectively. Three possible cases will be studies: (1) both d1 and d2 are less than 0.5, (2) d1<0.5 and $d2\ge0.5$; (3) $d1\ge0.5$ and d2<0.5. The researcher will also construct a user-friendly test for the stability of the process. Asymptotic and smallsample distribution of the test statistic and estimators will be derived. He will apply the test to the data sets used in the previous studies to check if those observations come from stable fractionally integrated processes. (CU00369)

Can Consumer Attitudes Forecast Household Spending? A Multi-country Study

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The main objective of this research is to provide some fresh empirical perspective on the causal relationship between consumer attitudes and household spending. Since the existing studies on the subject deal solely with the U.S. index of consumer confidence, it would be interesting to extend a similar investigation to other economies. In this research, the data on the O.E.C.D. economies are used to examine their relationship.

The researchers' analysis differs in two important respects from earlier studies of the predictive powers of consumer attitudes. First, this research focuses on the causal relationship between consumer attitudes and household spending in the long run rather than on

their possible success in producing short-run forecasts. Second, this research employs the Granger (1980) multivariate causality framework rather than bivariate models adopted in the previous investigations. This feature is important because statistical inferences drawn from a multivariate causality framework are more reliable than those of a bivariate one.

The outcome of this research will serve two purposes. First, the empirical results based on this multicountry study should illuminate the causal (or temporal) ordering between consumer attitudes and household spending. Second, from a policy perspective, an advanced warning from changes in consumer attitudes that consumption growth is about to experience a new period of contraction or expansion would be extremely useful for purposes of economic planning. (SS00962)

Volatility and Dynamics of Property Prices

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Property Prices are well known for their unusual volatility and atypical dynamic adjustment. instance, from the peak of 1997, the property prices in Hong Kong and Thailand have experienced a drop of 50%, far larger than the drop in income. As residential properties constitute probably the largest share of the wealth of many households, any significant adjustment in property prices translates into significant adjustment in their physical wealth. In fact, many cases of "negative wealth" (the value of unpaid debt exceeding the value of the housing unit) have been reported in Hong Kong since 1998. Since many households are highly leveraged, with their purchases being financed through banks, a significant drop in housing price also poses a threat of largescale loan default and bank failures.

The theme of the present project centers around the volatility of housing prices. The principal objectives are, first, to document the volatility of commercial and residential property prices. Second, to build a dynamic general equilibrium model to study the causes of excessive volatility of housing prices. Third, in comparing volatility between commercial and residential housing prices, it is commonly observed that commercial housing prices are far more volatile than residential housing prices. researchers attempt to establish statistical evidence in this regard, and use their model to study the underlying reasons. Finally, they attempt to study if mortgage financing is a cause of high price volatility and whether there is any connection between such fluctuations and business cycles.

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Asset, Liquidity and Macroeconomics

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This project attempts to take a preliminary step towards a satisfactory theory of housing and uses the theory to match the data, especially the economic success of the Asian countries in the late 80s and early 90s, and the subsequent Asian Crisis, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Existing literature on housing is either silent on the housing price dynamics or the interaction of the housing market and the aggregate economy, or both. This project intends to improve along these dimensions. This project would also shed light on the study of the Asian economies. In particular, a unifying theory which explains both the economic successes of the Asian countries before the Crisis is still in demand. This project conjectures that the blooming of the real estate sector plays an important role. An unexpected downturn of the property price not only brings an negative wealth effect to house-owners, which leads to a decrease in consumption, but it also directly squeezes the consumption on non-durables since many house-owners have committed to pay their Both data analysis and theoretical modeling will be provided to verify the conjecture. Establishing a quantitative theory to explain the "Asian miracle" as well as the "Asian Crisis" goes beyond pure intellectual interest. It could also serve as a mental laboratory to evaluate different "stabilization packages" and thus provide some guidance for future policy. (SS00737)

The Possibility of Economic Depression in A Globalized Information Economy

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This project investigates the possibility of economic depression in a globalized information economy. The Great Depression was a distant event that took place almost seventy years ago. Our memories of the disastrous event may appear even more remote at a time when the idea of information economy has created so much hope, partly confirmed as it is by the remarkable performance of the American high-tech industry in the midst of the Asian economic crisis. A worthy question is: will the advent of the information era render economic depression a thing of the past? So far few people have attempted any serious

discussion on this question. The general mood at present is probably too sanguine for this sort of discussion. Nevertheless, optimism always needs to be held within reasonable limits and potential crises need to be carefully identified.

The significance of this study lies in both its theoretical and empirical implications. The aim of this study is not to replace optimism with pessimism. Certainly we may stay optimistic. But we need also to be aware of the potential limits of the information economy, especially those which are likely to have devastating consequences, and to start thinking about how to prevent their realization or, failing this task, to minimize their harmful effects on the world economy. (SS00692)

Monetary Policy and Economic Stability in Open Economies

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Keynes' macroeconomic theory has had a profound impact on the economic theory and policy issues for the last century. The significance of Keynesian theory is that government should have a large role to play in managing the macro-economy. Most major governments subsequently have utilized his theory as a useful guidance in handling the economies. Studying Keynesian theory is nowadays still a must for students of economics.

There are, however, some problems involved with Keynesian theory. First, the theory itself assumes at the onset that price level is rigid in the short run so that government monetary or fiscal policy may affect the economy by effectively influencing the demand side. Subsequent research work has tried to explain in theory why price level is sticky in the short run (i.e., why the prices for most commodities do not vary considerably within not a long time). This body of work has been termed as "New Keynesian Models".

Another problem with Keynesian original work is that in his model the economy is assumed to be closed, and that there is no international trade and capital mobility. Mundel and others later extended his work to open economies, and obtained invaluable insights. This extension is important because most economies in the world are essentially open ones. Studying in theory how government can do to improve the performance of the open economy system is both theoretically and practically necessary. There has been work that uses New Keynesian Theory in open economies, and in particular to study the implication of government monetary and fiscal polices in such an environment. The major work in this literature is summarized in Obstfeld and Rogoff (1996). This body of work is relatively new, and still

has a lot of work to do. One interesting issue is what kind of monetary policies can stabilize or destabilize the economy. In view of what has happened and is happening in real world economies (recent Asian financial crisis is but one example), such an undertaking is practically very important. The researcher hopes to investigate in this area and obtain results useful in real world open economies like Hong Kong.

