

# CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## Progress Report for Research Centres (2017 - 2018)

### 1. Name of the Research Centre

Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC)

### 2. Membership and Management Structure

#### 2.1 Centre Director and Core-members (Name & Department)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
<b>Centre Director:</b>	
Prof THOMPSON Mark Richard	AIS
<b>Core Members:</b>	
Dr PATTON Thomas (associate director)	AIS
Dr CARROLL Toby James	AIS
Dr CHAN Yuk Wah	AIS
Dr TROEUNG Y-Dang	EN
Dr FERRARA Federico	AIS
Dr STARRS Sean Kenji	AIS
<b>Other Members:</b>	
Prof CHAN Johnny C.L.	SEE
Dr CHANDRA Yanto	POL
Dr CHIA Stella	COM
Prof CUCKER Felipe	MA
Dr LA GRANGE Adrienne	EN
Prof LIM C.W.	ACE
Dr LOCKWOOD Jane	POL
Prof LYNCH C Daniel	AIS
Dr MARKS Danny	AIS
Dr MONDEJAR Reuben	MGT
Dr NUTANONG Sarana	CS
Dr ONG Rebecca	SLW
Dr ORTMANN Stephan	AIS
Dr PASCOE Daniel	SLW
Dr ROBERTSON Justin	AIS
Dr TAYLOR Bill	POL
Dr THOMAS Nicholas	AIS
Dr WILLIAMS Bradley	AIS
Prof YIP Ngai Ming	POL
Dr YUE Wei Thoo	CB

## 2.2 Advisors/Consultants

### **International Advisory Committee**

SEARC's International Advisory Committee seeks to recruit outstanding scholars on Southeast Asia. The Committee provides SEARC with general advice about research developments in the region. Its current members include:

1. Prof Mark BEESON (Professor of International Politics, The University of Western Australia, Australia)
2. Prof Donald K EMMERSON (Director, Southeast Asia Program, Stanford University, USA)
3. Prof Hans-Dieter EVERS (Professor emeritus of Development Planning, University of Bielefeld)
4. Prof Vedi HADIZ (Professor of Asian Studies, The University of Melbourne)
5. Prof Kevin HEWISON (Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
6. Prof Paul HUTCHCROFT (Professor, Department of Political & Social Change, Australian National University)
7. Dr Michael JAKOBSEN (Associate Professor, Department of International Economics and Management; Director of Strategy and Planning at Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School)
8. Prof Kanishka JAYASURIYA (Professor of Politics and International Studies and Head of Department, Murdoch University)
9. Prof Pasuk PHONGPAICHIT (Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
10. Prof Garry RODAN (Professor of Politics and International Studies and Director, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Australia)
11. Prof Robert H. TAYLOR (former Visiting Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies, CityU; now visiting senior fellow at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore)
12. Prof Zhao LEI (Professor, International Strategy Research, Central Communist Party School)

## 2.3 Steering/Management/Advisory Committee, if established

### **Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee evaluates SEARC's longer-term aims, directions and planning, likely budgetary resources, and projected outcomes. Its current members are listed below.

#### **Chair:**

Prof Xiaowei ZANG (Dean, CLASS; Chair Professor of Social Sciences)

**Convener:**

Prof Mark R. THOMPSON (Director, SEARC; Professor of Politics and Head, AIS)

Dr Thomas PATTON (Associate Director, SEARC; Assistant Professor, AIS)

**Management Committee**

Selected from its core membership, SEARC's Management Committee is responsible for everyday operations, including the management and allocation of resources for Centre members and projects. Its current members are:

**Chair:**

Prof Mark R. Thompson (Director, SEARC; Professor of Politics and Head, AIS)

**Members:**

Dr Thomas PATTON (Associate Director, SEARC; Assistant Professor, AIS)

Dr Bill TAYLOR (Associate Professor, POL)

Dr Y-Dang TROEUNG (Assistant Professor, EN)

