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**Completion Report**  
(for completed projects only)

<p><b><u>Submission Deadlines:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The unspent balance, if applicable, and auditor's report: within <b>six</b> months of the approved project completion date.</li> <li>2. Completion report: within <b>12</b> months of the approved project completion date.</li> </ol>
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**Part A: The Project and Investigator(s)**

**1. Project Title**

Phenomenology : a multidisciplinary dialogue

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**2. Investigator(s) And Academic Department(s) / Unit(s) Involved**

Research Team	Name / Post	Unit / Department / Institution
Principal Investigator	Dr. Fu Wai (Associate Professor)	Department of Counselling and Psychology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Co-Principal Investigator(s)	N.A.	N.A.
Co-Investigator(s)	Dr. Fung Kai-Yeung (Assistant Professor at the time of project duration, currently promoted to Acting Head and Associate Professor)	Department of English, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong*
	Dr. James Yu Lai-Hang (Assistant Professor)	School of Arts and Social Sciences, The Open University of Hong Kong
Others	N.A.	N.A.

\* Remark: Due to the upgrading of Hang Seng Management College to Hang Seng University of Hong Kong on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018, hereinafter any information referred to "Hang Seng Management College" (the status at the project period) will be retitled as "Hang Seng University of Hong Kong).

### 3. Project Duration

	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Date of RGC / Institution Approval (must be quoted)</b>
Project Start Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017	N.A.	N.A.
Project Completion Date	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017	N.A.	N.A.
Duration ( <i>in month</i> )	12	N.A.	N.A.
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	N.A.	N.A.

## **Part B: The Final Report**

### **5. Collaboration With Other Self-Financing Degree-Awarding Institutions**

<b>Collaborating Self-Financing Institution</b>	<b>% of Participation</b>	<b>Distinctive Element(s) that the Institution is Responsible for the Project*</b>
Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSYU)	40%	Major responsibility for the organization and promotion of the event 2,3,5 Co-operate with other two Co-I institutions in coordinating and promoting event 1,7,8 Take the responsibility in financial and administrative procedures.
Open University (OUHK)	30%	Major responsibility for the organization and promotion of the event 8, 10 Co-operate with other two Co-I institutions in coordinating and promoting event 1,7,8
Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (Hang Seng Management College at project duration period)	30%	Major responsibility for the organization and promotion of the event 4, 9 Co-operate with other two Co-I institutions in coordinating and promoting event 1,7,8

\* Remark: Please refer to section 6.3, 6.6, and 6.7 for details of events.

### **6. Project Objectives**

#### **6.1 Objectives as per original application**

1. Enhancing participants' understanding of essential concepts in phenomenology.
2. Providing workshops in training of applied skills in phenomenology, including phenomenology as a qualitative research method, applying phenomenology in dealing with ethical dilemma, phenomenology and existential psychotherapy, and phenomenology and hermeneutics as research methods in humanities.
3. Informing the status-of-the-art of phenomenology in various theme-based seminars, including general orientations, phenomenology and modern society; phenomenology in cultural and literary criticism phenomenology in gender studies, phenomenology and technology, and phenomenology and religion.

#### **6.2 Revised objectives**

Date of approval from the RGC: N.A.

Reasons for the change: N.A.

### 6.3 Realization of the objectives

*(Maximum 1 page; please state how and to what extent the project objectives have been achieved; give reasons for under-achievements and outline attempts to overcome problems, if any)*

The project invited 10 prestigious scholars and leading figures in phenomenology from Hong Kong (retired Head and Professor of Department of Philosophy, CUHK), Japan, Korea, U.K., Ireland, U.S., and Italy, to give seminars and workshops. The workshops and seminars come across various topics, from introductory level to advance topic in philosophy. Below are summaries of how objectives are fully realized.

Objective i was fully (100%) achieved by the successful organization of Prof. Cheung Chan-Fai's introductory seminar on phenomenology (event 1). This was a seminar on basic concepts and historical development of phenomenology. The objective was also achieved by Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi's Seminar and workshop on phenomenology and critical psychology (event 10). The first half was a seminar on general status of phenomenology in the field of psychology.

Objective ii was fully (100%) achieved by the offering of a series of workshop (4 in total), namely,

Professor Simon Glynn: Workshop on phenomenology and social sciences (event 2). This was a workshop introducing the application of phenomenological methods in social sciences.

Professor Shinji Hamauzu: Workshop on Phenomenology, clinical philosophy and medical ethics in end-of-life care (event 4). This workshop demonstrated how phenomenology can be applied to the issues in psychological intervention, particularly focusing on the relevant problems arising in end-of-life care.

Professor Lee Nam-In: Seminar and workshop on phenomenology interpretation of the *Phronesis* in Aristotle (event 9). The second half of the event was able application of phenomenology to various ethical problems.

Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi. Seminar and workshop on phenomenology and critical psychology (event 10). The second half of the event was a workshop on how to apply phenomenology in psychological studies, particularly in the area of critical psychology.

Objective iii was fully (100%) achieved by a series of seminars in phenomenology and modern society; phenomenology in cultural and literary criticism phenomenology in gender studies, phenomenology and technology, and phenomenology and religion (6 in total), namely,

Professor Felix Ó Murchadha: Seminar on phenomenology and religion (event 3). This was a seminar on phenomenology in religion, partly on phenomenon of prayer.

Professor Jeremy Tambling: Seminar on Phenomenology and literature: what is a picture? Heidegger, Czanne and Lacan (event 5). This was a seminar on how phenomenology could be applied to literal criticism and art critics.

Professor Babette Babich: Seminar on phenomenology and arts: The aesthetic edge of art: performance art and the contemporary (event 6). This was a seminar on relationship between Art, feminism, and phenomenology.

Professor Tracy Strong: Seminar on Texts and the Hermeneutics of Authority (event 7). This was a seminar on the phenomenology of the politics of contemporary Western society and its relationship with authority arising from texts.

Professor Giovanni: Seminar on phenology: Encyclopedia, big data, and Husserl's concept of *Lebenswelt* (event 8). This was a seminar on the relevance of phenomenology to research on technology in modern society, such as the concept of encyclopedia in contemporary academia.

