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Pok Fu Lam Country Park

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## **Message from your President, Helen Tinsley**

Welcome to our May/ June 2022 RASHK Newsletter and a warm welcome to our incoming new members who have joined RASHK in the past couple of months. I hope you all enjoy catching up on our news and look forward to the events we have planned in the coming two months.

Local restrictions linked to Covid-19 have begun to ease, as the fifth wave of the highly infectious Omicron variant here in Hong Kong thankfully recedes, though sadly taking a heavy toll amongst local frail and stubbornly vaccination-hesitant elderly. The recent consensus view in our health care community is that most of our population has now either been infected or well vaccinated. Many have been taking to our hiking trails to enjoy fresh air and glorious weather. The photo above, taken from Pokfulam Country Park, celebrates this feeling of recovery after some difficult winter months.

Once again over the past couple of months we relied heavily on Zoom technology for our events, but we had the chance to enjoy a rich range of presentations by overseas and local speakers, as well as opportunities to access those Zoom events hosted by our sister RAS Societies elsewhere. Attendance rates for our events have increased. Some of our book talks have been very well attended and who can forget our Council member, Roy Delbyck, with his longtime friend Don Cohn as discussant, sharing their joy in collecting. We have also taken the opportunity to let you know about a rich selection of available talks and speakers from other societies which may be of interest to our membership, where registration was easily accessible. Many of these have touched on a wide range of topics as well as being highly enjoyable. Our Activities Committee members and Jace Au, our Administrator, continue to keep me updated on possible speakers and talks of potential interest. As always comments and suggestions from members are most welcome.

Please take a look at our events planned for the coming two months. It is a full and rich programme. A couple of the face to face visits we arranged some time ago and were deferred, are now rescheduled. I will look forward to seeing members then, with our fingers crossed that we manage to avoid further constraints linked to a sixth wave of Covid-19 related infection. Plans for July and August are also in progress.

Our 62<sup>nd</sup> RASHK AGM was successfully held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Many of those who attended were logging in from overseas. Links to the various subject officers' annual reports can be found on our website and you will be delighted to know that our Society was reported to be in a sound financial position. I have to thank our Council Members and Ride Fund Trustees who will continue to serve the Society with their wide range of expertise. Stephen Davies has stepped back from his role as VP and Council member, but promises in his continuing role as member that we will have continued access to his extensive knowledge and helpful advice on historical matters. Immediately following the AGM, Colin Day, who chairs the Ride Fund Trustees, gave us a welcome presentation, reminding us of the history and work of the Ride Fund which, since 2003 until now, has supported the publication of an impressive 36 books in the RASHK Hong Kong Studies Series—details of which are available later in our Newsletter. One of the recent books published under this banner, carries a dedication to Mike Broome, our former President, its publication being supported by generous donations from our RASHK members. For those who could not attend our AGM and hear Colin's talk, he has written an article on the work of the Ride Fund included later in this Newsletter.

Some of our long time members have left Hong Kong, continuing as overseas members, and we have benefited from their very generous leaving donations of books and journals, which will be catalogued and sent to our RASHK Library collection. I know that Friends of RASHK in UK warmly welcome contact from RASHK members relocating to UK. Members of their group have also been active in programmes to welcome HK families who have moved to UK.

On behalf of myself, Council and Committee members, I send you our best wishes.

Stay well

Helen Tinsley, President RASHK April 2022

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**All planned activities in 2022 will be subject to local regulations regarding COVID-19 restrictions, so please check when we are nearer the event date. If face-to-face meetings are not possible, every attempt will be made to link up via Zoom.**

## NOTE FOR ONLINE TALKS

The RASHK hosts online talks over the Zoom application, downloadable on computer at <https://zoom.us/> or smartphone from any app store.

Zoom links to access the online talk will be sent to members (who have registered) prior to the event.

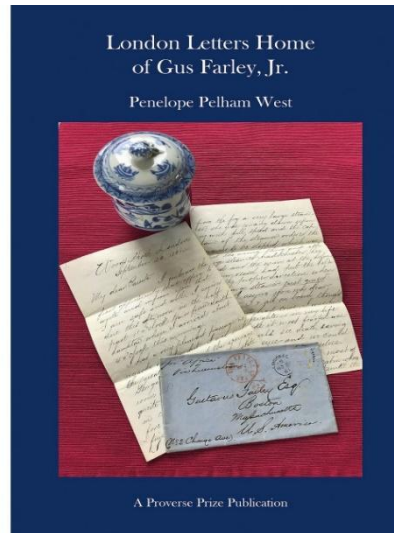
If you would like to attend an online talk, please email [membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk) so that we can send you the zoom link for access.

