



IAS NEWSLETTER

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The IAS has successfully organized five events in the past two months. These included three Guest Lectures on history and sociology, with distinguished scholars from China, Japan, and the USA. Besides the lectures, the luncheon meeting and the 3rd annual conference have also been successfully conducted. The CSSCI journal, the *South China Quarterly*, is now available via [LINK](#).

Event Summary

1 2023 - 2024 IAS Guest Lecture

“The Xinhai Revolution and Antiquity in the Qing Imperial Palace: An Illustration of Naito Konan’s Feng Tian Palace Investigation”

Date: 6 November, 2023

Speaker: Yujiro MURATA, Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshida University, Japan

Moderator: Shaoyang LIN, Professor, Department of History, FAH, UM

The Guest Lecture Series, titled “The Xinhai Revolution and Antiquity in the Qing Imperial Palace: An Illustration of Naito Konan’s Feng Tian Palace Investigation” was successfully held on 6 November 2023 at the UM Gallery Auditorium. Professor Murata analyzed the transitions of modern Chinese history by introducing Naito Konan’s investigation of the Feng Tian Palace, providing the audience with a new perspective on late Qing Dynasty history.

Professor Murata introduced the policies related to preserving antiquities announced by the government from the Qing Dynasty to the Republic of China. He went on to give a detailed overview of Naito Konan’s five research studies carried out at Feng Tian Palace. During these studies, Naito visited and took photographs of significant historical sites associated with the Qing Dynasty in Northeast China. Professor Murata provided an explanation for the failure of Naito Konan’s fifth investigation, considering the historical changes that happened in China.

While the focus was on Naito Kanon’s investigation, Professor Murata emphasized its relationship with various political activities during the late Qing Dynasty. For instance, commander Erxun Zhao initially



Professor Yujiro MURATA



A group photo of guests and audiences

supported Naito Konan in the investigation of antiquity's photography. However, after the Qing Dynasty abdication, Zhao suddenly prohibited Naito Konan from taking photographs.

Professor Murata discussed the changes in the protection of antiquities, focusing specifically on whether the antiquities of the Qing emperors should be considered as public or private property. The issue of cultural relic classification was not entirely settled until the founding of the Palace Museum in 1925.

The lecture attracted almost 150 students and scholars who engaged both on-site and via live streaming, resulting in living and engaging conversations.

2 The First Luncheon Meeting of the Academic Year 2023/2024 was successfully held

Date: 17 November, 2023

Speaker: Jiang SUN, Professor, Director of Xue-heng Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Government, Nanjing University, China

The first luncheon meeting of the Academic Year 2023/2024 was successfully held on 17 November 2023. Professor Jiang Sun was invited to share his insights on “Global Conceptual History.” The participants engaged in discussions on topics such as historical concepts, and the standard of world history, promoting interdisciplinary communication and collaboration.

Professor Jiang Sun first introduced the evolution of conceptual history, followed by three shifts in cross-linguistic studies, and finally provided examples using global conceptual history. In-depth conversations on research methodologies, frontier challenges in the associated field, and the significance of global conceptual history were held throughout the session.

Professor Xingzhong Yu expressed concerns about the term “concept,” whereas Professor Sun provided clarification by using regional and translated concepts. Professor Sun emphasized the influence of cultural background and language characteristics on concept understanding and translation, providing examples to illustrate their transformation in cross-cultural contexts. Professor Keikei Ng agreed and believed that this is particularly important in translation. The scholars and students shared their research findings and insights, exchanged different viewpoints, and proposed suggestions and ideas to promote the development of global conceptual history.



Professor Jiang SUN (Left)



A group photo

The luncheon meeting aims to provide a platform for IAS fellows to participate in interdisciplinary discussions, expanding diverse perspectives and explorations within the academic community. This meeting promoted dialogue and cooperation among various academic fields, enriching the understanding and research of human history with diverse perspectives and viewpoints.