Professor Lee Nam-In: Seminar and workshop on phenomenology interpretation of the *Phronesis* in Aristotle (event 9). The first half of the event was a seminar on Aristotle's idea of the *Phronesis* (practical wisdom).

## 6.4 Summary of objectives addressed to date

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Addressed</b> <i>(please tick)</i>	<b>Percentage Achieved</b> <i>(please estimate)</i>
1. Enhancing participants's understanding of essential concepts in phenomenology.	✓	100%
2. Providing workshops in training of applied skills in phenomenology, including phenomenology as a qualitative research method, applying phenomenology in dealing with ethical dilemma, phenomenology and existential psychotherapy, and phenomenology and hermeneutics as research methods in humanities.	✓	100%
3. Informing the status-of-the-art of phenomenology in various theme-based seminars, including general orientations, phenomenology and modern society; phenomenology in cultural and literary criticism phenomenology in gender studies, phenomenology and technology, and phenomenology and religion.	✓	100%

## 6.5 Project progress

<b>Original Implementation Schedule</b>	<b>Revised Implementation Schedule</b> <b>(Date of RGC's Approval)</b>	<b>Updated Progress</b>
4 workshops and 6 seminars to be implemented within 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017. All events are completed before project end-date. Date of events: 25 Sep 2017 (event 1); 9 Oct 2017 (event 2); 11 Oct 2017 (event 3); 25 Oct 2017 (event 4); 26 Oct 2017 (event 5); 8 Dec 2017 (event 6); 8 Dec 2017 (event 7); 16 Dec 2017 (event 8); 21 Dec 2017 (event 9); and 22 Dec 2017 (event 10).	N.A.	N.A.

## 6.6 Speaker(s)

<b>Title / Name</b> (Surname in Capital Letters)	<b>Post / Institution</b>	<b>Title / Topic of Presentation / Course</b>	<b>Previous Research Links with Hong Kong Institutions</b> (Nature and Date (Month / Year))
Professor <b>CHEUNG</b> Chan-Fai 張燦輝 教授	Retired Head of Department of Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong; and Retired Director of University General Education, Chinese University of Hong Kong	Introduction to phenomenology	Retired Head of Department of Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong; and Retired Director of University General Education, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Professor Simon <b>GLYNN</b>	Professor, Department of Philosophy, Florida Atlantic University	Workshop on Phenomenology and social sciences	N.A.
Professor Felix Ó <b>MURCHADHA</b>	Head of School of Humanities in National University of Ireland, Galway.	Seminar on Phenomenology and religion	N.A.
Professor Shinji <b>HAMAUZU</b> 浜渦 辰二教授	Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Osaka University	Workshop on Phenomenology, clinical philosophy and medical ethics in end-of-life care.	Invited by Chinese University of Hong Kong (Department of Philosophy) to give a talk on Phenomenology and legal issues related to euthanasia. (13 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2017, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Professor Jeremy <b>TAMBLING</b>	Retired Chair Professor of Literature, Manchester University	Seminar on Phenomenology and literature: what is a picture? Heidegger, Czanne and Lacan	Retired Chair Professor of Department of Comparative Literature, University of Hong Kong (until 2006).

## 6.6 Speaker(s) continued

Professor Babette BABICH	Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University, New York City	Seminar on Phenomenology and arts: The aesthetic edge of art: performance art and the contemporary	N.A.
Professor Tracy STRONG	Professor of Political Theory and Philosophy, University of Southampton Distinguished Emeritus Professor, University of California, San Diego University	Seminar on Texts and the Hermeneutics of Authority	N.A.
Professor Giovanni LEGHISSA	Rank of "Professore", Department of Philosophy and Educational Science, University of Torino, Italy	Seminar on Phenomenology: Encyclopedia, Big Data, and Husserl's Concept of <i>Lebenswelt</i>	N.A.
Professor Nam-In LEE	Professor, Department of Philosophy, Seoul National University President, Korean Society for Phenomenology (2009-2010) Deputy Director, Institute of Humanities, Seoul National University (2009-2013). The winner of the Prize of the National Academy of Science of the Republic of Korea (2005).	Seminar and workshop on Phenomenological Interpretation of the Phronesis in Aristotle	Editorial Board of Journal: 《現象學與人文科學》 ( <i>Phenomenology and Humanities</i> , in Chinese) published by Chinese University of Hong Kong. (2005-present).

Professor Yasuhiro IGARASHI	Professor, Department of Aesthetics, Yamano College of Aesthetics, Japan	Seminar and Workshop on Phenomenology and critical psychology	N.A.
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6.7 Please provide details of the activities organized, including the theme / objectives of the activities, targeted participants, attendance, analysis of participants, e.g. country of origin, research background, etc., evaluation forms of the activities and a summary of the participants' evaluation. (Photos of the activities are preferred.)

i. General comments

This IIDS project successfully invited the most prominent scholars in the field of phenomenology to give seminars and workshops for local scholars, students, and general public. This is the first time in self-funded Institutions to hold a series of 10 seminars on introduction, application, and advanced topics in phenomenology. Considering the amount of approved budget (\$234,400 excluding on-cost), the project is indeed beyond expectations.

ii. Attendance

The series of events attract 243 participants in total. According to speakers, the average attendance 24.3 is still encouraging considering that phenomenology is an advanced topic in philosophy *per se*. Location of event (e.g. Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Hang Seng Management University) may appear to be not so convenient for general public, and the events schedules may clash with daily work routine in other universities. Nonetheless, considering guest speaker's own busy work schedule, and the health condition of some guest speakers (e.g. retired professors/ retired head of department, etc.), night events are not preferable. Only one guest speakers (Professor Shinji Hamauzu) was willing to schedule his workshop at night, so that students from Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology program (Hong Kong Shue Yan University) can attend the workshop. Due to missing data and lack of administrative staff in this IIDS project due to absence of corresponding budget item, it is difficult to keep track of profile of participants (e.g. background, institutes, occupations, etc.).

iii. Evaluation of the program

85 evaluation forms of 10 events were gathered from participants from various events, response rate is 35%. The low response rate might be explained by blank forms submitted by participants, and lack of administrative staff (due to the absence of item in subsidies for helpers) led to the difficulty in monitoring participant's reply of evaluation form. Some of participants may mistakenly take the form to home, and some may leave in another exit (there are two exits in venues of Hong Kong Shue Yan University).