(SS00521)

The Effect of Stock Repurchase on the Profitability of Technical Trading in Hong Kong Stock Market

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Technical trading rules generate signals of buy and sell from the past price movement. They have aided the trading decisions of practitioners for several decades. Yet, the usefulness of technical trading strategies is still controversial in the academic field. Few of them study the sources of profit induced by the technical trading rules. This issue is important because the profitability of technical trading rule is a piece of evidence against the efficient market hypothesis, which is traditionally believed by the economists. In this paper, the researchers will investigate whether stock repurchase has an effect on the profit of technical trading rules. (BS00883)

Transitional Dynamics in Monetary Endogenous Growth Models: Theory and Evidence

- YIP Chong Kee
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Recently, there has been a renewed interest in indeterminacy (i.e., the existence of a continuum of equilibria) in dynamic economic models. In particular, a strand of the growth literature uses indeterminacy to understand diverse growth experiences of countries with similar fundamentals. More specifically, the presence of indeterminacy can provide an answer to the question: How could two countries, such as South Korea and the Philippines, whose initial conditions were so close, differ so much in their later growth performance? Indeed, in the presence of indeterminacy, two identically endowed countries may choose different convergent paths; i.e., they may save and grow at different rates.

In this research proposal, the researchers intend to study how the introduction of money into a typical endogenous growth model, which would otherwise accept a determinate equilibrium, can be a potential source of indeterminacy. This will allow for a richer set of phenomena to be explained. In addition, they aim to study the potential of monetary policy to serve as a selection device among different equilibrium paths. Finally, they will use calibration techniques to evaluate the models' performance in matching the properties of aggregate data.

The significance of the research project is as follows. Firstly, it will provide a complete characterization of the dynamics of monetary equilibrium models in the presence of sustained economic growth. It will also demonstrate that in models in which unbound accumulation is possible and nominal externalities are important, trend and cycles in aggregate activity can be simultaneously generated by the same endogenous economic mechanism. Finally, it will promote a better understanding of the Keynesian-type stabilization role played by monetary policy. (CU00357)

The Impact of Twinning on Educational Attainment

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This project proposes to investigate whether twins have a special impact in determining their educational attainment. In order to do so, the first objective of this study is to identify the twins (including identical or fraternal twins) who are recorded in the Chinese census data. The procedure adopted in this project for the identification of these twins from census data will be the method introduced by Bronars and Grogger in 1994. The rest of the individuals (non-twins) in the census will then serve as a comparison group. The second objective of this study is to test whether these identified twins in this project have attained significantly different levels of education than the non-twins.

The finding from this study should add to our understanding on the response of the Chinese parents towards twins. Upon the completion of this present proposed study, similar analysis can be used on Chinese twins in Hong Kong or Singapore (where Chinese are a majority), as well as to other countries such as Australia, Canada, and the US (where Chinese are not a majority). Comparison of these results should provide a better understanding of the impact of twins on educational attainment in different cultural background. Besides applying to different countries, the methodology can also be applied to future studies on other issues of interests on twins. Some of these interesting issues include possible relationship between education and earnings, and twins' effect on mother's or father's labor supply. (SS00569)

Economics Reform and Labour Markets in China

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Utilizing data from the urban household surveys covering years since 1984 in China, the researchers will document changes in labor market and analyze causes of the changes and consequences. Specifically, their purposes of the project are to:

- (1) explore many aspects of the Chinese labor market that have not been discussed in the literature;
- (2) document changes in labor distribution between different sectors of the economy;
- (3) analyze factors affecting the decision of employment choice;
- (4) document changes in labor market integration by analyzing wage differences between state and non-state sector employees of similar qualifications and analyze factors behind any progress or lack of progress in such integration;
- (5) estimate changes in returns to education and analyze factors influencing such changes; and
- (6) analyze how labor market changes occurs as a consequence of economic reform.

(SS00693)

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Consultancy Study to Analyze Broad Land Use Pattern in Hong Kong

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This project aims at providing an analysis of the broad land use pattern of Hong Kong through an integration of satellite images, existing digital databases and orthophotographs. By broad land use pattern, it denotes land use information to be generated at a scale of 1:75,000. The land use information to be produced includes a Land Utilisation Plan together with a Land Usage Table. The Land Utilisation Plan depicts the spatial distribution of land uses whilst the Land Usage Table shows the statistical summaries of land uses. The project duration is 5 months. Within this short period of time, this project makes use of advanced and appropriate remote sensing digital image analysis and change detection technologies together with geographic information systems to produce the Plan and Table cost-effectively. (SS20010)

Strategy to Promote and Support Tourism in Tsuen Wan

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- * Tsuen Wan District Council

This study investigates the strength, weakness, opportunities and constraints of developing tourist industry in Tsuen Wan. The project will assess the tourist resources in the district, determines the preference of potential clients and proposes measures to manage these resources and promote tourism. (SS20008)

Analysis and Development of Measurement-based Geographic Information System (GIS)

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- * Research Grants Council (Earmarked Grants)

To overcome the difficulties in uncertainty management intrinsic to conventional GIS, the proposed project aims at the advancement of a novel GIS design, termed "measurement-based GIS" (MBGIS), capable of handling errors in a more effective and efficient manner. Measurement-based GIS is defined as retaining details of measurements,

such that error analysis is possible, and such that corrections to positions can be appropriately propagated through the database. The proposed study will concentrate on the conceptual and theoretical analysis of MBGIS as well as its design. It will advance a conceptual framework for measurement of location and a GIS design within which measurement can be linked to location and vice versa. It will depict in details how data and error can be encapsulated, inherited and propagated through GIS operations in an efficient and effective manner. It will show that measurement-based designs have major economic advantages, in addition to a more comprehensive approach to uncertainty analysis in GIS. The project results will not only provide a more solid foundation for basic research in GIS, but will also enhance its practicality in local and global decision making with large spatial databases. (CU00362)

The Use of Native Vegetation Community as Potential Tourist Resources and Cultural Heritage in the Fringes of Hong Kong Cityscape

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There is a great potential to promote and develop the eco-tourism potential of Hong Kong. About 70% of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is underdeveloped countryside land (Jim and Wong 1996). 41% of the total area of the region is already designated as country parks or areas dedicated to Sites of Special Scientific Interest. In an effort to further enhance the concepts of education, conservation and recreation, the Agriculture Fisheries and Conservation Department has identified 14 sites with potential to be designated as country parks (Planning, Environment and Lands Branch, 1993b). These will further enhance conservation of the countryside ecosystem and boost the resources for outdoor recreation and local tourism.

Within the existing underdeveloped countrysides of Hong Kong, there exist crescents of native woodlands (Feng Shui) located at the periphery of many native villages particularly in the NT. Most of these areas, either within or outside the country parks, are areas of outstanding natural beauty, or sites of cultural, historical and scientific interset Environment and Lands Branch, 1993a). native villages and the feng shui vegetation that surrounds them date back to 100-200 years old. These natural resources and relics of cultural heritage are therefore valuable to the community as they provide good resources for environmental and ethical education while simultaneously promoting the virtues of conservation.

This study will attempt to identify, classify and categorize the settlements crescented by the *feng shui* woods and the resources that will provide visual and aesthetic interest commonly found in these valuable cultural heritage that has a long history of environmental conservation ethics.

