

# Summer 2021 Newsletter

# Impact

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## COVER STORY

## Four RS scholars have been ranked among top 2% of scientists in the world

### RS PROFESSORS RATED AS TOP 2% SCIENTISTS ANNOUNCED BY STANFORD UNIVERSITY



**Prof. Marco Pang**  
Professor  
(Rehabilitation)



**Prof. Hector Tsang**  
Chair Professor  
(Psychiatry)



**Prof. Gabriel Ng**  
Chair Professor (Retired)  
(Rehabilitation)



**Prof. Benjamin Yee**  
Professor  
(Neurology & neurosurgery)

As a leading academic unit in the field of rehabilitation in Asia and the world, we have been striving to advance interdisciplinary and innovative research in rehabilitation sciences and related areas. Throughout the years, our academics have attained important breakthroughs in the department's key research areas including complementary and integrative health in the East-West context, translational neuroscience and rehabilitation (sensori-motor systems and cognitive-affective systems), musculoskeletal and sport rehabilitation, and healthy ageing. They have also been awarded many accolades in recognition of their inspirational and influential endeavours in research.

Good news is always welcome. We are excited to share again the great news that four RS scholars (listed below) have been ranked among the world's top 2% most-cited scientists. They were named, along with other 158 PolyU scholars, in the "Updated science-wide author databases of standardised citation indicators", compiled by Stanford University. To group and rank close to 160,000 top scientists across the world, the Stanford research team led by Prof. John Ioannidis used an array of standardised citation indicators including information on citations, an individual's scientific research output, co-authorship and a composite indicator for career-long citation impact up to the end of 2019.

**Congratulations to these four scholars whose determined efforts to conduct high-impact research have earned them global recognition they deserve!**

Name of Scholars	Subject Field
Professor Gabriel Ng (Chair Professor [Retired])	Rehabilitation
Professor Hector Tsang (Chair Professor)	Psychiatry
Professor Marco Pang (Professor)	Rehabilitation
Professor Benjamin Yee (Professor)	Neurology and neurosurgery

## Six RS faculty members succeed in obtaining allocations from RGC GRF 2021/22

Over the years, academics and researchers at RS have spared no effort in achieving excellence in research in related disciplines. To support their impactful and translational research, they have made strenuous efforts to secure internal funding at the department, faculty and university levels as well as acquire external funding support such as that from the RGC General Research Fund (GRF), the RGC Early Career Scheme (ECS), and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC).

This year RS has done very well in the highly competitive RGC GRF 2021/22 exercise. Out of the sixteen applications we submitted, six are funded, reflecting a success rate of 37.5%. This is the highest success rate among all of the five schools/departments in the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences.

Congratulations to the six faculty members who have made a successful GRF application

this year. We are also grateful to all the colleagues who have rendered assistance in the process. Let us keep up the good work and achieve even better results next year.



(From left to right) Dr Sunny Chan, Prof. Hector Tsang, Prof. Marco Pang, Dr Benson Lau, Dr Thomson Wong (in the back), Dr Sai Kam Hui (at the front)

## Prof. Hector Tsang has obtained funding from Lee Hysan Foundation in collaboration with Prof. Wong Man-sau and her colleague, to support a project for promoting teachers' wellness

We are delighted to share the good news that Prof. Hector Tsang (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS) has succeeded in acquiring funding from Lee Hysan Foundation, which amounts to about HK\$2.9 million, to support a 2-year project titled "Teachers Wellness MED Program".

Heavy teaching and administrative workloads, education reforms, preparation for peer observation or external school reviews, pursuit of further education etc have imposed a great burden on teachers that could adversely affect their physical and mental health, and consequently their work performance. On the other hand, appropriate support and help from schools and the government is limited. There is an urgent need to develop a holistic health programme to help improve teachers' physical and mental wellbeing.

As a matter of fact, the challenges and stress that teachers face at different stages of life and career development are varied, resulting in various levels of physical and mental health problems. In view of this, Prof. Tsang and his team aim to use a life-span approach to provide holistic and sustainable care to teachers. The Teachers Wellness MED Program (with "MED" standing for "mental health, exercise, and diet") will be tailor-made to meet teachers' various needs at different life and career development stages. The programme is "holistic" in the sense that it embraces three aspects, namely psychosocial wellness, nutrition, and physical health. Because of the involvement of diet, Prof. Wong Man-sau, an expert in nutrition from the Department of Applied Biology



and Chemical Technology, PolyU, has been invited to serve as a co-investigator of this project. Each of the above three aspects will involve onsite and online means, such as onsite stress management skill labs, onsite nutrition talks, onsite exercise workshops, reflective journal, nutrition knowledge booklets, exercise video clips, peer support group, online FAQ/support such as Facebook page and Instagram account, etc.

