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Event Summary

1 2023-2024 The 1st Guia Lecture

"The Misinterpreted Demise of Qin Keqing: A Multifaceted Analysis Blending Socio-Legal and Redology"

Date: 8 September 2023

Speaker: Lan KE, Professor, the Law School, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China

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

The 1st "Guia Lecture" of the 2023-24 academic year, titled "The Misinterpreted Demise of Qin Keqing: A Multifaceted Analysis Blending Socio-Legal and Redology", was successfully held on 8 September, 2023, at the E31 Student Activity Centre Theatre of the University of Macau. The "Guia Lecture" leverages Chinese Confucianism to expand Macao's global culture, fostering cultural exchange among diverse cultures in Macau, China and beyond. It provides a platform that enables interdisciplinary, high-quality, and international academic exchanges.

This lecture delved into the character "Qin Keqing" from one of China's Four Great Classical Novels, "A Dream of Red Mansions." Professor Ke initiated her exploration by scrutinizing suicide incidents involving several female characters within the novel. Later, Professor Ke examined the uncertainties surrounding Qin's





demise and embarked on an insightful investigation into the intricate issue of incestuous relationships within families during the Qing Dynasty. Particularly, the lecture shed light on the distressing prevalence of father-in-law and daughter-in-law incestuous affairs, which regrettably lacked adequate legal remedies.

Professor Ke further delved into the analysis of legal provisions regarding the “Act of compelling an individual to commit suicide” during the Ming and Qing

Dynasties. Her discourse highlighted a critical aspect – individuals who instigated others to commit suicide for reasons beyond official duties could potentially bear criminal responsibility. This illuminating perspective underscored that the victims of sexual crimes, by choosing suicide as a means to hold the perpetrators legally accountable, were engaging in a rational form of resistance. Professor Ke’s insights enriched our understanding of the legal backdrop surrounding Qin Keqing’s tragic end.



In addition to these explorations, the lecture also probed into the potential motives behind the alteration of the narrative surrounding Qin’s demise. It scrutinized the intentions of the annotators and the author, Cao Xueqin, revealing intriguing inconsistencies within the narrative. Finally, Professor Ke emphatically emphasized that Qin was a victim of sexual crimes, and her decision to end her own life was an act of seeking justice. Through this narrative lens, it exposed a prevalent societal evil during the Qing Dynasty, providing a searing critique of the darker aspects of the legal system and the pervasive discrimination and injustices faced by women.

This lecture has provided a fresh, cross-disciplinary perspective on the interpretation of “Qin Keqing’s Demise.” It drew enthusiastic participation from over two hundred attendees, including scholars and students from diverse academic disciplines and institutions, both locally and internationally. The lecture ignited lively discussions, particularly on contemporary issues pertaining to the protection of women’s rights and the sociological exploration of suicide-related topics.

2 ZUMRI & IAS Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture

"Writing about the daily life of modern Chinese cities – Big issues in small teahouses"

Date: 15 September 2023

Speaker: Di WANG, Associate Director of IAS, Chair Professor of the Department of History, FAH, UM

Moderator: Chunming WANG, Deputy Director of ZUMRI, Director of RSKTO, Professor of ICMS & Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, FHS, UM

The ZUMRI & IAS Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture, entitled "Writing about the daily life of modern Chinese cities – Big issues in small teahouses," was successfully held on 15 September, 2023, at ZUMRI. Professor Di Wang narrated the urban history of teahouses and people's lives, along with social changes. This collaboration between ZUMRI and IAS aims to facilitate the synergy effects of academic resources and promote collaboration and exploration in the humanities, science, and technology fields.

During the Western Expansion in China by the early 2000s, the society of Chengdu was deeply worried that cultural practices such as playing mahjong and sipping tea might convey a negative image of the city as slow-paced and lacking ambition. After years of development, Chengdu successfully transformed into a first-tier city in China. However, its rich traditions of mahjong and teahouses remain the same.



The teahouses that serve as a public sphere have faced many challenges during the social changes. The development of teahouses reached its peak during the Republican period. The teahouses experienced a gradual decline in the 1960s but have steadily recovered after the period of Reform and Opening-up. In the early stage of Socialism, the resources were in the hands of the state, unauthorized cultures were diminished, and traditional performances in the tea houses were changed to suit the policies. Teahouses are the models that reflect how political cultures affect society.

Professor Wang believed that the success of Reform and Opening-up can be attributed to the government's decreased level of control and intervention in public affairs. This allowed the city to operate with its own vitality. The current commercialization has limited space for small teahouses. Professor Wang claimed that only time can tell us whether teahouses will survive and thrive in the decline of local culture.