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**ONLINE TALK**

**London Letters Home  
In preparation for working in China –  
American boy learns the London side of the tea trade**

**Thursday • 5 May 2022**



**Details**

The talk will present a glimpse of the four years Gus spent in London apprenticing as a tea taster, preparing to join his cousins' firm of Augustine Heard & Co. in China - 1861-1865. Gus' letters describe the daily workings of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century tea business in London and hint at his coming of age there.

Gus set off on his adventures in 1861 when he was just 17. Gus was young, naïve, and alone in the big Smoke. He encountered bullies in his lodging place, the hoi polloi crowding across London Bridge, clerks and fellow apprentices in the City, kind landladies, welcoming families, demeaning employers at Bullivant & Wilson and decent ones at Ripley's on Mincing Lane. He roamed the streets of London, entered the Commercial Auction House, the Post Office, Customs House, and the docks. He rode to work on the Metropolitan subway line, just after it was finished. He ventured out to the countryside, visited Scotland in June and Paris for Christmas, and attended a Scottish church, where he met young ladies from Nova Scotia.

He made a best friend: 'At Ripley's, there are two other young fellows whom I like very much. They are preparing to go to China. There is one about my age, who is situated about the same as I am. He is from Glasgow, Scotland.'

### The Speaker

**Penelope Pelham West** grew up in Washington, D.C., then went north to college to seek her New England roots. Being named Penelope Pelham and the subsequent gift of this woman's 17th century shoe initiated her into the pleasures of researching, travelling and writing. She lives in Maine. Over the years, she has worked in schools and libraries, founded and run the Green Store in Belfast Me and now lives in a cohousing community in a net zero all electric house.



The inspiration for London Letters Home sprang from a chance meeting in a youth hostel with Satsuki Yamashita, who was intrigued by the fact that Penny's grandfather was born in Japan in 1880. When she got back to Japan, she sent Penny a map of Yokohama showing where her grandfather had been born and where her great grandfather, Gus Farley, Jr., (the subject of this book) had worked. Then it turned out a cousin had a cache of family stories and the letters 17-year old Gus wrote home from London where he had gone to learn the Tea Trade, with the aim of going straight on to China to work for his cousins, the Heards.

### PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Penelope Pelham West  
**Date:** Thursday, 5 May 2022  
**Time:** 7pm - 8pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link  
**Admission:** No charge, please register your attendance in advance  
**Booking:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> in advance to register your attendance

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## ONLINE TALK

# Extreme Weakness: Beriberi and the Politics of Public Health in Pre-WWII Hong Kong

Thursday • 12 May 2022



### Details

Beriberi was prevalent in Hong Kong from the 1880s to the 1930s. It was part of a mystery that clouded colonial administrators in many ports and cities in Southeast Asia. It was a common concern for the Far Eastern Association for Tropical Medicine. It attracted many medical researchers in the region to investigate the pathology and identify appropriate remedies. But when malnutrition was identified as its root cause, the Hong Kong government did not introduce any effective public health measures to tackle it. It was only after Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke had become the Director of Medical Services in 1937, the Hong Kong government started the work of the Nutrition Research Committee and paid attention to the issues of malnutrition among the general public and the war refugees. Through these stories, Professor Wong would like to discuss the momentum for medical discovery and the changing notions of public health in Hong Kong.

### The Speaker

**Professor Wong Man Kong** is currently the acting Associate Dean (Development) of the Faculty of Social Science and Professor of History, Hong Kong Baptist University. He holds two honorary positions: Honorary Research Senior Fellow in History, The University of Queensland, Australia, and Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, The University of Victoria, Canada. One of his research areas is the medical history of Hong Kong. He is now completing a book manuscript to discuss Christianity and medicine in the history of Hong Kong from 1842 to 1997.





**PROGRAMME**

**Speaker:** Prof. Wong Man-kong  
**Date:** Thursday, 12 May 2022  
**Time:** 7pm - 8pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link  
**Admission:** No charge, please register your attendance in advance  
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**ONLINE TALK**

**Recovery, Resilience, Resurgence  
Thirty Years of Hong Kong Photographs 1940s-1970s**

**Tuesday • 24 May 2022**



**Details**

The Photographic Heritage Foundation Founder and Publisher, Edward Stokes, tells the extraordinary story of Hong Kong from the 1940s to 1970s, through photographs.

This exhibition's photos, curated by Ed, show Hong Kong during consecutive periods, as it was seen around the middle of the last century. The images span some thirty years of great change: from the post-war recovery in 1946–1947, through the resilience of the 1950s, to the resurgence of the 1960s – 1970s. The photos were taken by three photographers. In the order of their Hong Kong work they were: Hedda Morrison, Lee Fook Chee and Brian Brake. Each had markedly different life backgrounds and photographic objectives.