## Prof. Hector Tsang's team has received a grant from HKJC Charities Trust to conduct a 3-year project to help carers

In view of the pressing needs of carers of persons with disabilities, particularly in those families where special school leavers are waiting in a long queue for social services, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has offered a HK\$4.76 million grant to the Department of

Rehabilitation Sciences (RS) of PolyU to support a project titled "Family resilience and wellness project for persons with disabilities and carers".

A team of researchers led by Prof. Hector Tsang (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS) will carry out this three-year project which covers three main aspects: (i) development of an assessment tool for carers; (ii) evaluation of the service programmes delivered by three collaborating NGOs; and (iii) information dissemination and enhancement of NGOs' capacity to offer services to the wider community. The assessment tool to be developed in this project is a computerised platform to help service providers identify carers' level of risk and needs as well as to offer service mapping so that more appropriate services can be provided for carers. The three collaborating NGOs are SAHK, St. James' Settlement, and Fu Hong Society. In the later stage of the project, the PolyU team will invite other NGOs to use this computerised platform in their service provision.



## "Love WithOut Borders" 大愛無疆 continues spreading seeds of love during the pandemic

"Love WithOut Borders" 大愛無疆 is a project funded by The Keswick Foundation to provide community rehabilitation (CR) services to people with physical disabilities (PWD) in the rural areas of China, particularly those areas with limited resources, such as Yunnan. The occupational therapy faculty members and students of RS have been involved in the provision of community services in China ever since the Ludian earthquake in 2014. The project aims to provide rehabilitation support for clients from the acute to chronic phase and help them reintegrate into the community after hospital discharge. It also emphasises the education of local therapists and rehabilitation students from both mainland China and Hong Kong in order to enhance therapeutic knowledge and skills. In the "We Care We Share" mission trips organised during the period 2017-2020, more than 130 participating PolyU students provided rehabilitation services to approximately 110 PWD and their families.

In 2021, Mr Tang Kin Chung (Clinical Associate of RS) and his team have successfully obtained a grant of HK\$3M to extend the abovementioned project for two more years. The extended project will focus on how to sustain the CR services. The project team aims to inspire senior administrators/policy makers by demonstrating success stories about

their CR services, so that more resources could be allocated for CR in the future. In addition, the team strives to provide more educational training (both online and face-to-face clinical training) for therapists and students such that they will become the future CR providers. The team has established formal collaboration with five OT schools which have already been accredited by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. It is expected that the CR model could be added to the curriculum of their OT programmes. The team also intends to apply advanced, low-cost technology and clinical skills to enhance the quality of CR services offered to PWD and their carers.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, cross-border visits may not be feasible at the moment. To maintain the CR services in mainland China during the pandemic, the team has developed a tele-rehabilitation platform. The team members will serve as advisors/consultants for case management through the platform, while clients, their family members, local therapists and students as well as PolyU students will all be engaged in the online consultation. The team has also connected with a group of experienced therapists who are graduates of our BSc in OT and MOT programmes to enlist their support for the online clinical consultation.

## RS elite alumni shared their success stories online

The 7<sup>th</sup> Elite Alumni Seminar of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences (RS) was successfully held online on 16 June 2021, during which two elite alumni were invited to share their success stories and precious work experiences with around 100 alumni, students and faculty members of the department.

The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Wong Wing-tak, Deputy President and Provost of PolyU, who delivered an opening speech to welcome all guests and attendees and affirm the significance of the Elite Alumni Seminar series held regularly by RS. Prof. Wong's speech was followed by the presentations of two guest speakers and elite alumni, Dr Raymond So and Dr Serena Ng.

Dr Raymond So is a graduate from our physiotherapy programme and is now Director of Elite Training Science and Technology of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSJ). Dr So has been actively involved in research on sports training and sports medicine for many years. His major responsibilities in HKSJ are to provide sports science, sports medicine and sports technology supports to coaches, assist in formulating suitable training programmes for athletes, and introduce innovative ideas to the abovementioned areas so as to systematically improve the performance of Hong Kong elite athletes. In his

presentation, Dr So talked on the development of sports science and sports medicine support to the training of Hong Kong elite athletes.

Dr Serena Ng graduated from our occupational therapy programme and is currently Centre Head of the Community Rehab Service Support Centre of the Hospital Authority. Her work focuses on driver rehabilitation, sexual counselling and rehabilitation, and advanced assistive technology for the disabled. All along, Dr Ng has impressed her colleagues with her foresight and sense of innovation in the application of evidence-based advanced technology in her department. She shared in her presentation about the experience of building a centre for knowledge translation and technology transfer in the Hospital Authority.

