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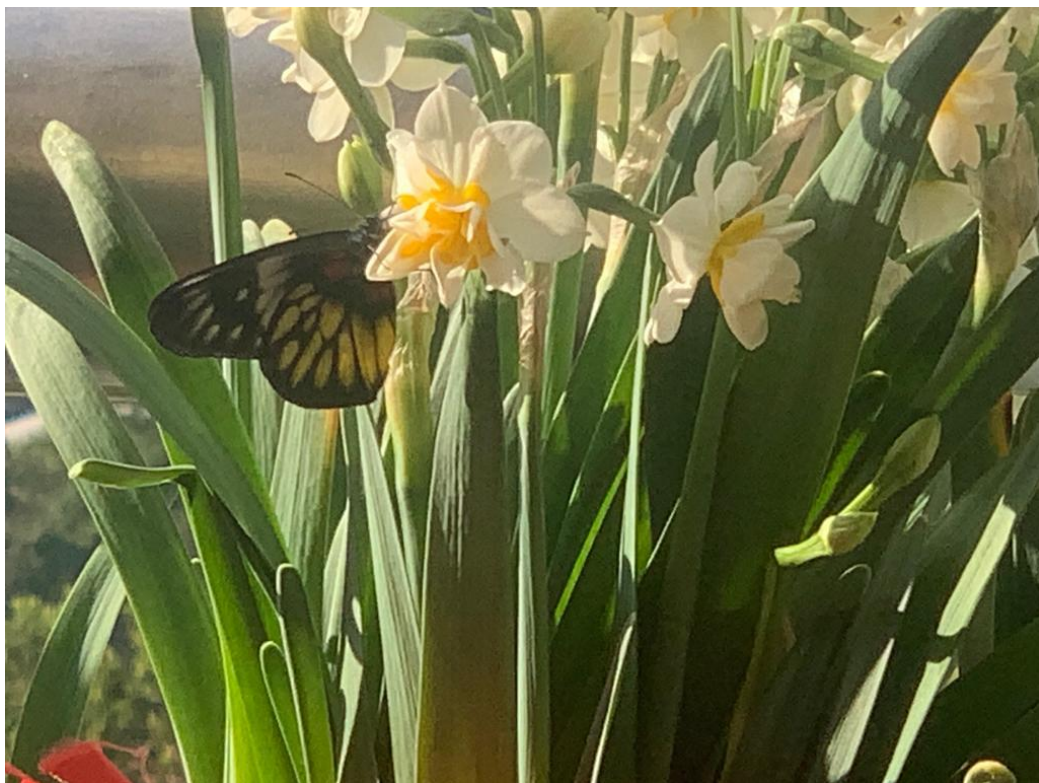
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## HONG KONG

### March 2022

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

Welcome to our March – April 2022 RASHK Newsletter at the beginning of the Chinese New Year of the Tiger. A warm welcome also to our new members who have joined RASHK in the last few months.

We were all hoping that this Year of the Tiger would be filled with more good fortune than the outgoing Year of the Ox, but a fifth wave of Covid-19 infections following the very rapid spread of the Omicron variant within our Hong Kong community has put paid to at least some of our RASHK activity plans in the past and coming couple of months. It is not yet clear when this wave will peak, resulting in uncertainty for many of us when making personal plans, as well as those for RASHK. Constraints on our activities have again tightened and the chance to travel easily in/out of Hong Kong has receded. Although not as virulent as the Delta variant, Omicron is highly infectious and is presenting many challenges for our resilient Hong Kong community, particularly those who are unvaccinated and in vulnerable groups, so please take good care of yourselves. With regret, these constraints have meant the postponement of our popular planned RASHK on-site visits in January and February, with apologies to those of our members who had preregistered and were really looking forward to these events. We will do our best to reschedule whenever possible.

Nonetheless I hope many of you have enjoyed some of the rich and diverse zoom RASHK events arranged over the last few weeks – such as a celebratory view of Tiger images in Chinese art from one of our local experts, a visit to the Fan Museum in Greenwich to appreciate exquisite images of their export fan collection, as well as a masterly social perspective on Chinese Gardens. We are also fortunate to have access to some fascinating recent talks shared with us from RAS Beijing and local expert historical societies.