Hedda Morrison's Hong Kong photos, like her prior work in China and later images of Southeast Asia, reflected her high regard for ordinary people. Brian Brake held similar values. But whereas Morrison photographed mostly separate images, Brake created highly crafted, pre-envisioned photo stories. Lee Fook Chee, as a person and photographer, was far different to Morrison and Brake. Lacking their comfortable origins, and also their photographic training, he harnessed his personal resolve and the ability to take photos for selling to tourists who visited Hong Kong.

Yet all three, in their own way, recorded Hong Kong during its modern, crucible decades – thus passing on to our present times the photographic heritage seen in this Asia Society Hong Kong Center exhibition, which closes on 6 June 2022.

**The photos form the exhibition Recovery, Resilience, Resurgence – now showing at the Asia Society Hong Kong Center.** <https://asiasociety.org/hong-kong/exhibitions/current>

RTHK Hong Kong Heritage Podcast:

<https://www.rthk.hk/radio/radio3/programme/hongkongheritage/episode/813149>

<https://www.rthk.hk/radio/radio3/programme/hongkongheritage/episode/813280>

### The Speaker

**Edward Stokes** hails from Australia and was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford. Ed grew up in Hong Kong and returned here in 1993 to work on projects on the natural landscape. He is now a well-known photographer and writer. He established the Hong Kong Conservation Photography Foundation in 1997 to raise environmental and conservation awareness in Hong Kong. His first book was *Hong Kong's Wild Places*, a highly regarded, evocative portrayal of the evolution of the natural landscape, describing the interplay between 'man and land'. His other books each explored a different part of the territory.



Edward is the Founder and Publisher of The Photographic Heritage Foundation, a not-for-profit publisher that focuses on heritage and nature publications. He is the author of *Hong Kong As It Was*, several books of historic photographs, and also the photographer/author of books on the natural landscape and the history of Australia.

### PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Edward Stokes  
**Date:** Tuesday, 24 May 2022  
**Time:** 7pm - 8pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link  
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## LOCAL VISIT

# Tea Appreciation at Hong Kong Park

Saturday • 28 May 2022



Source: Lockcha Teahouse

*The RASHK has booked a group visit for members to the LockCha Teahouse in Hong Kong Park.*

### Details

During this one-hour visit at the LockCha Teahouse, a tea master will introduce the brief history and making of Chinese tea and the 6 varieties of teas (Green, Greenish Yellow, Red, White, Black) which are consumed over the vast territories of China from Song Dynasty to nowadays. Participants in the RASHK group will be able to try their hands on brewing 3 types of teas and learn how to appreciate their different taste and texture.

After the tea appreciation experience, for those who are interested in having a vegetarian dim sum lunch, you may choose to stay behind and enjoy a 15% discount on the a la carte menu exclusively for our group.

### PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Tea Master from LockCha Teahouse  
**Date:** Saturday, 28 May 2022  
**Time:** Group meets at 10:15 am, in front of the K. S. Lo Gallery, Hong Kong Park  
Tea Appreciation starts at 10:30am  
**Venue:** LockCha Teahouse, G/F, Hong Kong Park  
**Admission:** \$150 for members, \$200 for guests /non-members, number of participants is limited  
**Booking:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> in advance to register your attendance.  
(\*Optional Self-pay vegetarian dim sum lunch will be arranged at the LockCha Teahouse after the tea appreciation experience. There will be a 15% discount on the a la carte menu. Budget estimated around \$200 per person. Please indicate your interest when making reservation with the Administrator.)



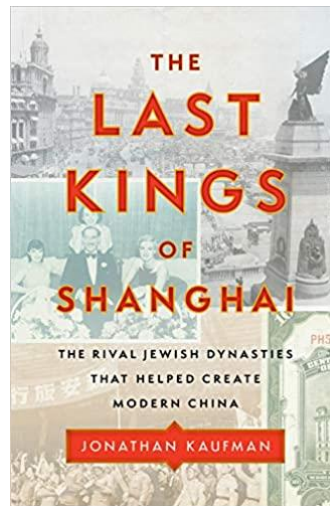
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## ONLINE TALK

# The Last Kings of Shanghai

Tuesday • 7 June 2022



### Details

Jonathan Kaufman tells the remarkable story of two Jewish families, both originally from Baghdad, who stood astride Chinese business and politics for more than 175 years, profiting from the Opium Wars; surviving Japanese occupation; saving the lives of 18,000 Jews fleeing Nazi persecution; and losing nearly everything as the Communists swept into power.

