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The 64<sup>th</sup> RASHK Annual General Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 2024

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## Message from your President, Helen Tinsley

Welcome to our May/ June 2024 RASHK Newsletter

Our most recent important event was our RASHK 2024 AGM which was held at the Hong Kong Club on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks to all those who attended and the Council members who submitted their reports of impressive work in a wide range of roles over the past year. We must also thank both our P/T Administrators, Vonnie Fung and Sally Lui, for their various support in preparation and on-site. Our Council members were reappointed and we welcomed Steven Tennant as a new Council member. One highlight of the formal proceedings was a presentation by Tony Banham, our Honorary Journal Editor, on the very significant work he has achieved in updating the JRASHK's Indexing system for Volumes 1-63, including future easy-to-use links to JSTOR. This must be something of a first for Hong Kong based journals. It may surprise you to note that JSTOR links and interest in our RASHK Journal have increased over the years and already reached an impressive 56,000 hits in the past year, emphasizing the Journal's importance and recognition as a reliable historical source. A brief summary of Tony's talk will be added to our JRASHK Volume 64, now in preparation, along with other relevant reports, including my President's Report. Some of these are already available on our RASHK website as part of the 2024 AGM documentation.

As President I was able to report that our membership is stable at >500, we remain financially sound despite the challenges over the past 3-4 Covid-19 epidemic affected income years and we hope to break even in the coming year. New members are always welcome. The Trustees of the Ride Fund continue their important role, along with some significant donations, with support for publications related to our local history (nearly 40 books over the past 20 years). Our activities programme remains well supported by members and their guests, covering a wide range of interests. For planned events over the next couple of months, please view later in this Newsletter. We will be delighted to welcome your attendance at talks and visits. Suggestions from members for future activities are also most welcome.

Looking towards the coming year, with support from Council and Activities Committee members, I look forward to continuing our society's existing role, and strengthening our relationships with Hong Kong historians, such as the Hong Kong Studies Centre at Bristol University, who now have a formal link with HKU's Institute for Humanities and Social Studies. A 2-day joint local conference by these two institutions is planned for June 2024, details for sharing to be available shortly. Link ups with sister RAS organisations are welcome, although our relationship with UK-based Friends of RASHK, as the group matures, requires clearer definition. We can also strengthen our media links to profile the important work done by members of our Society.

Honorary Secretary, David McKellar, once again chaired our AGM meeting with great skill, leaving plenty of time for subsequent informal and enjoyable get-togethers over drinks and canapes.

Best wishes to you all.

Helen Tinsley, President

April 2024

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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 register your attendance and send you the zoom link for access.

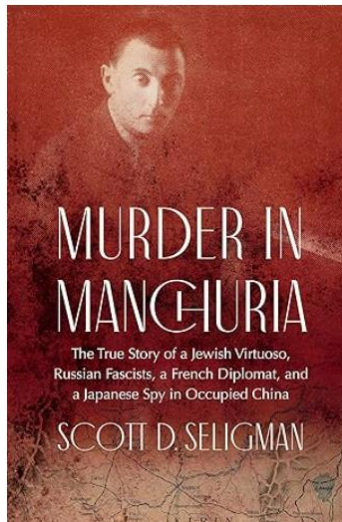
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**ONLINE TALK**

**Murder in Manchuria:  
The True Story of a Jewish Virtuoso, Russian Fascists, a French Diplomat,  
and a Japanese Spy in Occupied China**

**Scott D. Seligman**

**Thursday • 2 May 2024**



**Details**

In *Murder in Manchuria*, Scott D. Seligman explores an unsolved murder set amid the chaos that reigned in China in the run-up to World War II. Semyon Kaspé, a young Jewish musician, is kidnapped, tortured, and ultimately murdered by disaffected, antisemitic White Russians, secretly acting on the orders of Japanese military overlords who covet his father's wealth. When local authorities deliberately slow-walk the search for the kidnappers, a young French diplomat takes over and launches his own investigation.

Part cold-case thriller and part social history, the true, tragic saga of Kaspé is told in the context of the larger, improbable story of the lives of the twenty thousand Jews who called Harbin home at the beginning of the twentieth century. Scott D. Seligman recounts the events that led to their arrival and their hasty exodus—and solves a crime that has puzzled historians for decades.