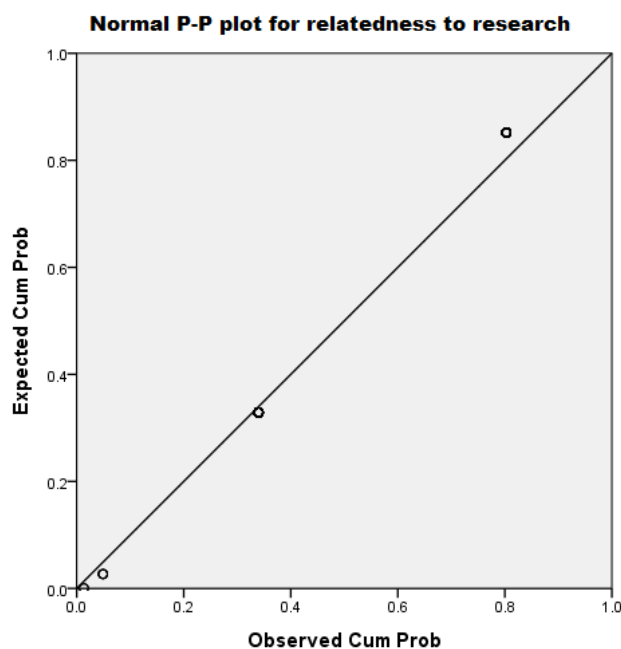
Below are summaries of respondent's evaluations over 1) overall satisfaction, 2) usefulness of the lecture, 3) relatedness to research, 4) presenter stimulate interest to the topic, 5) recommend the presenter to conduct the lecture again, 6) recommend to colleagues. All domains are rated in Likert scale (1-5), with 5 the highest point of satisfaction, and score 4 or above indicate positive comments. (Note: all originals of evaluation forms will be kept for RGC inspection).



Score for (maximum: 5)	Mean	S.D.	95% C.I. of scores (Bootstrapping with 1000 trials)	% of participants scoring higher than 4
Overall satisfaction	4.36	0.64	4.23-4.49	90.6
Usefulness of the lecture	4.36	0.64	4.21-4.49	92.4
Relatedness to research	4.30	0.67	4.15-4.46	96.2
Presenter stimulate interest	4.34	0.70	4.16-4.52	90.4
Invite presenter again	4.40	0.62	4.24-4.56	92.5
Recommend to colleagues	4.35	0.64	4.16-4.53	88.7

Overall the program achieved high score of satisfaction, and the range of 95% C.I. of scores in various domains are beyond 4, indicating a very positive reception to the program. 90.6% of participants rated 4 or above in overall satisfaction, 92.4% rated the lecture series as useful, 96.2% commented that the event as related to research, 90.4% indicated that the presenter stimulate interest to the topic, 92.5% would like to invite presenter to present again in near future, and 88.7% would recommend the event to colleagues. Considering the abstruse nature of presented topic (phenomenology), the above results are highly encouraging.

Apart from domain “relatedness to research”, all domains have skewedness and kurtosis within the range of -1 to +1, which implies normal distribution. For domain “relatedness to research”, kurtosis is +1.66, which is slightly beyond suggested range for normal distribution, and data suggests that while majority of participants lies on 4 or 5, the curve was affected by a few outlying scores, which drags the curve to leptokurtic (see Figure 1 for P-P plot, the closer are the points to the central line, the more normal is the distribution).



**Figure 1: P-P plot of participant’s rating of relatedness to research**

One-way ANOVA did not yield significant difference in overall satisfaction across various events ( $p > .05$ ). However, generally speaking, participants have a higher rating towards usefulness of the lecture, relatedness to research, and presenter stimulate interest to topic in workshops (event 2, 4, 9, 10) in comparison to corresponding rating to seminars (all other events) ( $p < .05$  in these domains). It is understandable as workshops are aiming at more applied aspect, yet this don't lead to significant between group (workshops vs. seminars) difference in rating of invite presenter again and recommend to colleagues.

Score for (maximum: 5)	Mean of all workshops (event 2,4,9,10) with SD	Mean of all seminars (all remaining events) with SD	Significant differences?
Overall satisfaction	4.53 (0.63)	4.19 (0.68)	N.S.
Usefulness of the lecture	4.66 (0.55)	4.14 (0.66)	$p < .05$
Relatedness to research	4.56 (0.50)	4.05 (0.67)	$p < .05$
Presenter stimulate interest	4.56 (0.56)	4.00 (0.71)	$p < .05$
Invite presenter again	4.50 (0.57)	4.24 (0.70)	N.S.
Recommend to colleagues	4.41 (0.67)	4.19 (0.68)	N.S.

#### iv. Detailed description of events

The following are the detailed descriptions of each event.

##### Event 1 (Date: 25 Sep 2017, at Hong Kong Shue Yan University)

Description of the speaker: Professor Cheung Chan-Fai (張燦輝教授) is one of the founding member, and is the leading figure, of Hong Kong philosophy scene, and he was the first director of University General Education (Chinese University of Hong Kong) before his retirement in 2013.

Description of the event: This was a seminar on basic concepts and historical background in phenomenology. Apart from general public, students and staff the three participating institutes (Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Hang Seng Management University, and Open University of Hong Kong), as well as University Staff from Department of Chinese University of Hong Kong attended this event. The event was promoted through personal network with Mr. Yeung Chun-Yin (former student of Professor Cheung Chan-Fai) through his network of 好青年荼毒室 ("Corrupttheyouth.net", which was the hub and social media of young local philosophers and was responsible for RTHK "哲學有謁傾" series). Promotion was made through email list of all philosophy-related scholars in Hong Kong (as listed in Departmental websites in various local institutions), internal mails of participating institutions. Attendance is 45 (including head-count on site, double-check with on-site sign-up, and email reservation). Open-ended comments are very positive, most of such comments revealed that "they should have known better that there is such a good seminar", and other indicated that the seminar was interesting and was closely related to daily life.

