

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Sciences Global South Fellowship Scheme
List of Potential Faculty Associates

Applicants may use this list to identify potential Faculty Associates whose expertise aligns with their proposed research project. Please contact the relevant Faculty member directly to discuss academic fit and potential research collaboration. Clear written consent from the Faculty Associate must be provided as part of the application.

Faculty Member / Contact	Department / Rank	Broad Research Areas / Expertise	Specific Topics / Regions / Populations / Methodologies of Interest
Adler, Patrick adler@hku.hk	Geography/ Assistant Professor	Economic development; labour markets; urban policy	Creative cities; AI and labour markets; ageing and shrinking cities; AI pedagogy
Chen, Wendy Y. wychen@hku.hk	Geography/ Professor	Urban studies; urban ecology and environment; urban socio-ecological systems	Urban ecosystems; urban forestry and urban greening; urban environmental justice
Lam, Yun Fat yunlam@hku.hk	Geography/ Associate Professor	Air quality; climate change; biomass burning	Southeast Asia; numerical modelling; data assimilation
Peng, Liqing lqpeng@hku.hk	Geography/ Assistant Professor	Land-use change; forest carbon; sustainable agriculture	Cropland and pasture expansion in the Global South; machine learning; satellite integration; trade-offs; input-output tables
Xu, Junshi junshixu@hku.hk	Geography/ Assistant Professor	Transportation and air quality; environmental exposure, environmental justice and environmental health; GeoAI and spatial data science	Study of rapidly urbanising cities in the Global South and how urbanisation and transport development shape environmental exposures, health outcomes, and social inequalities
Han, Enze enzehan@hku.hk	Politics and Public Administration/ Associate Professor	International relations; Chinese foreign policy; political science	Migration; Southeast Asia; diaspora politics
Thomson, Robert rthomson@hku.hk	Politics and Public Administration/ Professor	Comparative politics; international governance	Political parties; elections; policymaking; international organisations

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Becker, Benjamin bbecker@hku.hk	Psychology/ Professor	AI; cognitive neuroscience; mental health	Not specified
Cao, Fan fanco@hku.hk	Psychology/ Associate Professor	Cognitive neuroscience of learning and development; language development; ASD; ADHD	fMRI; EEG; fNIRS; developmental disorders
Cheng, Cecilia ceccheng@hku.hk	Psychology/ Professor	Mental health; information technology, social media and society; health communication	Global mental health intervention; information technology addiction; digital wellness promotion
Hu, Xiaoqing xiaqinghu@hku.hk	Psychology/ Associate Professor	Cognition; sleep; emotion; neuroscience; well-being	Emotion; memory; well-being; neuroscience; neuroscience methods
Huang, Chih-Mao cmhuang@hku.hk	Psychology/ Associate Professor	Cognitive psychology; neuropsychology; ageing science	Cognitive function, mental health and social cognition across the human lifespan
Xu, Jia-Qi Melody meloxu@gmail.com	Psychology/ Assistant Professor	Mindfulness; positive education; mental health	Application of mindfulness-based or mindfulness-informed interventions in parents and young adults
Chui, Cheryl chkchui@hku.hk	Social Work and Social Administration/ Associate Professor	Non-profit management and philanthropy; social entrepreneurship; gerontology	Global South; mixed methods; innovation in non-profits to tackle ageing-related challenges
Emery, Clifton R. cemery@hku.hk	Social Work and Social Administration/ Associate Professor	3-D theory of trauma; informal social control of intimate partner violence; child maltreatment	Global settings; random-sample surveys of cities, rural areas and countries
Lee, Yong Gun yglee@hku.hk	Social Work and Social Administration/ Assistant Professor	Determinants of health; behavioural health intervention; social work research and education	HIV; sexual and gender diversity; stigma; community participatory research; social impact; Indonesia; Kazakhstan
Li, Carrie K. W. li.carrie@hku.hk	Social Work and Social Administration/ Assistant Professor	Intimate partner violence; gender-based violence; theory and intervention	Cross-cultural research; mixed methods

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Wong, Paul W.C. paulw@hku.hk	Social Work and Social Administration/ Associate Professor	Youth mental health; suicide prevention; prolonged social withdrawal behaviour	Asia; youth; mixed methods
Yip, Paul sfpyip@hku.hk	Social Work and Social Administration/ Chair Professor	Population health; suicide prevention; low fertility	Southeast Asia; survey and census data; advanced statistical and data analytics methods
Abel, Guy guyabel@hku.hk	Sociology/ Professor	Demography; migration; computational social science	Estimating population-level migration patterns in data-poor settings
Joosse, Paul pjoosse@hku.hk	Sociology/ Associate Professor	Political leadership; charisma; populism	US politics; European politics; global politics; all methods
McDonald, Tom mcdonald@hku.hk	Sociology/ Associate Professor	Digital anthropology; media and communications; economic anthropology	Social media; platforms; FinTech; moral economies; debt and credit
Palmer, David palmer19@hku.hk	Sociology/ Professor	BRI; religion; sustainability; development	China-BRI society interactions; infrastructure; sustainability issues; development; anthropological, ethnographic and qualitative approaches
Wang, Peng pengwang@hku.hk	Sociology/ Associate Professor	Criminology	Qualitative criminology
Wen, Ming mingwen@hku.hk	Sociology/ Chair Professor	Social determinants of health and human development across the life course; neighbourhood studies; family studies; migration studies	Indonesia; Malaysia; Vietnam