2023 Best Book Awards Winner in History sponsored by American Book Fest

2023 Foreword INDIES Finalist in History

(source: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))

### The Speaker



Scott D. Seligman is a national award-winning writer with special interests in both Jewish and Chinese history. A former corporate executive, he spent much of his career in Taiwan, Hong Kong and China, is fluent in Mandarin and reads and writes Chinese. He headed the Beijing office of what is now the U.S.-China Business Council shortly after normalization of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China and has worked as a legislative assistant to a member of the U.S. Congress, managed a multinational public relations agency in China and served as spokesperson and communications director for a Fortune 50 company. He holds an undergraduate degree in American history from Princeton and a master's degree from Harvard. He has written four books on early Chinese-American history, and his first Jewish-themed book, *The Great Kosher Meat War of 1902: Immigrant Housewives and the Riots that Shook New York City*, won gold medals in the 2021 Independent Publisher Book Awards and the 2002-21 Reader Views Literary Awards and was a finalist in the 2020 National Jewish Book Awards. His website is located at [www.seligmanonline.com](http://www.seligmanonline.com)

### PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Scott D. Seligman, writer and historian  
**Date:** Thursday, 2 May 2024  
**Time:** 8 pm – 9 pm, Hong Kong Time  
(8 am – 9 am, Washington DC Time)  
**Venue:** Online event by Zoom  
**Admission:** \$50 for members, \$60 for guests /non-members  
**Registration:** Please email [membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk) and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration.

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Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email. Registration will be closed at 12 noon on 30 April 2024. Zoom links will be sent before or by 30 April 2024.

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## LOCAL VISIT

### **The Hong Kong Herbarium**

Thursday • 9 May 2024



*Photo Credit: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation*

#### Hong Kong Camellia

First discovered in 1849 when three individuals were found in a ravine in Victoria Peak. A slow growing evergreen tree native to Hong Kong. It blossoms from the late Autumn through to Spring and is the only native camellia with red flowers.

#### **Details**

Hong Kong has a very long history of botanical studies. New species have been constantly discovered in Hong Kong for the last 150 years. Hong Kong, though small in size, is diverse in its flora. About 2,100 species and varieties of vascular plants native to Hong Kong has been recorded. More significantly, a large number of species new to science have first been discovered in Hong Kong.

About 300 type specimens used for the designation of the scientific names of new species are now kept in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's Hong Kong Herbarium. It is listed in Index Herbarium which recognizes all public herbaria around the world.

There are approximately 49,100 plant specimens for examination. The collection includes vascular plants (ferns, gymnosperms and angiosperms) collected mainly in Hong Kong, Southern China and other countries of Southeast Asia.

Since its foundation in 1878, the HK Herbarium, which is the first public herbarium in China that is responsible for the collection, identification, and systematic maintenance of plant specimens of Hong Kong by continued and collaborative efforts of botanists in Hong Kong and South China. It houses a collection of some 49,100 plant specimens and reference books for public viewing and reference by researchers.

## PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** English speaking staff arranged by Hong Kong Herbarium  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 May 2024  
**Time:** 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Room 737, 7/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices,  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road,  
Kowloon, HONG KONG  
**Admission:** \$100 for members, \$150 for guests /non-members  
**Registration:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> in advance to register your attendance.

Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

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Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

The tour has a capped capacity and requires pre-registration.

Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 8 May.

### Remarks:

- *Insecticides made of camphor are used inside our specimen room. People with G6PD deficiency are not advised to enter the specimen room.*
- *Items and clothing recently used in the wild without proper cleaning, including hiking shoes and backpacks, shall not be worn inside the specimen room to avoid potential pest problems.*

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## Local Visit

# Sha Tau Kok Excursion

Saturday • 18 May 2024



Photo Credit: Walk in Hong Kong

## Details

Co-founder & CEO of Walk in Hong Kong, Paul C.Y. Chan, will give us a guided tour in Sha Tau Kok, where its second phase opening starting January 2024.

Step into the streets of Sha Tau Kok to discover the heyday of the frontier closed area. A neighbourhood that blends traditional Chinese culture with the old days of colonial Hong Kong, and overlooks the natural beauty of Double Haven.