Please take a moment to check on the programme of zoom events which we have planned in the coming 2 months, not forgetting our forthcoming AGM which is scheduled for Tuesday 26 April. We look forward to seeing many of you then. I hope you will put this date in your diaries if you'd like to attend, with a chance to review various reports from our subject officers on the work of our Society over the past year and our plans for the coming year. I have to thank members of our Council and Activities Committee for their sterling work and ongoing support over the past few months, as we reached out to various networks, both local and overseas, in bringing you an interesting and thought-provoking programme. As always feedback and suggestions from members are most welcome.

We have recently been working hard on our 2022 membership list and renewal of annual subscriptions. For those of you who have not yet renewed, we look forward to hearing from you, and for those of you sending cheques from overseas, please bear with us if our response seems rather slow compared to previously, since the mail into and out of Hong Kong can be a bit variable at present.

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

Stay well.

Helen Tinsley, President RASHK, February 2022

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## Future Activities

**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 LECTURES

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

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

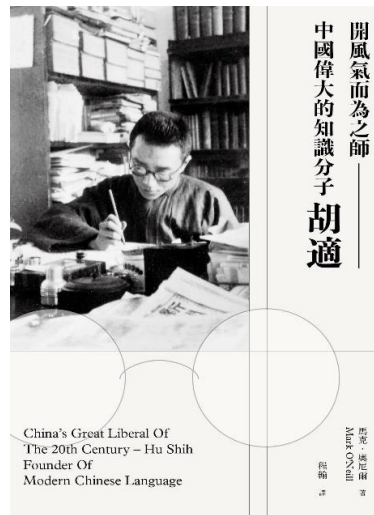
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## ONLINE TALK

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

Thursday • 10 March 2022



### Details

Doctor Hu Shih was the most remarkable Chinese intellectual of the 20th century. He was the leading pioneer of vernacular Chinese; it replaced the classical version that had been the written language for many centuries. It was widely adopted by schools and the media during the 1920s and revolutionised literacy in China. It is what Chinese and foreigners learn today. His lectures at Beijing University and elsewhere, 44 books and countless articles influenced tens of thousands of Chinese. He promoted family planning, equality for women and freedom of marriage and whether to have children. He said China should solve its many problems through research and analysis, not “isms”. From 1938-1942, as China’s ambassador in Washington DC, he persuaded President Franklin Roosevelt not to sign an agreement with Japan that would have prevented the attack on Pearl Harbour. His action helped China to win the war. His love life was equally dramatic – an arranged marriage at the age of 12 which produced three children and a lifelong love affair with a beautiful American Edith Clifford Williams; over 50 years, the two exchanged more than 300 letters. He never divorced, so Edith could not marry the love of her life. In the summer of 1953, Edith invited Hu and his wife to spend a month at her home in upstate New York. The two women behaved with perfect decorum – a tribute to the character of the man they shared.

### **The Speaker**

**Mark O'Neill** was born in London, England and educated at Marlborough College and New College, Oxford. He worked in Washington, DC, Manchester and Belfast before coming to Hong Kong in 1978. He has lived in Asia ever since. He worked as a journalist for 30 years here, in Taiwan, India, the PRC and Japan, for Reuters, *SCMP* and many other publications. Since 2006, he has been writing books on Chinese history and society. Eight have editions in Chinese, simplified and traditional, as well as English, including “China’s Great Liberal of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Hu Shih”.



### **PROGRAMME**

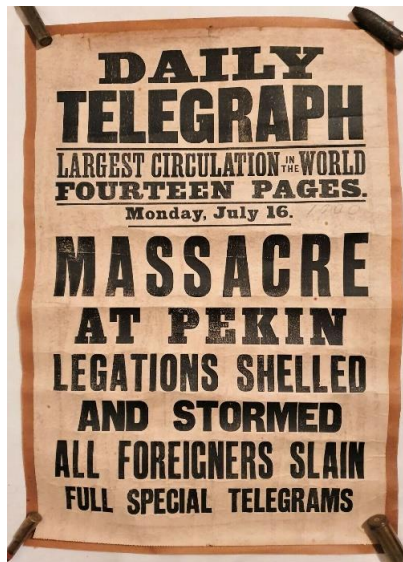
**Speaker:** Mark O'Neill  
**Date:** Thursday, 10 March 2022  
**Time:** 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link.  
**Admission:** No charge, please register your attendance in advance.  
**Booking:** Please email <[membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)> in advance to register your attendance.