Photo of event 1:



Event 2 (Date: 9 Oct 2017, at Hong Kong Shue Yan University)

Description of the speaker: Professor Simon Glynn is Professor of Philosophy at Florida Atlantic University. His research interests are in Contemporary Continental Epistemology (from Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, to Structuralism, and Post-Structural Deconstruction) and its application to the natural, human and social sciences, cultural analysis and interpretation, as well as in political and social philosophy and the philosophy of technology. Prof. Glynn has been contributing editor of a number of books including *European Philosophy and the Human and Social Sciences* (1986), *Sartre: An Investigation of Some Major Themes* (1987), and contributing co-editor of *"Continental and Postmodern Perspectives in the Philosophy of Science"* (1995). Prof. Glynn is currently working on a project titled "Objectivity and Alienation, applying Contemporary Continental Epistemology to the methodology of the sciences."

Description of the event: This event was divided into two parts: The first half was a description of the status quo in applying phenomenology in social science research, while the second half was a workshop introducing the application of phenomenological methods in social sciences. 16 participants from Hong Kong Shue Yan University (Counselling and Psychology, Business, English, Sociology), Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, and Open University of Hong Kong.

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- Seminar II: The Phenomenological & Hermeneutic Human and Social Sciences
- By
- Professor, Prof. Simon Glynn
- Simon Glynn is Professor of Philosophy at Florida Atlantic University. His research interests are in Contemporary Continental Epistemology (from Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, to Structuralism, and Post-structural Deconstruction) and its application to the natural, human and social sciences, cultural analysis and interpretation, as well as in political and social philosophy and the philosophy of technology. Prof. Glynn has been contributing editor of a number of books including *European Philosophy and the Human and Social Sciences* (1986), *Sartre: An Investigation of Some Major Themes* (1987), and contributing co-editor of *Continental and Postmodern Perspectives in the Philosophy of Science* (1995). Prof. Glynn is currently working on a project titled “Objectivity and Alienation, applying Contemporary Continental Epistemology to the methodology of the sciences.”
- Abstract of the Presentation
- Following the success of Galileo’s, Newton’s and Bacon’s Objective Epistemologies, Quantitative Methods and Causal Explanations as applied to the Natural or Physical Sciences, many counseled that the Human and Social Sciences should follow suit. However against this Reductionist view it may be argued that the Natural Sciences’ Epistemologies, Methods and Explanations, developed for the study of Physical Objects, and their Causal Actions and Interactions are singularly inappropriate to the study of Human Subjects, their Subjective Experiences of Qualitative Significant Feelings, Meaning and Purpose, and their Social Relations, Interactions and seemingly Freely Chosen Actions. Indeed these, it may be argued, can only be adequately Understood, Explained and Predicted when seen in terms of the subjectively given Values, Attitudes, Beliefs, Purposes and Goals of the Individuals and Groups involved. And further, that such Human and Social Experience and Behavior can only be Understood Hermeneutically, which is to say in terms of the context or contexts in which it arises. Furthermore, so far from being “Objective” Observers, enjoying some transcendental or transcendent perspective, the Human and Social Scientists themselves, like those they study, socially-culturally situated Participants in the “Life-Worlds” (Lebenswelt) they inhabit.
- Thus the seminar will explore and explicate this debate, and defend the Phenomenological and Hermeneutic approach to the Human and Social Sciences against Objectivistic Reductionism.
- Date: 9 Oct 2017 Time: 10:00 – 13:00
- Venue: Research Building Low Block 303, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Breinar Hill, North Point, Hong Kong (Tin Hau MTR exit A1 minibus station > 49 M minibus, or Hung Hom MTR Exit A > 108 bus)
- Language: English All are welcome.
- Registration via email to project P.I. Dr. Fu Wai ( [wfu@hksyu.edu](mailto:wfu@hksyu.edu) ) is preferred, walk-in participation is also welcome.
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Event 3 (Date: 11 Oct 2017, at Hong Kong Shue Yan University)

Description of the speaker: Professor Felix Ó Murchadha is the Head of School of Humanities in National University of Ireland, Galway. Professor Felix Ó Murchadha's research area including phenomenology of including Martin Heidegger, Emmanuel Levinas, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, and Klaus Held. Professor Felix Ó Murchadha is interested in phenomenology of religion, and is the author of books including *The Time of Revolution: Kairos and Chronos in Heidegger* (2012) and *A Phenomenology of Christian Life: Glory and Night* (2013).

Description of the event: The presentation is an excerpt from the outcome of presenter's own project entitled "Prayer, Passion and the Phenomenology of religion". The first part of presentation is a brief outline of phenomenology of religion, and the second part of the presentation focus on the topic in prayer in Christianity.

20 participant from Hong Kong Shue Yan University (Department of Counselling and Psychology, Department of English, Department of Sociology), as well as guests from Department of Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Dr. Saulius Geniusas, Associate Professor) and his M.Phil and PhD Supervisees, plus an Engineer from the University of Hong Kong, attend the seminar.

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- Seminar III: Prayer, Passion and the Phenomenology of Religion
- By
- Professor Felix Ó Murchadha,
- Professor Felix Ó Murchadha is the Head of School of Humanities in National University of Ireland, Galway. Professor Felix Ó Murchadha’s research area including phenomenology of including Martin Heidegger, Emmanuel Levinas, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, and Klaus Held. Professor Felix Ó Murchadha is interested in phenomenology of religion, and is the author of books including *The Time of Revolution: Kairos and Chronos in Heidegger (2012)* and *A Phenomenology of Christian Life: Glory and Night (2013)*.
- Summary of Presentation
- This is part of the project entitled “Prayer, Passion and the Phenomenology of religion”. The first part of presentation is a brief outline of phenomenology of religion, and the second part of the presentation focus on the topic in prayer in Christianity.
- Date: 11 Oct 2017
- Time: 14:00 – 17:00
- Venue: Research Building Low Block 303, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Bremer Hill, North Point, Hong Kong (Tin Hau MTR exit A1 minibus station > 49 M minibus, or Hung Hom MTR terminal Exit A > 108 bus)
- Language: English All are welcome.
- Registration via email to project P.I. Dr. Fu Wai ( [wfu@hksyu.edu](mailto:wfu@hksyu.edu) ) is preferred, walk-in participation is also welcome.