During the lecture, Professor Wang shared his publishing experience. He claimed that research and writing should rely on rigorous methods and strict language. Moreover, academics may attempt to present articles by historians with straightaway and simplified forms to engage young readers who may not find traditional historical texts appealing.

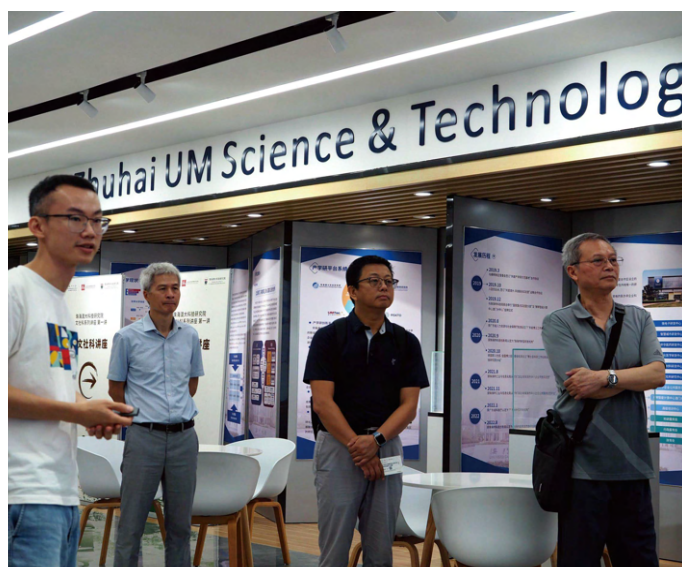
Professor Wang also shared stories from his field studies while preparing for his publication. Those daily stories have given teahouses a valuable and unique role in people's lives. At the end of the lecture, Professor Wang said that historians might lose their research focus due to the repetitive and predictable nature of daily life. However, only the prosperous and stable lives of the people can be combined into a great narration.



3 The IAS team visited Zhuhai UM Science & Technology Research Institute

The IAS team led by Associate Directors Professor Di Wang and Professor Bing Shui, visited the Zhuhai UM Science & Technology Research Institute (ZUMRI) and received a warm welcome from Professor Chunming Wang, the Deputy Director of ZUMRI.

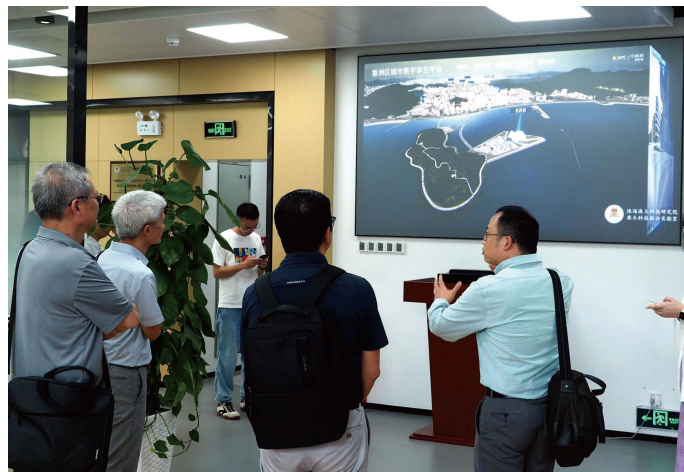
The team visited three research centers: the Advanced Materials Research Center, the Smart City R&D Center, and the Chinese Medicine and the translational Medicine R&D Center. Professor Chunming Wang introduced the usage of the smart city and IoT applications on traffic and public safety. He also shared the



research collaborations between the university and companies, with the goal of nurturing talents in related fields.

Professor Shui appreciated the interdisciplinary platform and geographical advantages of ZUMRI and was excited about the potential collaboration which would promote multidisciplinary interaction and dialogue in humanities and sciences. The Head of Academic Programme and Publication of IAS, Professor Shaoyang Lin praised the industry-academia collaboration research strategy, he also mentioned that the visit helped the team gain a deeper understanding of ZUMRI's current scientific research development.

Professor Shui and Professor Lin presented Professor Chunming Wang with a pennant to express our gratitude at the end of the visit. Both parties had in-depth discussions and expressed their hope to strengthen exchanges and potential collaborations in the future.



4 Symposium on Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Date: 28 September 2023

Organisers: UM IAS and FLL, HKU Law Equality Rights Project, HKU Space Law

The Symposium on Therapeutic Jurisprudence, organized by the University of Macau, the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the Equality Rights Project, and HKU Space Law, was successfully conducted via Zoom on 28 September 2023. This symposium was a significant academic event that epitomized the university's commitment to a global academic perspective rooted in Macau and was the first symposium on this topic in Chinese society.