With an aim to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research, as well as knowledge transfer projects, in the studies of Southeast Asia we have been actively inviting research affiliates and associate members to join SEARC. Research Affiliates are academics working on Southeast Asia related research topics at other Hong Kong universities or those previous board members/affiliates members of SEARC who have now moved to universities outside of Hong Kong. This reporting year, SEARC invited total FOUR local and international scholars to join us as research affiliates. The local scholars, are [Dr Angeline De DIOS](#), Assistant Professor from Lingnan University and [Dr Yew-Foong HUI](#), Associate Professor from Hong Kong Shue Yan University. Dr DIOS gave SEARC a research seminar on "Singing While Filipino: Reflections on Authenticity and Musical Labour" in 2017-18 and Dr HUI will give SEARC a seminar on coming semester in 2018-19. The international scholars, [Dr Chiara FORMICHI](#), Assistant Professor in Cornell University (Former Assistant Professor in AIS) and [Dr Jayeel CORNELIO](#), Associate Professor in Ateneo de Manila University. Dr FORMICHI has been a short-term research visitor to SEARC from 17 November 2017 to 19 January 2018, to explore the research cooperation with SEARC in Southeast Asia Studies. Dr CORNELIO gave SEARC a research seminar on "Christianity and Duterte's War on Drugs in the Philippines", during his visit to Chinese University of Hong Kong as a Visiting Professor at the Divinity School of Chung Chi College.

All our newly joined members of SEARC help to energize the Centre and create a foundation of support for SEARC among the local community.

**3. Mission statement and objectives**

*(Please highlight changes, if any, since establishment of the Centre)*

The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) was inaugurated on 27 February 2001 as a faculty-based research centre, under the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, CLASS.

SEARC is the *only* research Centre focused on Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and is a key area of excellence in the university which it distinguishes itself from all other Hong Kong universities and draws attention to CityU from around the region and globally as a world class setting for the study of Southeast Asia.

**SEARC has successfully joined the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) as the Hong Kong representative, together with members at leading universities in Southeast Asia, Australia, Britain, Canada, China, Germany, South Korea, the U.S. and elsewhere. SEASIA's other Asian member institutions include: National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Singapore, National Chengchi University, Jinan University, Academia Sinica. National Chengchi University, Kyoto University, Chulalongkorn University, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, and SEARC, University of the Philippines Diliman, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), and the Taiwan Association of Southeast Asian Studies. Joining SEASIA is an important new initiative for SEARC, enabling for closer networking with other leading Southeast Asian Centres in Asia and helping encourage greater research collaboration as well as strengthening the standing of Southeast Asian studies in the Asian region.**

By joining SEASIA, SEARC will collaborate with other Centres in the development of synergistic, inter- and multi-disciplinary research in regards to the goals and endeavors that are pursued by us all who are keen to promote Southeast Asia studies. SEARC aims to bring together scholars living and researching within or close to the region to join together for regular meetings. SEARC will foster both regional and global efforts to networking with Centres of similar missions, goals and objectives.

SEARC has already long served as an excellent platform for academics in Hong Kong for the studies of Southeast Asia. SEARC can assist in developing inter-university platforms for promoting international and regional research cooperation, publication and knowledge transfer. In collaboration, SEARC and SEASIA will work together to act as a common platform for promising and established scholars to demonstrate their latest research on area studies. **With SEARC's extensive network and profound knowledge in the studies of Southeast Asia, we have proactively formed strategic partnership with a number of prestigious research institutions and universities overseas, notably the Southeast Asia Program at Cornell University (SEAP), the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, University of Sydney, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at Northern Illinois University, and the Asia Research Centre (ARC) at Murdoch University.** We already have MoUs with these leading centres for the study of this region. SEARC pursues research activities within the University and through external alliances that enhance high quality theoretical and applied research consistent with the mission and objectives of our Centre as well as of our University and these also echoes that of the SEASIA.

**A new part of SEARC's mission is to create the opportunity on academic research and exchange with the other research centres on Southeast Asia, as recently SEARC has**

accepted an invitation from the French School of Asian Studies/Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO). The project invited SEARC to participate in the European-funded project "Competing Regional Integrations in Southeast Asia" (CRISEA) on a self-funded basis. The project has been selected by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Program successfully in early February 2018. In coming future, SEARC will work together with the other three research centres on Southeast Asia – The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC), University of Sydney; the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University; and Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore in forthcoming future. Such cooperation will help SEARC to develop more networks in Singapore, Austria and Japan.

SEARC has established a strong international reputation as an important setting for the study of political, economic, and social issues in contemporary Southeast Asia. While receiving funding in most years from City University of Hong Kong (CityU), SEARC members have actively sought competitive external grant funding, helping to foster a steady output of high-quality publications and working papers. The Centre has also attracted many respected scholars as visitors who, in carrying out research projects and conducting seminars, have further energized the Centre. And in regularly sponsoring international conferences, workshops, public addresses, and roundtables, SEARC has contributed widely to public debate and intellectual life at CityU.