Their understanding and effective categorization, will help to intensify interest in them and promote outdoor recreation and eco-tourism as a result of which will further elucidate the potentials of a more comprehensive and multidisciplinary research. (SS00883)

Public Perception on the Housing Policy in Hong Kong

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Housing policy has been a platform of public criticism towards the HKSAR Government since the handover. People seem to be unsatisfied with the shifting and even contradicting housing policies from time to time, which reflects the confusion of values among policy makers. Besides, the hope for recovery of the booming property market by which many people accumulate their wealth in the past, has been eroded to a large extent. People have grievances towards the government policy for the part of the cause. Against this backdrop, it is important to explore the public perception on existing housing policies comprehensively. The findings more or less give insights to future housing policy direction. (SS00752)

Developing China's West: A Critical Path to Balanced Natural Development

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This is a major book project that attempts to document, evaluate and analyze China's new policy initiative to develop its Western again. It involves the participation of about 30 authors from Hong Kong and Mainland China to examine the challenges and opportunities of this new policy from a range of prospectives. It will follow a similar format to the previous volumes that the principal investigator has edited and published by The Chinese University Press. It is expected that the new book will have a large impact on academic and policy formulation. (SS00566)

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"Learning, Electoral Behaviour, and Democratization in Hong Kong"

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Unlike the study of electoral behaviour in consolidated democracies, a similar study in Hong Kong must start from the recognition that election is a young phenomenon. Thus, everybody has to learn afresh. Also, one should not take the development of election as a respected institution for granted. Rather, it depends on the results of collective learning. Successful institutionalization of election is important for the stability and performance of any new democracy. The researchers therefore propose to study the election in 2000 with an emphasis on political learning and its implications for the political future of Hong Kong. (CU00359)

Comparing the New Public Management Reforms in Hong Kong and Singapore

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This project aims to compare the New Public Management (NPM) reforms in Hong Kong and Singapore from 1980 to 2000 that have critically shaped their public governance. NPM reforms originated in Western countries in the late 1970s, and are often regarded as devices to facilitate the withdrawal of the interventionist welfare state. However, the objective, content, and significance of such reforms may be quite different in the case of Asian countries, given the differences in their social, economic, political, and cultural contexts. researchers contend that the uniqueness of the reforms in Hong Kong and Singapore lies in the role they play in adapting the developmental state to social and political changes that are generated by economic development. To illustrate their thesis, the researchers will systematically compare the contents and reasons for NPM reforms in Hong Kong and Singapore, and explain their similarities and differences in terms of the social, economic and political development of the two places. The findings of this study are likely to benefit experts, practitioners and scholars in comparative public management and development studies. It will also better inform policymakers in Hong Kong and other

Asian NICs in adopting reform measures that suit local needs. (CU00374)

The Politics of Listing Chinese State Enterprises on Hong Kong

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Listing of Chinese state enterprises in Hong Kong began in the mid-1980s, first in the form of "red chip" companies, and later through the issuing of "H-shares". As of end of 1999, there were 42 "red chip" and 44 "H-share" companies. The project will study the formation of these "red-chip" and "H-share" companies from a political perspective. It will use this case to examine the relative strength of the Chinese state.

(CU00354)

Associational Revolution in China

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If there has been a "striking upsurge around the global in organized voluntary activity and the creation of private, nonprofit or non-governmental organizations" (Salamon, 1994), it is quite important and timely to ask whether the "global associational revolution" has reached China, the world's most populous country with a population of 1.25 billion. The purpose of this study to chart the overall scope, structure, role, and operations of the nonprofit sector in China, and to do so in a way that not only yields solid and objective information about China, but also makes it possible to undertake cross-society comparisons later. In addition to providing a detailed overview about China's nonprofit sector, this study seeks to offer a conceptual analysis of the nonprofit sector within the context of the economic and political transformation that are taking place in China. In particular, this study will investigate how the economic transition has transformed the relations between the state and nonprofit organizations (NPOs). It will also highlight the challenges that may be generated by such new state-NPO relations. (SS00362)

Public Administration in the Age of Globalization: Study the Effect of Interaction between Global Pressures and Domestic Contexts on Public Bureaucracy

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This project applies and further extends a framework developed by the two researchers for comparative analysis in which global pressures of information technology, global institutions and public sector efficiency affect bureaucratic change (Welch & Wong, 1998). According to this framework, global pressures are filtered through the social, economic and political systems that comprise the domestic context. In this way, global pressures are thought to cause indirect and direct bureaucratic change. While all public bureaucracies are believed to be exposed to global pressures, the degree of their exposure and the final impact on the public bureaucracy of each nation can be different. This project moves beyond the existing framework by further conceptualizing and operationalizing measures of the global pressures and the components of the domestic context. It will develop hypotheses and test them empirically. Case studies and quantitative analysis will be conducted with the guidance of the framework to deepen understanding about the effects of globalization on public bureaucracy. To keep the project manageable and make it feasible under the budget, the sample of countries for comparison will include mainly the western industrialized democratic countries, such as the US, and the major industrial countries in Asia, including Hong Kong. It is expected that results of this project will allow researchers to discern different generalizable patterns of bureaucratic response to and effect of global pressures. Findings also promise to help inform policy-makers and top level managers about how adaptive responses of other nations and localities are linked to specific domestic contexts. (SS00555)

Shaping Political Localism in Reform China

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The change of central-local relations is a focal topic in studies of Chinese reform; one conclusion of such studies is the rise of localism. As the existing literature has examined how reforms have expanded local economic power, this project moves the focus of research to political localism by investigating its origins, reflections, and institutional operations. Defining political localism as opportunities available to local elites to influence political decisions concerning local interests, this project employs comparative methods to analyze how, in the political arena, local interests are shaped, managed and reflected in three aspects: (1) the performance of provincial legislatures in law-making, concerning the central-provincial distribution of power on rulemaking; (2) personnel arrangements in provincial

leadership, with which central control interacts with provincial autonomy in elites selection; (3) decentralization of mass media, which indicates how political agendas and resources are localized. As referring "local" to the provincial level, the project selects Guangdong in the coast area and Shaanxi in the inland as locations for in-depth fieldwork. Aiming to break a new ground to conceptualize the political impacts of economic reforms, this study could be significant to an understanding of China's political development and national integration, the latter being a critical issue for China's relations with Hong Kong, Taiwan, and foreign countries. (CU00347)