Therapeutic jurisprudence is an interdisciplinary study of the therapeutic and anti-therapeutic aspects of laws and public policies, as well as legal institutions and dispute-resolution systems. This approach values psychologically healthy outcomes in legal disputes and transactions. The symposium featured a distinguished lineup of speakers who delved into various aspects of therapeutic jurisprudence. The keynote speakers, Professor David Wexler and Professor Michael Perlin provided valuable insights into the origins and applications of therapeutic jurisprudence, especially in the context of mental health law in the United States. Their presentations highlighted the potential for therapeutic jurisprudence to reshape the legal landscape and prioritize therapeutic outcomes for individuals with mental disabilities.

In the panel sessions, Professor Richard Wu's presentation on well-being in law school and practice underscored the critical need to address the unique challenges faced by law students and practitioners. He introduced

mindfulness as a tool to enhance emotional and mental health in the legal profession, emphasizing the importance of self-compassion and awareness.

Peng Ding's exploration of therapeutic jurisprudence for people with focused on shifting from traditional therapeutic approaches to a rights-based perspective. He highlighted the significance of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the positive duties of states to ensure equal access to justice. His presentation discussed the evolving concept of therapeutic jurisprudence and emphasized the importance of inclusivity in the justice system.

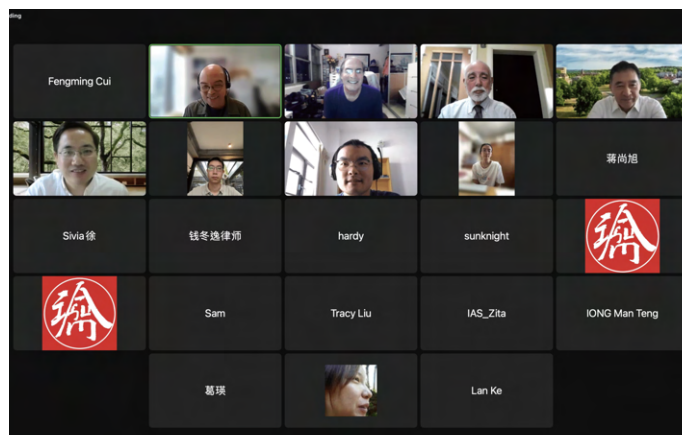
Becky Leung's research on the cumulative disadvantages faced by individuals with psychosocial disabilities in the Magistrates' Courts of Hong Kong revealed significant disparities in the legal process. Her findings highlighted the urgent need for reforms to ensure equal treatment and support for individuals with disabilities in the criminal justice system.

Bo Chen's comprehensive analysis of the implementation of mental health law in China, focusing on the reduction of restrictive measures in psychiatric facilities, provided critical insights into the challenges and opportunities within the Chinese legal system. His presentation emphasized the importance of clear policies, training, and a deeper understanding of mental health law to minimize restrictive measures.

Simon Ng's presentation on access to justice for people with communicative disabilities brought attention to the challenges faced by this vulnerable group within the criminal justice system. His discussion of real-life cases illustrated the need for effective communication, procedural accommodations, and increased awareness within the legal process.

In his concluding remarks, Professor Xingzhong Yu expressed gratitude to all participants. He recognized the symposium's significance as a starting point rather than an endpoint in the journey of therapeutic jurisprudence. Professor Yu highlighted the need for continued communication and collaboration in promoting therapeutic jurisprudence, especially in Asia, where awareness of the field is still limited.

The Symposium on Therapeutic Jurisprudence brought together scholars, practitioners, and students from diverse academic backgrounds and institutions, both locally and internationally. It provided a platform for insightful discussions on applying therapeutic jurisprudence principles to enhance well-being, promote inclusivity, and address systemic challenges within the legal system. The symposium's success emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary approaches and international perspectives in advancing therapeutic jurisprudence.