#### *Mission*

The mission of the Southeast Asia Research Centre is to maintain its international reputation as a centre of excellence in academic and applied studies of contemporary Southeast Asia. *In keeping, however, with new priorities set by City University; greater attention is now given to theoretical and cross-disciplinary analysis, through which the intention of addressing real-world challenges in national political systems, workplace inequalities, gender relations, and disaster management.* SEARC thus seeks to attract competitive external grant funding, to collaborate internationally with other institutions, *to conduct disciplinary-based and cross-disciplinary research in compelling academic debates in the social sciences, to generate high-quality research publications, and to reach the public through open events and media engagement.*

#### *Objectives*

The objectives of the Southeast Asia Research Centre are:

- to advance the Centre's international reputation and City University's standing by researching political, economic, and social developments in contemporary Southeast Asia;
- to obtain competitive external grant funding;
- to extend links to scholars and institutions researching other parts of the developing world, especially China and Northeast Asia, whose concerns resonate with those of the Centre;
- to conduct disciplinary-based and cross-disciplinary research;
- to address major debates in comparative politics, political economy, and comparative sociology;

- to produce high quality research publications on contemporary Southeast Asia;
- to engage Hong Kong citizens, especially civil society organizations, through open forums and media engagement; and
- to enhance the study of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and to increase understanding of the region within the CityU and Hong Kong communities.

#### 4. Research activities and achievements

- 4.1 Research Grants (*To be extracted from IRIS by RO, referred to Appendix II*)
- 4.2 Research Outputs (*To be extracted from SciVal by RO, referred to Appendix III*)
- 4.3 Research Impact (*Referred to Appendix I*)
- 4.4 Conferences/ seminars organized during the period from July 2017 to June 2018

SEARC has research seminar series on Monday's afternoon during the semester. During the reporting period, SEARC has organized NINE seminars, all were well-attended by members from CityU and guests from other tertiary institutions. In addition, SEARC has co-hosted the seminar, workshops and conference with the internal and external parties, such as the Department of Asian and International Studies (CityU) as well as the Gabriela (Hong Kong), The Brown University Alumni Association of Hong Kong, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and the Hong Kong America Center (HKAC).

#### **Seminars/Workshops/Conferences**

SEARC has established a strong international reputation as an important setting for the study of political, economic, and social issues in contemporary Southeast Asia.

During this reporting period, SEARC has co-hosted FOUR events with external partners - Gabriela (Hong Kong), The Brown University Alumni Association of Hong Kong, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and the Hong Kong America Center (HKAC). All event were well-attended with members both from CityU and other tertiary institutions.

#### **East Asian Security Architecture – The Status of Multilateral Fora**

SEARC hosted an expert workshop on 28 July 2017, in cooperation the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), and the East Asian Institute (EAI) of the National University of Singapore together with the Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS) to address the role of multilateral fora in Southeast and Northeast Asia, the future role of the US and lessons from the European experience in creating a regional security architecture: [http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Resources/Event/2017-07-28\\_Poster.pdf](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Resources/Event/2017-07-28_Poster.pdf)

The background of such a workshop was to assess the security situation in East Asia which is becoming much more volatile: not only maritime and territorial disputes, but also growing tensions on the Korean Peninsula, terrorism, nationalism as well as non-traditional threats. Despite growing economic ties, mistrust has remained and due to shifts in the balance of

power, in some ways it has even increased. This workshop, attended by leading scholars from Germany, Japan, Korea, and China as well as from other Southeast Asia countries, sought to develop fresh analytical perspectives on these issues.

### **Asian Views of America's Role in Asia- A Symposium in Hong Kong**

One-and-half-day conference on 15 March and 16 March 2018 for the programme [“Asian Views on America’s Role in Asia”](#) in The Asia Foundation, which organized by the Department with Asian and International Studies (AIS) in cooperation with SEARC, the Hong Kong America Centre (HKAC) and the prestigious Asia Foundation (with headquarters in the US).

The aims to the conference was address the role of America in Asia since the presidency of Donald Trump and the influence on geo-political relations and economics in future. Key note speakers are come from Northeast, Southeast and South Asia, as well as the USA. The conference was in association with the Asia CEO Forum, with a live interactive conversation from Washington DC with Kurt Campbell, the author of the “pivot to Asia” in the Obama administration and Charles Freeman III, the US Chamber of Commerce.

