

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Department of Government and International Studies

Comparative Governance and Policy Research Centre (CGPC)

(Annual Report: 1 July 2011 – 31 March 2014)

Centre Objectives

Appropriate objectives

Goals and objectives:

To promote better governance by:

- 1) Providing an institutional, organizational and managerial platform for policy related international comparative research and for the dissemination of research results
- 2) Promoting comparative policy research of global significance, with a special focus on policy of EU-Asian significance
- 3) Promoting international comparative research methods
- 4) Educating internationally oriented best-practice (quality assurance) and benchmarking (metrics of evaluation) policy research
- 5) Seeking international, governmental, academic, community, and business partners to support, promote, and employ programmatic research into public perceptions of and participation in public policy formulation, evaluation and reform

Achievements of the objectives & their significance (local/regional/international excellence)

Publications related to these objectives by Centre members:

Hong Kong Transition Project: M. DeGolyer P.I.

Significant local and international publications on governance:

- *Where is the Love? Hong Kong's Search for a new direction under the next Chief Executive*, Community Development initiative, p.112.
- Belinda Winterbourne, *Local Elections, Long Term Effects? The District Council Elections of 2011*, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, p.92.
- 'Implications of the Chief Executive Election for, and the implications of the upcoming Legco election', *What is happening to our political system conference*, Hong Kong University School of Law, 21 Apr 2012.
- 'Reality and Myth in Hong Kong Identity', *Hong Kong in China: Cosmopolitan Journeys*, Hong Kong Baptist University, 12 Oct 2011, p.19.
- Briefing (with slides and handouts) to Vision 2047, a business association in Hong Kong of foreign passport holders, on the Chief Executive election, prospects and challenges.
- Briefing with slides and handouts to EU consular heads of post (all EU member countries), on Hong

Kong political development.

- Half day workshop briefing to Canadian Consular staff on Hong Kong political development and effects of DC and upcoming Chief Executive and Legco elections.
- *Total Recall: Issues and Attitudes in the 2012 Hong Kong Legislative Council Elections*, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.
- *Hong Kong Constitutional Reform: Round Three*, Hong Kong Democratic Foundation, 187.
- *The Changing Faces of Hong Kong: Women in the Community and National Context, 1994-2010*, Civic Exchange, 130.
- 'Attitudes Toward the Media in Hong Kong', *Solutions On Wheels: Trends in Social Media*, SOW Ideas Ltd, Vol 1: 1-55.
- 'Political Development of Hong Kong since 1997', *International Association of Asian Pacific Studies*, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Mar 2013, 30.
- 'Public Opinion and Public Trust in Hong Kong', *Conference on Trust Building and Governance*, Hong Kong Institute for Educational Development (HKIED), Oct 2012, 28.
- Invited Discussant, Panel on Reform in Hong Kong and Macau, ICAS Conference, Macau (Single discussant, panel of 3 papers to review)..
- Presenter, with Louisa Mitchell, at the Goldman Sachs Conference Centre in Hong Kong, Gender in Hong Kong 1991-2011.
- Jeffries Annual Conference for International Investors, Panel member and presentation on US-China political economic relations after the US and Hong Kong elections. Jeffries is a major international investment firm which holds annual investor conferences in various locations around the world. Panel consisted of two members, one a former Hong Kong economic affairs representative in London and myself..
- Organizer and presenter of Deliberative Opinion Workshop on Constitutional Reform in Hong Kong.
- Presentation on Hong Kong-Mainland China relations, London Business School MBA Programme/Internship in Hong Kong. One hour presentation and Q&A with 92 MBA students and staff from London..
- Presenter and discussant for the Hong Kong release of the Edelman Trust Barometer. The ETB is an international survey on trust in various political and economic institutions. I commented on the Hong Kong survey data and comparison with other national results. I was one of three panel members
- *Energizing Hong Kong: A Comprehensive Study of Hong Kong people's attitudes toward power and Climate Change* (September 2013, 255 pages). Civic Exchange. Available at: http://www.civic-exchange.org/wp/201309energysurvey_en-2/

Commissioned research publications:

- "Wellbeing in Asia: A Pilot Test of 5 Cities in Asia," Commissioned by Civic Exchange, published January 2014 (64 pages).
- "Constitutional Reform: Consultations and Confrontations," Commissioned by Community Development Initiatives Foundation, published January 2014 (34 pages).

- “Survey on Public Policy Views and Options Regarding Hong Kong’s White Dolphins,” Commissioned by Friends of the Earth Hong Kong, published February 2014 (20 pages).

Contribution to Teaching & Learning

Training of researchers (e.g. development of RPg students)

Completion of Ph.D. degree by Dr. Malte Kaeding, and his attainment of a teaching/research position in the UK, starting in September 2011.