After their presentations, the guest speakers engaged in active interactions with the attendees during the Q&A session. At the end of the event, Prof. Hector Tsang (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS) expressed his sincere thanks to Prof. Wong Wing-tak, Dr Raymond So and Dr Serena Ng. He believed that the two elite alumni's sharing would help broaden the horizons of RS students, and looked forward to the next Elite Alumni Seminar in the near future.



(From left to right) Prof. Hector Tsang (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS), Dr Serena Ng, Dr Raymond So, and Prof. Wong Wing-tak (Deputy President and Provost of PolyU)



Dr Serena Ng shared about the experience of building a centre for knowledge translation and technology transfer in the Hospital Authority.



Dr Raymond So talked on the development of sports science and sports medicine support to the training of Hong Kong elite athletes.



Prof. Hector Tsang delivered a vote of thanks at the end of the seminar.

## Prof. Hector Tsang was invited as a keynote speaker at the Asian Pacific International Rehabilitation Forum 2021

The Asian Pacific International Rehabilitation Forum 2021, hosted by The Seventh Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University and attended by more than twenty participating units, was successfully held from 6 to 10 May 2021. With the theme of "Healthy China 2030: A vision for health care is a national health mission for all", the forum aimed to optimise the application of rehabilitation sciences and enhance the quality of life. The forum also encouraged collaboration of research efforts in rehabilitation and healthcare among experts around the world, including Prof. Hector Tsang from The Hong Kong Polytechnic

University (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS), Dr Antonio Stecco from New York University, and Ms Jody Anne from the WHO.

A wide array of topics were discussed in the forum, including chronic pain management, autism rehabilitation, biotechnology innovation in rehabilitation medicine, and neuro-rehabilitation. The forum strived to make a social impact in the fields of rehabilitation and healthcare, and to promote good health through better prevention and treatment of diseases as well as palliative care.



A group photo of the participants of the forum

Prof. Tsang was one of the prominent speakers to deliver a speech in the forum, on the topic of the "Opportunities of professional training for occupational therapists and physiotherapists in Hong Kong". Prof. Tsang introduced the historical and recent developments of PolyU and RS, and the relevant academic programmes of RS that help to advance the knowledge of rehabilitation sciences. Besides, Prof. Tsang shared his vision of the future high-quality training for occupational therapists and physiotherapists with the establishment of the new PolyU campuses in Homantin, Hong Kong and mainland China.

## Prof. Hector Tsang and Dr Billy So gave health talks for Sik Sik Yuen

Prof. Hector Tsang and Dr Billy So were invited by Sik Sik Yuen to deliver a health talk to the general public on 17 April 2021 and 15 May 2021 respectively. Prof. Tsang shared his professional knowledge about "Health exercises for enhancing physical and mental health", while Dr So spoke on

the topic of "Can pain be prevented? Physical fitness and muscle strain". Exercises and other practical skills were demonstrated in the health talks and the audience participated actively in the Q&A session.



The Council Members of Sik Sik Yuen presented a certificate to Prof. Hector Tsang (middle).



Dr Billy So demonstrated exercises in his talk.

## ➤ Congratulations to Prof. Hector Tsang for being granted NSFC funding

Prof. Hector Tsang (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS) has recently been awarded a grant of RMB690,000 by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), in the capacity of Distinguished Professor of Nanshan Scholar at The Fifth Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University. With this grant, Prof. Tsang will embark on a project titled "Investigation of the role of adiponectin-regulated hippocampal PP2A activity in mediating physical exercise promoted cognitive impairment".



## ➤ RS PhD student Bingbing Zhang received Eurasia-Pacific Ernst Mach Scholarship

Ms Bingbing Zhang, an RS PhD student under the supervision of Dr Georg Kranz (Research Assistant Professor of RS), has recently been awarded the Ernst Mach Grant, Eurasia-Pacific Uninet.

The scholarship is offered by OeAD, Austria's Agency for Education

and Internationalisation. With this scholarship of HK\$68,500, Ms Zhang will be able to conduct research in Austria for six months. She will work at the Neuroimaging Labs (<http://meduniwien.ac.at/neuroimaging/>) at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, the Medical University of Vienna.



## OT professionals write healthcare articles for *Ming Pao*

The spread of the COVID-19 epidemic has caused unprecedented influences and problems to everyone's daily living, not to mention its imminent threat to the health and lives of those infected with the disease. Amid the worldwide outbreak of the pandemic, what can occupational therapists do to help people prevent the disease as well as relieve the physical problems and mental stress directly or indirectly brought by the disease?