### **Political killings and the ‘war on drugs’ in the post-Marcos Philippines**

SEARC hosted a workshop on 24 September 2017 with Gabriela Hong Kong, to discuss the issues on drug dealers and users in Philippines. This workshop examines this enduring pattern of political killings across the six administrations after Marcos. What’s the input to the filipino women's response at home and abroad? The workshop was conducted by Mr Danilo Andres Reyes (PhD candidate in AIS, CityU) and Ms Joms Salvador (Secretary General, Gabriela Philippines).

Gabriela Hong Kong is a nationwide alliance of more than 200 women’s organizations that cut across sectors and regions, plus chapters and support groups of Pinays and non-Pinays in various continents of the world.

### **Chinese Models and Institutional Secrets: Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore**

SEARC hosted a seminar on “Chinese Models and Institutional Secrets: Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore” on 29 November 2017, with the Department of Asia and International Studies (AIS) and supported by The Brown University Alumni Association of Hong Kong. The seminar was talked by Prof Mark R Thompson (Head and Professor of Politics, AIS, CityU) and Dr Stephan Ortmann (Assistant Professor, AIS, CityU).

This seminar talked about the influence of ‘Chinese way of development’ since post-Mao China to Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore in culture consideration. It was attracted to the members from the CityU and other tertiary institutions, as well as the alumni from Brown University in Hong Kong.

**Research Seminar Series** (NINE seminars in 2017-18)

Date:	4 September 2017
Title:	<a href="#">Blood and Silk: Power and Conflict in Modern Southeast Asia</a>
Speaker:	Dr. Michael Vatikiotis Regional Director, Asia at Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Date:	9 October 2017
Title:	<a href="#">The Politics of Flooding in Bangkok</a>
Speaker:	Dr Danny Marks Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong
Date:	23 October 2017
Title:	<a href="#">How do we compare Global Slaveries? War Captives and Cultural Exchange in Southeast Asia</a>
Speaker:	Dr Bryce Beemer SSRC Transregional Research Fellow, Inter Asian Contexts and Connections

Date:	15 January 2018
Title:	<a href="#">Retrograde and Sophisticated Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia</a>
Speaker:	Dr Lee Morgenbesser Lecturer, School of Government and International Relations Griffith University

Date:	5 March 2018
Title:	<a href="#">Land Governance in the Mekong Region: Revisiting Contexts and Rethinking Concepts</a>
Speaker:	Professor Philip Hirsch Emeritus Professor of Human Geography, School of Geosciences, The University of Sydney

Date:	19 March 2018
Title:	<a href="#">The Indonesian Way. ASEAN, Europeanization, and Foreign Policy Debates in a New Democracy</a>
Speaker:	Professor Dr Jürgen Rüländ Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany

Date:	9 April 2018
Title:	<a href="#">Singing While Filipino: Reflections on Authenticity and Musical Labour</a>
Speaker:	Dr Anjeline de Dios Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Lingnan University



Date:	16 April 2018
Title:	<a href="#">Six Southeast Asian Artists &amp; Śāntiniketan, ca 1921–51</a>
Speaker:	Dr Yin Ker Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and School of Art, Design and Media College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

Date:	23 April 2018
Title:	<a href="#">Christianity and Duterte's War on Drugs in the Philippines</a>
Speaker:	Dr Jayeel Cornelio Associate Professor and Director of the Development Studies Program, Ateneo de Manila University

#### 4.5 Publicity (*e.g. Centre prospectus, newsletter and updated web page*)

As one of the research unit in CityU, SEARC has followed the University “GO GREEN” policy, which is promoting paperless office best practices at the enterprise level to achieve to the green campus, sustainability, social responsibility, and environmental friendliness.

To enhance “GO GREEN”, SEARC has explore the new free digital marketing platform “mailchimp”, to publish the regular announcements weekly with updated event information, including the latest news of SEARC’s members and the research information to the subscriber’s members. There is more than two hundred subscribers since January 2018. A sample of announcements please find here (<https://mailchi.mp/fb72869ac0b1/searc-weekly-announcements-2018-1-26>)

Among that, SEARC has regular promotion with the updated event information and news send through the digital platform, such as SEARC web page, weekly announcement (by mailchimp), facebook, twitter, academic and youtube. SEARC has distributed a digital newsletter with the highlights of SEARC events (from July 2016 to June 2017) to the members in the subscriber’s list.

