



# The 2nd Asia-Pacific Politics and Public Administration Conference (APPPA)

*May 18-19, 2026*

Hosted by The Department of Politics and Public Administration (PPA), HKU



## Conference Programme

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### The First Day: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Venue:** Chamber, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

**9:00 am Registration & Coffee**

**9:30-9:45 am Opening Remarks, by Prof. Robert Thomson, Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration (PPA) & Group Photo**

**9:45-11:45 am Panel I**

<b>Panel I. Emerging Scholars: Politics in the Age of Global Connectivity</b>
<b>State, Star, Spectator: Celebrity Cues in Authoritarian Politics</b> , by Pengfei Xie (HKU)
<b>Globalization and Political Parties' Stances on Economic Openness in Western Democracies: An LLM-Based Measurement Approach</b> , by Bernadette La'O & Robert Thomson (HKU)
<b>"Catch Me If You Can": Anti-Scam Police Videos in China</b> , by Yiqiang Wang (HKU), Minjun Yuan (NUS) & Jiangnan Zhu (HKU)
<b>Fight the Strong but Compromise with the Weak: Territorial Disputes Involving China and India (1949–2025)</b> , by Xirui Gao (HKU)
<b>Returning Democracy to the People: Public Distinction in Democratic Peace</b> , by Jianbing Li (HKU)
<b>The China Peace</b> , by Marco Chan, Man Hong Tsoi & Kai Quek (HKU)
<b>Chair: Kai Quek (HKU)</b>
<b>Discussants: Xiaojun Li (University of British Columbia), Tetsuro Kobayashi (Waseda University)</b>

**11:45-1:00 Lunch & Poster Exhibitions**

**Venue:** Function Room, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

**1:00-2:40 pm Panel II**

**Venue:** 1103-04, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel II. IR Theory, Security &amp; Strategic Competition</b>
<b>Building Credibility with Drills with Nuclear Asset: Investigating South Korean Public Opinion Shifts on Nuclear Weapons Acquisition</b> , by Jinwon Lee (HKU)
<b>The Day the Earth Stood Still? Estimating the (Geo)political Effects of Detecting the Existence of Intelligent Alien Species Elsewhere in the Universe</b> , by Dov Levin (HKU)
<b>The Rise of the US Investor State: State Capitalist Impulses under Changing Global Political Economy</b> , by Shidai Zhang (University of Cambridge)
<b>Borderland Neglect and Non-State External Threats: A Case of Northern Thailand</b> , by Mon Madomitsu (University of Tokyo)
<b>Seeing the State Through Infrastructure: China Roads and State Capacity in Mountainous Kyrgyzstan</b> , by Pengshan Pan (HKUST) & Marika Miner (University of Oslo)
<b>Chair: Nicole Wu</b> (HKU)
<b>Discussants: Michael Jinghan Zeng</b> (City University of Hong Kong), <b>Weiwen Yin</b> (University of Macau)

**1:00-2:40 pm Panel III**

**Venue:** Chamber, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel III. Public Policy &amp; Administration Around the World</b>
<b>What Factors Make Young Adults Community in Rural Areas Sustain? The Case of Cooperative Cheongpoong in Ganghwa County, South Korea</b> , by Moon-Gi Jeong (Sungkyunkwan University) & Kwan-Tae Park (National Association of Mayors in Korea)
<b>Estimating the Optimal Size of Budget Stabilization Fund for Metropolitan Governments in Korea</b> , by Kangsan Kim & Suho Bae (Sungkyunkwan University)
<b>Learning to Trust: How Performance Feedback and Design Attributes Influence Public Employees' Willingness to Adopt AI</b> , by Hang Qi (University of Macau) & Ivy Liu (University of Mississippi)
<b>Divergent Paths, Divergent Perceptions: A Comparative Analysis of Chinese and Western Public Diplomacy in the Middle East</b> , by Mujtaba Ali Isani (Quaid-e-Azam University)
<b>Chair:</b> Fangda Ding (HKU)
<b>Discussants:</b> Moon-Gi Jeong (SKKU), Dongshu Liu (CityU)