Constitutional Interface Between Hong Kong and the Mainland

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This project is an attempt to find out solutions for the constitutional crisis that Hong Kong has experienced since its reversion to China, epitomized by the Court of Final Appeal's right of abode decisions and the subsequent interpretation of the HKSAR Basic Law by the National People's Congress Standing Committee (NPCSC). Employing analytical and comparative approaches this research explores the possibility of fostering a system of multi-interpretive authorities in Hong Kong law within the existing political and legal framework, so that the interpretation of the Basic Law can truly be shared by a number of authorities including the Court of Final Appeal and the NPCSC. It draws inspiration and experience from three sources: the practice of constitutional interpretation by reference to the common law tradition in Britain and the United States, Chinese experience of sharing interpretive authorities among the legislature, executive and the judiciary and the success in implementing multiauthoritative interpretations in some parts of the It argues for a transition from United States. oligarchical interpretive structure to a polygarchy of interpretive authorities. The research is an effort to smooth the differences confronting the interface of the two different constitutional systems in Hong Kong and the Mainland China. (SS00520)

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Examining the Economic Nature of Online Content: From the User's Perspective

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The proposed study will investigate the economic nature of the Web as a news medium. The purpose is to examine plausible factors differentiating the feasibility of various revenue models for content-oriented websites. Attention will be given to how consumers perceive and assign value to online and offline content.

A telephone survey of Hong Kong residents is proposed to closely examine the economic nature of online content -- how they perceive the relative value or utility of online content, and what determines their preferences.

This study attempts to serve as the first step toward building theories applicable to online content consumption. The theory presented in this study will be supported by empirical data, and the data analyzed from a theoretical perspective. The goal is to contribute a new perspective to the study of online news and to provide valuable information to the industry to improve news services for online audiences. (SS00785)

Popular Culture Consumption and Youth Identities in Hong Kong: Trajectories and Transitions

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This project explores how youth in Hong Kong in the 1990s construct their cultural identities (including sub-cultural and gang identities) in relation to the consumption of popular culture images, icons, and narratives and through various multi-dimensional consumption practice spaces. This study focuses on the specificity of youth consumer culture in Hong Kong and attempts to empirically examine the impacts of two aspects of consumption on the formation and development of local youth's development of identities and social relations: (a) media texts which specially target at local teenagers (e.g. youth magazines, comic books, fiction, electronic and video games, and films); (b) the multiple forms and practices of popular culture consumption undertaken by local youth (e.g. dining,

shopping, skating and bowling etc.) in various urban spaces and settings. A significant body of literature in the fields of cultural studies, youth subculture studies, and media consumption studies both in the West and in Asian contexts points to the centrality and power of cultural consumption in the formation of cultural identities, values, and a sense of belonging among youth. By employing multiple research methods (namely participant observation, focus groups, in-depth interviews, textual analysis and spatial analysis), the researchers explicate specific processes in which media consumption and shopping practices shape the changing behaviors, attitudes, beliefs, tastes, lifestyles and values among Hong Kong youth. Understanding of the youth culture helps explicate various youth problems such as suicide, drug abuse, gang activities, premarital sex relationships and juvenile delinquency. important, given the close relationship between the culture of everyday life and historical context, their research sheds light on youth identity formation in terms of cultural and political citizenship. research results will provide a locus for educational, cultural and youth policy debates, and have significance for the allocation of resources for social services aiming at better addressing the needs of local youth.

(SS99461)

Assessing the Role of Foreign Television in Hong Kong: Local Culture and Global Identity

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This study examines the impact of foreign TV on Hong Kong. HK audience can receive up to 45 domestic and foreign TV channels, including 4 terrestrial channels, 37 pay channels, and a variety of free-to-air satellite channels. A video- on-demand service was introduced in 1998. People can have access to many foreign channels, e.g., CNNI, HBO, ESPN, Channel [V], Australia TV, DW, TV5 Asia, However, most people prefer local RAI, etc. programs on the free-to-air Chinese channels of TVB-Jade & ATV-Home. Although regional productions from Taiwan & China occasionally make the free-to-air TV screen during prime time, local productions of TVB-Jade channel consistently command 70% of rating while those of ATV have about 30%. The study focuses on the question whether HK people's cultural values & identity are adversely affected by foreign programs. The findings will throw light on the issues of cultural imperialism, global culture & global identity. It will also help policymakers to make informed choices regulating foreign TV.

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The proposed study intends to examine the disputing and negotiating behaviors engaged in by strangers when they are asked to come up with a consensus in two Chinese cultures (Hong Kong and Guangzhou) and one Western culture (U.S.A.). Negotiating disagreement is a critical social skill for individuals in all cultures, particularly when that negotiation occurs in a group setting. There are suggestions from previous research that Chinese persons will be more conflict-avoidant than Americans as will women be with respect to men. These conclusions may be premature, however, since the specific ways in which Chinese and women negotiate may simply be different, leading to presumptions that they are more conflict-avoidant. This research attempts to document the various ways in which people may agree or disagree as well as support or undercut one another during negotiations, so as to more fully understand the full range of responses by which different groups communicate to achieve consensus. These differences in style may lead to important misperceptions if they are interpreted by members of another group, and this research will enable questions about cross-cultural misunderstanding The inclusion of two Cantonese addressed also. samples will enable us to understand if the socialpolitical differences between Hong Kong and Guangzhou have resulted in different negotiation styles, despite their linguistic and familial similarities. (SS00736)

Utilizing Neuropsychologyical Assessment in the Early Diagnosis & Cognitive Interventions in Patients with Alzheimer's Disease

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The present study proposed to utilize the Hong Kong List Learning Test (HKLT) and the Cantonese version of the Dementia Rating Scale (DRS) to study the cognitive profile and memory function of demented patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and normal elderly. It is anticipated that (1) the DRS will be very sensitive in differentiate between patients and

normal subjects. (2) AD patients will demonstrate learning and memory deficits in the HKLT (3) and the memory training strategies, as evaluated by the HKLT, will affect AD patients and normal control subjects in different ways.

The objectives of the study are:

- (1) to understand the factors contributing to intellectual decline in dementia;
- (2) to develop a framework for cognitive rehabilitation in the context of a clearer formulation of the cognitive deficits and residual strengths in dementia;
- (3) to evaluate the effectiveness of repetition practices and external organization cues as memory training for AD patients in comparison with normal controls and;
- (4) to develop local norms and explore the factor structure of the assessment tools.

(MD20006)

Neuropsychological Functions in Late Life of the Hong Kong Elderly: An Exploratory Study on Psychosocial and lifestyle Predictors

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The increase in elderly population has raised a number of social and economic issues in Hong Kong. While there is an increasing burden to balance the needs of the old and young within their families, there is a strong economic pressure to support and care for a growing population of older people within our medical system. If our elderly can maintain their functioning capacities, they can live independently and remain productive after retirement. To be functioning capable, an elderly needs to maintain a good physical health and reasonable cognitive abilities. Cognitive function in terms of domains of ability--including attention, language, memory. spatial ability and conceptualization-is known to decline with. This cognitive decline is a significant factor that affects the daily functioning and quality of life of an aging individual. For instance, an elderly with severe cognitive impairment such as the one resulting from Alzheimer's disease will require 24 hours assistance even they are physically healthy. It is, therefore, both important and urgent to investigate how cognitive functions can be preserved in older persons. The proposed project aims to identify the psychosocial and lifestyle factors that account for changes in cognitive function in local elderly population. A community sample of 60 elderly people aged between 65 and 74 will be recruited to undergo interviews and а series

neuropsychological tests. The findings will be vital to the development of evidence-based programs to maintain the cognitive functions of elderly in Hong Kong.