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**ONLINE TALK**

**Why I (Need To) Collect -- A Conversation with Roy Delbyck**

**Saturday • 19 March 2022**



Fake News, July 1900

**Details**

This online Zoom talk is a sequel to “Treasures from an East Asian Library: A Conversation with Don Cohn”, which was held on 2 September 2020 and featured Don being interviewed by Roy Delbyck. In this second round, Don and Roy switch roles.

Don will bore into the psyche of a fellow collector of historical paper. Subjects to be covered include Roy’s origin story from a collector standpoint, items that set Roy’s heart aflutter, fish that got away, “unknown unknowns” found along the way and the collecting end game, including some items that Roy would take with him to his sarcophagus if he had one.

Don will also explore with Roy how these pieces of paper not only educate and illuminate but also have the power to evoke deep emotions particularly when they touch on unresolved historical wounds.

RASHK will post a few items from Roy’s collection which viewers can download and are intended to be covered during the presentation.



### Speaker and Moderator Backgrounds

Roy Delbyck is a Council Member of the RASHK and a member of the Board of Trustees as well as the Secretary of the Museum of Chinese in America, which is located in New York City. Roy is a major collector of printed materials on China and the Chinese experience in the United States, largely from the first half of the 20th century. His collection consists of books, maps, photos, programs, magazines, posters, post cards, luggage labels, letters, diaries, yearbooks, directories, and all sorts of other amazing ephemera of which he lost count some time ago! Roy has previously spoken to RASHK about his collection and collecting, as well as hosted collection visits by RASHK members. When not collecting, Roy practices US customs and trade law at his own firm in Hong Kong, which he opened in 1993. Roy obtained his law degree from the University of California, Davis and his undergraduate degree from Connecticut College where he studied Chinese.



Don is well-known to many RASHK members, having resided in Hong Kong for over 20 years before moving back to the US. Don is a man of many parts: undergraduate degree from Oberlin College in Chinese and MA from Columbia University in Far Eastern Languages and Cultures; editorial stints at the Foreign Language Press in Beijing, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Renditions Magazine) and the Far Eastern Economic Review (Books and Culture Editor); operator of his own specialty tour business to China, India, Japan and Korea; translator-author of several books and more. Don's collection (in the words of Roy and many others) is "stupendous" especially its richness in PRC materials.



### PROGRAMME

**Speaker:** Roy Delbyck  
**Moderator:** Don Cohn  
**Date:** Saturday, 19 March 2022  
**Time:** 10am – 11am, Hong Kong Time  
**Venue:** Online on Zoom, [link here](#)  
**Admission:** No charge, please register your attendance in advance  
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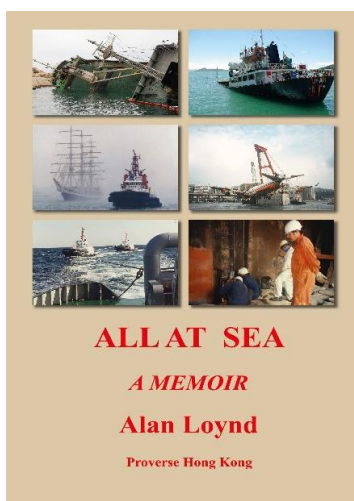
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**ONLINE TALK**

**Famous for five minutes – the recovery of a Boeing 747  
from Hong Kong harbour in 1993**

**Thursday • 24 March 2022**



**Details**

Alan Loynd tells the story of how he was part of the team which recovered a jumbo jet from the waters of Hong Kong harbour following a typhoon in 1993. Such a recovery had never been attempted before, so there was no instruction manual and the participants had to devise their own plans. Government convened a recovery committee, and the operation stands as a fine example of how the public and private sectors in Hong Kong worked together to resolve a situation which might have forced Kai Tak airport to close for several months. The talk concludes with a rarely-seen film which the government commissioned at the time.

