

Summary of Our Academic/Research Strengths Lingnan University

Faculty of Arts

Department of Chinese

嶺南大學中文系，是中國香港歷史最悠久的中文系。始於 1900 年廣州格致書院的中文部，一開始就孕育了陳受頤、冼玉清等著名文史學家。40 年代末，隨著陳寅恪、王力、容庚等名家學者的加入，嶺南大學中文系迎來了歷史上最輝煌的時期，學術文化的薪火頓成燎原之勢。

如今的嶺南大學中文系，立志繼往開來，以精研國粹為本，追求貫通中西的卓越學術，在中國文學、語言文字、經史思想、創意寫作、數字人文諸方面都取得了長足的進步，已經建立起完善的學科體系和深厚的學術傳統。我們擁有一批世界優秀的學者和教師隊伍，立足香港，面向世界，努力建成世界一流的中文系。

大雅久不作，吾衰竟誰彈？揮筆決浮雲，光耀再旦開。誠邀優秀的莘莘學子，加入嶺南中文大家庭，一起再鑄輝煌！

Department of Cultural Studies

Founded in 1999, the Department of Cultural Studies at Lingnan is the forerunner of offering BA degree in Cultural Studies, Master of Cultural Studies Programme (MCS) and Research Postgraduate Programmes (MPhil & PhD). We promote interdisciplinary research that foregrounds new ideas and drives societal changes. Our faculty members come from different areas of expertise, focusing on topics such as cultural sociology, digital media cultures, food science and technology, gender and sexualities, Hong Kong cultural identity, labour studies, migration and mobility, modern Chinese intellectual history, race and ethnicities, transgender studies and urban commons. Geographically, we are interested in Hong Kong, inter-Asia and global China. Connecting cultural theories with civic engagement is the core of our values. We do so by fostering community partnerships and public outreaches through our affiliated research centre, the Centre for Cultural Research and Development.

Department of Digital Arts and Creative Industries

The Department of Digital Arts and Creative Industries at Lingnan is an interdisciplinary and innovative research hub that encompasses a wide range of areas, including film and television, animation, museums and curating, as well as digital arts and immersive media. We intend to

provide broad theoretical study and practical training for students seeking careers in Hong Kong, China, and the Greater Bay Area's burgeoning creative and cultural industries. The Department offers including BA in Visual Studies, BA in Creative Media Industries, BA in Animation and Digital Arts, MA in Curating and Art History and MA in Creative and Media Industries. The Department of Digital Arts and Creative Industries' academic staff are international and drawn from a variety of disciplines across film and media studies, media industries and policies, museum studies, and contemporary art. Understanding the interplay between film and new media, contemporary arts, and the creative industries is indeed the focus of the department. For more information about our department, please visit www.LN.edu.hk/daci/.

Department of English

The Department of English offers exciting MPhil and PhD research opportunities in the areas of literary studies and language studies. Our staff members currently have internationally recognised expertise in many areas including:

General

Language Studies

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

Literary Studies

- Modernism
- China-West Relations
- Cultural Cold War
- Critical Theory
- Asian Literatures in English
- Tragic Drama and Tragic Discourse
- Cross-Cultural Studies of Literature

- Travel Writing
- Literature in Adaptation

Details of staff research and teaching expertise can be found on the departmental website: www.LN.edu.hk/eng/people/academic-staff.

Department of History

The Department of History at Lingnan currently has ten full-time research-track faculty members whose expertise spans the entirety of Chinese history, Hong Kong and Macao History, Japanese History, modern British and European history, and American history. The Department is particularly keen on recruiting students with a passion for global and transnational history.

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

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

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

Associate Professor Carmen Chung Man Tsui is a historian of architecture and urbanism. Specifically, she is interested in the history of housing and real estate development, modern architecture, and cultural heritage and conservation, in Hong Kong and South China at large.