Situated in Hong Kong's North District and adjacent to Shenzhen's Yantian District, Sha Tau Kok was designated as part of the Frontier Closed Area in 1951. Since then, when Sha Tau Kok was off-limits to non-residents, visiting this border town necessitated a guarantee from a local resident.

Visitors are now able to participate in local tours to uncover the region's stunning landscapes, distinctive attractions, and delectable local cuisine.

### Highlights of the Tour:

- Newly opened border area in its second phase opening
- Charming Canto shophouses on San Lau Street
- Sneak peek of the once mysterious - Chung Ying Street
- Coastal scenery of the Double Haven Special Area

### Speaker



**Paul C.Y. Chan** holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree and a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws from the University of Hong Kong, a Master of Philosophy from the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and a Master of Science Degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

He was once a part-time lecturer at the Department of Government and Public Administration at CUHK, Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health, HKSAR Government (2008 to 2012) and a presenter and commentator at Radio Television Hong Kong.

Paul is also a founding member of the Roundtable group and Co-founder & CEO of Walk In Hong Kong, a cultural enterprise with a strong social mission that curates immersive and memorable experiences. He is also involved in the conservation campaign of the State Theatre in North Point, Former Service Reservoir in Bishop Hill, and recently 190 Nathan Road in Tsim Sha Tsui.

### PROGRAMME

- Docent:** Paul C.Y. Chan  
**Date:** Saturday, 18 May 2024  
**Time:** 10:30 am – 12:00 noon (guided tour lasts 1.5 hour)  
(meeting time at 9:50 a.m. at the Kowloon Tong MTR Station)  
**Venue:** Sha Tau Kok (detailed itinerary will follow)  
**Admission:** \$550 for members, \$560 for guests /non-members (TBC)  
**Inclusion:** Coach transfer between Kowloon Tong MTR station and Sha Tau Kok (two-way), processing application of tourism closed area permit (subject for police approval), guided tour  
**Exclusion:** Meal in Sha Tau Kok, personal expenses  
**Registration:** Please express your interest by email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> and provide your membership number, if applicable, and your mobile phone number, together with the required ID copy required by Hong Kong Police Force for your application of Tourism Closed Area Permit (T-CAP).

**Document required:** (1) HK permanent residents – a Copy of HKID card or  
(2) Non-HK permanent residents – a Copy of Passport / other valid travel document

**Details about the payment methods will be sent on registration.**

**Deadline of registration: 6:00 p.m. on 8 May 2024.**

**IMPORTANT REMARKS:**

In addition to presenting a valid T-CAP, non-HK permanent residents are also required to show a valid immigration proof, i.e. Endorsement/Landing Slip, for inspection before entering to Sha Tau Kok Frontier Closed Area. Therefore, please keep your Endorsement/Landing Slip safe after entering Hong Kong for inspection purposes.

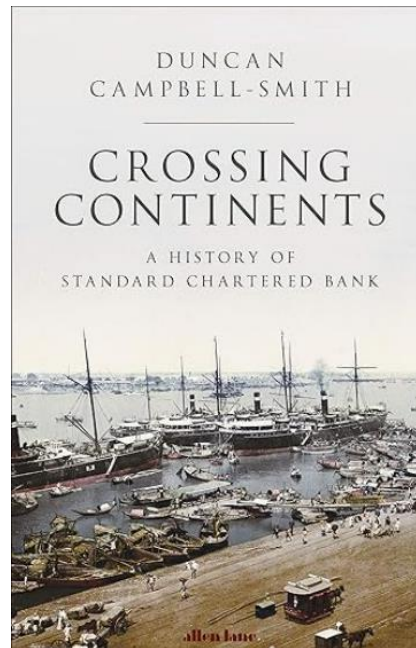
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**ONLINE TALK**

**Some Adventures of a Bank Historian**

**Duncan Campbell-Smith**

**Wednesday • 5 June 2024**



**Details**

Duncan will talk about his history of Standard Chartered Bank, *Crossing Continents* (published by Allen Lane in 2021), and how he set about constructing a narrative account of a complex institution's growth over almost exactly 150 years (from 1864).