**2:40-2:55 pm Tea Break and Poster Exhibitions**

**Venue:** Function Room, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

**2:55-4:35 pm Panel IV**

**Venue:** Room 1103-04, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel IV. Political Compliance Through Entertainment and Media</b>
<b>Supreme Guide to Attitude: Emotional Agenda Setting in North Korean TV News</b> , by Jongyoon Baik (CUHK-Shenzhen), Haohan Chen & Yiqiang Wang (HKU)
<b>From External Threats to Internal Divides: The Spillover Effect of Nationalist Propaganda</b> , by Yating Zhang, Jinfeng Wu & Yongshun Cai (HKUST)
<b>When 'Voice' Gets the Opportunity to 'Exit': Evidence from Hong Kong</b> , by Julian Michel (Hong Kong Baptist University) & Margaret E. Peters (University of California Los Angeles)
<b>Wolf Warriors in the Thai Battleground: Examining Facebook Messages from the American and Chinese Embassies in Thailand, 2020–2025</b> , by Peera Charoenvattananukul (Thammasat University)
<b>Chair: Jiangnan Zhu</b> (HKU)
<b>Discussants: Lie Philip Santoso</b> (Duke Kunshan University), <b>Shouzhi Xia</b> (Hunan University)

**2:55-4:35 pm Panel V**

**Venue:** Chamber, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel V. Political Economy of State Construction and Deconstruction</b>
<b>Industrial Policy, Distributive Politics, and Energy Transition in China</b> , by Hongshen Zhu (Lingnan University), Zeren Li & Chitao Yu (NUS)
<b>Signaling Nationalism</b> , by Zhen Zhang (University of Michigan), Arthur Shin (Princeton University) & Chunyi Zhang (Pennsylvania State University)
<b>The Shadow of the Plan: Socialist Land Legacies and Unfinished Housing in China</b> , by Jing Xu (Tsinghua University) & Zhiyuan Zhang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
<b>When Open Algorithms Knock on an Ajarred Yurt: The Paradox of Authoritarian Adaptation in Sino-Kazakh AI Collaboration</b> , by Steven Jiawei Hai (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University)
<b>Natural Disasters and State Building: Evidence from Earthquakes</b> , by Zhenyu Zhang (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
<b>Chair: Enze Han (HKU)</b>
<b>Discussants: Hongshen Zhu (Lingnan University), Shengqiao Lin (University of Toronto)</b>

**4:35-4:50 Tea Break and Poster Exhibitions**

**Venue:** Function Room, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

**4:50-6:30 pm Panel VI**

**Venue:** 966, 9/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel VI. Methods, Experiments, and Political Measurement</b>
<b>Self-Persuasion in Politics: A Compare-and-Argue Method</b> , by Gary Leung (Yale University)
<b>To Impute or Not? A Causal Diagram Perspective</b> , by Shiyao Liu & Wenxin Lin (Peking University)
<b>Human vs. LLM Political Opinions in Japan: Structural Differences and Their Effects on Party Evaluation</b> , by Tetsuro Kobayashi & Kanaru Fukushige (Waseda University)
<b>The Adaptive Incumbent: Reinforcement Learning and the Logic of Political Survival</b> , by Weiwen Yin (University of Macau) & Li Zheng (Jinan University)
<b>The Influence of Collective Action on Public Policy in Autocracies: Evidence from China</b> , by Yuequan Guo (WZB Berlin Social Science Center) & Hsu Yumin Wang (Taipei School of Economics and Political Science)
<b>Chair: Kwan Nok Chan (HKU)</b>
<b>Discussants: Shiyao Liu (PKU), Jongyoon Baik (CUHK-Shenzhen)</b>