In a story stretching from Baghdad to Hong Kong to Shanghai to London, Kaufman enters the lives and minds of these ambitious men and women to forge a tale of opium smuggling, family rivalry, political intrigue, and survival

### The Speaker

**Jonathan Kaufman** is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who has written and reported on China for thirty years for *The Boston Globe*, where he covered the 1989 massacre in Tiananmen Square; *The Wall Street Journal*, where he served as China bureau chief from 2002 to 2005; and *Bloomberg News*. He is the author of *A Hole in the Heart of the World: Being Jewish in Eastern Europe* and *Broken Alliance: The Turbulent Times Between Blacks and Jews in America*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award. He is director of the School of Journalism at Northeastern University in Boston.



## PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Jonathan Kaufman  
**Date:** Tuesday, 7 June 2022  
**Time:** 7pm-8pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link  
**Admission:** No charge, please register your attendance in advance  
**Booking:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)>  
in advance to register your attendance

LOCAL VISIT

**Enchanting Expeditions:  
Chinese Trade Porcelains Across the Globe**

Saturday • 11 June 2022



Courtesy CUHK Art Museum

*The RASHK has booked a group visit for members to the Art Museum,  
Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)*

**Details**

At the height of the Age of Discovery in the 16th century, Europeans flocked to the Orient, surmounting geographic barriers, and plunging the Ming empire into the globalization matrix. The great variety of produce and finely crafted objects from Ming China, for daily use or decoration, quickly became sought-after international commodities in a growing world market, and a driving force for Europeans to expand their trade in the Orient. Among the most highly prized Chinese goods were silk, porcelains, lacquerwares, and tea.

Very much a specialty of the Ming, porcelain took the Europeans by storm as soon as it arrived on the continent. Translucent and shiny, light and durable against wear and erosion, the exotic pieces with a mysterious oriental style were zealously coveted by royalty, aristocrats, and even religious leaders. To make the most of the drastically expanding global market, merchants from various countries became actively involved in the design, manufacture, shipment, and sale of Chinese porcelain, resulting in diversification of production centres as well as an amazing array of types and decorations for this vibrant Chinaware. The Chinese trade porcelain thus entered its golden age and caused marvellous ebb and flow in the globalised commercial world.

The present exhibition provides an overview of the Sino-European maritime trade in porcelain during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Integrating object display with textual records as well as images from history, it features over 400 pieces (sets) of trade porcelains and related objects from the Art Museum, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and other public and private collections. We aim to reconstruct the design, manufacture, transport, and sale processes of Chinese export porcelain and their use and impact in overseas markets, and we invite visitors to travel with us back in time and across the globe to see how Ming and Qing porcelain came to dominate the international market and how it profoundly impacted the porcelain industry of the world. The exhibition is organised in six sections: Encountering Oriental Wonders, Thriving Country of China, Manufacture and Transport of Porcelain, Braving the Ocean Waves, International Fashions, and Profound Impact of Chinaware.

(Source: <http://www.artmuseum.cuhk.edu.hk/en/exhibition/current/detail/61>)

### PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Docent from CUHK Art Museum  
(Docent service will be provided only when there are 15 or more participants in the group)
- Date:** Saturday, 11 June 2022
- Time:** Group meets at 09:45am, University Station, Exit A  
After meeting at 10:00am, we will catch a bus to the Museum. If you drive, there is limited pay parking on the campus.  
Visit in Museum starts at 10:30am
- Venue:** Art Museum, Institute of Chinese Studies,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Admission:** \$100 for members, \$150 for guests /non-members
- Booking:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> in advance to register your attendance. A mobile phone number for contact on the day of visit is required when signing up. Participants are required to show their ID and vaccination record for entrance.

**(\*\*Optional Self-pay lunch will be arranged at Chung Chi Staff Canteen after the visit at around 12:30pm. Please indicate your interest when making reservation with the Administrator.)**

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## ONLINE TALK

# “Hong Kong – City of music” A personal account of classical music in Hong Kong 1983 - 2004

Thursday • 16 June 2022



### Details

This is the first of two talks about classical music in Hong Kong that the RASHK will be giving this year.

The first talk on 16th June is an online slideshow presentation by John Wilson, a lawyer and amateur musician now living in the UK. He will give a personal and pictorial account of classical music in Hong Kong during his years of living and working in Hong Kong from 1983 to 2004.

The second talk, later in the year, will be by Leanne Nicholls, a professional musician still living in Hong Kong. She is the founder and director of the Hong Kong City Chamber Orchestra and has played with other major orchestras in HK.