He will recall some of the colourful personal encounters he had in talking to well over a hundred interviewees – some of whose memories stretched back as far as World War Two.

He will also describe the rich archival sources for the book – how some survived by the purest chance and others sadly did not. Though South Africa and the Standard Bank will feature in his talk, Duncan will focus primarily on the Asian dimension of the bank's story and especially the history of Chartered Bank in Hong Kong.

## The Speaker



Based in London, **Duncan Campbell-Smith** has been a full-time author for twenty years, after earlier careers in banking, journalism (with the Financial Times and The Economist) and corporate communications. He read Modern History at Merton College Oxford in 1969-72 and has written several history books, including most recently a biography of Frank Whittle (*Jet Man, The Rise and Fall of the Genius of the Jet Revolution*).

The evolution of culturally significant institutions over long time-frames has been a special interest. After publishing a history of Britain's Royal Mail (*Masters of the Post*), he was invited by Standard Chartered Bank to write their corporate history, a commission that took several years to complete. The result, *Crossing Continents*, was published by Allen Lane in 2021. He is now working on a commissioned history of the Royal Bank of Scotland. [www.duncancampbellsmith.com](http://www.duncancampbellsmith.com)

## PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Duncan Campbell-Smith, Author and historian  
**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June 2024  
**Time:** 7 pm - 8pm, Hong Kong Time  
(12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, UK Time)  
**Venue:** Online talk by Zoom  
**Admission:** \$50 for members, \$60 for guests /non-members  
**Registration:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration. Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

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ONLINE TALK

**Making Impressions: three people who made their mark in 18<sup>th</sup> century  
Macau, 19<sup>th</sup> century Hong Kong and  
20<sup>th</sup> century Hong Kong**

**Dr Stuart Braga, OMA PhD**

**Saturday • 15 June 2024**



*Photo Credit: Lai Fong, aka Afong in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Hong Kong  
(Exhibit by the Wattis Fine Art Gallery, in 2018)*

**Details**

These three people, Stuart's forebears, made vastly different impressions. The first was Manuel Vicente Rosa, who was Ouvidor (Crown Judge) in Macau and became known as 'the richest and most hated man in the whole place'. The second was Delfino Noronha, leader of the Portuguese community in Hong Kong and Government Printer from 1859 to 1900. On his death, he was remembered as 'prestimoso e benemérito Macaense'. The third was Stuart's grandfather, Jose Pedro Braga, who was the first Portuguese member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council. When he died in 1944 in Macau during the war, the British consul, John Reeves, told his wife, 'no-one has ever done for Hong Kong what your husband has done.'

## The Speaker



**Dr Stuart Braga, OAM PhD**, was born in Hong Kong and educated at King George V School and in Sydney. He holds degrees from four universities, including the PhD from the Australian National University. Stuart Braga taught history for 40 years, retiring in 1998. He has since published many articles and has written several monographs on Australian military history and the history of the Portuguese presence in East Asia. He is a life member of the Royal Australian Historical Society. He was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Education in 1988 in recognition of his contribution to a wide range of educational activities. In 2023 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

His PhD thesis, *‘Making Impressions: a Portuguese family in Macau and Hong Kong, 1700-1945’*, was published by the International Institute of Macau in 2015. Stuart’s forebears arrived in Macau about 1714, and several of their descendants moved to Hong Kong in 1844. The Braga family still have an unbroken presence in Hong Kong after six generations.

In recent years, Stuart and his wife Patricia have travelled extensively, visiting the UK, Europe, China, Hong Kong and Macau, where Stuart’s forebears resided for eight generations. They now live in Sydney and have three sons and ten grandchildren.

## PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Dr Stuart Braga, OAM PhD  
**Date:** Saturday, 15 June 2024  
**Time:** 10 am – 11 am, Hong Kong Time  
(12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, AEST)  
**Venue:** Online talk by Zoom  
**Admission:** \$50 for members, \$60 for guests /non-members  
**Registration:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration. Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

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**Non-member / Guest (\$60):**  
<https://buy.stripe.com/8wMbLOdm17Rs0qkdrP>

**The details of the payment methods will be emailed to those people who email us for booking. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.**

**Registration will be closed at 12 noon on 14 June 2024. Zoom links will be sent before or by 14 June 2024.**

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**In-Person Event**

**Invitation to Joining Our Farewell Lunch for member**

**David Bellis & his wife Grace**

**Saturday • 22 June 2024**

Dear Members and Friends,

David Bellis has contributed so much to support RASHK's activities over many years, including memorable book talks, and guided visits. Let's come together to share stories, laughter, and gratitude for enriching our Society.