3 2023 - 2024 IAS Guest Lecture

“How to Dialogue with the Past”

Date: 24 November, 2023

Speaker: Jiang SUN, Professor, Director of Xue-heng Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Government, Nanjing University, China

Moderator: Xingzhong YU, Director of IAS, Chair Professor, FLL, UM



Professor Jiang SUN

The Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (IAS) organized a captivating guest lecture on the theme of “How to Dialogue with the Past.” on 24 November 2023. Professor Jiang Sun delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation about the time dimensions of historical studies. This event successfully created a platform for multidisciplinary discussions, allowing for a rich exchange of ideas from various disciplines.



The Q&A and discussion session

The presentation was divided into five parts: “E.H. Carr and his ‘What is History?’,” “History as ‘Representation’,” “History as ‘Present’,” “All real history is contemporary history,” and “Historical interpretation = Elemental violence.” Professor Sun used a quotation from E.H. Carr’s book “What is History?” - “History is an unending dialogue between the present and the past” - as a guiding thread for exploring the evolution of modern historiography since the nineteenth century. He analyzed different perspectives on facts, interpretation, and the connections between the past and the present (future).

Professor Sun also anticipated the future of historiography in the era of “post-modernity,” explaining the concepts and distinctions between “moral history,” “empirical history,” “problem history,” “narrative history,” and “postmodern history.” In conclusion, Professor Sun quoted Geoffrey R. Elton from “The Practice of History”: “The future is dark; the present is burdensome; only the past, dead and finished, bears contemplation.”

The lecture encouraged exploring diverse perspectives from different disciplines creating an opportunity for multidisciplinary dialogue. It attracted over 200 participants, including students and faculty members, both online and offline, sparking enthusiastic discussions.

4 The 3rd Annual Conference has been successfully conducted

Date: 1-2 December, 2023

Venue: Auditorium of Wu Yee Sun Library

Theme: Technology and Life: Interdisciplinary Reflections



A group photo of guests

The 3rd IAS Annual Conference, organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (IAS) of the University of Macau, was successfully held on 1-2 December 2023, at the Auditorium of Wu Yee Sun Library. This year's conference took "Technology and Life: Interdisciplinary Reflections" as its theme, inviting 30 experts and scholars in the field of humanities and social sciences from UM and abroad. Through an interdisciplinary lens, it focused discussions on the links between technology and life in the era of technological revolution.

Over the two-day period, the conference attracted nearly 1,000 online and offline participants, including academics and students from renowned domestic and international institutions as well as representatives from various organizations, who engaged in insightful exchanges of views and perspectives, stimulating meaningful academic discourse and fruitfully promoting interdisciplinary collaboration.

During the opening ceremony, Professor Wei Ge, Vice Rector (Research) of UM, noted that IAS has played a pivotal role in fostering interdisciplinary cooperation across different fields of the humanities through diverse academic activities such as roundtable discussions on ChatGPT, interdisciplinary Ph.D. forum in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and joint seminars with ZUMRI in Hengqin, thereby driving in-depth contemplation and scholarly exchanges.

The conference featured two keynote speeches and seven panel discussions, inviting professors and experts from prominent higher education institutions and international organizations around the world, including the World Trade Organization, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University, Fudan University, Nanjing University, China University of Political Science and Law, Douyin Group,



Professor Wei GE

Bond University, Shanxi University, Hubei University, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, City University of Hong Kong, and the United Nations University Institute in Macau. Through aggregating perspectives from both internal and external scholars, the conference not only introduced views from various academic fields and regions to a broad audience of students and academia, but also provided a platform for UM faculty members and IAS research fellows to engage

in profound exchanges with leading scholars to widen their international horizons.

Adopting “Technology and Life” as its focal point, the conference discussed topics spanning AI governance, humanistic reflections, intellectual property, public health, and philosophical reflections. IAS aims to explore how technology interconnects, integrates, and coexists with people’s lives in an era of evolving information and technologies, as well as reflections on the implications, opportunities and challenges brought by technology to determine or regulate its capabilities and limitations, shaping a balanced space for humanities and science/technology to thrive together.

