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Global Perspectives on Social Problems, Policy, and Practice

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About the Symposium:

The Annual International Doctoral Student Think Tank Symposium is an open-invitation event for all social science PhD students at any stage. Every year about 30 PhD students will be recruited from Hong Kong Baptist University, The University of Chicago, Seoul National University, The University of British Columbia, University of Michigan, The University of Melbourne and Nanyang Technological University.

Building upon existing collaboration between high-ranking university partners, the Symposium aims to:

- Assemble PhD students from high-ranking universities to present their work and engage in scholarly exchange.
- Develop a platform and network advancing students' professional development and fostering future research collaboration.

Symposium themes:

- Migration, Displacement, and Refugee
- Urban Poverty, Housing, and Social and Economic Development
- Children, Youth, and Families
- Health and Mental Health
- Philanthropy and Social Innovation

The Symposium is generously supported and organized by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University, and the David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies (LEWI). This Symposium will serve as an engaging and fruitful platform for high-ranking universities to share, exchange and spark discussions on global problems and solutions.



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March 8, 2026 (Sun)	Whole Day	Arrive in Hong Kong	Free Day
March 9, 2026 (Mon) @WLB103	0930-0940	Welcome Speech by Provost, Prof. Martin D. F. Wong, Hong Kong Baptist University	
	0940-0950	Photo Taking	
	0950-1010	Programme Introduction	
	1010-1155	[Faculty Panel Discussion #1]	
		Speaker: Prof. Laavanya Kathiravelu Institution: Nanyang Technological University	
		Speaker: Prof. Bong Joo Lee Institution: Seoul National University	
	Speaker: Prof. Jac Nobiss Institution: The University of British Columbia		
1155-1430	Welcome Lunch Buffet		
1430-1615	[Faculty Panel Discussion #2]		
	Speaker: Prof. Wilfred Wang Institution: The University of Melbourne		
	Speaker: Prof. Robert Chaskin Institution: The University of Chicago		
Speaker: Prof. Kathleen Cagney Institution: University of Michigan			

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March 9, 2026 (Mon) @WLB103	1615-1700	Break
	1700-1730	Campus Tour
	1730-1830	Welcome Dinner Venue: The Kowloon Tsai Home Owners Association
March 10, 2026 (Tue) @AAB1312	0945-1000	International Doctoral Symposium: Opening Remark
	1000-1100	[Student Panel Discussion #1]
		<u>Migration Policy and Mobility</u>
		Perceived Institutional Precarity and International Academic Mobility: A Singapore Study Presenter: Ms. Yao Qu Institution: Nanyang Technological University
1000-1100	Understanding Externalisation Relations: Domination and Normative Contestation in Third-state Asylum Agreements Presenter: Ms. Jemima McKenna Institution: The University of Melbourne	
	The Economic Impact of Providing Work Authorizations and Deportation Protection in the U.S. Presenter: Mrs. Yulia Valdivia Rivera Institution: The University of Chicago	

March 10, 2026 (Tue) @AAB1312	1100-1120	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #1 Moderator: Prof. Laavanya Kathiravelu Institution: Nanyang Technological University
	1120-1330	Lunch
	1330-1450	[Student Panel Discussion #2] <u>Youth and Family Transitions</u> A Qualitative Study on the Difficulties Transitional Age Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Face Presenter: Ms. Sooahn Ko Institution: Seoul National University
		My Child's Root: Here, There, or Nowhere? A Study of Diaspora and Cultural Identity Transmission in Hong Konger Families Presenter: Ms. Capri Ka Po Kong Institution: The University of British Columbia
Tertiary Education as a Compensatory Pathway to Digital Capital among Youth with Rural Backgrounds Presenter: Ms. Yue Yu Institution: Hong Kong Baptist University		
		Fertility Free-Riding and Optimal Transfers Presenter: Mr. Adrian Armas Braithwaite Institution: University of Michigan

March 10, 2026 (Tue) @AAB1312	1450-1510	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #2 Moderator: Prof. Jac Nobiss Institution: The University of British Columbia
	1510-1520	Break
	1520-1540	Briefing on agency and field visit (Travelling)
	1540-1740	Agency visit in i-COMMON Hong Kong
	1740	Shuttle bus to hotel
March 11, 2026 (Wed) @AAB1312	1000-1120	[Student Panel Discussion #3] <u>Culture and Creative Recovery</u> Nation-Building After Crises: Representation of the "Future-Engineering Nationalism" in the Expo 2020 Dubai Presenter: Mr. Ross Lap Kin Cheung Institution: Nanyang Technological University
		The Underground Iron: Localism and Urban Modernity, Hong Kong 1980 Presenter: Ms. Genevieve Trail Institution: The University of Melbourne
		Through the Trash Eye: On Decelerative Resistance and Poetic Construction in Contemporary East Asian Youth Creative Practice Presenter: Ms. Yanlei Li Institution: Hong Kong Baptist University