You are most welcome to join us for an informal farewell lunch in honour of our esteemed member, David Bellis. As he prepares to start on this new chapter of life away from Hong Kong, let us take this chance to express our thanks and wish David and his wife, Grace, all the best in the future.

**Date:** Saturday, 22 June 2024  
**Time:** TBC  
**Venue:** A Chinese restaurant in Star House, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon (TBC)  
**Fee:** self-paying lunch

**Registration:** Kindly RSVP by email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> to express your interest so that we have some idea of numbers, when planning the lunch. Also please mention any dietary concerns, and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration. Venue, menu and payment details will follow in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you, preferably by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2024**.

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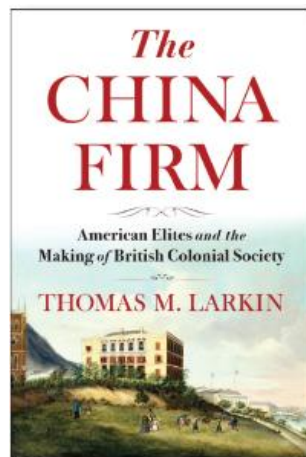


**In-Person Talk**

**The China Firm**  
**American Elites and the Making of British Colonial Society**

**Dr Thomas M. Larkin**

**Tuesday • 25 June 2024**



**Details**

What roles did Americans play in the expanding global empires of the nineteenth century? Thomas M. Larkin examines the Hong Kong–based Augustine Heard & Company, the most prominent American trading firm in treaty-port China, to explore the ways American elites at once made and were made by British colonial society.

Following the Heard brothers throughout their firm’s rise and decline, *The China Firm* reveals how nineteenth-century China’s American elite adapted to colonial culture, helped entrench social and racial hierarchies, and exploited the British imperial project for their own profit as they became increasingly invested in its political affairs and commercial networks.

Through the central narrative of Augustine Heard & Co., Larkin disentangles the ties that bound the United States to China and the British Empire in the nineteenth century. Drawing on a vast range of archival material from Hong Kong, China, Boston, and London, he weaves the local and the global together to trace how Americans gained acceptance into and contributed to the making of colonial societies and world-spanning empires.

Uncovering the transimperial lives of these American traders and the complex ways extraimperial communities interacted with British colonialism, *The China Firm* makes a vital contribution to global histories of nineteenth-century Asia and provides an alternative narrative of British empire.

### The Speaker



**Dr Thomas M. Larkin** is Assistant Professor of the History of the United States of America and the World at the University of Prince Edward Island. His research interests include nineteenth-century Anglo-American and Sino-American social and cultural interactions in China, and the critical application of global-microhistorical, transimperial, and digital methodologies. He is formerly the Hong Kong History Centre Fellow at the University of Bristol, Department of History and gave us an online talk "A global-microhistory of Augustine Heard & Company in the 19th Century" last year on 16 November.

### PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Thomas M. Larkin  
**Date:** Tuesday, 25 June 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
(Reception starts at 6:30 pm)  
**Venue:** Café 8, Roof, Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Pier 8, Central  
**Admission:** \$175 for members, \$220 for guests /non-members  
(Light refreshments are included in the admission fee)  
**Registration:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration.

Please kindly complete your registration also by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

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**Non-members / Guests (\$220):**

<https://buy.stripe.com/bIY8zCdm1dbMb4Y9Bx>

Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 24 June 2024.