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The Nature of Subliminal Perception

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When the presentation of a stimulus is too brief for identification, aspects of the stimulus such as its meaning may affect the perceiver's behaviors. This phenomenon is called subliminal perception. For many years, the unconscious nature of this phenomenon has been denied. Recently, mounting evidence supports such an effect to be unconscious because it is qualitatively different from a conscious one. Now it is the time to explore why and how subliminal perception is produced. As parallel processing is pervasive in cognition, an explanation with multiple outputs is preferred.

In this proposal, the researcher hypothesizes that normal perception consists of a number of outputs besides recognition such as semantic, motoric, and emotive components. They can be processed through autonomous channels and can be varied quite independently. Recognition is recursive in nature and takes more time to process, whereas the other outputs are more automatic in nature and can be processed faster. When recognition is halted with some other outputs processed enough to produce a behavioral effect, subliminal perception occurs. These outputs, though independent of recognition, can affect a person to reach a better guess of the stimulus. Besides, cortical EEG should be able to show brain corresponding to such subliminal activities processing. Four sets of experiments will be carried out to test the above hypotheses.

Results of this project should contribute to the better understanding of subliminal perception, its application, and the theory of perception. (CU00338)

A Cross-language Study on Language and Thinking Development

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The aim of the project is to examine how the understanding of complex grammatical structures would promote thinking development in 3-, 4- and 5-year-old English versus Cantonese speakers. It has been suggested that the ability to process complex

sentences sets the stage for advanced cognitive and thinking development. The rationale is that complex sentences often convey complex thoughts, and thus being able to appreciate subtle conceptual differences via grammar should facilitate the understanding of multiple and even conflicting mental states. The proposed study capitalizes on the fact that English and Cantonese employ very different grammatical devices to convey complex thoughts. It seeks to demonstrate that these grammatical devices are differentially related to thinking development in the two languages due to their different roles in mapping complex thoughts. (SS00375)

Universal and Indigenous Dimensions of the Chinese Personality Assessment Inventory (CPAI)

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Earlier studies with the Chinese Personality Assessment Inventory (CPAI) found that the indigenously developed personality test contains an additional personality dimension, originally labelled as the Chinese Tradition factor, beyond those deemed to be universal in the current Five-Factor Model (FFM) of personality. The CPAI, however, does not tap the *Openness* factor from the FFM. To establish the completeness of the CPAI, a set of scales defining the Openness factor in the Chinese culture will be developed in the first phase of this study. The scales will be standardized in China and Hong Kong. In the second phase, both Chinese and American data will be collected and the updated CPAI will be submitted to a joint factor analysis with the NEO-FFI, which measures the Five-Factor Model of personality. Results of the joint analysis will show that the interpersonal relatedness (IR) dimension tapped by the Chinese Tradition factor is needed for a complete description of Chinese personality on top of the FFM. They will also clarify whether the Chinese Tradition factor is a culture-general domain tapping the interpersonal relatedness dimension that is also relevant to Western culture, but has been neglected previously in Western theories of personality. (CU00333)

Re-examining the Role of Parts in Object Recognition

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We effortlessly recognize objects around us all the time, yet their appearance constantly changes; the object we saw from the front in the morning may be observed from the back in the afternoon. How do we know that these distinct views represent one single object? An influential class of theories has proposed that the parts of an object are encoded in memory, and allow recognition to occur whenever the same parts are visible, regardless of any change in viewpoint. Some recent experiments, however, have produced results which these theories cannot account In this project, the researcher proposes to examine whether part-based theories can account for a different part of the object recognition problem; judgments of "best," or canonical, views. To do so, the project has two distinct phases. In Phase one, subjects will make subjective evaluations of views of objects, to determine whether views that maximize visible parts are preferred. In Phase two, subjects will recognize objects based upon studied and test views, to determine if views that maximize visible parts facilitate object learning. If parts are found to be the basis for canonicality judgments, and to facilitate object learning, parts-based theories will be shown to be valid under restricted conditions. (CU00332)

Comparison of Psychological Characteristics of Adolescent Girls Displaying Bulimic Behaviors in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

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The present study examines and compares psychological characteristics of adolescent girls displaying bulimic behaviors in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai. One thousand adolescent girls in each of the three cities will be tested. To explore possible developmental differences in the manifestation of bulimic features across different developmental stages, comparable number of subjects in two different age groups (age 12-14 and age 15-18) will be recruited. Subjects will complete a questionnaire package designed specifically to assess bulimic behaviors and relevant psychological characteristics. The prevalence rates of different bulimic behaviors among girls in the three cities will be examined and compared. Psychological characteristics of purgers (those who self-induced vomiting and abuse laxatives) and nonpurgers (those who do not purge) will be explored. Multivariate relationship patterns among bulimic features and the associated physical and psychological characteristics in the three samples will also be examined. Structural equation analyses will be conducted to explore potential causal relationships among different psychological variables in the development of bulimic behaviors in the three cities. Findings from this study will provide valuable information to mental health professionals about the

extent and nature of bulimic behaviors among adolescent girls in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai. Comparing findings from people of the same ethnic heritage but growing up in different physical and social environment may also reveal interesting socioenvironmental variables that play a role in the development of bulimic behaviors. (SS00914)

An Electrophysiological Examination of Incidental and Intentional Memory Retrieval of Novel Visual Objects

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The research project builds upon a set of event related potential (ERP) results obtained with novel visual objects and line drawings of everyday objects under conditions of incidental and intentional memory encoding and retrieval. In those studies, the researchers found that repeated visual stimuli elicited different ERP patterns over parietal electrode sites in incidental and intentional memory tasks. Relative to initial presentations, repeated stimuli in the incidental task elicited a reduction in a positive going waveform whereas repeated stimuli in the intentional task elicited an increase in a positive going waveform. The former effect was interpreted as reflecting the availability of a short-term visual representation (i.e., a visuo-spatial token) whereas the latter effect was interpreted as reflecting retrieval of a longer-term representation of the stimulus.