**The Speaker**

Alan Loynd went to sea at the age of 16 and joined the Swire Group in 1976. After sailing in ranks up to Captain, he was seconded to Hongkong Salvage & Towage, where he commanded salvage tugs and served as General Manager and Salvage Master. He now runs his own marine consultancy in Hong Kong, and recently wrote his first book, the story of his 52 years in shipping which was published by Proverse Hong Kong.



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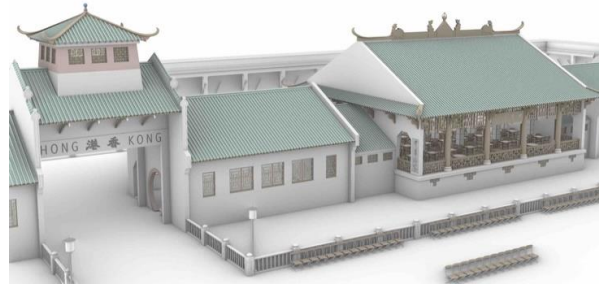
**Speaker:** Alan Loynd  
**Date:** Thursday, 24 March 2022  
**Time:** 7:00pm – 8:00pm Hong Kong Time  
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## ONLINE TALK

# EXHIBITION ON THE HONG KONG SECTION AT THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION

Thursday • 7 April 2022



### Details

In 1924 and 1925, the British government organised the British Empire Exhibition in London to promote cooperation within the British Empire. Hong Kong took part, with its own exhibition area - the Hong Kong Section – to show this small colony to the British public. Two major general strikes, both of which involved major political parties from China, took place in Hong Kong before and during the exhibition. Yet, the Hong Kong Section did not provoke anticolonial sentiments but presented new images of Hong Kong rather successfully.

The speaker recently organised an exhibition about the Hong Kong Section. Besides displaying items about the Hong Kong Section, the exhibition also recreated a three-dimensional architectural model of the Hong Kong Pavilion – an eclectic building combining the features of Chinese joss house and European verandah house. During the talk, the speaker outlines the organising process of the Hong Kong Section and examines how the Hong Kong Section exhibited Hong Kong.

### The Speaker

Dr Gary Pui-fung Wong is a lecturer in the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leeds. His research and teaching focus on Hong Kong society, Asian media studies and popular culture, urban studies, as well as culture and heritage. He has been a lecturer in Hong Kong (the University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong), London (Kingston University) and Suzhou (HKU Space Suzhou College).



He is a grant recipient of Hong Kong Arts Development Council, Japan Sociological Society, Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre of HKU, Knowledge Exchange Office of HKU, Lord Wilson Heritage Trust and Universitas 21. His books include *Two Exhibitions between Two Strikes*, *Flat C, 18/F*; *Evacuating from London* and the Chinese version of *City of Darkness* (co-editor – awarded Hong Kong Book Prize 2015).

**PROGRAMME**

**Speaker:** Dr Gary Pui-fung Wong  
**Date:** Thursday, 7 April 2022  
**Time:** 7pm-8pm, Hong Kong Time (12noon, UK 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>  
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# Annual General Meeting



**The 62<sup>nd</sup> RASHK Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for  
6:30 pm, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.**

**The AGM is planned as a Zoom meeting for the time being. We will closely monitor the  
pandemic situation and update members in case of any new arrangement.**

**Members and guests are warmly invited to attend to hear reports from Council members on their  
year's work and elect Council members for the coming year.**

**Full details will be sent out to members separately in due course.**

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## Recent Activities

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

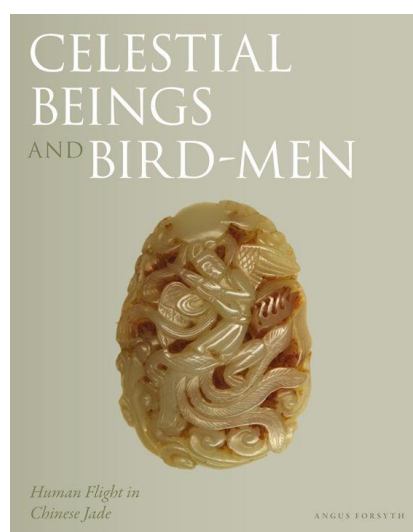
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**IN-PERSON TALK**