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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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### LOCAL VISIT

## Heritage Tour at The University of Chicago Campus in Hong Kong's Mount Davis

Saturday • 2 March 2024



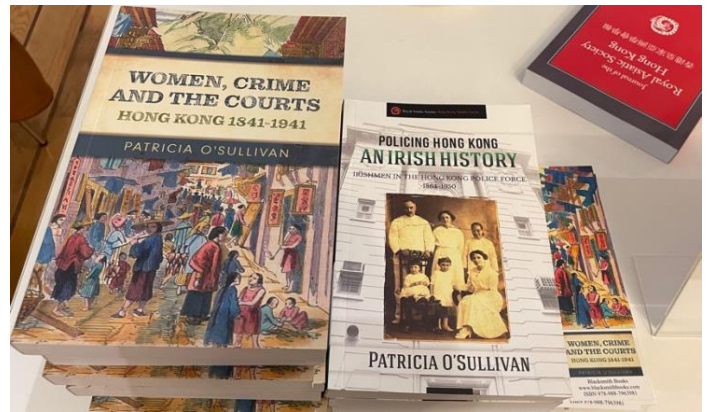
Photo by Vonnie Fung

**In-Person Talk**

**Incarcerated Women -  
Hong Kong's Women's Prison and its Occupants**

**Patricia O'Sullivan**

**Wednesday • 6 March 2024**



*Photo by Vonnie Fung*

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**IN-PERSON TALK**

**Who in these 1880s-1950s photos called Hong Kong 'home'?**

**David Bellis**

**Thursday • 14 March 2024**



*Photo by David Bellis*



*Photo by Chan Kim Wah*

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LOCAL VISIT

**Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir  
Guided Tour**

Thursday • 21 March 2024

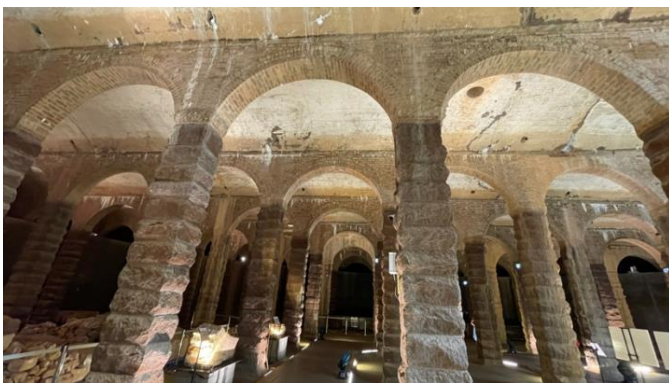
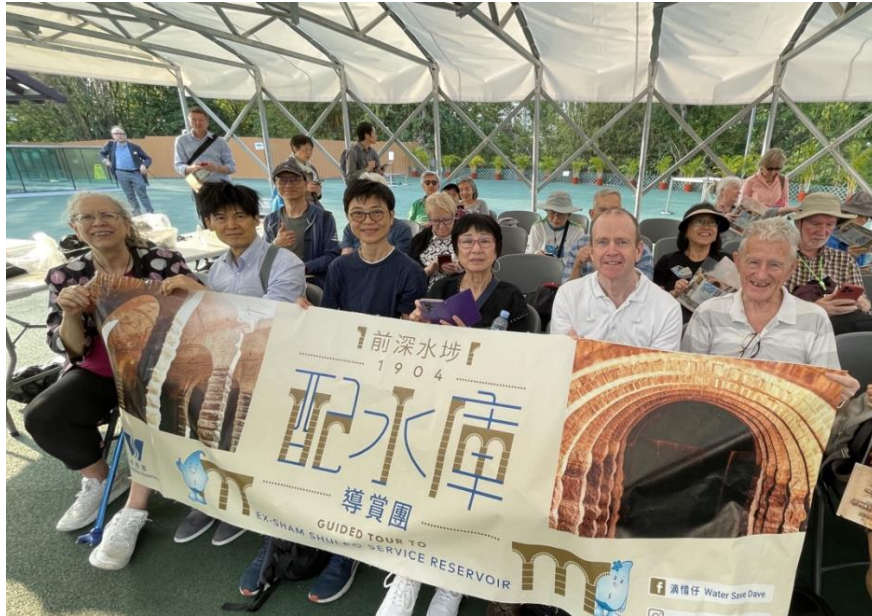