Plentiful information related to SEARC can be reached on the SEARC web page, including the forthcoming event calendar, research seminar series with video, event archive, and latest news of the SEARC’s members and working paper with the updated research findings from our Centre Fellows, Visiting Scholars and Guest Speakers. Thus far, we have published 194 working papers. The latest working paper (no. 194) with the title [“Legal Dilemmas in Releasing Indonesia’s Political Prisoners”](#) was submitted by Dr Daniel Pascoe (Assistant

Professor, School of Law, CityU). The “Event Archive” on the web page is aim to share information and data about our research. This section (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Archive.aspx>) contains the materials for seminars, workshops and conferences that we compiled over the past few years. With these resources made available for free access, we demonstrate our strong commitment and potential contributions to those who are interested in knowing more Southeast Asia. The other feature worth mentioning is the “Event Calendar at a Glance”. This section contains a brief description of SEARC events and easy reference regarding our upcoming events.

As a member of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), SEARC’s information and news are also share on the [SEASIA’s web page](#), which enlarge the networking of Southeast Asian Centres in Asia, and helps to encourage greater research collaboration as well as to strengthen the standing of Southeast Asian studies in the Asian region.

Apart from this, social media become an important platform to SEARC, for enhancing the communication among facebook, twitter, academia and youtube. SEARC is on-going to release the event information and news related to SEARC on facebook and reached a record-breaking more than 2749 likes and follows in 2018. The number of our followers is increase more than seven hundred within a year. All videos of our research seminar series were uploaded on YouTube and Facebook. There is more than hundred views for our research seminar [“Singing While Filipino: Reflections on Authenticity and Musical Labour”](#) by Dr Anjeline de Dios.

With the SEARC Facebook page and our comprehensive website, we are building on a foundation of knowledge that we are leveraging to reduce costs and connect with a community who are interested in Southeast Asia. With SEARC portal, we share all our resources for free with the public and provide a range of news (Call for Proposals, details of upcoming conferences and job openings) about Southeast Asia and updates of the development of the region.

## **5. Future plans and long-term strategic development strategy**

*(Please include plans to generate income for sustaining Centre activities and plans to become financially independent for Centres which are more than three years of their establishment; bringing in new members; and where appropriate succession strategies with impending retirement/departure of the Director or its member)*

### Plans to generate income for sustaining Centre activities and plans to become financially independent for Centres

Prof Thompson met with Mr Bernard Chan to raise the issue of fundraising for SEARC. Dr Patton also met with philanthropists in Yangon, Myanmar in February 2018 to discuss potential donations to SEARC. A follow-up meeting will take place in October 2018. We have also been engaging in fundraising activities and seeking sponsors from wealthy donors and/or businesses/organizations within the Asian region.

SEARC has accepted an invitation from the French School of Asian Studies/Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO), to participate in the European-funded project "Competing Regional Integrations in Southeast Asia" (CRISEA) on a self-funded basis. The project has been selected by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Program in early February 2018 and SEARC will work together with the other three research centres on Southeast Asia – The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC), University of Sydney; the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University; and Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore in forthcoming future.

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Joining SEASIA, is an international initiative and an important initiative, for the networking of Southeast Asian Centres in Asia, helps to encourage greater research collaboration as well as to strengthen the standing of Southeast Asian studies in the Asian region.

During the SEARC Southeast Asian cultural festival in 2013, SEARC had built up and made a lot of our contacts with the Southeast Asian consulates. We have particularly close ties to the Philippine consulate which our director attended most of their events and we have close connection with them; alongside with the Thai and Indonesian consulate. Dr Patton, a specialist in Myanmar studies, has contacts with the Myanmar consulate. At of the writing this report, we are working on joint events with AIS and will apply for money to hold a second

Southeast Asia cultural festival at CityU. In addition, we are drafting proposal to apply for grants from Hong Kong Government and international bodies that support the study of Asian Studies.

In the coming academic year in 2018-19, SEARC is planning to host an activity on “Soft Power, Place Soft Power, Place-(re)making and Civility: Cultural Governance in Asia”, in cooperation with Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS), Department of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University. The objectives of the activity is to enhance academic exchange on cultural governance matters and cultivate collaborations with other universities in HK. In such, we can develop CityU scholars' academic profiles and enhance Enhance CityU's academic standing. The event is in-charge by our board member Dr CHAN Yuk Wah (Assistant Professor in AIS).