Event 4 (Date: 25 Oct 2017, at Hong Kong Shue Yan University)

Description of the speaker: Professor Shinji Hamauzu is a teaching faculty for graduate program of clinical philosophy in the Graduate School of Letters, Osaka University. Professor Shinji Hamauzu is the leading figure in Japan in integrating phenomenology (particularly Edmund Husserl’s phenomenology of intersubjectivity) into various settings in nursing, child care, elderly care, mental care, social care, and spiritual care on theoretical and applied level. Professor Shinji Hamauzu is a prolific researcher, contributed to 87 book / book chapters; 87 peer reviewed journal articles in Japanese, English and German, 76 conference presentations, and 100 seminars in various countries.

Description of the event: This workshop demonstrated how phenomenology can be applied to the issues in psychological intervention, particularly focusing on the relevant problems arising in end-of-life care.

30 participants from Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, and Open University of Hong Kong, joined the workshop, this included 20 students from Master of Social Science in Counselling and Psychology program.

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- Seminar IV: Phenomenology, clinical philosophy and medical ethics in end-of-life care
- By Prof. Shinji Hamauzu ( 浜渦辰二 教授)
- (Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Osaka University)
- Professor Shinji Hamauzu is a teaching faculty for graduate program of clinical philosophy in the Graduate of School of Letters, Osaka University. Professor Shinji Hamauzu is the leading figure in Japan in integrating phenomenology (particularly Edmund Husserl's phenomenology of intersubjectivity) into various settings in nursing, child care, elderly care, mental care, social care, and spiritual care on theoretical and applied level. Professor Shinji Hamauzu is a prolific researcher, contributed to 87 book / book chapters; 87 peer reviewed journal articles in Japanese, English and German, 76 conference presentations, and 100 seminars in various countries.
- **Synopsis of the presentation**
- The starting point of my research was Husserl's phenomenology of intersubjectivity. But at the same time, especially since 2000, I have been engaged with the problem of caring in a wider sense including nursing, child care, elderly care, mental care, social care, spiritual care and so on, which I considered as a concrete and significant field of intersubjectivity. About ten years ago I was invited to the department of clinical philosophy at the Osaka University and began to work in this field and similarly in the field of medical ethics from a phenomenological point of view. Now before my retirement in the next March I'm involved in building a bridge from phenomenology, clinical philosophy and ethics. In this presentation I would like to try to sketch this bridge with a sample theme of medical ethics in end-of-life care in contemporary Japan.
- Date: 25 Oct 2017
- Time: 18:40 – 20:40
- Venue: Research Building Low Block 502, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Breemar Hill, North Point, Hong Kong (Tin Hau MTR exit A1 minibus station > 49 M minibus, or Hung Hom MTR terminal Exit A > 108 bus)
- Language: English All are welcome.
- Registration via email to project P.I. Dr. Fu Wai ( [wfu@hksyu.edu](mailto:wfu@hksyu.edu) ) is preferred, walk-in participation is also welcome.

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Event 5 (Date: 26 Oct 2017, at Hang Seng University of Hong Kong)

Description of the speaker: Professor Jeremy Tambling is retired Chair Professor of Comparative Literature at The University of Hong Kong and former Chair Professor of Literature at The University of Manchester. His research interests include literature, philosophy, critical theory and film, in which he has published more than twenty books and fifty articles. His latest publications include: *Histories of the Devil: from Marlowe to Mann and the Manichees* (Palgrave, 2016), *The Palgrave Handbook of Literature and the City* (Palgrave, 2016), *Dickens' Novels as Poetry: Allegory and Literature of the City* (Routledge, 2014), *Hölderlin and the Subject of Tragedy: Readings in Sophocles, Shakespeare, Nietzsche and Benjamin* (Sussex Academic Press 2014).



Description of the event: In the seminar, speaker give an introduction to phenomenology, and discuss in what way Martin Heidegger modifies it for his own work, and discuss it through MerleauPonty's essays and the stimulus that gave to Jacques Lacan.

28 Guests from HKU (ex-colleagues of Prof. Tambling), and staff and students from Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Shue Yan University (Department of English) and Open University of Hong Kong attended the seminar. Excellent seminar, please invite Jeremy again. , The topic is interesting, thank you! I would like to have the ppt, lecture notes, and reading list!

Fascinating and useful talk. The opportunity for questions and lively discussion he prompted was invaluable for faculty and students alike.

Photo and promotional material for event 5:




IIDS Seminar Series V: Phenomenology and Literature

**‘WHAT IS A PICTURE?’:  
LACAN, MERLEAU-PONTY,  
HEIDEGGER AND CÉZANNE**

2:30–5:30PM, 26 OCT 2017 (THURS)  
ROOM 315 (BLOCK A)  
HANG SENG MANAGEMENT COLLEGE

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**Professor Jeremy Tambling**  
Former Chair Professor of literature at The University of Manchester

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**About the speaker**

Jeremy Tambling is Honorary Professor of Comparative Literature at The University of Hong Kong and former Chair Professor of Literature at The University of Manchester. His research interests include literature, philosophy, critical theory and film, in which he has published more than twenty books and fifty articles. His latest publications include: *Histories of the Devil: from Marlowe to Mann and the Manichees* (Palgrave, 2016), *The Palgrave Handbook of Literature and the City* (Palgrave, 2016), *Dickens' Novels as Poetry: Allegory and Literature of the City* (Routledge, 2014), *Hölderlin and the Subject of Tragedy: Readings in Sophocles, Shakespeare, Nietzsche and Benjamin* (Sussex Academic Press 2014).

**Seminar outline**

In this paper, the speaker will do three things: (a) give an introduction to phenomenology, and (b) discuss in what way Martin Heidegger modifies it for his own work, and (c) discuss it through Merleau-Ponty's essays and the stimulus that gave to Jacques Lacan.

**For more details of the seminar, please contact: paulfung@hsmc.edu.hk**

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### Event 6 and Event 7 (Date: 8 Dec 2017, at Hong Kong Shue Yan University)

Description of speakers: The speakers of event 6 and event 7 are couples, and they gave their seminars in the same day.