The Annual Conference was a signature event of IAS, providing a platform for scholarly exchanges and dialogues, as well as probing emerging research frontiers and broadening international perspectives. In the future, IAS will keep up with the latest research trends and organize more quality academic activities.



The first panel discussion:
Global Artificial Intelligence Governance (I)



Dr. Jaimee STUART



Professor Sirui HAN



Professor Dunyou WEI



Scan the QR code to view the video recording

5 2023-2024 Distinguished Guest Lecture

“International Migration to the United States in the New Millennium: Policy Making, Reform, and Impacts”

Date: 11 December, 2023

Speaker: Min ZHOU, Distinguished Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), USA

Moderator: Xingzhong YU, Director of IAS, Chair Professor, FLL, UM

IAS Distinguished Guest Lecture, “International Migration to the United States in the New Millennium: Policy Making, Reform, and Impacts” was successfully held on 11 December 2023 at the Auditorium, UM Gallery. The lecture featured Professor Min Zhou, a Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies, Walter and Shirley Wang Endowed Chair in US-China Relations and Communications and Director of the Asia Pacific Center at the University of California, Los



Professor Min ZHOU

Angeles, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and a member of IAS Academic Committee, as the keynote speaker. Professor Xingzhong Yu, Director of the IAS and Chair Professor of the Department of Global Legal Studies of the Faculty of Law assumed the role of moderator.

An outline of the long-term changes to U.S. immigration laws and regulations, along with the motivations behind and effects of immigration policy-making, was given by Professor Zhou. This included the 1924 National Origins Act and the Chinese Exclusion Act, which limited the number of immigrants allowed entry into the states through the National Origins Quota System and significantly reduced immigration. The National Origins Quota System, which was put in place in 1924, was eliminated by the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, also known as the Hart-Celler Act, which also established the foundation for current U.S. immigration law.

Professor Zhou concluded that immigrants make up the majority of the United States, and changes in immigration laws have had a significant effect on both the demographic structure of the country and the integration of immigrants into American society. Immigrants have tried to blend in with American society, but they encountered structural barriers including ethnic and cultural distinctions. Racialized immigration policymaking has affected assimilation, shaped American society's structural disparities, and become a major source of contention today.

The lecture attracted over 100 participants, including teachers and students from various fields and disciplines both from within and outside the university, who actively engaged in a lively discussion on the issue of structural inequalities in American society.



A group photo of guests and audiences



Professor Jianhua XU (Left)

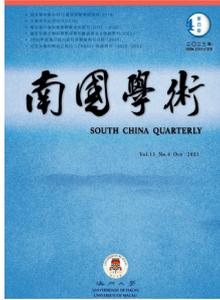


A group photo of speaker and faculty members



The Q&A session

Latest Publication



Journal of South China Quarterly

- The latest issue (Vol.13 No.4 Oct 2023) of South China Quarterly has been published.
- E-version is now available scan the QR Code on WeChat or on the IAS website: <https://ias.um.edu.mo/scq/>



The South China Quarterly is edited and published by the UM as its arts journal. It is a comprehensive journal that covers academic research and study in humanities and social sciences with the publishing principle of “focusing on humanities, touching upon inter-disciplinarity and transcending beyond boundaries”. The journal is published in traditional Chinese characters and issued on a quarterly basis. Articles in this quarterly journal cover global and regional issues. Meanwhile, they not only consider the East and China from a global perspective but also engage in discussions about global issues from a Eastern viewpoint.

Upcoming Event



Workshop on The Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: China-EU Dialogues

人工智能的治理：中國與歐盟的對話

Date: 21-22 February 2024

Venue: E1 UM Gallery Auditorium / Zoom

Zoom ID / Passcode: 998 1145 6402 / 240220

Registration:



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