SEARC is also planning to host a conference on “The Crisis of Liberalism in Southeast Asia”.

Despite budgetary constraints, SEARC reaffirmed both our ability and our commitment in promoting the studies of Southeast Asia. We will do our best to navigate the uncertain funding waters ahead. SEARC actively assists its members through seminars, workshops, and small grants to boost their research output (particularly in terms of SSCI/SCI ranked publications) and seek external grant acquisitions. SEARC benchmarks its research output and international competitiveness with leading Southeast Asia Centres such as those at the Australian National University and the National University of Singapore as well as Cornell University, Kyoto University, SOAS, and University of Sydney as mentioned above.

**It needs to be understood that none of the leading Southeast Asia research Centres in the world - in the US (e.g. Cornell, Berkeley, Michigan, NIU), in Japan (Kyoto), in the UK (the LSE and Leeds), in Australia (the ANU, Sydney, and Murdoch), and in Singapore (ISEAS) are self-financing. All receive significant financial contributions from their respective universities. If CityU - long recognized as a major Centre for Southeast Asian studies in Asia and more recently around the world - is to remain internationally competitive, alongside seeking external funding, regular university funding is required.**

#### Plans to bring in new members

THREE new members Professor Daniel C LYNCH, Dr Danny MARKS and Dr Stephan ORTMANN from AIS, are joined to SEARC as a members from our strong cohort of core member list. Dr Danny Marks, as an expertise on environmental studies, gave SEARC a research seminar on “The Politics of Flooding in Bangkok” when he join us.

#### Succession strategies

Dr PATTON, our associate director, is taking on increasing responsibilities with an eye towards a transition to the directorship over the next couple of years. We are going to put the application forward to the Dean early next year.

Other future plans:

1. To contribute to an intellectual climate in the Centre that encourages SEARC core members to apply for competitive external grants and to present their research at conferences, workshops, and seminars.
2. To increase collaboration between core members of SEARC and between them and scholars in other CLASS-based research Centres and overseas institutions in the modes of faculty exchange, joint research funding applications, and organizing conferences together.
3. To continue to invite eminent researchers and professionals to deliver seminars and talks that enhance the cross-disciplinary study of Southeast Asia and that strengthen ties to the Hong Kong community.
4. To continue to organize conferences and workshops that attract top local and international scholars and that lead to high-quality publications.
5. To maintain SEARC's working paper series as an outlet for established, especially new researchers to enter their findings quickly into the public domain.
6. To continue engaging CityU students in seminars, thereby strengthening linkages between scholarly research and classroom teaching.
7. To work effectively with both local and regional institutions and organisations, where such partnerships can lead to outstanding research, internationalization, cultural exchanges, academic exchanges and cross-institutional collaboration.
8. To develop our capacity to generate and share knowledge about Southeast Asia, ensuring significant contributions to the understanding of the region.
9. To enhance structures for collaboration across departments, colleges, and the University.
10. The annual planning and budgeting process will provide the framework for making our future plans to operation practically.

Appendix I - Research Impact (from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2018)

Area of Impact	Indicator of Impact	If yes, please tick (✓)	Summary of Impact
General	- Prestigious research awards and prizes	✓	<p><u>Research grant from July 2017 to June 2018</u></p> <p>Prof Daniel LYNCH, SEARC Board Member has received RGC General Research Fund (GRF) on “Changing Patterns of Threat Securitization in Democratic Taiwan”, awarded on 12 July 2018.</p> <p>Dr Stephan ORTMANN, SEARC Board Member has received ECS on “Environmental Protests and Political Change in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Vietnam.</p> <p>Dr Yuk-wah CHAN, SEARC Board Member has received a Global Consortium for Sustainability Outcomes (via ASU) on “Transferring and Scaling Sustainable Local Food Economy Solutions”, awarded on 26 June 2018.</p> <p>Dr Justin ROBERTSON has received a CSF awarded for “The CityU Sustainability Debate Series”, awarded on 30 May 2018.</p> <p>Dr Danny MARKS, SEARC Board Member has received a CityU Start-up Grant for New Faculty (StUp) on “The Political Economy of Transforming Bangkok's Transportation System”, awarded on 25 May 2018.</p> <p>Dr Yuk-wah CHAN, SEARC Board Member has received a <a href="#">Knowledge Transfer Grant (KT)</a> on “Empowering the Nepalese Youth in Hong Kong through Engaged Anthropology and Ethnography-writing”, awarded on 23 April 2018.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd</p>