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

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

Assistant Professor Li Youjia is a historian of the Japanese empire, with a specific focus on the history of transportation and technology in Japan and Asia at large.

Research Assistant Professor Catherine Chan is a modern historian of Southeast Asia, especially the history of Hong Kong and Macau and its diasporic population throughout Asia.

Research Assistant Professor An Bo is a historian of modern science and technology and a digital humanist. His research focuses on the history of computing, AI, and data in modern China, and he develops academic research software for historical scholarship.

Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy at Lingnan is a lively, collegial enterprise. Our 16 faculty members work closely with students in a compact, peer-like environment—publishing with presses like Oxford and Cambridge, and in journals such as *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, and *Ethics*. We give priority to applicants whose interests align with our strengths in **Moral Philosophy (including Applied Ethics)**, **Philosophy of Science**, and **Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence**—while warmly welcoming work in **Aesthetics**, **Metaphysics**, **Philosophy of Logic**, **Philosophy of Mind**, and **Epistemology**.

For full details about Philosophy faculty & research, please visit:

www.LN.edu.hk/philoso/programmes/research-postgraduate-programmes-rpg

Department of Translation

The Department of Translation at Lingnan is notable for its academic excellence, with some of the best translation scholars in the Chinese speaking world. It has long been recognised as one of the top translation departments in Greater China, upholding a proud tradition of outstanding in its scholarship, as evidenced in prolific international publications.

The Department offers not only opportunities for research in many areas of Translation Studies, but also a well-developed and congenial community that provides strong support to its graduate students in advancing their intellectual development as they proceed through the PhD programme. Our PhD graduates are popular and valued in academia. Many of them are now academics at prestigious universities in Hong Kong, Canada, and the Chinese Mainland.

Faculty of Business

Department of Accountancy

The Department of Accountancy at Lingnan has the overall ranking of 128 worldwide based on archival research publications in the last six years according to a comprehensive survey “Accounting Rankings for Universities 2024” by Brigham Young University (www.byuaccounting.net). By topical areas, our research in taxation, financial accounting and auditing are ranked 60, 123, and 144 worldwide respectively. This is a great achievement given the small scale of the department. The Department has published research in top-tier academic journals, including *The Accounting Review*; *Journal of Accounting and Economics*; *Contemporary Accounting Research*; *Review of Accounting Studies*; *Accounting, Organization and Society*; *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*; *Journal of Financial Economics*; *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*; *Management Science*. Our research contributes to accounting theory and practice that offers significant insights to the accountancy profession in Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong, China.

Department of Finance

The Department of Finance has nine faculty members who are active in research. Our research interests are wide ranging and use theoretical, empirical, and applied approaches. Faculty have recently completed studies on Fintech, Environmental Social and Governance (ESG), Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC), corporate finance, corporate governance, asset pricing, innovation and labour economics, political economy, charitable organizations, public finance and sustainability. The findings from these studies have been published in prestigious international journals, including *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, and *Management Science*.

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

Department of Management

The Department of Management at Lingnan has developed research strengths in the board areas of organisational behaviour and strategic management and is also exploring emerging research issues. Our research supports Lingnan University’s liberal arts mission of developing and

applying knowledge for public service. We seek motivated, capable students who are committed to developing their research competence through our postgraduate programmes.

Department of Marketing and International Business

Our faculty of the Department of Marketing and International Business received their doctoral degrees in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, or the United States.

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

For more information, please visit our alumni sharing website:

www.LN.edu.hk/mkt/student-and-alumni-corner/alumni-sharing

Department of Operations and Risk Management and The Institute of Insurance and Risk Management

The Department of Operations and Risk Management is one of the five departments in the Faculty of Business, specialising in teaching and research in Operations Management (OM) and Risk Management and Insurance (RMI). It has a small group of faculty members who are among the most active researchers in Hong Kong, China, in their specialised research areas (www.LN.edu.hk/orm/people/faculty), and who are well recognised by peers with competitive research grants and publications in high quality journals (e.g., *Management Science*, *Operations Research*, *Production and Operations Management*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Journal of Risk and Insurance* and *Insurance: Mathematics and Economics*).

