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Plenary Speakers



Professor T. Wing Lo
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Professor T Wing Lo obtained his MPhil from the University of Hull in 1984 and PhD from the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge in 1991. He joined the Department of Applied Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong (CityU) in 1990, and has been full professor since 2005 and department head since 2013. He was awarded the Applied Research Excellence Award 2002 and Teaching Excellence Award 2007 by CityU. Before joining the academia, he had been an outreach social worker for 17 years, where he worked with youth gangs and triad societies.

Being a renowned triad expert and youth work scholar, he has been frequently invited by governments or universities in the US, UK, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia to give keynote speeches and talks in workshops, seminars and conferences. For instance, he was invited to visit New York in 2010 to address the United Nations delegates attending the Palermo Convention on Organized Crime held once in every ten years. Recently, he has been invited by the US Department of Defence to address government officials and officers in Washington DC in May 2015, and by the Singapore government as a keynote speaker in its National Conference on At Risk Youths in November 2015. He had also served as a Visiting Fellow in the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security based at Australian National University and Griffith University, and Honorary Senior Fellow in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hull, England.

He has authored 6 books and 52 book chapters, edited 5 books, and published 52 refereed journal papers. Over the last two decades, he has led numerous research projects; many were large-scale policy research or blueprint studies commissioned by the governments of Hong Kong, Macau, and Singapore. In particular, he has assisted in setting up outreach social work service for at-risk youth in Singapore and Macau, and advised government departments in Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore in issues and services related to youth justice and youth crime prevention.

He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the British Journal of Criminology, editorial board member of Youth Justice, Asian Journal of Criminology, British Journal of Community Justice, and many other international journals, founding editor of the Routledge Studies in Asian Behavioral Sciences, and founding associate editor of the International Journal of Criminology and Sociology.

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Professor Ross Deuchar
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Professor Ross Deuchar is an internationally renowned Scottish criminologist and scholar of youth studies, known primarily for his work on youth gangs, masculinity, street culture and violence. He is an Assistant Dean at the University of the West of Scotland, where he coordinates the University's 'Youth Justice and Crime Prevention' research group within the Institute for Youth and Community Research. He has published numerous articles in international, peer-reviewed journals on his work on youth gangs and violence and also on violence prevention strategies such as detached and pastoral streetwork, early intervention, participatory and democratic education and problem-oriented policing. He has worked with some of the most marginalised young people in the West of Scotland on the streets and in youth clubs, schools, secure accommodation and prisons, and has also engaged in participant observation of frontline police practice and street advocacy and youth work in both the United States of America and Scotland. He is the author of the highly acclaimed books, 'Gangs, Marginalised Youth and Social Capital' (2009, Trentham) and 'Policing Youth Violence: Transatlantic Connections' (2013, Trentham/IOE Press).

(Professor Deuchar is also a speaker in the forum of this conference)

Plenary Speaker



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Dr. James Densley is Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University, Minnesota, USA. His teaching and research interests include street gangs, criminal networks, violence, and theoretical criminology. Densley is the author of *How Gangs Work: An Ethnography of Youth Violence* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013) and coauthor (with Jeff Bumgarner and Susan Hilal) of the forthcoming *Minnesota's Criminal Justice System* (Carolina Academic Press, 2016). His recent articles appear in *Crime & Delinquency*, *Homicide Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, and *Social Problems*. He has also written for news outlets such as *CNN* and *The Sun*. Densley is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and recipient of several awards, including the 2013 National Gang Crime Research Center Frederick Milton Thrasher Award for "Superior Accomplishments in Gang Research." He earned the D.Phil. and M.Sc. in Sociology from the University of Oxford (St. Antony's College), the M.S. in Teaching from Pace University, and the B.A. (Hons.) in Sociology with American Studies from the University of Northampton. Densley has consulted on violence reduction projects for London's Metropolitan Police Service, the St. Paul Police Department, San Francisco Police Department, and others. He is also President of the FBI Minneapolis Citizens Academy Alumni Association.

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Plenary Speaker



Mr. Henning Pedersen
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Mr. Henning Pedersen is an educated social worker with a master's degree in social work from the University College of Oslo. He has previously for several years worked as an outreach worker for the outreach service in the City of Bergen. Since 2003 Pedersen has been employed by the Competence Centre at the Agency for Social Welfare Services in The City of Oslo. On behalf of The National Directorate for Health the Competency Centre in Oslo has held a key position in developing, monitoring and promoting evidence-informed practice in the municipal outreach services across the nation. Pedersen is program coordinator for the further education in outreach work at the University College of Oslo. He has had a central role in the writing of the Norwegian methodology book on outreach work, "Ute/Inne", and he has also contributed to several other national and international publications about outreach work with young people.

