

Programme Schedule

International Symposium
Lingnan Culture and the World:
Waterways, Watermanship and Public Energies
嶺南文化與世界：水路、水性與公眾能量
C-LP-02, Tai Po Campus, EdUHK / Ma Wan
February 26–27, 2026

Day 1 February 26 (Thursday)		
08:30–09:00	Registration	
09:00–09:20	Opening Remarks	Prof Chan Timothy Wai Keung, representing organizer at EdUHK Prof Lai Chi Tim, representing co-organizer at CUHK Dr Li Yuen Mei Fanny, representing Co-PIs of CRF “Lingnan Culture and the World”
09:20–09:30	Group photo	
Panel 1. Water-borne Agency and Institutionalization 水生的動能與建制 09:30–10:45		
Discussant: Prof Paola Calanca		
09:30–09:50	Ronald C. Po	Gliding Beneath the Waves: A Study of Water Scouts (<i>shuimo</i>) in Qing China
09:50–10:10	Leung Po Shan Anthony	“Island within Island”: Shipbuilding, Spatial Displacement, and the Cultural Landscape of North Tsing Yi
10:10–10:30	Chan Timothy Wai Keung	Metamorphosis of the Immortal Bird: The Oyster from Mythology to Mundanity and Modernity
10:30–10:45	Discussion	Discussant’s comments and Q&A
10:45–11:10 Refreshment		
Panel 2. Sensation and Sensibility of Seascapes 海岸景觀的感知系譜 11:10–12:25		
Discussant: Prof Lai Chi Tim		
11:10–11:30	Li Yuen Mei Fanny	The Depiction of the Sea in Hong Kong Literature
11:30–11:50	Chen Fong Fong	Lost Horizons: The Interplay of Art and Iconic Venues in Colonial Hong Kong
11:50–12:10	Puk Wing Kin	Mapping in a Muddle: Zou Boqi, William Mayers, Wilhelm Lobscheid and the Guangdong Provincial Cartography Project (1860s)
12:10–12:25	Discussion	Discussant’s comments and Q&A

12:30–14:00 Lunch		
Panel 3. Tactic Societies across Waterways 因水制宜的結社組織 14:00–15:15		
Discussant: Prof Yim Lawrence Chi Hung		
14:00–14:20	Li Zigui	Operations and Transformations in the Early Years of <i>The North-China Herald</i>
14:20–14:40	Yang Zhishui	From Market to Xiang (鄉): The Establishment of Gangkou Xiang (港口鄉) and Postwar Social Order in Zhongshan (中山) (1945–195?)
14:40–15:00	Wu Ziqi	Deviation or Indispensable Connection? Guangzhouwan and the Maritime Networks between Hong Kong and Haiphong, 1900–1940s
15:00–15:15	Discussion	Discussant's comments and Q&A
15:15–15:40 Coffee and Tea		
Panel 4. Mobile People at Land-water Interfaces 海陸交界的漂移群體 15:40–16:55		
Discussant: Prof Chan Timothy Wai Keung		
15:40–16:00	Luk Chi Hung Gary	The British Colonial Making of Tanka Boat-Dwellers as an Ethnic Group in Hong Kong
16:00–16:20	Wang Cong	Across the Waters: Lexical Diffusion in Cantonese-Tanka Contact
16:20–16:40	Ye Jia Michelle	Pressmen, Steamers and Chinese Settlers: From Hong Kong to British North Borneo in the 1880s
16:40–16:55	Discussion	Discussant's comments and Q&A
16:55–17:30	Roundtable for concluding remarks and publication plan	
18:30–20:30 Dinner		

Notes:

1. Each presentation is given 20 minutes.
2. The presentation can be delivered in English and/or Chinese. The visual aids (slides, ppts) must be presented in English or bilingually.
3. The discussant comments for 8 minutes before opening the floor for Q&A.

Day 2

February 27 (Friday)

From Pass to Island: Kap Shui Mun / Ma Wan Water and Land Exploration

(Field Visit – Invited Scholars Only)

13:00–14:00	Guided tour of ISN(HK)'s exhibition “Marine Arteries: Ma Wan Dragon Boat” at Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central (near Pier 8)
14:30–15:00	Central Pier 2 Ferry to Ma Wan <i>*Please be on time for the ferry departure at 14:30</i>
15:00–16:00	Walking tour from Tin Hau Temple North, Old main street, Main Tin Hau Temple, Tax Station, to Flood Control Stele (鎮流碑)
16:00–16:15	Boat boarding
16:15–17:45	Boat tour at up tide through Flood Control Stele (鎮流碑), Kap Sing Lighthouse (汲星燈塔), Tsing Ma Bridge and Tung Wan (Park Island), Pak Wan from the sea, Ma Kok Tsui Beacon (馬角咀燈標), Shek Tsai Wan Fish Farm Area, and Kap Shui Mum (汲水門)
17:45–18:00	Debarkation at Ma Wan 1868
18:00–20:00	Dinner at Ma Wan (optional)