The Institute of Insurance and Risk Management (IIRM) is a research centre within the Department of Operations and Risk Management in the Faculty of Business, specialising in teaching and research in Risk Management and Insurance. IIRM aims to help address gaps in the areas of manpower demand, advanced managerial and professional training, and in-depth industry analysis in the insurance industry by conducting research on key aspects of insurance

markets and providing additional professional consulting services in various specialized fields of risk management and insurance. The institute is formed by a group of faculty members who are well recognised by peers for securing competitive research grants and publications in high quality journals in areas such as Equity Risk Premium, Demand for Insurance, Uncertainty Aversion, Optimal reinsurance, and Reinsurance pricing.

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

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Economics

With 15 regular academic staff, the Department of Economics is large by Lingnan's standards. Its members all hold PhDs from top universities internationally. The Department's research and expertise span broad areas of economic theory and empirical and policy work — in international economics, finance and trade, monetary economics, competition policy, labour markets, housing and health policy, environmental economics, ageing problems and population economics. The publications by the staff members of the Economics Department have appeared in the leading journals in economics such as *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *Economic Journal*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Management Science*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, and *Review of Economics and Statistics*. In the most recent RAE 2020 conducted by the UGC, 53% of Lingnan economics and finance faculty's research was rated as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'. Equally important for our research students, the Department hosts a constant string of top scholars from around the world for short visits and seminars.

Department of Government and International Affairs

Internationally-experienced faculty members in the Department of Government and International Affairs have quality publication records and are recognised as experts in their fields of study. The Department has two research groups: China in the World and the Governance and Bureaucracy Lab. In China in the World faculty study the rise of China and its implication for international politics at both global and regional levels. In the Governance and Bureaucracy Lab we examine questions of citizen and bureaucratic behaviour, effective government and government and identity.

Department of Psychology

Teaching and research in the Department of Psychology cover many exciting areas, including occupational health psychology, counselling psychology, social psychology, personality psychology, cross-cultural psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, environmental psychology and neuroscience, etc. Members of staff have internationally recognised expertise in the areas of:

- Cognitive psychology (visual perception, metacognition, perceptual learning, multitasking and executive function, pre-attentive processing)

- Cognitive neuroscience (decision-making, perceptual processes, computational modelling, stressful aging, neuroeconomics)
- Consumer psychology
- Counselling psychology
- Cross-cultural psychology (biculturalism, socio-ecology approach to culture, trust and culture, bicultural identity)
- Developmental psychology (youth's well-being, social gerontology)
- Educational psychology
- Environmental psychology
- Health (social capital, healthy literacy, health services, multidimensional well-being, welfare policies and attitudes, digital mental health, physical activity, healthcare human factors)
- Human-AI interaction and user experience
- Interpersonal communication
- Occupational health psychology (occupational engagement, stress and burnout, work-life balance, psychology of work safety, work/family interference, work place diversity, job design and characteristics)
- Personality psychology (personality traits, personality assessment)
- Positive psychology (positive youth development, mindfulness, emotion, leadership development and education)
- Psychometrics (research methodology, education measurement, personality assessment)
- Social cognition
- Social psychology

Department of Sociology and Social Policy

The Department of Sociology and Social Policy has more than ten professorial members from 4 different countries. It achieved outstanding results in the Research Assessment Exercise 2020, and has been successful in winning external competitive grants. Since 2014, it has had 32 research postgraduate students from Asia, Africa, Europe and North America, including an outstanding record of 17 Hong Kong PhD Fellows. The department also offers taught MA courses, which are available to our research students. Members of staff currently have a world-leading or internationally recognised expertise in areas including:

- Ageing, social gerontology
- Children and young people
- Comparative policy studies and social development
- Comparative and global social policy
- Culture, cognition and knowledge
- Education/higher education

- Family
- Gender
- Marriage
- Mental health
- Migration, mobilities and transnationalism
- Multidimensional well-being
- Poverty, welfare and social security
- Reproductive politics
- Research methods
- Sexuality
- Social inclusion
- Survey experiments
- Transitional justice
- Violence in intimate and family relationships
- Work and employment
- Social theory

School of Data Science

The School of Data Science (SDS), the sixth school at Lingnan University, comprises the Division of Artificial Intelligence (DAI) and the Division of Industrial Data Science (DIDS). SDS serves as an innovation and research hub, fostering data science experts to benefit the local society and the Greater Bay Area while underscoring the University's capacity to lead impactful research initiatives. We bring together world-renowned data science scholars and offer a vibrant, dynamic research environment with a global outlook. As of 2024, SDS has five elite scholars ranked among the World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford:

Professor S. Joe Qin, President and Wai Kee Kau Chair Professor of Data Science, is ranked first in both Hong Kong and nationwide in the field of Industrial Engineering and Automation.

Professor Raymond Hon-fu Chan, Vice-President (Academics) cum Provost and Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Scientific Computing, is ranked second in the field of Numerical and Computational Mathematics.

Professor Xin Yao, Vice-President (Research and Innovation) and Tong Tin Sun Chair Professor of Machine Learning, is ranked first in Hong Kong and fifth nationwide in the field of Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing.

Professor Sam Tak-wu Kwong, Associate Vice-President (Strategic Research), J.K. Lee Chair Professor of Computational Intelligence, and Acting Dean of SDS, specialises in Computer Vision, including video coding, evolutionary computation, machine learning, and pattern recognition.

Professor Haoran Xie, Professor and Acting Associate Dean, specialises in Natural Language Processing, focusing on large language models, sentiment analysis, and AI in education.

SDS offers MPhil and PhD degree programs in Data Science through its two divisions:

Division of Artificial Intelligence (DAI)

DAI provides the technical foundation of data science with a specific focus on AI. The division explores state-of-the-art developments in machine learning, neural networks, and cognitive computing, equipping students with the latest AI technologies and methods. Faculty members focus on diverse topics in AI, including:

- Natural language processing, large language models, and retrieval-augmented generation
- Computer vision, video/image compression, video coding, image processing, and generative models

- Computational linguistics
- Internet of Things (IoT), mobile computing, and edge computing
- Social computing and affective computing
- Blockchain
- Algorithm design, algorithmic game theory, and mechanism design
- Smart healthcare, health monitoring, and management
- Educational technologies

Further information on our current staff list and interests can be found at www.LN.edu.hk/sds/dai/division/people.

Division of Industrial Data Science (DIDS)

DIDS is focused on the application of data science within various industrial sectors. This division is geared towards creating partnerships with businesses, understanding industry challenges, and tailoring curriculum to prepare students for real-world data analytics tasks. Faculty members focus on diverse topics related to industrial data science:

- Process monitoring
- Model predictive control
- Smart manufacturing and smart cities
- Intelligence optimisation
- Evolutionary computation
- AI and games
- System and automation
- Interorganisational governance and contract management

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School of Graduate Studies

The School of Graduate Studies (GS) is home to experts in a very wide range of disciplines, from housing and education to business, and many faculty members have research backgrounds at noteworthy institutions across the globe. Our MPhil/PhD in Urban Studies and Sociology and/or Social Policy programmes are built on faculty members' diverse backgrounds and interdisciplinary interactions within GS. Our current faculty members have world-leading or internationally recognised expertise in areas including:

<u>Urban Studies</u>	<u>Sociology and/or Social Policy</u>
• Accessible cities • Affordable housing • Cities and social exclusion • Comparative housing policy • Conservation and adaptative reuse of heritage • Displacement • Discrimination and prejudice • Gated communities • Gentrification • Homeowners associations • Housing activism • Housing financialisation • Housing for the elderly • Identity and belonging • Inclusive cities • Industrial development and transformation • Informal housing • Infrastructure • Land use and zoning • Migration and mobility • Multiowned properties • Neighbour conflicts • Neighbourhood and community • Neighbourhood and place attachment • Place branding • Property rights • Real estate economics	• Ageing and social gerontology • Ageing in place • Carers • Children and young people • Cities and urban governance • Comparative social policies • Cross-cultural adaptation and communication of international studies • Culture and knowledge • Education/higher education • Education inequalities • Education mobilities • Education policy and governance • Education skills and labour supply • Environmental governance • Family • Financial counselling and planning • Financial intervention/education • First-year learning experiences and positive learning outcomes • Gender • Generic skills development • Health • Health and society • Heritage and sustainable development • Housing

• Residential mobility • Segregation • Social justice • Third-sector housing • Tourism and sustainable development • Urban and rural enclaves • Urban governance • Urban inequalities • Urban movements • Urban political ecology • Urban poverty and deprivation • Urban renewal and regeneration • Urbanisation and infectious disease • Urbanisation and urbanism • Walkable cities • Waste management in cities	• Informal carers • Intergenerational caregiving • International and comparative education • Labour • Migration and transnationalism • Multidimensional well-being • Nonprofit management • Old-age income protection • Personal finance management • Political economy of welfare state • Poverty, welfare and social security • Research methods • Residential education • Social capital and social exclusion • Social policy • Social theory • State-society relations • Social work practices • Technology and social services • Technology-enhanced language learning and teaching • Well-being • Welfare Policies • Work and employment
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School of Interdisciplinary Studies

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

The School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) boasts a diverse team of world-class faculty members who are actively engaged in cross-disciplinary research across various areas of sustainability. Our research emphasis on clean energy and energy storage, climate change and carbon neutrality, AI-driven design of new materials and smart manufacturing, and sustainable environment and infrastructure.

Research students will acquire the tools necessary to analyse sustainability issues from a systematic perspective, gaining an understanding of the linkages and feedback across domains that are often missed by single-discipline approaches. In addition to their thesis work, students will have opportunities to collaborate with major industrial partners on significant research initiatives, gaining valuable insights and practical experience to address sustainability challenges and contribute to innovative solutions for global issues.

Science Unit

The Science Unit has 10 members whose research and teaching interests cover core areas of environmental science and sustainability including ecology, evolution, geology, geography, urban studies, smart energy and engineering, and environmental education.

The MPhil in Environmental Science Programme is the first ever science programme offered by the Science Unit at Lingnan University. In 2024, the PhD in Environmental Science Programme is also developed to accommodate the increasing need of talents in the field. They are a two-year full-time and three-year full-time postgraduate programme respectively. A new call for application for the 2026 Intake is launched. These programmes will equip students with a strong theoretical background in environmental sciences, as well as provide a diversity of hands-on, experiential experiences needed to be successful in this field.

Key research areas:

- **Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation**
 - Behavioural ecology and eco-physiology
 - Development of new technologies to aid in wildlife trade enforcement
 - Freshwater and terrestrial ecology
 - Functional and applied ecology
 - Insect diversity and conservation
 - Phylogenetics and population genetics
 - Surveys of the wildlife trade in Asia

- Thermal biology
- Urban ecology
- **Geographical Information System, Urban Climate and Environmental Health**
 - Environmental and social impact assessment (urban climate and air/noise pollution)
 - Environmental epidemiology and health technologies
 - ESG and Environmental Education
 - Urban Sensing and GeoAI Application
- **Renewable Energy and Application**
 - Control, modelling, and monitoring of Lithium-ion battery systems
 - Second-life utilisation of Lithium-ion batteries in renewable energy systems
 - Hybrid power systems consist of Lithium-ion batteries and other devices