The present project will use stimuli that do not contain any semantic meaning and do not easily lend themselves to semantic associations. This should allow the contribution of semantic content to both incidental and intentional memory encoding and retrieval processes, as reflected in ERP measures, to be effectively removed. The effect of changing the view of the repeated stimuli will also be examined. One might expect token representations to be viewspecific with the result that changing the view eliminates the parietal repetition effect in the incidental task but not in the intentional task. Finally, the effect of introducing intervening stimuli between the first and second presentations will be examined. A token representation should be more disrupted by such a manipulation than an intentionally encoded representation. (SS00576)

Is Language Processing Cognitively Encapsulated? A Brain Imaging Analysis of Tonal and Non-tonal Languages

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The question of whether the computations performed by the brain to process language are specific to language or whether they rely on more general cognitive principles is unresolved. While the claim for specificity is central to some linguistic theories, such as the generative grammar developed by Chomsky and followers (1) other linguistic theories, such as the cognitive grammars developed by Lakoff and others (2) assume that language is a cognitive function that shares the same functional and organisational principles as other cognitive functions, such as music processing.

The research proposed here takes a first step toward addressing the general problem of the specificity of language processing by asking two, complementary, experimental questions. First, the researchers want to elucidate the neurophysiological basis of musical consonance. That is to say, they want to determine why two notes played simultaneously can sound pleasant or unpleasant. Second, they want to examine the neurophysiological basis of prosody, i.e. the melodic contour of the voice, and the way it is implemented in the brains of speakers of tonal and non-tonal languages. Specifically, the researchers want to determine if the brain's response to semantically congruent and incongruent sentences is modulated by whether or not the sentences are prosodically congruent. The answers to these two questions will lay the necessary groundwork for future experiments directed at legislating between the specificity and generality models of language function. (SS20013)

Attentional Modulation of Internal Clock Speed and Temporal Memory

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When auditory and visual signals are presented in the same test session and subjects have to classify the signals according to their duration, visual signals are classified as shorter than equivalent duration auditory signals. When auditory and visual signals are presented in separate test sessions, however, equivalent physical durations are experienced as subjectively equivalent. Penney and colleagues (Penney, Meck, & Gibbon, 2000) recently posited a model in which auditory and visual signals drive an internal clock at different rates because of differences in the allocation of attention to auditory and visual signals.

The research proposed here tests this model using psychophysical techniques. Specifically, a covert orienting of attention (COA) manipulation will be used to manipulate the amount of attention subjects allocate to visual timing signals. In a COA task, attentional resources are inadvertently allocated to stimuli that are presented in the periphery even though the subject maintains fixation on the target of interest, e.g. the visual timing signal. If the timing model mentioned above is correct, then it should be possible to systematically manipulate a subject's subjective experience of duration using such covert distracters. That is to say, it should be possible to slow down the clock rate for visual signals, thereby providing additional evidence supporting an attentional account of modality differences in temporal processing. (SS00945)

The Construction of a Chinese Communicative Development Inventory

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The aim of this project is to provide a reliable and valid instrument for the assessment of vocabulary and early syntactic development in Chinese children between 10 and 30 months of age. The researchers will build on research initiated with English-speaking children in the United States, using guided parental reports of children's language use. This work resulted in the MacArthur Communicative Development Inventories (Fenson et. al 1993), and has been followed up in more than a dozen languages. Separate versions of the instrument for Mandarinspeaking and Cantonese-speaking children will be provided. The Chinese Communicative Development Inventory is an instrument designed to characterise young children's early language abilities. As an assessment procedure normed on large samples of children, it can be used to describe the lexical and syntactic development of normal children in the age range 12 -30 months, and to identify children at risk for language delay. It will be available for academics and professionals for research and for diagnostic purpose. It will add considerably to our knowledge of early language development in Chinese. (AL99951)

Child's Theory of Mind

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This project involves understanding how children's understanding of their own and others' thoughts and beliefs develops. It involves multiple experimental studies in the U.S., Hong Kong, and Beijing, China with preschool-aged children. (SS99503)

Emotional Understanding and Emotional Competence in Hong Kong Chinese Children

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This project intends to examine Hong Kong Chinese children's emotional understanding and emotional competence and their relation to children's theory of mind, rule understanding, and parental socialization practices. Two studies are proposed, involving a total of 500 Hong Kong children, aged 3 to 10, and their Study one is a study of school-aged children's emotional understanding and its relation to children's theory of mind, attribution styles, moral understanding, their parents' emotion socialization practices, and parents' own emotional competence. It will involve sending questionnaires about the parents' own empathy, emotional intensity, and a number of other emotional competence scales as well as a scale measuring emotional socialization practices in parenting to 350 mothers of children aged 6, 8, and 10 in local schools. Children of the parents whose questionnaires are completely filled out (i.e., no missing data) will then be asked to participate in a 20-minute experimental testing session. experimental session, children will be presented with a number of story tasks measuring their understanding of their own and others' emotions, a simple and complex false belief test, a measure of their attributional style (internal vs. external), and their understanding of social rules and conventions about events likely to cause shame or guilt in an imaginary story character. Study two examines emotional understanding and emotional competence in preschool-aged children and its relation to their theory of mind, ability to delay gratification, emotional responses during a potentially guiltinducing situation (peeking at a toy when asked not to), scores on the Child Behavior Checklist, and their parents' emotional competence and emotion socialization practices. Taken together, these studies will add enormously to our knowledge of Chinese children's baselines for emotional understanding and competence and form a strong basis for further crosscultural research in this area. (SS00381)

Late Talkers in Chinese: A Longitudinal Study

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This study involves following over 300 children's language development in two locations, Hong Kong and Beijing, for three years. The children were selected based on their results on the administration of a "Communicative Development Inventory" (Cantonese or Putonghua version, depending on location) when the children were 8- to 20-months-old. The top, middle, and lowest 10% of scorers in each age group will be re-examined for aspects of their phonological, lexical, and grammatical development at yearly intervals for two additional years. (SS00769)

The Development of Lying and Modesty in Canadian and Chinese Children

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- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

An international team that comprises of Canadian and Chinese researchers and their students will collaborate on six studies to investigate systematically three interrelated questions: (1) whether Canadian and Chinese children give similar or different moral evaluations of lying to conceal transgressions and whether such conceptual understanding is related to children's actual lie- or truth-telling behaviors when they themselves have transgressed; (2) whether Canadian and Chinese children have differential moral evaluations of white lies or face-saving lies and whether such differences, if any, result in differences in actual behaviors when they themselves are faced with a situation where they are required to tell falsehoods to protect another person's feelings or social standing; and (3) whether Canadian and Chinese children tell the truth or lie about their own good deeds or achievements when truthful statements in such situations may be construed as immodest or self-aggrandizing, and whether their actual behaviors are related to their moral evaluations of modesty-related truth- and lie-(SS00491)

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Citizenship and Social Development in Post-Colonial Hong Kong