### The Speaker

**John Wilson** practised as a barrister in England but went overseas in 1976 to work for British overseas territories. He came to Hong Kong in 1983 and was in the Attorney General’s Chambers of the HKG until the end of 1996, working on aspects of the resumption of Chinese sovereignty.

In 2002 John returned to HK to work in the Department of Justice of the HKSAR Government as a legislative drafter. Since 2004 he has been a law drafting consultant based in England.



During his years of living and working overseas, John has always joined in musical activities, as a pianist and organist, a choral singer and a conductor of small groups. He has composed music for churches and has written articles, programme notes and even surtitles for operas.

As a musical enthusiast, John became involved in several aspects of music-making while in Hong Kong. He was Chair of the Friends of Radio 4 in its early days, and was also active as a church organist, vocal accompanist and harpsichord player. He will give an illustrated account of his experience of the wide range of classical music-making in Hong Kong, from the early 80s to the present day.

John is married to Phylis Tso and they have two children born in Hong Kong. They look forward to returning to Hong Kong when the Covid-19 rules allow and to enjoying again the varied musical life to be found here.

### **PROGRAMME**

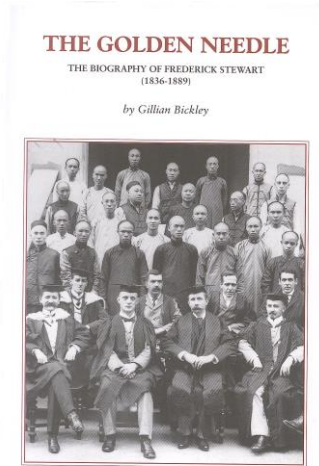
**Speaker:** John Wilson  
**Date:** Thursday, 16 June 2022  
**Time:** 7pm-8pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link  
**Admission:** No charge, please register your attendance in advance  
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**ONLINE TALK**

**Looking for a Golden Needle ...**

**Thursday • 30 June 2022**



**Details**

One hundred and sixty years ago, a 25-year old Scot from rural Aberdeenshire first set foot in a Hong Kong classroom. His task? To head the first school founded and fully-funded by the Hong Kong Government (now known as Queen’s College) and to inspect all Hong Kong Government schools. Quietly and with dedication, he established a coherent education system, the building blocks of what we have today. He was also, for varying amounts of time, Coroner, Sheriff, Police Magistrate, Registrar General and Protector of Chinese, and finally, the first local appointee as head of the permanent Hong Kong Civil Service (the “Chief Secretary” of today), acting as governor on occasion. In these positions, as far as the English language record shows, Frederick Stewart was liked and praised by all, excepting only controversial Irish Catholic Governor, John Pope Hennessy.

Why did a young man, “so sure of advancement at home”, throw all away to come to Hong Kong? Was it worth it? Did he feel he had made the right decision?

“The Golden Needle: The Biography of Frederick Stewart (1836-1889)” by Gillian Bickley was first published in 1997 by the David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University. Now published by Proverse Hong Kong, it has just appeared in Chinese in the complete translation of Rudolph M. Both English and Chinese editions are available in Hong Kong and internationally.

## The Speaker

**Dr Gillian Bickley** has lived mainly in Hong Kong since 1970 and is now retired from Hong Kong Baptist University in the rank of Associate Professor. She has been studying topics in 19th century Hong Kong history for over thirty years, publishing well-received scholarly books and academic articles, mainly on biographical, church, educational and literary topics. A life member of the RAS(HK), she served for many years as Council Member and Recording Secretary and was until recently senior Vice President and a Ride Fund Trustee. Dr Gillian Bickley has spoken to the Society on several occasions and has also been actively engaged in presenting her material to the general public through talks, historical walks, radio interviews and feature articles. She has also spoken to the Friends of the Society and others in London, UK. Her work has been used as a resource by heritage groups in Hong Kong, and internationally in the discussion of colonial education systems and early Hong Kong society. Now Managing Editor of Proverse Hong Kong, she has helped authors publish books in similar areas. Dr Bickley is encouraged in her work by her husband, Dr Verner Bickley, MBE, FRSA, founding Director of the Institute of Language in Education (now absorbed within the Education University of Hong Kong), to whom much thanks are given.



As the daughter of a headmaster and a schoolmistress, niece, great-niece, cousin and god-daughter of teachers, and herself a university teacher and researcher for almost her entire career, she finds the life of Frederick Stewart of particular interest and hopes you will do so too.

## PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Dr Gillian Bickley  
**Date:** Thursday, 30 June 2022  
**Time:** 7pm-8pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link  
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## Recent Activities

**Note: Audio only recordings of online talks are available upon request to the RASHK Administrator Email address.**

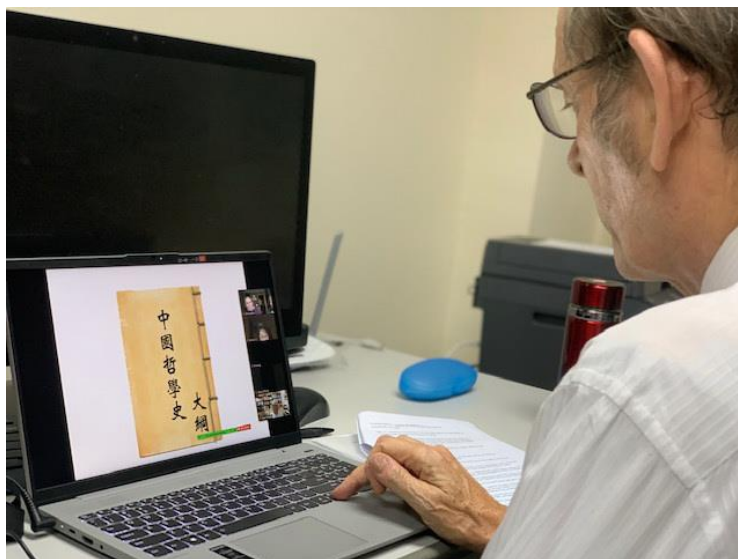
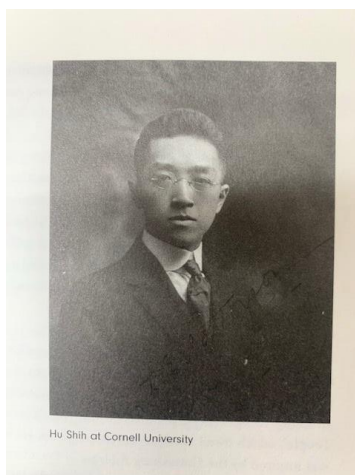
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ONLINE TALK

**China's Greatest Public Intellectual of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Hu Shih**

**Mark O'Neill**

**Thursday • 10 March 2022**



Mark O'Neill giving his talk on Hu Shih

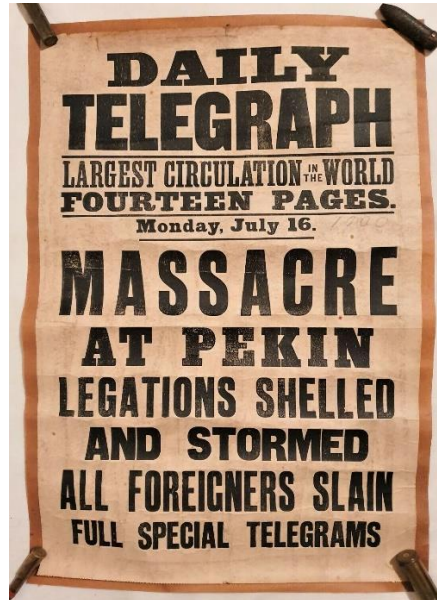
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ONLINE TALK

**Why I (Need To) Collect:  
A Conversation with Roy Delbyck and Don Cohn**

Saturday • 19 March 2022



Fake News, July 1900

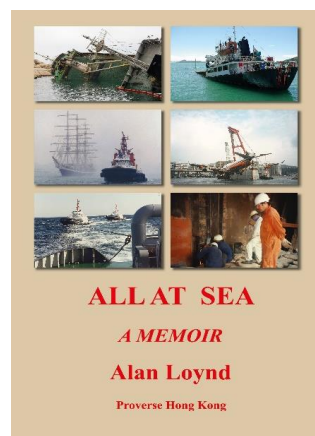
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ONLINE TALK

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**Alan Loynd**

Thursday • 24 March 2022



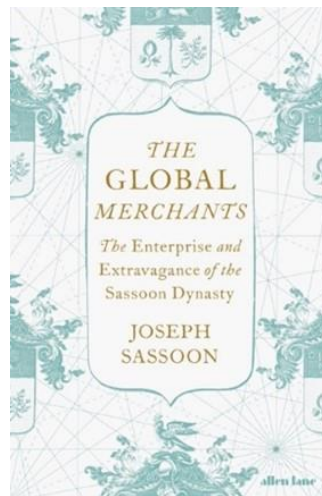
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**Prof Joseph Sassoon**