(Mr. Pedersen is also a speaker in the forum of this conference)

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Professor Karen A. Joe Laidler
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Karen Joe Laidler is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Centre for Criminology at the University of Hong Kong. She has been involved in criminological research – applied and theoretical - in the U.S. and Hong Kong. In the U.S., her interest in the articulation of gender and ethnicity in gangs dates back to the late 1980s. She continues to publish in this area, focusing especially on violence and drugs. In Hong Kong, her research has focused principally on the changes in the drug market, especially the rise and problems associated with psychotropic drugs, gender differences in drug use, generational differences among heroin users, and how young people obtain their drug supplies. She has also conducted research on Hong Kong's sex industry, and gender and imprisonment.

Speaker in the Forum



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Keswick CHUK (BSW; M Soc Sc(Criminology); MBA ; Juris Doctor; Mediator (VOM); Corporate Trainer(Class1)

He has been a registered social worker for over twenty years and honorary lecturer in City University and University of Hong Kong since 2009 and 2011. Apart from rich front line and management experience in outreaching service, he has been the consultant of pilot youth outreaching project in Singapore and popular trainer in outreaching service in South East Asia. His area of specialization is juvenile delinquency and mediation. He is enthusiastic in youth work especially those related to criminal justice, "I learn every day from different clients, most of them are engaged in the triads, drugs, and illegal business, and also colleagues and the stakeholders. I wish we can have a society without stranger as youth and adult without barrier.

Speaker in the Forum



Ms. Nancy NG
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Ms Nancy Ng graduated with Honours in Social Sciences from the National University of Singapore before she became a counsellor with the Singapore Armed Forces Counselling Centre for six years. In her quest for self improvement, Ms Ng completed a Masters in Social Work in Minnesota, USA. Her time spent in the United States gave her the opportunity to work with the victims and perpetrators of family violence. She also spent 5 years in some of the most remote areas of Alaska, working with the Yup'ik Eskimo communities. Returning to Singapore in 2000, Ms Ng joined the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (now named as the Ministry of Social and Family Development) and undertook the portfolio of policy development for protection and rehabilitation of children, youth and family. In 2005, she assumed the position of the Chief Probation Officer. Subsequently, she headed the Social Sector Planning Unit. Currently, she is Director of Central Youth Guidance Office, an Inter-Ministry Office that maintains an overview of the entire youth offending spectrum across agency boundaries, identify service and intervention gaps, while focusing on upstream efforts. Ms Ng was instrumental in the development of outreach work in Singapore. Her passion is observed through her chairing of the operational meetings to understand the challenges on the ground and providing supervision to the Youth Workers.

Speaker in the Forum



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Hsi-sheng Wei is a Professor of Social Work and the Director of the Student Counseling Center at National Taipei University, Taiwan. His research interests include school violence, juvenile delinquency, youth development, and service evaluation. He has written extensively on the issue of peer victimization and bullying in Taiwan. He is currently on the editorial board of *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal* and has served as a Consulting Editor of *Social Work Research*. Dr. Wei has conducted several large-scale research projects on the life condition and school adjustment of local adolescents. He also serves as a consultant and an external reviewer for youth agencies and non-profit organizations in Taiwan.

Speaker in the Forum



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Fucai Cheng received his PhD from the University of Hong Kong in 2008. He is an associate Professor and the Vice Director of Institute of Youth and Juvenile Studies at Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. In the past years, he has been consistently researching on street children and child protection in Mainland China, and published more than 30 journal articles. His publications in this field attract much attention from the academic world and the government of China. In 2010, his book ‘Street children: An ethnographic study of the street children in Shanghai, China’(In Chinese) gets the First-grade award, the Tenth Outstanding Achievements in Philosophy and Social Science researches in Shanghai. He received Zhang Zhongli Academic Award in 2011. Since 2012, he was invited to provide advices for a series of national policies’ making and reforming related with child protection, by Ministry of Civil Affairs of Chinese central government.

Speaker in the Forum



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Wan Lap Man is a senior social worker specialized in youth delinquent in Hong Kong and professional social work consultant for Macau Social Work Bureau and Guangzhou Youth Palace in the development of local service for youth-at-risk. Lap Man received his M.Soc,Sci(Youth & delinquent) and B.S.W from the University of Hong Kong. He has been working with the youth-at –risk for more than 20 years, he has study and written extensively on the trend and development of local young people. He has been served the Hong Kong Social Workers’ General Union as Director of Training and Research, and Hong Kong Social Worker Registration Board as Committee member on Professional Conduct, Assessment panel member on Qualification Assessment and Registration. He is also the voluntary course coordinator and trainer for HKSWGU’s induction course for outreaching social worker since 2000. Lap Man is the winner of 22nd Hong Kong Outstanding Social Worker Award for his contribution in social work profession

His books include: *Theory and practice of outreaching social work for juvenile delinquent* (Social Work Training Fund, 2010), *Complete Handbook for event management* (Hong Kong Playground Association,2009). Lap Man is the website administrator of www.youthconern.net , which is an online sharing platform for outreaching social worker. His current research includes studies of Internet addiction, Cyber bullying, Drug Abuse in Macau, Integration of sport and social work in youth development.