Strengthened links between research / consultancy and teaching & learning

Hong Kong Transition Project employs many students as research assistants for surveys where they learn about survey research in detail. Also several students involved in research on the DC elections, and in internships with political parties and other NGO groups involved with public policy.

Contribution to Research

Existence / establishment of a critical mass of researchers

See list of Hong Kong Transition Project members at <http://www.hktp.org>

Quantity and quality of research outputs

See publications above and grants record below.

Success in attracting external funding (RGC or others) / consultancy

Community Development Initiative

The Hong Kong Transition Project

30 June 2011 to 1 July 2012 (\$357,317)

1 July 2012 – September 2013 (\$417,317)

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

15 June-30 Oct 2012 (\$141,910)

Civic Exchange, Well-being Index for Asian Cities

1 May 2012-1 May 2013 (\$100,000)

Civic Exchange, The Women’s Foundation,

Goldman-Sachs Gender Project

1 Jan 2012-15 May 2013 (\$1,000,000)

SOW Ideas Ltd.

March – May 2013 (\$50,000)

Fostered collaborative / interdisciplinary research / consultancy

Civic Exchange research projects involved community and other academic researchers in a number of disciplines.

Contribution to Knowledge Transfer

Facilitated knowledge transfer to relevant sectors of society

Knowledge transferred to government officials (local, national and international governments), via media to international community. To local party groups, business groups, and other relevant sectors.

Policy Presentations, Papers, Workshops (all are forms of Knowledge Transfer)

"Public Views on Energy Policy in Hong Kong" (12 July 2013, Civic Exchange), expert briefing and discussion

Energy Policy in Hong Kong (24 Sept. 2013, Civic Exchange), public briefing

Energy Policy in Hong Kong (4 October 2013, Civic Exchange), China Light and Power principals briefing

"Women in Hong Kong, Challenges and Opportunities" Bloomberg Seminar (co-sponsored by The Women's Foundation, 6 November 2013), Cheung Kong Centre, Hong Kong

"Constitutional reform in Hong Kong" (19 November 2013, South Island Rotary Club, Hong Kong Banker's Club)

"Occupy Central and Constitutional Reform," media and public briefing, also broadcast on OurTV, 12 Jan 2014

"Let's Talk: A Workshop and Simulation on Constitutional Reform," Hong Kong-America Centre, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, GIS Comparative Policy Centre all university workshop with representatives of political parties in Hong Kong and simulation of Legco debate on constitutional reform, held at Kadoorie Farm retreat of Hong Kong University in the New Territories (15-16 March 2014) 48 students and 10 workshop participants/facilitators.

Community Knowledge Transfer: Media

2013 September 2 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on the political year ahead

2013 September 12 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on youth, corruption and confidence in governance

2013 September 16 The Guardian, interview on CY Leung and UK Consul General comments on elections and human rights in Hong Kong

2013 September 25 RTHK Radio 3, Hong Kong Today, on Hong Kong energy policy
2013 September 26 French Consulate, briefing on Hong Kong political development and prospects for constitutional reform
2013 September 30 Canadian Consulate, briefing on constitutional reform prospects
2013 November 19 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on parties and constitutional reform
2013 November 28 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on Legco investigation of ICAC
2013 December 10 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on violent protests and rise of violent rhetoric in Hong Kong
2014 January 9 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on Nomination Committee and democracy
2014 January 14 TVB "Pearl Report," Chris Lincoln interview on youth and Occupy Central protests planned for later in 2014
2014 January 17 RTHK TV, "The Pulse," on CY Leung's Policy Address, issues and public opinion
2014 January 27 Bloomberg TV, on roadside air pollution in Hong Kong
2014 February 4 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on Policy Address
2014 February 10 RTHK Radio 3, "Tonight at 6," on inequality in Hong Kong
2014 February 10 The Guardian, interview on Occupy Central protests and youth
2014 March 17 Voice of America on China's urbanization policy changes
2014 March 21 RTHK Radio 3 "Backchat," on abolition of Functional Constituencies
2014 March 24 RTHK Radio 3 "Hong Kong Today" on South Island By-election results (defeat of Democratic Party of Hong Kong)

Centre Management

Is the centre properly managed?

Board Meeting held on 27 March 2014 with members as follows:

Prof. Jean-Pierre CABESTAN (Director)

Prof. Michael DEGOLYER

Prof. CHEN Feng

Dr. Krzysztof SLIWINSKI

Dr. WONG Wai Kwok

Dr. KANG Yi

Signature: _____

Name: Prof. Jean-Pierre Cabestan

Date: 7 April 2014