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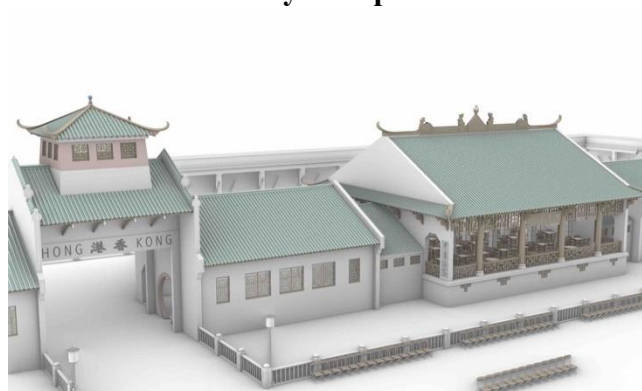


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**Exhibition on the Hong Kong Section  
at the British Empire Exhibition**

**Dr Gary Pui-fung**

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## **62<sup>nd</sup> RASHK Annual General Meeting via Zoom**

**Tuesday • 26 April 2022**



62<sup>nd</sup> RASHK AGM Meeting Reports and papers are available on the RASHK website.

<https://www.royalasiaticsociety.org.hk/agm-reports-2022>



## Of General Interest

### The Sir Lindsay and Lady May Ride Fund

The Sir Lindsay and Lady May Ride Fund has been in existence for 20 years. In that time, it has made possible the publication of 36 books important for the history of Hong Kong. Members may be interested to know the background to the history and activities of this successful enterprise of the Society.

In the late 1990s, Jason Wordie had the idea that research into Hong Kong's history would benefit from a fund that could help with research and publication costs and he persuaded Lady Clague (widow of Sir Douglas Clague) to provide some seed money to explore the possibilities. To encourage her generosity the fund was named after her close friends, Sir Lindsay and Lady May Ride—now usually referred to as the Ride Fund. The Royal Asiatic Society was the natural umbrella under which the Fund should be established, not least because Sir Lindsay Ride had been a major figure in reviving the Society, and had served as its President from 1970-72.

With a further larger gift from Lady Clague, and a significant contribution from the Society, the Fund actually got underway in 2003. A Trust Deed was drafted and four officers of the RAS became ex-officio the initial Trustees of the Society: Dr Patrick Hase, Mr Robert Nield, Dr Elizabeth Sinn and Dr Dan Waters. Jason Wordie appropriately also became a Trustee. Generally over the years there have been six to a maximum of eight Trustees. Presently the Trustees are Dr Helen Tinsley, Dr Stephen Davies, Ms Connie Carmichael, Dr Elizabeth Sinn, Dr Colin Day, and Dr Christopher Munn.

It was soon realized that the Fund's resources could not provide grants large enough to make a significant contribution to individual research projects, but that it could make a real difference in enabling the publication of serious studies of Hong Kong. So over the years most of the activity of the Fund has been directed to identifying and supporting the publication of books that make important contributions to our knowledge of Hong Kong history and society. These books are gathered in the RAS Hong Kong Studies series.

As I write this, the Ride Fund has enabled the publication of 36 books with two more publications imminent. These books have covered a wide range. To mention just a few: *The Six Day War of 1899: Hong Kong in the Era of Imperialism* by Patrick Hase; *Stormy Petrel: The Life and Times of James Pope Hennessy* by Kevin MacKeown; and the *East River Column: Hong Kong Guerillas in the Second World War and After* by S. J. Chan (also published in Chinese). Overall the Ride Fund's supported books comprise a large part of the serious high quality publishing on Hong Kong and its history in the past two decades. The Fund has made this contribution in collaboration with five publishing houses: Hong Kong University Press, City University of Hong Kong Press, Blacksmith Books, Joint Publishing and Proverse Hong Kong.

The full list of books can be seen at <https://www.royalasiaticsociety.org.hk/hong-kong-studies-series>. From this web page it is simple to click through to the publishers' sites to learn more about each book and to purchase copies. Members are eligible for 25% discount on books in the RAS Hong Kong Studies series.

The most recent publication, *More than 1001 Days and Nights of Internment* by Sir Challoner Alabaster edited by Dr Tony Banham and Professor Kwong Chi-Man was partially funded with gifts by RAS Members

to honour our late President Michael Broom. In recognition of this, the Hong Kong University Press is granting a special 30 % discount on this book to members. As well as the gifts made to honour Michael Broom, the Ride Fund has also benefitted from a number of generous gifts from Society members that are enabling the Fund to do more to support Hong Kong studies. Such contributions to the Fund are always welcome.

The Society, through the Journal, has long played a major role in the study of Hong Kong history and society. The Ride Fund, with its support of the Hong Kong Studies series, has greatly enhanced the Society's contribution to our knowledge of Hong Kong's past.