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March 11, 2026 (Wed) @AAB1312	1000-1120	Creative Recovery in Australia: Designing Community Arts Programs to Provide Psychosocial Support Following Climate Disasters Presenter: Miss Anna Kennedy-Borissow Institution: The University of Melbourne
	1120-1140	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #3 Moderator: Prof. Wilfred Wang Institution: The University of Melbourne
	1140-1400	Lunch
	1400-1520	[Student Panel Discussion #4] <u>Migration Identity and Inclusion</u> Educational Integration and Urban Inequality: Immigrant Youth in Puebla, Mexico Presenter: Mr. Alexander Koenig Institution: The University of Chicago
Filling the Gap: A Case Study of Neighbourhood Houses and Language Enhanced Language Instruction in Vancouver Presenter: Ms. Frankie Cabahug Institution: The University of British Columbia		
Migration, Displacement, and Refugees: Sport Identity among Second-Generation South Asian Immigrant Adolescents Presenter: Mr. Hamza Saghir Aslam Institution: Hong Kong Baptist University		

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March 11, 2026 (Wed) @AAB1312	1400-1520	Agency Amid Incongruence: Australian Muslim Women Leaders' Strategies for Social Change Presenter: Miss Alyssa Moohin Institution: The University of Melbourne
	1520-1540	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #4 Moderator: Prof. Robert Chaskin Institution: The University of Chicago
	1540-1600	Break
	1600	Free Time
March 12, 2026 (Thu) @AAB1312	1000-1120	[Student Panel Discussion #5] <u>Health Equity and Care Systems</u> Making the Recovery a Shared Journey: Developing and Evaluating a Holistic Peer Coaching Programme for Post-Stroke Recovery Presenter: Mr. Yichao Chen Institution: Nanyang Technological University
		Beyond Diagnosis: The Hidden Health Burden of Long-term PM2.5 Exposure Presenter: Miss Zhuoru Ma Institution: Nanyang Technological University
		Intersectional Barriers to Primary Healthcare Access for Black African Immigrant Women in Canada Presenter: Ms. Ibukun Kayode Institution: The University of British Columbia

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March 12, 2026 (Thu) @AAB1312	1000-1120	Improved Small Area Estimation for Health Disparity Research Presenter: Ms. Anne Cohen Institution: University of Michigan
	1120-1140	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #5 Moderator: Prof. Kathleen Cagney Institution: University of Michigan
	1140-1300	Lunch
	1300-1420	[Student Panel Discussion #6] <u>Housing, Work and Urban Precarity</u> Invisible Risks, Unequal Safety Nets: Gender-Differentiated Social Security Gaps among Gig Workers Presenter: Ms. Mahathi Gandhi Institution: Seoul National University
		Urban Housing Instability and Adolescent Wellbeing: Structural and Psychosocial Pathways within Neighborhood Contexts Presenter: Mr. Seongbo Son Institution: The University of Chicago
	Blood Veins for Hire: Leveraging Paid Plasma Donation as an Income-Generating Tool Amidst Rising Economic Inequality Presenter: Ms. Analidis Ochoa Institution: University of Michigan	

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March 12, 2026 (Thu) @AAB1312	1300-1420	Shipping to Recycle: Transnational Waste Trade, Seafarers, and Occupational Public Health Policy Presenter: Ms. Hazal Corak Institution: The University of Chicago
	1420-1440	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #6 Moderator: Prof. Robert Chaskin Institution: The University of Chicago
	1440-1540	Faculty Member Sharing: Job Application for Academic Track Positions Moderator and Speaker: Prof. Chun Yi Jenny Kwok Institution: Hong Kong Baptist University
	1540	Free Time
March 13, 2026 (Fri) @AAB1312	1000-1140	[Student Panel Discussion #7] <u>Social Innovation, Policy, and Safety Nets</u> A Study on the Effect of the Characteristics of Non-profit Organizations on the Performance of Donation Fundraising Presenter: Mr. Byung-hun Lee Institution: Seoul National University
		Social Work Leadership: Power Im(balance) in Co-leadership Presenter: Ms. Kelly Guiaya Institution: The University of British Columbia

March 13, 2026 (Fri) @AAB1312		Elder AI Companionship in China's Rapidly Aging Society Presenter: Mr. Jacob Yutao He Institution: Hong Kong Baptist University
	1000-1140	Who is Left Behind? Analysis of the Structural Determinants of Housing Benefit Non-Take-Up in South Korea Presenter: Ms. Yeeun Kim Institution: Seoul National University
		Perceptions of Food Assistance Deservingness Among Food Insecure Households in Michigan Presenter: Ms. Gabrielle Young Institution: University of Michigan
	1140-1200	Student Panel Q&A Discussion #7 Moderator: Prof. Bong Joo Lee Institution: Seoul National University
	1200-1300	Farewell Lunch Venue: Yue Cha Guan

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