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Recent economic and constitutional crises have reminded Hong Kong people of their vulnerabilitiesthe weaknesses of Hong Kong as a player in the global economy and the barriers in her integration with China. This poses a threat to her social and economic development. The identity Hongkongese - some sense of "citizenship" that used to be the basis of solidarity for Hong Kong people to tackle various crises during the colonial period, seems no longer applicable in understanding diverse and conflicting public reactions to those recent crises. This study aims to provide a deeper understanding about the concept of citizenship as an engineering tool for social development and help develop a reflective "civic professionalism" for human service in Hong Kong. Given the job nature and professional status of human service professional, like teachers and social workers, they should be able to help engender a "positive citizenship" within the general public. Firstly, the study will examine how Hong Kong people conceptualize citizenship rights and duties in relation to the power and capability of the government for social development through a household survey. Then, based on a participatory action approach, it will guide the professionals through focus-group discussions to explore new practice strategies by identifying the gaps in the knowledge and expectations between practitioners and clients given the findings from the survey. Lastly, workshops will be conducted for the professionals to evaluate, refine and disseminate these new strategies. (CU00351)

Experiences and Adjustment of Young New Arrivals from Mainland China: A Narrative Analysis

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Most of the existing studies on young new arrivals from Mainland China are quantitative survey research and very few have attempted to understand these immigrants' unique personal experiences in adjusting to their new lives in Hong Kong. In order to fill this

gap in research, this study attempts to use the methodology of narrative analysis in qualitative research to investigate the migration experiences of the young new arrivals through their own stories. The major objectives of the study are:

- (1) to understand the experiences of young immigrants in their adjustment to the daily living in Hong Kong through their own interpretation;
- (2) to examine the meanings which young immigrants have constructed out of their overall migration experience;
- (3) to identify similarities and differences in the trajectories of adjustment of young immigrants who are identified as well-adjusted, moderately-adjusted and poorly-adjusted; and
- (4) to formulate hypotheses about factors contributing to successful and unsuccessful adjustments of young immigrants.

It is expected that findings from this study will enrich our understanding of the culture of the newcomers, their migration experiences, and the issues they face in the process of adjusting to daily living. Furthermore, the findings can definitely have significant theoretical and practical contributions to policy formulation and direct practice so that social services for young new arrivals from the Mainland could be more responsive to their genuine needs and problems. (CU00367)

A Model of Successful Aging for the Elderly Living Alone in the Community: A Pilot Study

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This is a pilot study of a large scale study of the elderly living alone in Hong Kong. A severe lack of scientific findings in the local context and the existence of contradictory research findings in the literature concerning the psychosocial/health needs and adjustment of elderly people living alone in the community are sufficient to warrant a systematic; large scale investigation in Hong Kong.

The objectives of this study are: (1) to depict the elderly people who live alone in terms of psychosocial and sociodemographic characteristics; (2) to identify the determinants of living alone in old age, (3) to understand the experience of living alone in a modern Chinese society, (4) to investigate personal coping skills, formal and informal supports as well as the utilization patterns for psychosocial and health services by the elderly people living alone, (5) to examine the psychosocial adjustment of the elderly people living alone, and (6) to construct a model of successful aging for the elderly living alone.

This study will be a pioneer, cross-sectional study concerning the elderly aged 60 or over living alone in the community. Conceptually, the strength of this study is that it attempts to build up a model of the determinants of successful aging for elderly people living alone in a modern Chinese society. Methodologically, the strength of this study is that a large and random sample will be used, and that the situations of non-institutionalized elderly people living alone will be compared with (a) the elderly people living with others in the community, and (b) those elderly people living alone in the community who have been identified as high-risk by the Social Welfare Department. Academically speaking, this study will generate findings that can clarify our understanding of elderly people living alone. Practically speaking, this study will help local human service providers to find appropriate ways to prevent premature institutionalization and to avoid the negative impact of overcaring or undercaring for the elderly by delivering the needed services to the right elderly clients. (SS00387)

Lifelong Education for the Elderly: A Case Study of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Institute of Continuing Education for Senior Citizens

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In 1982, continuing lifelong education for the elderly was acknowledged as one of the basic human rights by the World Assembly on Aging, an international conference organized by the United Nations. Since then, educational gerontology has become a policy issue as well as an educational concern for many countries in the West, and, to a lesser extent, in some of the Eastern countries, notably Japan, Taiwan and China. In Hong Kong, education for the elderly has been much underdeveloped in the government sector. It is not a concern for local policy makers at all. Fortunately, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council (HKSKHWC), one of the nongovernmental organizations in Hong Kong, has developed a relatively large scale, educational program for the elderly since 1998, there have been 25 centres offering courses for the elderly territorywide. Last year there were 696 courses with 1,650 registered elderly students. The program is basically divided into three faculties, namely, Faculty of Arts (Chinese, English), Faculty of Sports and Fine Arts (Singing, Cantonese opera, Dance, Physical Education, Physical Exercises, Dance, Handicrafts, Painting, Drawing), and Faculty of Social Sciences (Civil Education, Social Skills, Information Technology, etc.).

The proposed research is an exploratory, crosssectional study. It is the best one of its kind in the local field of educational gerontology. The study aims at providing the service provider (i.e., HKSKHWC) with the useful information about the quality and usefulness of the courses offered. The data collected will be used for possible program perfection. In addition, elderly students' learning experience, their levels of satisfaction toward the program, plus the applicability of the knowledge obtained and the impact of such knowledge upon their daily life activities will be examined. The result of this study will be sent to the Elderly Commission for long term planning and policy making in educational gerontology, too. (SS20012)

Elderly Hostel Residents' Physical and Psychosocial Status, Life Satisfaction, Service Needs, and the Hostel's Future Development: A Case Study of the Kaohsiung Country Hostel, Taiwan

- ∠ LEE Jik Joen
- □ 1 March 2001
- CUHK Research Committee Funding (Direct Grants)

Many Chinese elderly hold a strong impression that they will be taken care of at home by their offspring in their old age. It may not be true for some elderly, as their offspring apprehend that caring for frail elderly at home is beyond their limits timely, financially, mentally and physically. Some families simply send their aging members to elderly hostels regardless of the elderly's intention. And, when the elderly people's health status gets worse, they will be continuously transferred to other institutions, sometimes without the consent of the elderly. Such kinds of forceful relocation may happen to all of us. Clearly, forceful move and uproot will have negative impact upon the elderly's well-being. Overseas studies have proven that the elderly's normal life may be shortened because of unnecessary or non-agreedupon relocation.