**4:50-6:30 pm Panel VII**

**Venue:** 705, 7/F, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel VII. Public Opinion, Identity &amp; Mass Attitudes</b>
<b>One Nation, Divided Meanings? The Limits of National Identity as a Depolarization Strategy,</b> by Rongbo Jin (CUHK-Shenzhen), Frank Gonzalez (University of Arizona), & Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
<b>Political Polarization and Democratic Backsliding: A Cross-National Data Analysis,</b> by Yijing Shen (East China University of Political Science and Law)
<b>Preference Formation in the Taiwan Strait: A Hierarchical and Conditional Model of Public Opinion toward Unification and Independence, 2008–2024,</b> by Guanzheng Sun (Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong)
<b>When Does Party Cooperation Inform Voters' Judgments of Policy Proximity? A Cross-National Analysis of Heuristic Use in Multi-Party Democracies,</b> by Lie Philip Santoso (Duke Kunshan University)
<b>What do Australian and Chinese People Think of the Bilateral Relationship? Exploring the Impact of Nationalism on Public Perspectives,</b> by Ciara Morris & Nicholas Thomas (CityU), Jasmin Katz (London School of Economics)
<b>Chair:</b> Ian Li (HKU)
<b>Discussants:</b> Julian Michel (HKBU), Yu Zeng (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

**6:30-8:30 pm Dinner Reception**

**Venue:** Senior Common Room, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor K. K. Leung Building, HKU

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**9:00-10:40 am Panel VIII**

**Venue:** Chamber, 11/F, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel VIII: AI Governance and International Technology Development</b>
<b>Institutional Trust in the Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence</b> , by Xiaojun Li (UBC) & Jonathan Chu (NUS)
<b>What Is Frontier AI Safety Governance? Industrial Policy in the Language of International Risk</b> , by Dong Ting (Tsinghua University)
<b>Beyond Securitization: Dual-Core Ontologies of Security and Development in Chinese Global AI Governance Discourse</b> , by Michael Jinghan Zeng (CityU)
<b>Plugged but Not Playing: Deployment-Based Innovation Systems and the Rise of Physical AI in China and Japan</b> , by Minjun Yuan (NUS), Siqin Kang (CUHK-Shenzhen) & Steven Jiawei Hai (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University)
<b>Chair: Nicole Wu</b> (HKU)
<b>Discussants: Yuequan Guo</b> (WZB Berlin), <b>Jinwon Lee</b> (HKU)

**9:00-10:40 am Panel IX**

**Venue:** 1103-04, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel IX: Legislative Politics and Representation</b>
<b>Bill Preparation and Legislative Scrutiny: Theory and Evidence from China</b> , by Jiying Jiang & Tianrui Li (University of Macau)
<b>Descriptive and Substantive Representation in Single-Party Legislatures: Evidence from China</b> , by Chuanmin Chen (East China University of Political Science and Law)
<b>Legislative Irony in Women's Substantive Representation: A Comparative Analysis of Women's Issue Bill Initiation and Adoption</b> , by Jaemin Shim (Hong Kong Baptist University) & Elena Korshenko (Free University Berlin)
<b>Does Legal Representation Reduce Sentences? Evidence from a Natural Experiment on Criminal Defense in China</b> , by Yu Zeng (Shanghai Jiaotong) & Zhiyuan Ding (Lingnan)
<b>How Does Social Capital Combine into Successful Recipes? A Panel fsQCA Investigation on Regional Renewable Energy Innovation Networks</b> , by Beomgeun Cho (Singapore Management University)
<b>Chair: Joohyung Park (HKU)</b>
<b>Discussants: Rongbo Jin (CUHK-Shenzhen), Chuanmin Chen (East China University of Political Science and Law)</b>