**CELESTIAL BEINGS AND BIRD-MEN, PART II**

**Angus Forsyth**

**Wednesday • 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**



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**ONLINE TALK**

**TIGER TAILS: REVELING IN THE MAJESTY OF THE KING OF THE ANIMALS IN CHINESE ART**

**Dr Roslyn Hammers**

**Thursday • 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022**



Li Guizhen 厲歸真 (act. 10<sup>th</sup> century) (attributed)  
*Tiger*  
ink and colour on silk, album leaf, National Palace Museum, Taipei

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**ONLINE TALK**

**FANS FROM THE EAST:  
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FAN MUSEUM COLLECTIONS**

**Hélène Alexander & Jacob Moss**

**Friday • 11 February 2022**



Source: *The Fan Museum*

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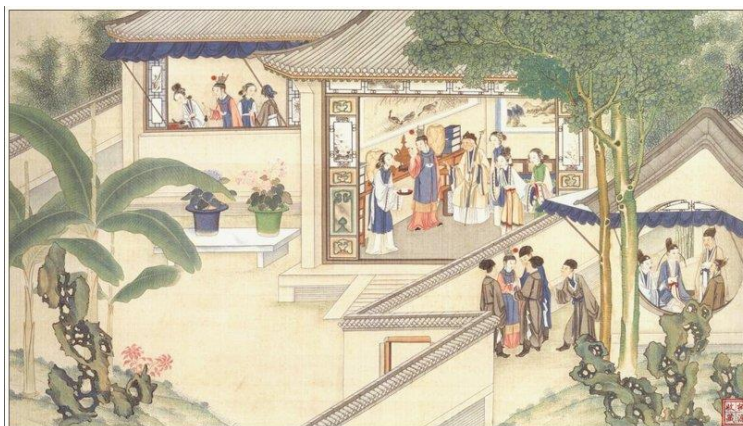


**ONLINE TALK**

**CHINESE GARDENS: A SOCIAL VIEW**

**Dr Alison Hardie**

**Thursday • 17 February 2022**



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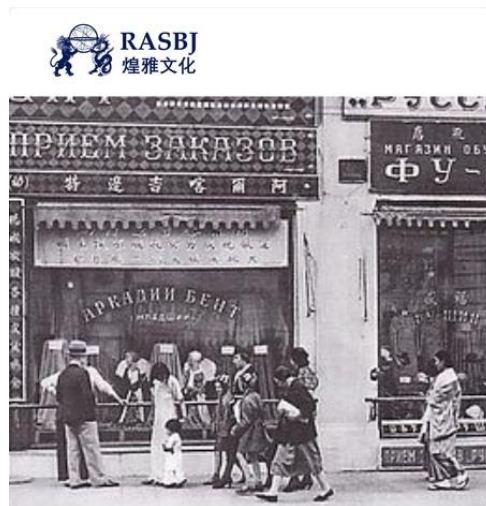
# Of General Interest

## RAS Beijing

### Online Presentation: Harbin: A Cultural Crossroads"

Prof. Mark Gamsa

Wednesday Mar. 2, 2022  
8:00-9:00 PM Beijing Time



### MORE ABOUT THE EVENT

Mark Gamsa's book *Harbin: A Cross-Cultural Biography*, was published by University of Toronto Press in 2020 (with a paperback edition in 2021) <https://utorontopress.com/9781487544249/harbin> It's been translated into Chinese for publication by 社会科学文学出版社 in Beijing. In conversation with Lukas Gajdos, the author will discuss the book and its main protagonist, the Baltic German physician and sinophile, Baron Roger Budberg. This presentation is an opportunity to learn about Harbin and relations between the Chinese and Russian populations in this city in Manchuria, from the beginning of the twentieth century to the 1950's, and to hear the singular life story of this highly original Harbin resident.