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CROSS-BORDER PRC TRIP

Visit to Tangkou Community Project and  
Some Heritage Areas at Kaiping, China

Good Friday 29 • March - Easter Monday 1 • April 2024





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# Annual General Meeting



**The 64<sup>th</sup> RASHK Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
6:30 pm, Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2024  
Hong Kong Club**



*Photo by Vonnie Fung*

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## LOCAL VISIT

### **Po Leung Kuk 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Building Charity with Benevolence Heritage Walk**


**Saturday • 27 April 2024**

*Photos and visit report will be included in the next newsletter (Jul / Aug 2024)*

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# Of General Interest

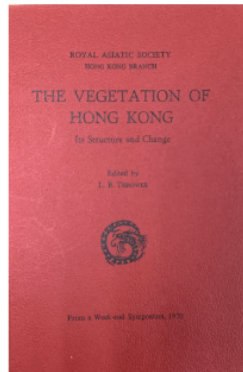
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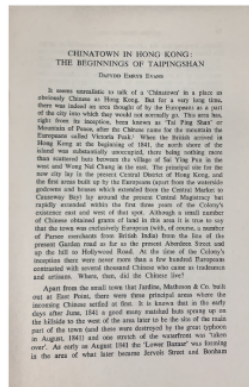
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**PREVIOUS SEMINARS & LECTURES**

RASHK retains some copies of previous seminar and lectures available as either Booklets or Monographs



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- *Chinese Street Cries in Hong Kong*
- *Hong Kong - The interaction of tradition and life in the towns*
- *The Fauna of Hong Kong*
- *A Notice of the Sanon District*
- *The Vegetation of Hong Kong*
- *Sessional papers for Hong Kong - 1879 - 1982*
- *Fan Lau and its Fort, An Historical Perspective*
- *Expansion and Extension in Hakka Society*
- *Militia Market and Lineage: Chinese resistance to the occupation of Hong Kong's New Territories in 1899*
- *Further notes for the Sung Wong Toi*
- *The changing face of Hong Kong: Weekend Seminar*
- *Aspects of social organization in the New Territories*
- *Some traditional Chinese ideas and conceptions in Hong Kong Social life today (Symposium 1960)*
- *The New Territories and its Future*
- *The San On Map of Mgr. Volonteri*
- *Plouer Cover Village to Tai Po Market: A study in forced migration*



- *Debate on national Salvation: Ho Kai vs Tseng Chi Tse*
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## **Of General Interest**

### **Hong Kong History Centre** **Visiting Scholar Scheme 2024-25**

The Hong Kong History Centre, based in the School of Humanities at the University of Bristol (UK) is now welcoming applications from visiting scholars.

The scheme welcomes expressions of interest globally from colleagues at various stages of their career who would like to contribute to, and benefit from, research activities at the Centre.

For details, please visit <https://www.hkhistory.net/opportunities/>

Deadline for application: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Enquiry email: [hkhistory-centre@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:hkhistory-centre@bristol.ac.uk)

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# Of General Interest

## Call for Papers HKHC & HKIHSS Conference: Journeys

20-21<sup>st</sup> June 2024,

Conference Venue: The University of Hong Kong

This conference, co-organised by the Hong Kong History Centre at the University of Bristol, and the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong, takes the theme of journeys and journeying as its topic, and collected proposals for papers that take this as point of departure for new discussions of the history of Hong Kong in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries under below study fields.

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The Hong Kong History Centre expects to provide a reasonable contribution to the expenses incurred for postgraduate students and/or early career researchers to present at the conference.