Colin Day, Ride Fund Chairman

# Membership Renewal

## 2022 Membership Renewal

Members are reminded that membership renewals for 2022 were due on 1 January 2022. If you currently pay by cheque and would prefer the convenience of paying by Direct Debit, please contact the Administrator for a Direct Debit Authorization form on <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> or click [here](#). Those of you who pay by Standing Order are requested to please ensure that the Order is for the appropriate amount.

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# Publications

## PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

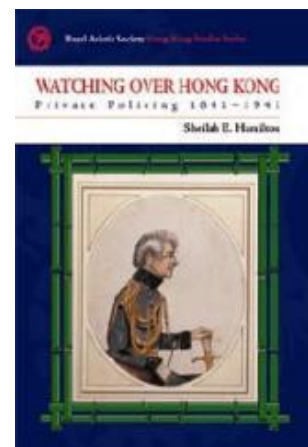
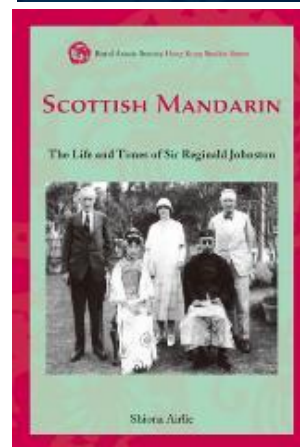
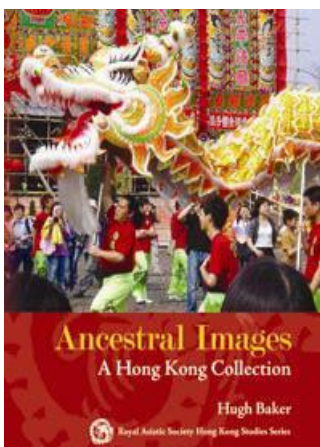
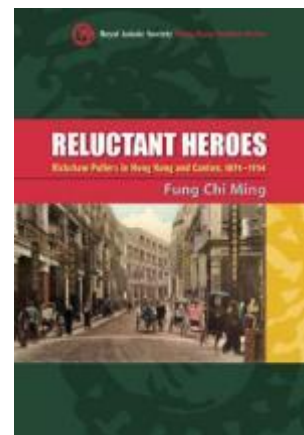
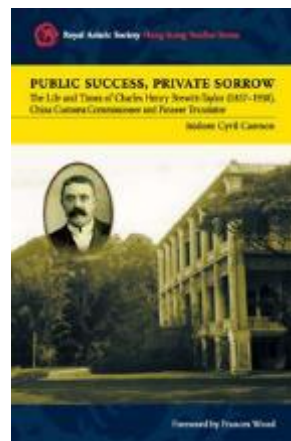
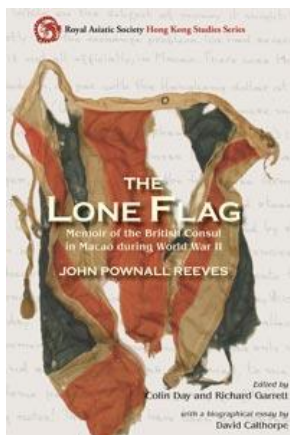
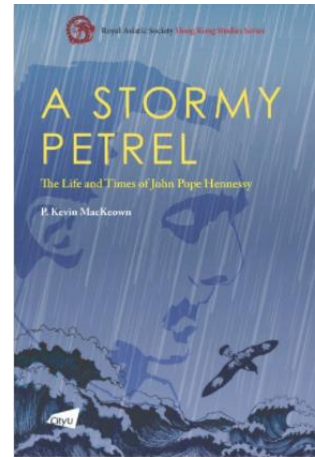
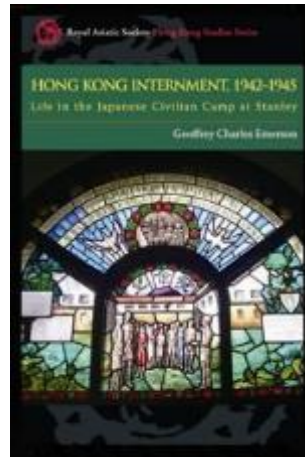
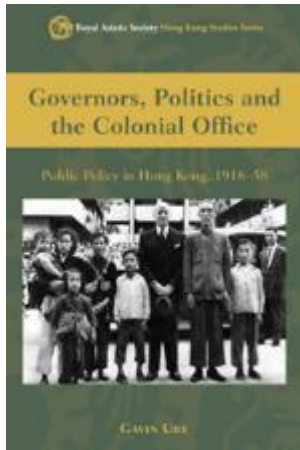
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