### Register

*Please register at least 72 hours prior to the event by clicking the below link:*

[https://app.glueup.cn/event/35644/register/?verificationCode=\[eventInviteeVerificationCode\]](https://app.glueup.cn/event/35644/register/?verificationCode=[eventInviteeVerificationCode])

You need to provide your **full name** and **email address**, indicate the **RAS branch** to which you belong, and then click "Submit".

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## Of General Interest

### Green Gold and Paper Gold: Financing the Chinese-American Tea Trade before the Opium War

Dr. Dan Du (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)

March 4, 2022, 9:00 – 10:00 am HKT  
(March 3, 2022 | 8:00 – 9:00 pm EST)



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# Membership Renewal

## 2022 Membership Renewal

Members are reminded that membership renewals for 2022 is 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.

### Annual

Hong Kong Resident - Individual / Institutional HK\$750

Hong Kong Resident - Joint / Family HK\$1,100

Hong Kong Resident – Student\* HK\$50

\* in full-time education – please enclose a photocopy of your student ID.

### Life

Life – Single HK\$10,500

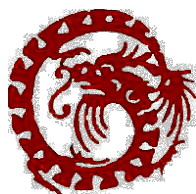
Life – Joint HK\$15,400

### Overseas

Overseas - Annual HK\$450

Overseas - Life HK\$6,300

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## Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch Membership Application Form 2022

Membership Application Form for 2022, please click [here](#).

Direct Debit Authorisation Form, please click [here](#).

## Update Membership Information

If any member's personal or corresponding information needs to be updated, please email the details to [membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk](mailto:membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk). Updated membership information will help us to deliver new messages and notices accurately to members. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Publications

### PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

<u>Journals</u>	<u>Price HK\$</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Order</u>
Vols. 1 - 55	\$50.00 each	_____	_____
Vols. 56 - 60	\$200.00 each	_____	_____
<u>Books</u>			
'Hong Kong Going and Gone'	\$120.00	_____	_____
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Hong Kong Going and Gone	price on request	price on request	
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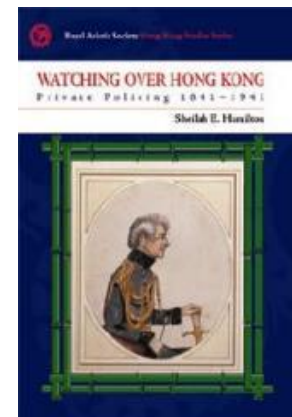
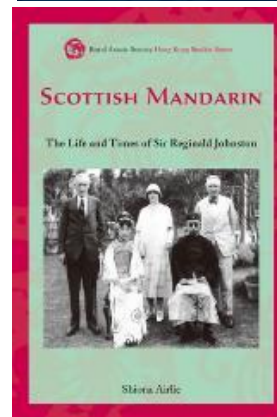
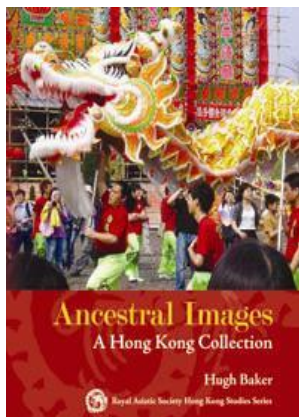
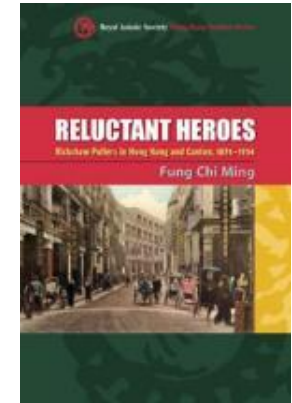
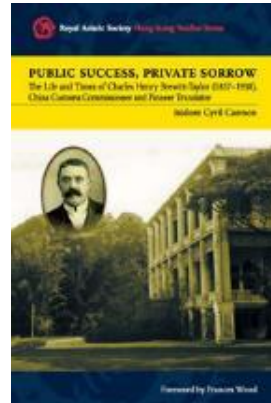
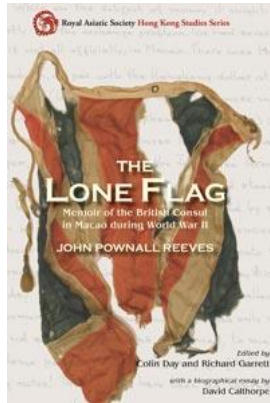
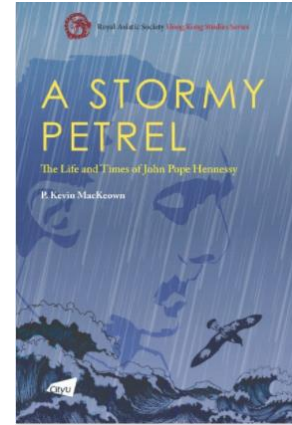
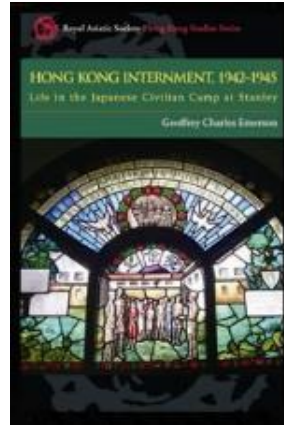
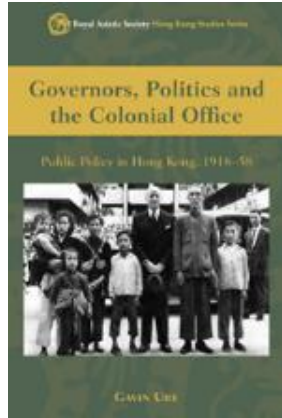
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# Publications

## ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY HONG KONG STUDIES SERIES



There are now more than thirty titles in the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series. The above is a small selection of the titles available from various publishers.

HKU Press is happy to provide a discount code for RASHK members for their publications. With the code, members can order the RAS series books on our website (<https://hkupress.hku.hk/pro/fnd/results.php?t=s&v=1016>) at 25% discount. This discount applies to online orders only, not for purchase in our HKUP Bookshop. Please contact our Administrator for details.

On the following page is a list of titles in the HK Studies Series, kindly collated by our member Veronica Pearson. Our grateful thanks to her. Some of the titles are currently unavailable.

**List of titles in the Hong Kong Studies Series**

Title	Author/editor	ISBN	Publisher	Price (HKD)
A Death in Hong Kong; The MacLennan Case of 1980 and the Suppression of a Scandal.	Nigel Collett	9789629375577	City University Press	HK\$278
A Faithful Record of the Lisbon Maru Incident	Major (Ret'd) Brian Finch, MCIL	9789888228874	Proverse HK and CUHK Press	HK\$310
A Pattern of Life.	Hugh Baker	9789629375539	City University Press	HK\$238
A Stormy Petrel; The Life and Times of John Pope Hennessy.	P. Kevin MacKeown.	9789629373771	City University Press	HK\$238
Ancestral Images	Hugh Baker	9789888083091	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$350
Cantonese Society in Hong Kong and Singapore	Essays by Marjorie Topley. Edited and introduced by Jean DeBernardi	9789888028146	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$350
Coolie Ships of the Chinese Diaspora (1846-1874)	John Asome	9789888491988	Proverse HK (and distributed by CUHK Press)	HK\$320
Custom, Land and Livelihood in Rural South China	Patrick H. Hase	9789888139088	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$350
Early China Coast Meteorology	P. Kevin MacKeown	9789888028856	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$295
East River Column	Chan Sui-jeung	9789622091931	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$180
Escape from Hong Kong	Tim Luard	9789888083770	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$195
For Gods, Ghosts and Ancestors	Janet Lee Scott ( <b>not available</b> )	9789622098275	Joint Publishing HK	HK\$195
Forgotten Heroes; San On County and Its Magistrates in the Late Ming and Early Qing.	Patrick H. Hase	9789629373061	City University Press	HK\$238
Forgotten Souls	Patricia Lim	9789622099906	Hong Kong University Press	HK\$420
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