### **Keynote speakers:**

Sophie Loy-Wilson, University of Sydney

Zhou Taomo, Nanyang Technological University

Vivian Kong, University of Bristol

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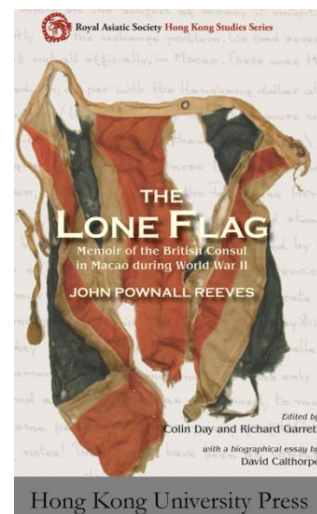
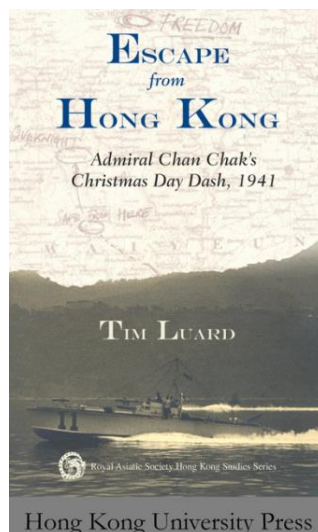
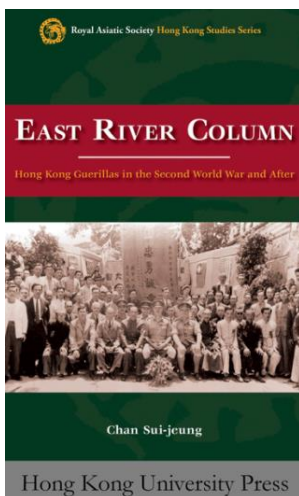
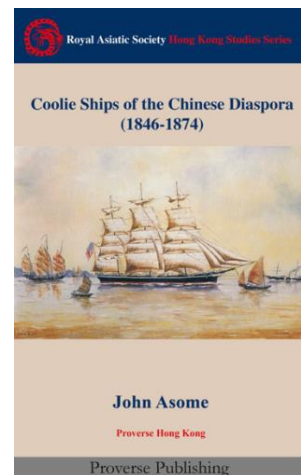
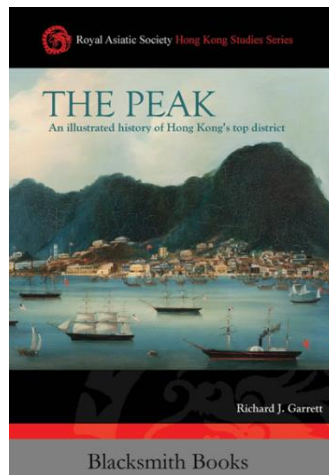
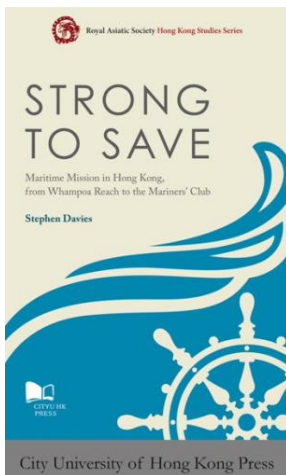
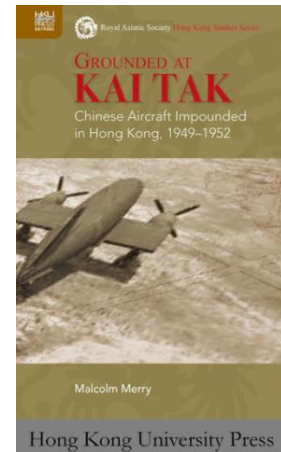
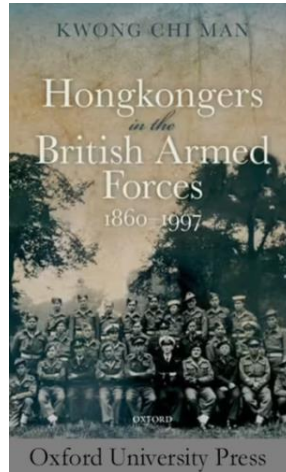
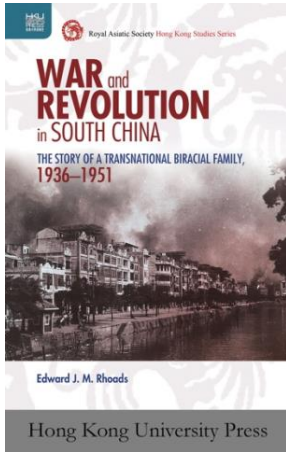
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More than 1001 Days and Nights of Hong Kong Internment: A Personal Narrative	Chaloner Grenville Alabaster, edited by David St Maur Shiel, Kwong Chi Man and Tony Banham	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$450
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