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			<p>Unraveling Intergovernmental Dynamics of Climate Governance in China”, awarded on 1 July 2016.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd</p>
General	- Prestigious research awards and prizes		<p>Dr Justin ROBERTSON, SEARC Board Member has received an Environmental Conservation Fund (ECF) for GROW CityU on “Green Roofs Over Walls”, awarded on 29 Feb 2016.</p> <p>Prof Mark R THOMPSON, SEARC Director has received a GRF together with Prof William CASE for “Democracy and its Discontents in Southeast Asia.” He has an article published with Dr Stephan ORTMANN, SEARC Board Member on a project about China and the “Singapore Model.” Together they explore the issue of whether Singapore’s state-heavy growth model can be sustained in the long term and exactly what lessons China has sought to learn.</p> <p>Dr Thomas PATTON, SEARC Associate Director has received ECS on “Muslim Voices in Buddhist Myanmar: A Comparative Study of Indo and Sino-Burmese” aims to investigate the construction of Muslim identity in Myanmar where the country is witnessing a marked rise in instances of religious intolerance.</p> <p>Dr Federico FERRARA, SEARC Board Member has received GRF on "The Rise and Decline of Thailand's Royalist Order: A Study in the (De-)Legitimation of Power" focuses on explaining the rise, the longevity, and the decline of Thailand’s royalist political order.</p> <p>Dr. Sean STARRS, SEARC Board Member has received ECS on "Does Corporate Nationality Still Matter in the Era of Globalization? Investigating</p>



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			<p>Ownership and Power in the Twenty- First Century" maps the global distribution of corporate ownership and power in the twenty-first century.</p> <p>Dr Justin ROBERTSON, SEARC Board Member has received GRF on "China and the Caribbean in the 21st century".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd</p>
			<p>Dr Bradley WILLIAMS, SEARC Board Member has received GRF on "Anatomy of a "Friendly Spy": Japan and Intra-alliance Intelligence with the United States".</p>
Economic and commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spin-out or funding (e.g. venture capital/Business Angel) for start-up businesses.</li> <li>- Licences awarded and brought to market.</li> <li>- Business performance measures (e.g. sales, turnover, profits, cost-effectiveness or employment) associated with new or improved products, processes and services.</li> <li>- Demonstrable collaborations with industry (e.g. partnership agreements, research contracts, or consultancies)</li> </ul>		
Public policy and professional services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documented evidence of policy debate (e.g. media, materials produced by NGOs).</li> </ul>	✓	<p><u>From July 2017 to June 2018</u></p> <p>All SEARC news including the book published, article in Newspaper, interview with newspaper/radio are listed on <a href="#">SEARC web page</a>.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documented evidence of changes to public policy, legislation, regulations or guidelines.</li> </ul>		<p>The Director of SEARC, Prof Mark R THOMPSON is well-known for his expertise on Southeast Asian politics, with particular interest in the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia. He has regularly appeared in the international media, like the Time Magazine, The Diplomat, Vox, Southeast Asia Globe, South China Morning Post, The Huffington Post, East Asia Forum, Voice of America. He has also been interviewed by the major radio station, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio) about US President Donald Trump inviting Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte to the White House.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New or modified professional standards and codes of practice.</li> </ul>		
Public policy and professional services			<p>The Associate Director of SEARC, Dr Thomas PATTON was featured in the “Member Spotlight” of the Association for Asian Studies and his opinion often quoted by the international media, like the South China Morning Post and BBC News.</p> <p>Prof Daniel LYNCH, SEARC board member was frequently interviewed by International media such as US News &amp; World Report, CNN TV, BCC, The New York Times and Foreign Affairs on US government and policy issue. He recently was interviewed for an article in US News &amp; World Report entitled "Americans Defer to China, Russia - Data compiled for U.S. News Best Countries survey casts new light on the effect of ‘fake news’ and political propaganda."</p> <p>Dr Stephan ORTMANN, SEARC board member has interviewed by the local and international media, like the Ming Pao, The Christian Science Monitor, Trouw, Asia Times, Caijing, The Paper, Stand News. Recently, he wrote an article, "World Story of Hong Kong 02" as part of Network DIPLO which was published by Stand News on 4 May</p>