Professor Babette Babich is Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University in New York City as well as Visiting Professor of Philosophy at the University of Winchester, England. Her books include *The Hallelujah Effect: Philosophical Reflections on Music, Performance Practice and Technology* (London 2016), *Un politique brisé. Le souci d' autrui, l' humanisme, et les juifs chez Heidegger* (Paris 2016), *La fin de la pens ée? Philosophie analytique contre philosophie continentale* (Paris 2012), *Nietzsches Wissenschaftsphilosophie* [Nietzsche's Philosophy of Science] (Oxford 2010 [English edition: 1994]) and *Words in Blood, Like Flowers* (Albany 2006). Author of more than 250 articles, she has also edited nine book collections, including most recently, *Hermeneutic Philosophies of Social Science* (Berlin 2017) in addition to the journal, *New Nietzsche Studies*.

Prof. Tracy Strong has broad interests in political theory and in related fields in political science, aesthetics, literature and other areas. He is the author of seminal works including *Friedrich Nietzsche and the Politics of Transfiguration* (currently in its third edition); *The Idea of Political Theory: Reflections on the Self in Political Time and Space*; and *Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Politics of the Ordinary* (second edition), as well as the editor or co-editor of *Nietzsche's New Seas*, *The Self and the Political Order*, *Public Space and Democracy*, and *The One and the Many*.

*Ethical Pluralism in Contemporary Perspectives*. He has written numerous articles and essays in a variety of journals. His most recent book is *Politics Without Vision: Thinking without a Banister in the Twentieth Century* (Chicago, 2012) [Winner of the David Easton Prize, 2013]. He is currently working on a book on music, language, and politics in the period that extends from Rousseau to Nietzsche. He has been the recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Rockefeller Foundation, has been Visiting Professor at the Juan March Instituto in Spain and Warwick University in England, and was a Fellow at the Center for Human Values, Princeton University (2002-03). From 1990 until 2000 he was Editor of *Political Theory*.

Description of events: Event 6 was a seminar on the phenomenology of contemporary arts, cyber culture and new gender identities. 18 participants from Hong Kong Shue Yan University (Department of Counselling and Psychology, Department of English) and guest from University of Hong Kong (ex-colleagues of Prof. Jeremy Tambling) joined the seminar. The same set of participants joined event 7, which was consecutive to event 6 in the same venue.

Photos of event 6 and event 7



**The Aesthetic Edge of Art:  
Performance Art and the  
Contemporary**  
Nietzsche's Artist's Aesthetic, Nietzsche's  
Spectator's Aesthetic

**Babette Babich**  
*Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University/NYC*

Hong Kong Shue Yan University  
8 December 2017



Event 8 (Date: 16 Dec 2017, at Open University of Hong Kong)

Description of the speaker: Professor Giovanni Leghissa is teaching faculty of Department of Philosophy and Educational Science at the University of Torino, Italy, and is a member of Semiotic Group of University of Torino. His interest is to apply Husserl's discussion of Lebenswelt to contemporary issues including encyclopedia, economics, and problems of Neoliberalism. His major work (co-written with Giandomenica Becchio) *The origins of Neoliberalism: insights from economics and philosophy* (published by Routledge, 2017) has yielded critical acclaim from the field.

Description of the event: This was a seminar on the relevance of phenomenology to research on technology in modern society, such as the concept of 'encyclopedia' in contemporary academia. The seminar addressed the relationship between the notion of encyclopedia and Husserl's concept of Lebenswelt, in order to show how the phenomenological approach to the question of foundation can be still fruitful today. Professor Leghissa discussed the potential of utilizing Husserl's notion of Lebenswelt as an ideal ground for thinking how the different disciplines that form the system of knowledge are, at the same time, joined together and able to maintain their autonomy. Here are comments from participants indicated in the the open section of evaluation form: "This is the first time I learn about phenomenology", "I hope that OUHK can organize more seminars related to psychology. This seminar was frankly a well-organized one. I wish to participate in more seminars", and "Thank you very much".

Photo of event 8:



Event 9 (Date: 21 Dec 2017, at Hang Seng University of Hong Kong)

Description of the speaker: Professor Lee Nam-In (이남인) is Professor of Department of Philosophy of Seoul National University. Professor Lee is the leading figure of philosophy in South Korea. He was the first Asian scholar to win the Prize for the best dissertation of the University of Wuppertal of 1991, and he is the winner of the Prize of the National Academy of Science of the Republic of Korea (2005). He is former president of Korean Society for Phenomenology (2009-2010) and Deputy Director of Institute of Humanities of Seoul National University. He is a member of Institut Internatinal de Philosophie and is serving in editorial boards of over 14 different journal articles.

Description of the event: The first half of the event was a seminar on Aristotle's idea of the Phronesis (practical wisdom), while the second half of the event was a workshop on how to apply phenomenology to address various ethical problems. The seminar was based on the reading of part of his working paper on Aristotle's Phronesis, while the second half is the discussion and debate of how could we apply such phenomenological understanding of Aristotle's Phronesis to tackle with ethical issues in daily life. 15 participants from Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, and Open University of Hong Kong attend this event. Here are comments from participants indicated in the the open section of evaluation form: "Prof. Lee is awesome, he teaches difficult concept well", "Interesting, I love the presentation".