**10:40-11:00 Tea Break and Poster Exhibitions**

**Venue:** Function Room, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

**11:00 am-12:40 pm Panel X**

**Venue:** Chamber, 11/F, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel X: State Capacity, Governance, and Accountability</b>
<b>The Logic of State Capacity Building and the Evolution of 'Direct Appeal' in Modern China: A Historical Institutional Analysis</b> , by Xintong Guo & Shaocheng Xu (CUHK)
<b>Organizational Deservingness and Street-Level Prioritization: Why Resource-Based Cues Outweigh Effort and Need in Administrative Service Delivery</b> , by Bochun Zhang, Wenhao Cheng (Tsinghua University) & Sicheng Chen (Nanjing University)
<b>Squeezed Yet Resilient? Central–Local Dynamics and Policy Processes in Hong Kong: Applying the Multiple Streams Framework under Central Government Influence</b> , by Wenjin Chen & Xinyi Wang (HKUST)
<b>Consent without Belief: The Political Consequences of Policy Reversal in Authoritarian States</b> , by Siqin Kang (CUHK-Shenzhen) & Chen Xiang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
<b>Red Tourism and the Political Economy of Ideological Resource-Making</b> , by Chengli Wang (U of Macau), Chu Lin & Wei Sun (Shanghai University of Finance & Economics)
<b>Chair: Hui Li (HKU)</b>
<b>Discussants: Sicheng Chen (Nanjing University), Siqin Kang (CUHK-Shenzhen)</b>

**11:00 am-12:40 pm Panel XI**

**Venue:** 1103-04, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

<b>Panel XI: Economic Shocks and Political Responses</b>
<b>Chaos is a Ladder: Subnational Economic Statecraft amid International Disputes</b> , by Shengqiao Lin (U Toronto), Fanying Kong (UIBE), Xuan Wang (PKU) & Tianyang Xi (PKU)
<b>The Tariff Stick and the Nationalist Rally: How the US-China Trade War Fuels Chinese Nationalism</b> , by Shouzhi Xia (Hunan University), Sibio Liu (PolyU) & Dong Zhang (HKUST)
<b>The Second China Shock and the EU's Ontological Insecurity</b> , by Martin Sebena (HKU)
<b>Opening on Whose Terms? Globalization Shocks, Regime Control, and Winning Coalition in ASEAN</b> , by Hung Pham (HKU)
<b>The Bridge vs. The Corridor: Divergent Logics of Chinese Infrastructure Investment in Russia and Central Asia with a Case Study of the International Bridges in the Russian Far East and the China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan Railway Corrido</b> , by Olga Zalesskaia (Blagoveshchensk State Pedagogical University)
<b>Chair: Dov Levin (HKU)</b>
<b>Discussants: Jian Xu (NUS), Ting Dong (Tsinghua University)</b>

**12:40-2:30 pm Concluding Remarks & Lunch**

**Concluding Remarks Venue:** Chamber, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

**Lunch Venue:** Function Room, 11/F, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus



## Poster Exhibitions:

The poster session will be held over lunch, and tea breaks on both days. We invite discussants to offer informal comments to poster presenters on Day 1, and we encourage all conference participants to visit the posters after their meals and during tea breaks to provide feedback and connect with promising young students as much as possible.

Authors	Poster Title	Discussants
Zhengjia Yuan	The Power of the Past: Can Historical Narratives	Chengli Wang
Yiqiang Wang	Persuade the Chinese Public to Support Foreign	Wenjin Chen
Austin Strange	Aid?	
Jingye Liu	Buying or Persuading? Determinants of Regime	Xintong Guo
Loki Wu	Support and Zero-Covid Policy Satisfaction after	Le Bao
Zhichen He	the End of the Lockdown Era	
Qile Zhu		
Zhiyao Yan	Regime Type, Political Trust and Surveillance	Siqin Kang
Nga Man Yeung	Support	Olga Zaleskaia
Cheng Yui Sze		
Xinran Deng	Mainlandization of Political Discourse in Hong	Gary Leung
Jingquan Zhong	Kong	Pengshan Pan
Zucheng Zhang	AI, Bureaucrats and Stable Discretion in	Mon Madomitsu
	Decision Making	Jiying Jiang
Haozhe Zhang	The Making of Us: The Global South and China's	Minjun Yuan
	Pursuit of Global Leadership	Hung Pham
Zeyuan He	Special Economic Zones, Disaster Resilience,	Zhenyu Zhang
	and Displacement Vulnerability in Africa	Wenjin Chen



Xiaoling Tan	Attention Allocation in the PRC's Top Leadership: Introducing a Chronological Activity-Level Dataset (1949–2025)	Bochun Zhang Steven Jiawei Hai
Marco Chan	One Step Back, Two Steps Forward?: Mitigating Audience Costs through a Progress Narrative	Moon-Gi Jeong Guangzheng Sun
Niki Tang Di Cheng Petrina So Janos Wallis	Beyond Buy or Rent: Housing Attitudes of University-Educated Youth in Hong Kong	Jing Xu Beomgeun Cho

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Robert Thomson is Professor of Politics and also serves as Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration. He joined the University of Hong Kong in 2024, and previously held positions in the Netherlands (University of Groningen), Ireland (Trinity College Dublin) and Australia (Monash University, Melbourne). He received a PhD from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands in 1999.