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			<p>2018.</p> <p>Dr Sean STARRS, SEARC board member was frequently interviewed by International and local media, such as The Real News, RTHK Radio, O Estado de Sao Paulo (Brazil), Weekendavisen and South China Morning Post. His new chapter was cited on Bookforum's blogpost on "America Choosing Decline" and his research on China-US political economy was cited by Prof Adam Tooze of Columbia University while discussing his major new book on the global financial crisis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd</p>
Public policy and professional services			<p>Dr Yuk-wah CHAN, SEARC board member was interviewed by South China Morning Post to give her views on the anti-China protests regarding the issue of the establishment of Special Economic Zones in Vietnam. She has published an essay, 'Life Elsewhere: Migrant, Refugee, and Traveler', on the global-e journal, which is part of the series on 'Hong Kong and Liberty'.</p> <p>Dr Bradley WILLIAMS, SEARC board member quoted in an article about Japanese security policy changes for Sputnik on 1 April 2018.</p> <p>Dr Danny MARKS, SEARC board member wrote an article, co-authored with Ms Tammy CHOU, entitled "Dawei's ill-starred 'zombie' project" in Bangkok Post on 4 September 2017.</p> <p>Dr Toby CARROLL, SEARC board member co-authored an article with and Dr Ruben GONZALEZ VICENTE entitled "From New Deal to the art of the deal: how the neoliberal project led to Trump" was published in The Conversation on</p>

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			20 January 2017.
Health and welfare	- Documented changes to guidelines.	✓	Dr Catherine LO, SEARC Visiting Researcher wrote an article, co-authored with Dr Kirit Premjibhai Solanki (a Member of Parliament in India), entitled "AIDS-free by 2030, India included," in The Hindu on April 6, 2017.
	- Evidence of take-up and use of new or improved products and processes that improve quality of life.  - Measures of improved well-being, patient outcomes, public health or health services.		
	- Evidence of enhanced awareness of health risks and benefits by consumers.		
Society, culture and creativity	- Critical reviews in media, and/or other professional publications.	✓	The members in Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) has been continuing participate in a range of academic conferences and appear in local and international major printed, online media and radio such as Ming Pao, Time Magazine, The Diplomat, Vox, Southeast Asia Globe, South China Morning Post, The Huffington Post, Asia Times, O Estado de Sao Paulo (Brazil)), World Politics Review ,US News & World Report, East Asia Forum, The Real News, ABC Radio, BBC Radio and RTHK Radio, about the issues related to the democracy, gender, religions, etc. This enable broadening, expanding and deepening the knowledge staff, students and the community have of the region and its current and historical developments.  SEARC members' publications are in high ranking journals according to SSCI/SCImago, top ranked
	- Increased public uptake of scientific training, through public engagement.		

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			<p>university and major commercial presses.</p> <p>Prof Mark R THOMSPON has a book “Authoritarian Modernism in East Asia” will be published by <i>London: Palgrave</i> in 2018. There are also several articles written by Prof THOMSPON were published in <i>China Quarterly</i>, <i>Contemporary Politics</i>, <i>Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs</i>, <i>Journal of Democracy</i>, <i>Journal of Developing Societies</i> and <i>Philippine Studies</i> on the Philippines studies. His latest article <a href="#">“Perilous presidentialism in Southeast Asia?”</a> (with Bunte, Marco) was published in <i>Contemporary Politics</i>. 24, 3, p. 251–265.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont’d</p>
			<p>Dr Thomas PATTON, Associate Director of SEARC, published an article on <a href="#">“Thailand. Living Buddhism: Mind, self, and emotion in a Thai community By JULIA CASSANITI (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015. Pp. 232. Illustrations, Glossary, References, Index.)”</a> , in <i>Journal of Southeast Asian Studies</i>, in Jun 2018. His new book on “The Buddha's Wizards: Magic, Protection, and Healing in Burmese Buddhism” will be published by Columbia University Press in Oct 2018.</p> <p>Prof Daniel LYNCH, SEARC board member has a new book on “The End of China’s Rise: Consequences for the PRC Debate on Soft Power” will be published by New York: Routledge in Oct 2018 and his article on <a href="#">“Is China's Rise Now Stalling?”</a> was published in <i>The Pacific Review</i>, in Jun 2018.</p> <p>Dr Stephan ORTMANN, SEARC board member has an article (with Yang, K.) <a href="#">“From Sweden to</a></p>

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			<a href="#">Singapore: The Relevance of Foreign Models for China's Rise</a> in The China Quarterly, 28 May 2018.
Other	- Please specify		