The objectives of this proposed study are:

- (1) to study residents' reasons of entering the hostel;
- (2) to assess residents' psychosocial, physical and mental health status;
- (3) to measure residents' self-esteem and self image;
- (4) to examine the hostel's extent of meeting elderly residents' social, psychological, biological, and mental health needs, i.e., to identify possible service gaps;
- (5) to find out the number and percentage of elderly residents who want to stay in the hostel even though their failing physical and mental health statuses do not allow them to do so;

- (6) to develop proper measures to meet the needs of those frail elderly so as to help them remain in the hostel for as long as possible by using the theoretical framework of aging in place;
- (7) to explore the hostel's future role and development in the residential care setting; and
- (8) to propose recommendations for short-term and long-term policy consideration.

The findings of this study will be used to compare with the data collected in Hong Kong. (\$\$00655)

Public Perception on Health Care Policy in Hong Kong

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The project aims to conduct a telephone poll to understand the public perception of the Government's health policy and recent reform initiatives. In the last few years, different health financing proposals have been raised by the Government from time to time. It seems that the Government intend to retreat her commitment to health care service provision and let the service users take up more responsibility. Whether the general public is aware of this policy trend and how they perceive it are worth investigating. (SS00970)

The Politics of Identity Constitution Among Youth Workers in Hong Kong

- □ 1 November 2000
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This study aims to develop an in-depth understanding of the politics of identity constitution among Hong Kong youth workers. Based on a theoretical framework drawn from the works of Derrida, Foucault, and Laclau and Mouffe, it will conduct a discourse analysis on the local youth services texts and the interviews with 40 youth workers.

Specifically, the present study seeks to answer the following 3 research questions:

- (1) How do youth workers invent their identities by re-articulating discourses in their environment?
- (2) How do youth workers constitute their identities through resisting the social control demands made on them?
- (3) How do youth workers develop new identities through making use of the transitional political space in Hong Kong?

The results of the study will on the theoretical level enrich the existing youth services literature by explicating how the complexity of power is played out via the fluidity of everyday youth work practices. On the practice level, they will help elucidate how youth workers negotiate the vagaries of power through political actions in various social contexts, thus have implications for conceiving more empowering youth services in Hong Kong on the turn of the century. (SS00433)

Public Perception on Education Policy in Hong Kong

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- CUHK Research Committee Funding (Direct Grants)

The education policy affects all walks of life and education is commonly regarded as the key to the success of Hong Kong society. In the last few years, education sector is flooded with many reform initiatives which have largely changed the landscape of local education development. Accompanied with these policy changes is a set of new concepts or values towards education advocated by Government. Whether the public welcomes these concepts or values will affect the implementation of different reform initiatives. Besides, people's expectation of the roles of the different parties involved in education business, such as government, parents, schools, and so on will be examined in the telephone survey. (SS00627)

Public Perception on Social Welfare Policy in Hong Kong

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- □ 1 April 2001
- CUHK Research Committee Funding (Direct Grants)

The Government has reformed the social welfare services in various areas with a clear intention to reduce the Government's role and her financial responsibility. On the other hand, public expectation of government support in welfare provision is mounting all the time. The telephone survey aims to explore further people's values or perceptions on social welfare development in Hong Kong. (SS00674)

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Academic Study of Community Resistance to Kowloon Bay Health Centre

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- Community Liaison Group of Kowloon Bay Health Centre & Nursing Home

The objective of the study is to undertake a fair, objective and analytical review into the controversy on the establishment of Kowloon Bay Health Centre. Specifically, the study will identify the social and legal barriers in establishing AIDS facilities in Hong Kong, and propose measures in promoting community acceptance of AIDS facilities in the future. (SS00651)

Development of Private Enterprises and Social Participation in China

- ☐ 1 June 2001
- Lingnan Foundation

The purpose of this study is to investigate the social base of democratization in China. Modernization Theory as a theoretical reference, this project considers that economic development may lead to the emergence of middle class, civil society, moderate political ideology, and the promotion of education and communications, that will benefit the development of democracy. This "modernization effect" will be tested by surveying 600 people, including entrepreneurs, middle management personnel/professionals, and workers/service staff selected from 200 private enterprises in two cities of China. Their social and political values, political efficacy, and actual social participation will be studied by structural questionnaire. (SS00393)

The Rise of Rural Industrialization in China: A Grass Roots Survey

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- ☐ 1 June 2001
- The Lingnan Foundation

This project proposes to survey 300 administrative villages in two southern provinces of China, Guangtong and Fujian, to study the factors contributing to the level of industrialization in the

grassroots communities. The researchers' previous studies, in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, have covered villages in North China. Using the same methodology and research tools, this study is expected to yield richer comparative information on the mechanisms behind China's economic miracle in recent decades. (SS00685)

Social and Political Change in a Period of Reform and Readjustment: Indicators of Social Development in Hong Kong 2001

- ∠ LAU Siu Kai WAN Shirley Po San (Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies) LEE Ming Kwan* WONG Siu Lun*
- □ 31 December 2000
- * Research Grants Council (Earmarked Grants)

This project is part of a long-term research programme that focuses on the measurement and study of social development in Hong Kong. Its prime purpose is to build up a set of longitudinal data on the subjective and objective dimensions of social conditions and social change in Hong Kong. The project will focus on social issues and political problems engendered by Hong Kong's sudden economic downturn, its long and painful road to economic recovery and the HKSAR government's multifarious reform initatives. It consists of two components:

- (1) A Hong Kong-wide household survey focusing on the social, economic, political and cultural changes among Hong Kong people in a period of economic readjustment and institutional reform. Findings from this survey should yield a valuable record of the state of mind of our community in economic hard times and socio-political turbulence and draw the attention of policy-makers to issues and problems that merit their attention.
- (2) A computerized social data bank compiling statistics on all major areas of objective social activities generated by the government and other public organizations. It should enable us to explore and analyze the relationship between the subjective and objective aspects of our social development, and to formulate appropriate and more rigorous social indexes for the purpose of measurement and comparison. (CU00331)

Explaining the Phenomenon of Hospital Readmission: A Social Analysis Approach

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- ☐ 1 April 2001

❖ Hong Kong Polytechnic University Direct Grant

This is an exploratory study for developing an explanatory model of the factors contributing to hospital readmission. Data are to be collected from patients readmitted in the Medical Departments of two acute hospitals in Hong Kong. Specifically, the hospital admission patient profile will be a major source of information for constructing measures for analyzing the relationships among the environmental factors (health care environment), population characteristics (predisposing factors, enabling resources, needs), health behavior (personal health practices, use of health services), and the outcome variables (perceived health status, evaluated health status, consumer satisfaction). A phenomenological approach involving in-depth interviews will also be used to uncovering the internal meaning structures of the lived experiences of the readmitted patients. (SS00839)

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1999-00	A Longitudinal Study of Chronic Drug Abusers in Hong Kong (SS99025)
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1989-90	Subjective Social Indicators Research Programme (AB85008) ∠ LAU Siu Kai

1995-96 Legal Culture of Hong Kong (AB89092) Z LAU Siu Kai

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