His research focuses on two broad areas of political science: international comparisons of democratic representation and international governance. He co-founded the Comparative Pledges Project, an international network of scholars studying the conditions under which politicians keep and break the campaign promises they make to voters when they enter government office. He is also involved in ongoing research projects on politics in the European Union and on international cooperation in climate change policy.

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Professor Chan's primary research concerns the institutions that shape the consumption and distortion of information in different organizational settings. His current research explores how bureaucrats handle information and the impact of institutions on their choices.

Ongoing projects deal with different aspects of bureaucratic control in authoritarian regimes, such as administrative oversight, juridical intervention, internal reporting, and legislative decision-making.

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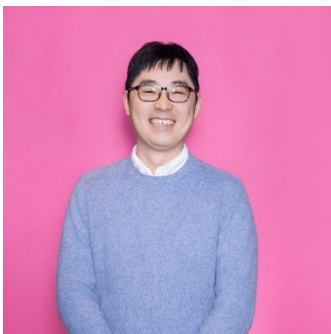
Her research focuses on public and nonprofit management, collaboration, civil society and governance, and civic engagement—issues that link nonprofits and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to the policy process. She is particularly interested in how various institutional actors, including government agencies, NGOs, and citizens, interact in environmental governance in authoritarian China. She has published in *Public Administration Review*, *Governance*, *International Affairs*, *Regulation and Governance*, *American Review of Public Administration*, *Administration & Society*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, and other outlets.

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**Joohyung Park**



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He is especially interested in (1) state-to-state signaling, (2) the dynamics of deescalation, and (3) the origins of collective beliefs such as nationalism. His theoretical research on signaling has established new signaling mechanisms in political science. His research on deescalation opened the genre of real-world crisis management experimentation, by developing the first large-scale experiment in international security for managing a live real-world dispute. The experiment measured the nationalistic backlash leaders face for backing down in a territorial crisis, and tested strategies the government can use to reduce the backlash and decrease the risk of war.

He serves as Chair of the Departmental Postgraduate Research Committee, External Fellow at the Center for the Study of Economy and Society at Cornell and on the Board of Editors for International Organization.

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Her research in international/comparative political economy seeks to understand the political consequences of two of the most important changes in the contemporary world economy — technological change and the rise of China. Her work is currently supported by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) through the Azrieli Global Scholars Program. She chairs the Virtual International Political Economy Society (Virtual IPES) workshops.

**Jiangnan Zhu**



Jiangnan Zhu is an Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration. She specialises in comparative politics with a research focus on corruption and anticorruption, elite politics, and public opinion in China. She has published in many leading journals, including the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Public Administrative Review*, *Governance*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Lancet*, etc., and multiple book chapters in several books. Her book, [\*Bribery as A Third Path to Power?\*](#) , is published by Cambridge University Press with OPEN ACCESS.

She is the editor of the *Journal of Chinese Political Science* and an editorial board member of *Public Administration* and *Asian Review of Political Economy*. She frequently serves as a reviewer of renowned journals, major research grants, and award committee member. She has won the HKU Research Output Prize, Social Science Outstanding Supervisor Award and E-Learning Award, Rosie Young 90 Medal for Outstanding Young Woman Scholar, and Gordon Tullock Prize of the Public Choice Best Paper Award, as well as the General Research Fund from the University Grants Committee in Hong Kong.