Upcoming Events

Philosophy Forum Distinguished Scholars Series 哲學名師系列講堂

Organizers: UM IAS and FAH
Date: 31 October - 1 November, 2023
Venue: Cultural Building (E34), Room G011 & Online via Zoom
Language: Chinese and English

Philosophy Forum
Distinguished Scholars Series - 1

哲學名師系列講堂1

31/10
16:00 - 18:00

陳嘉映

浙江大學城市學院講座教授，首都師範大學哲學系資深教授

主題：紅色哪裡去了

我們看到，玫瑰是紅的，若問紅色在哪裡，紅色在玫瑰那裡。但玫瑰結實分兩類性質，第一類性質，如形狀、重量等等，是事物固有的，第二類性質，如顏色、輕重等等，不是事物固有的。如果紅色不是玫瑰固有的，不在玫瑰那裡，那紅色在哪裡？現代科學和哲學都顯示了我們看到紅色的整個過程中的物理-生理機制，紅色在整個過程中都沒有出現——不出現在玫瑰上，也不出現在視網膜、視神經和腦葉上。那麼，紅色在哪裡？

活動資訊

地點：澳門大學人文樓演講廳 (E34-G011)
Zoom會議ID/密碼：946 1993 5897 / 353282

主持人：廖曉峰 (澳門大學法學院教授、法學院院長)
與談人：張志偉 (中國人民大學傑出學者特聘教授)
王麗霞 (澳門大學哲學與宗教學系特聘教授)

Philosophy Forum
Distinguished Scholars Series - 2

哲學名師系列講堂2

31/10
19:15 - 21:15

孫周興

浙江大學講座教授，浙江大學未來哲學研究院院長，兼任同濟大學、中國美術學院等校教授

主題：寂靜與黑白

世界是聲音與色的世界。聲音與顏色是這個世界的基本要素，古典時期的自然人類首先對兩者做了形而上學的沉思，並而在近代歐洲建立了科學-物理的還原主義或機械主義的處理。但聲音與顏色問題依然成謎。本演講嘗試從現象學出發探討聲音現象，形成一種聲音存在論，指出聲音的根本上是無聲，顏色由根本元素是黑，無聲無色為虛無，而有聲音有色即存在；而從人類經驗角度來說，今天需要維護或者重新喚起一種“聽無聲”和“觀無相”的原始感知能力。

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與談人：李華 (澳門大學藝術與設計系講座教授)
李紅霞 (澳門大學哲學系副教授)

Philosophy Forum
Distinguished Scholars Series - 3

哲學名師系列講堂3

1/11
15:30 - 17:30

許煜

Professor and Chair of Human Conditions, Erasmus School of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Machine and Nothingness

This paper starts with a question that Keiji Nishitani raised during the 1960s when modern computational apparatus and robotics started proliferating in industrial and daily use: "Is it possible for a machine to be able to mechanically conceive of 'nothingness' as it really is?" The question of nothingness is grounded in the phenomenological and Eastern philosophical tradition that Nishitani inherited. His questioning could be read as an ontological refusal of the postulation that a machine might acquire human intelligence, as well as a challenge to modern technology if nothingness could be an ultimate computational problem. This paper will address both readings and, at the same time, reevaluate Nishitani's comment: Could Nishitani's question be refused today, considering the rapid development of artificial intelligence? Or is the question itself ill-posed since it is no more than a humanist critique?

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Guest Lecture Series - The Xinhai Revolution and Antiquity in the Qing Imperial Palace: An illustration of Naito Konan's Feng Tian Temple investigation

嘉賓講座系列：辛亥革命與清室古物——以內藤湖南的奉天宮殿調查為例

Date: 06 November, 2023
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Venue: UM Gallery (E1) Auditorium & Online via Zoom
Speaker: Professor Yujiro MURATA
Moderator: Professor Shaoyang LIN
Language: Chinese

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15:30 - 17:00

辛亥革命與清室古物

以內藤湖南的奉天宮殿調查為例

1912年春天，內藤湖南訪問奉天宮殿，(以攝像機)進行了調查。調查結果，成為《奉天宮殿調查報告》。這是內藤湖南在滿洲國時，在1905至1909年，在奉天宮殿調查的基礎上，對清室古物進行調查的報告。內藤湖南在1905至1909年，在奉天宮殿調查的基礎上，對清室古物進行調查的報告。內藤湖南在1905至1909年，在奉天宮殿調查的基礎上，對清室古物進行調查的報告。

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Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture Series - Literature as history: A case study of Ishikawa Tatsuzou's "Soldiers Alive"

傑出訪問學者講座系列：文學即歷史——以石川達三《活著的士兵》為例的辨正

Date: November, 2023
Venue: Cultural Building (E34), Room G011 & Online via Zoom
Speaker: Professor Jiang SUN
Language: Chinese

Luncheon Meeting : The idea of a global conceptual history

學科對話午餐例會：全球概念史的構想

Date: November, 2023
Venue: Cultural Building (E34), Room 3011
Speaker: Professor Jiang SUN
Language: Chinese

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