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NEWS



South China Quarterly Re-selected as CSSCI Source Journal for 2025-2026

Recently, the China Social Sciences Research Evaluation Center at Nanjing University sent a letter to the editorial office of *South China Quarterly: Journal of University of Macau* (SCQJUM), confirming that the journal, edited and published by the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Macau (UMIAS), has been selected as a source journal for the CSSCI (2025-2026). This renewed recognition reflects not only the academic excellence of SCQJUM but also the outstanding research achievements of the University of Macau. The UMIAS and the SCQJUM editorial team are deeply grateful to all departments and colleagues at the University of Macau for their dedicated support.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



GUIA Lecture Series on “Observation, Discovery, and Action” was Successfully Held

The lecture featured Professor Jason Ho as the speaker, delivering the topic on “Observation, Discovery, and Action”. Professor Ho began by briefly introducing the San Mei On Community Co-creation and Mutual-Aid Project, which he led in the Edf. San Mei On in Macau. The lecture attracted over seventy teachers and students. During the Q&A session, attendees actively participated, engaging in enthusiastic discussions about the challenges encountered during field observations.

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Professor Gang Peng Speaks in Distinguished Guest Lecture at IAS

The keynote speaker was Professor Gang Peng, Vice Rector and Provost of Tsinghua University. The event drew a full house of nearly one hundred participants from across disciplines and featured lively Q&A and cross-disciplinary dialogue on historical knowledge. The IAS Distinguished Guest Lecture series invites leading scholars to the University of Macau to foster academic conversation within and beyond campus. This lecture offered fresh perspectives for future work in historiographical methodology and the philosophy of knowledge.

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UM Philosophy Forum Distinguished Scholars Series – 8 was successfully held

Professor Sun explored the distinctiveness of the “Chinese language world,” emphasising the fundamental differences between Chinese and Western linguistic frameworks in shaping modes of thought and worldviews. The event attracted a large number of scholars and students, inspiring thoughtful discussions on the nature of Chinese philosophy and its dialogue with Western thought. IAS will continue to host high-quality academic events to promote intellectual exchange and broaden perspectives in the humanities and philosophy.

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UM Philosophy Forum Distinguished Scholars Series – 9 was successfully held

Professor Pohl explored the paradox of “speaking the unspeakable,” comparing how Western and Chinese traditions perceive the limits of speech. He traced Western philosophy from Plato to Wittgenstein, emphasizing how the ‘unspeakable’ reveals the boundaries of reason and wisdom beyond language. He also discussed its influence on Chinese culture, particularly in calligraphy, poetry, and painting, where meaning emerges from the space between words and images. The event sparked lively discussions among scholars and students.

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