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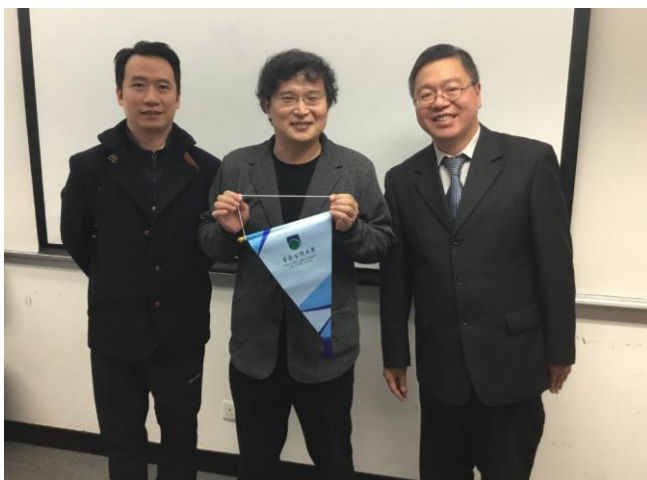
- IIDS seminar IX: Phenomenological Interpretation of the Phronesis in Aristotle
- By Professor Lee Nam In (Seoul National University)
- Date: 21 Dec 2017
- Time: 1500 – 1800
- Venue: Room A315 Hang Seng Management College (65K (minibus) and 83K (bus) from Shatin MTR station, or all buses stop at Tate’s Cairn Tunnel)
- Professor Lee Nam In (이남인) is Professor of Department of Philosophy of Seoul National University. He was the first Asian scholar to win the Prize for the best dissertation of the University of Wuppertal of 1991, and he is the winner of the Prize of the National Academy of Science of the Republic of Korea. He is former president of Korean Society for Phenomenology (2009-2010) and Deputy Director of Institute of Humanities of Seoul National University. He is a member of Institut International de Philosophie and is serving in editorial boards of over 14 different journal articles.
- Synopsis of presentation
- It is the aim of this paper to develop the phenomenology of phronesis (practical wisdom) through a phenomenological interpretation of Aristotle’s theory of phronesis by employing different kinds of phenomenological reductions. Phronesis has been an important topic in the history of philosophy as well as in contemporary philosophy. There have been a number of attempts within the phenomenological tradition to interpret Aristotle’s theory of phronesis. In this presentation, Prof. Lee employs various kinds of phenomenological reductions to interpret Aristotle’s theory of phronesis, which is not the case with previous studies.

Event 10 (Date: 22 Dec 2017, at Open University of Hong Kong)

Description of the speaker: Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi (五十嵐 靖博) is a Japanese critical psychologist based at Yamano College of Aesthetics in Tokyo. His research interests include theoretical psychology, the history and philosophy of psychology, psychology and social justice and discourse analysis. He is now researching subjectivity and discourses concerning the Fukushima nuclear crisis from a critical psychological perspective. He is committee member and national representative of international society of critical health psychology.

Description of the event: In the first half of the event (seminar), Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi discussed the roots of critical psychology, including phenomenology and critical theory. The second half was a workshop on how to incorporate phenomenology and critical perspective to the study of psychology, and how to conduct critical psychological research in consideration of history, sociology, cultural issues, and issues related to power disparities within the field of psychology and

in th society as a whole. Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi demonstrated methodology in critical psychology with illustration from his acclaimed research on the psychological impact of the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster to Japanese society. 31 participants joined the event, which include board members of Division of Counselling Psychology, Hong Kong Psychological Society, teaching Staff from Open University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, and guest vistsors from Dr. Plato Tse Chiu-Yui from Caritas Institute of Higher Education with his students. Open-ended comments revealed that it's an empowering talk: "Thank you very much for arranging this seminar, would love to join and collaborate to the establishment of critical psychology in Hong Kong", "I would like to join and contribute to theoretical psychology in Hong Kong" "Very great", "I would love to chat on difference between psychology in Japan and Hong Kong".





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- IIDS seminar X: Phenomenology and critical psychology: a view from Japan
- Presenter : Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi (Professor, Yamano College of Aesthetics, Japan)
- Date : December 20th, 1400- 1700
- Venue: C610, Open University of Hong Kong
- **Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi (五十嵐 靖博) is a Japanese critical psychologist based at Yamano College of Aesthetics in Tokyo. His research interests include theoretical psychology, the history and philosophy of psychology, psychology and social justice and discourse analysis. He is now researching subjectivity and discourses concerning the Fukushima nuclear crisis from a critical psychological perspective. He is committee member and national representative of international society of critical health psychology.**
- Synopsis of presentation
- In this presentation, Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi will discuss the roots of critical psychology, including phenomenology and critical theory. Critical “psychologies”, is in plural form – begins on a simple but complicated question: “what is psychology actually?” Professor Yasuhiro will share his observation in Japanese psychology and critical psychologies scene and discuss the relevance of philosophy, history, sociology of psychology, cultural issues and issues related to power disparities in psychology and in society.

## 7. Research-Related Outcome

### 7.1 Potential for development into research proposal and the proposed course of action (Maximum half a page)

The launch of event led to student's interest to apply phenomenological method, and higher acceptance for research supervisor and internal examiners for phenomenological method. The event led to a continuous flux of dissertation in this vein among Master of Social Science in Counselling Psychology students since 2017, which never happened before the events. Two students of the program successfully conducted study on strange phenomena (e.g. Lam Yuk-Shun's work on Carl Jung's Archetypal Imagination, and Li Hin-Yiu's work on Subjective Experience on Marijuana and how to improve drug-prevention education). After the event, Phenomenology has been incorporated into the course content of qualitative research methods (PSY214), research methods for Master of Social Science in Psychology (PSY206P), research method for Master of Social Science in Counselling Psychology (CP516, CP518). This open up new potentials in teaching and inspiring students on research related to subjective experiences. As students graduated from Master of Social Science in Counselling Psychology program (about 20 per cohort) will work as registered Counselling Psychology under Hong Kong Psychological Society, the impact of this IIDS project is beyond number of audiences, but can be regarded as a landmark in a change from purely Positivistic paradigm in psychological education and practice towards multi-dimensional research paradigm, and lead to the trend of cross-validating between quantitative and qualitative perspectives.

### 7.2 Research collaboration achieved (Please give details on the achievement and its relevant impact)

Inspired by Professor Babette Babich's work on integrating Arts, Philosophy and Psychoanalysis, the project PI submitted the proposal to hold weekly seminars in Cattle Depot Arts Centre with with the collaboration of a cultural society *The Signifier* (previously an organization located in Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre), and the proposal was approved by Bureau of Development, Hong Kong Government. The event lasted from 6 Mar 2018 – 1 Jun 2018, 2 Jun 2018-28 Aug 2018). An accumulative of 120 Artists and general public discussed the issues related to psychoanalysis, philosophy, and arts on weekly basis.