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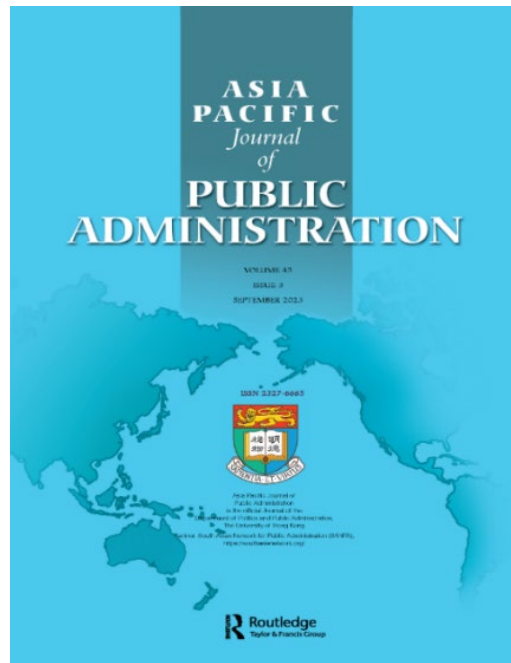
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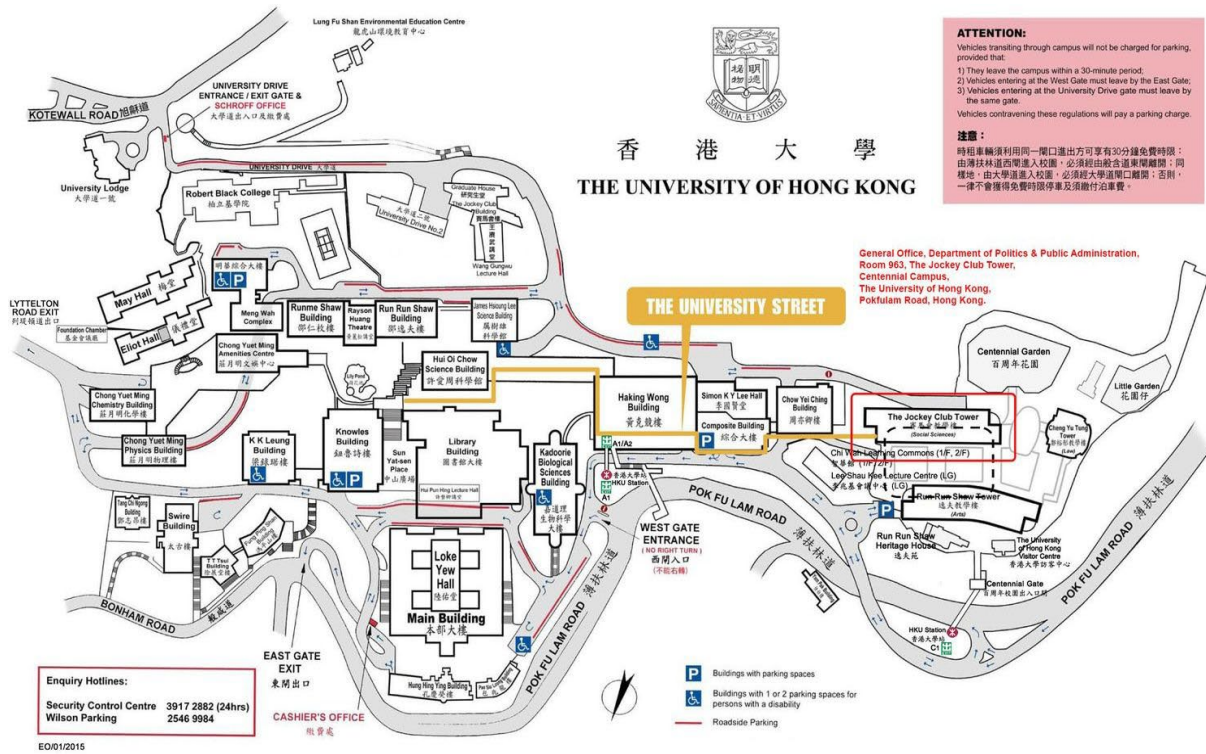
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