

Historian-in-Residence Programme 2018/19 2018/19 年度駐校歷史學者計劃

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Historical Exploration to Xinjiang
新疆歷史考察

Programme Details

Tentative Period

12 – 19 May 2019 (Sunday to Sunday)

Overview

Xinjiang was known as the Western Regions (西域) in ancient times. Strategically located between China and Central Asia, Xinjiang was, and still is, a meeting place of many cultures and faiths. Over the course of history, different faiths including Buddhism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism and Nestorianism, had spread and flourished in Xinjiang, where primitive religion was also practised. Sir Aurel Stein, known for his explorations and archaeological discoveries in Central Asia, described the region as a ‘special meeting ground of Chinese civilization, introduced by trade and political penetration, and of Indian culture, propagated by Buddhism’.

Dr Joseph S.P. Ting, PolyU’s Historian-in-Residence 2018/19 and former Chief Curator of the Hong Kong Museum of History, will lead PolyU students and staff on an historical exploration of Xinjiang and the influences of different faiths along that section of the Silk Road. Participants will travel to Xinjiang with Dr Ting to visit such iconic sites as the Ancient City of Gaochang (高昌故城), Subash Buddhist Ruins (蘇巴什佛寺遺址) and Kizil Caves (克孜爾石窟).

Tentative Itinerary

Day	Tentative Itinerary
Day 1 (12 May)	Hong Kong → Ürümqi (烏魯木齊) → Turpan (吐魯番)
Day 2 (13 May)	Ancient City of Gaochang (高昌故城), Thousand Buddha Caves (千佛洞), Emin Minaret (蘇公塔)

Day 3 (14 May)	Turpan Museum (吐魯番博物館), Karez System (坎兒井)
Day 4 (15 May)	Qigexing Buddha Temple Relic Site at Karasahr (焉耆七個星佛寺遺址), Korla (庫爾勒)
Day 5 (16 May)	Subash Buddhist Ruins (蘇巴什佛寺遺址), Kezi'er Ga Ha Beacon (克孜爾尕哈烽燧)
Day 6 (17 May)	Kizil Caves (克孜爾石窟), Tianshan Grand Canyon (天山大峽谷)
Day 7 (18 May)	Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar (新疆國際大巴扎), Xinjiang Region Museum (新疆自治區博物館)
Day 8 (19 May)	Ürümqi → Hong Kong

*The travel period and itinerary are only tentative and subject to change without prior notice

Enrolment Details

Eligibility

Enrolment is open to **PolyU full-time students and staff** only. Successful applicants **MUST** attend the Talk hosted by Dr Ting on 2 April 2019 (Tuesday) at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre. Details of the Talk will be announced soon.

Enrolment deadline

28 February 2019 (Thursday)

Enrolment link

<https://polyu.hk/pLPew>

Language

This historical exploration will be conducted in **Cantonese**.

Fee

In the region of \$16,500 (staff) and \$5,500 (students)
(The exact amount will be announced to the successful applicants at a later stage)

Travel document

All enrollees must ensure that they have the required and valid travel documents to enter the People's Republic of China.

Accommodation

Applicants who wish to opt for a single room are required to email to Ms Sandy Koo at sandy.koo@polyu.edu.hk during the enrolment period, specifying the name used in the application. An extra cost in the region of \$3,000 is required.

Enquiries

Please telephone 3400 2433 or email Ms Sandy Koo at sandy.koo@polyu.edu.hk.

Remarks

The Culture Promotion Committee reserves the right to make final decisions on all arrangements of this historical exploration and the eligibility of participants.