The IIDS project led to general revision for the writing of course material for history of psychology (PSYCA318) facilitated by the PI. The history of phenomenology is linked up with development of clinical psychology and counselling, and was written in Unit 9 of the course. (see Attachment iii for reference).

### 7.3 Any new development and/or challenging research topic(s) has / have been identified and any new initiative(s) for future research has / have been inspired.

This IIDS project led to further concern about the need to develop General Education Courses (GE classes) for year 1 and year 2 students in Hong Kong Shue Yan University. The proposal for a philosophy course was approved in 2017 and the course (GED 202: Philosophy and psychology in everyday life) has been launched in academic year 2018-2019. The 70 space for the course was soon filled up.

The launching of the first collaboration with Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi and Japanese Critical Psychology Society to organize the East-Asian Conference in Critical Psychology in Wako University of Japan was deferred due to typhoon, flooding and closure of airport. The event will be rescheduled in 2019.

## 8. The Layman's Summary

*(Describe in layman's language the nature, significance and value of the research activities, in no more than 200 words)*

Phenomenology is not only a very important tradition in philosophy, but is also a lively method for research in qualitative perspective. This IIDS project is, as indicated in the title, “a multidisciplinary dialogue”, which invited the most prominent scholars in the field of phenomenology to unfold possibilities in expanding phenomenological method to various academic disciplines. In this project, 10 events (including 4 workshops and 6 seminars) was given by famous local figures and scholars from Japan, Korea, UK, Ireland, Italy, and the US. 243 scholars, teaching faculty and students participants joined these events, and these events led to changes in curriculum in Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology, empowering students and research supervisors to launch different final year research dissertations with phenomenological methodology, and graduates of the program, with their increased acceptance towards qualitative methodologies as a whole, will bring a significant turn in academic paradigm in the future. This IIDS project also led to discussion about international collaboration (with Japanese Critical Psychology scene), revision of course curriculum (e.g. History of Psychology in Open University of Hong Kong), and led to subsequent public talk series in collaboration with arts organization The Signifier in Cattle Depot.

**Part C: Research Output****9. Recognized Conference(s) Paper(s) Related To This Project Was / Were Delivered (As Applicable)***(Please attach a copy of each conference abstract)*

Month / Year / Place	Title	Conference Name	Submitted to RGC (indicate the year ending of the relevant progress report)	Attached to this Report (Yes or No)	Acknowledged the Support of RGC (Yes or No)
N.A.					

**10. Research Personnel Trained (As Applicable)**

Name	Capacity
Lam Yuk-Shun (Currently board member of Division of Counselling Psychology, Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS), registered counselling psychologist under HKPS)	Research Supervisee on Dissertation of Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology in Hong Kong Shue Yan University (supervised by the PI). His study is “A Phenomenological Study of Archetypal Imagination”, which applied phenomenological method and yielded A grade (one of the best in the cohort). (Graduated 2018)
Li Hin-Yiu (registered counselling psychologist under HKPS)	Research Supervisee on Dissertation of Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology in Hong Kong Shue Yan University (supervised by the PI). His study is “The Phenomenology of Marijuana Use in Hong Kong among Highly Educated Adults”. (Graduated 2018)
Jessica Lau Hoi Ching (current student of Master of Social Science in Counselling Psychology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University)	Research Supervisee on Dissertation “Shift to Invent: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis on the Experience of Career Adventurers who Create Careers in Hong Kong”. Currently working on the project and is expected to graduate in 2019.
19 Students of Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University) (Cohort of 2017 entry)	Attended Professor Shinji Hamauzu’s workshop on phenomenology and end-of-life care.

**11. Other Impact (As Applicable)***(e.g. prizes, collaboration with other research institutions, technology transfer, etc.)*

Knowledge transfer: 1) Incorporation of phenomenological method in the following courses in undergraduate curriculum of psychology in Hong Kong Shue Yan University: of qualitative research methods (PSY214), research methods for Master of Social Science in Psychology (PSY206P), research method for Master of Social Science in Counselling Psychology (CP516, CP518) (see Attachment i: course outline with illustration), 2) Establishment of general education

course in Hong Kong Shue Yan University (GED202 Philosophy and Psychology in Everyday Life) (see Attachment ii “course outline for GE courses” for reference, 3) revision of course material of Open University of Hong Kong by the PI for the course “History of Psychology” (PSYCA318) on the chapter of “history of clinical psychology” (unit 9) (see Attachment iii “sample chapter” for reference). The chapter is available in Hong Kong Public Library and is open to general public.

Collaboration: 1) Team up with Prof. Yasuhiro Igarashi on East-Asian Conference on Critical Psychology in Wako University, Tokyo, Japan. The event will be scheduled at 2019, (see Attachment iv “email from Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi” for reference, 2) Collaborate with Arts Organization The Signifier to organize public talks related to Arts, Philosophy and Psychoanalysis between 6 Mar 2018- 28 Aug 2018). Successful launching of the IIDS project is one of the major consideration for approval of the proposal for public talk (see Attachment V: proposal for public seminar in Cattle Depot” and approval email from Development Bureau, Hong Kong Government” for reference).

## 12. Public Access Of Completion Report

*(Please specify the information, if any, that cannot be provided for public access and give the reasons.)*

<b>Information that Cannot Be Provided for Public Access</b>	<b>Reasons</b>
N.A.	N.A.

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**Completion Report - Attachment**

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**Principal Investigator:** Dr. FU Wai

**Project Title:** Phenomenology : a multidisciplinary dialogue

**Statistics on Research Outputs**

	Peer-reviewed Journal Publications	Conference Papers	Scholarly Books, Monographs and Chapters	Patents Awarded	Other Research Outputs (Please specify)
No. of outputs arising directly from this research project [or conference]	N.A.	N.A.	The project led to revision of existing course content of History of Psychology (PSYCA318) of OUHK (written by PI)  See Attachment iii.	N.A.	Submission of proposals in GE course (Hong Kong Shue Yan University) GED202: Philosophy and Psychology in Everyday Life (Attachment ii)  Approved proposal for public seminar series in Cattle Deport (Approved by Development Bureau, Hong Kong Government) (Attachment v)