To enhance the public understanding of the role of occupational therapy in preventing and treating health problems associated with COVID-19 and other increasingly common conditions such as stroke, cognitive impairment and cardiovascular disease, we are publishing a new series of Chinese articles on healthcare issues in the newspaper *Ming Pao*. Four sets of articles have already been released, and two more pieces are scheduled to come out in the next few months (see below for details).

### First four sets of articles already published:

	Title of article and link	Author	Publication date
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Occupational lifestyle redesign" helps people lead a better and more satisfactory life <a href="https://tinyurl.com/e3tk8d6j">https://tinyurl.com/e3tk8d6j</a></li> <li>• Occupational therapy improves the ability to participate in daily tasks <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3ezy8tna">https://tinyurl.com/3ezy8tna</a></li> </ul>	Ms Stella Cheng (Professor of Practice)	15 February 2021
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual reality helps train self-care skills in early treatment of cognitive impairment <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3cvb9w8u">https://tinyurl.com/3cvb9w8u</a></li> <li>• Case description: A tailor-made VR programme for step-by-step training <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4a625th6">https://tinyurl.com/4a625th6</a></li> </ul>	Dr Frank Lai (Assistant Professor)	22 March 2021
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle redesign helps reverse "three highs" in a 40-year-old who gained over 10 kg after WFH for half a year <a href="https://tinyurl.com/494jpsbn">https://tinyurl.com/494jpsbn</a></li> </ul>	Mr Tony Wong (Clinical Associate)	17 May 2021
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational therapy – Getting rid of pandemic-induced anxiety through remote treatment <a href="https://tinyurl.com/x5azw8k3">https://tinyurl.com/x5azw8k3</a></li> </ul>	Mr Ken Chung (Clinical Associate)	July 2021

### Two more articles scheduled to come out soon:

	Proposed title of article	Author	Scheduled publication date
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An East-meets-West approach in rehabilitation – Ba Duan Jin (Eight Section Brocades), a health qigong exercise</li> </ul>	Prof. Hector Tsang (Cally Kwong Mei Wan Professor in Psychosocial Health, Chair Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences and Head of RS)	August 2021
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambient light and cognitive impairment</li> </ul>	Prof. Kenneth Fong (Professor)	September 2021

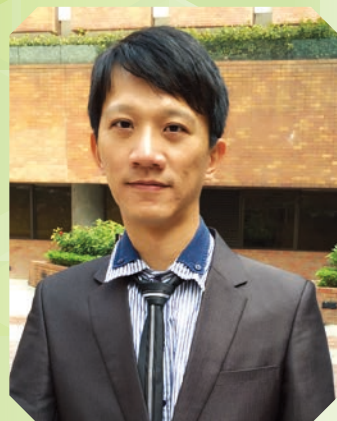
## ➤ Congratulations to faculty members on their recent promotion to Associate Professor

RS is pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been promoted to Associate Professor with effect from 1 July 2021. We would like to congratulate them on their success, which has been achieved through their diligence, perseverance, and unwavering efforts.

### Dr Bolton Chau

Dr Chau obtained his PhD degree from the University of Oxford, and his MPhil and BSc degrees from The University of Hong Kong. His key research interests are in the neuroscience of reward-guided decision-making and learning. In our modern lives, it is very common that we make decisions between multiple options. However, our knowledge about the neural mechanisms of decision-making is mainly based on experiments that involve a few options. Hence, Dr Chau's recent research focuses on investigating whether these mechanisms are generalisable to decisions with many options. Key research questions include: how do people sample information from large sets of options? How do people make use of information to guide their decision-making?

Dr Chau generally conducts his research using a combination of brain imaging, brain stimulation, eye tracking and computational modelling techniques. His research findings mainly show that: (1) in two-option decisions, the lateral orbitofrontal cortex is important for reinforcement learning and guiding optimal decisions; (2) in three-option decisions, people make suboptimal decisions and the decision signal in ventromedial prefrontal cortex is attenuated; (3) when there are plenty of options, the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex is involved in filtering out choice-irrelevant information. These findings were published in journals such as *Nature Neuroscience* and *Neuron*.



### Dr Will Chien

Dr Chien has been an occupational therapist since he graduated from the National Taiwan University with a bachelor's degree in 2003. Before joining PolyU, he has obtained a PhD from Monash University in 2010 and completed a three-year postdoctoral research fellowship at The University of Queensland, Australia. During these periods, he has worked extensively with children who have physical, developmental or intellectual disabilities and their families.

Dr Chien has strong research interests in developing children's hand skill-related measures and validating the psychometric properties of existing rehabilitation-related measures through modern test theory (e.g., Rasch measurement model). He also hosts a Children's Hand Skills Assessment Hub which includes three contemporary assessments he has developed, namely the Assessment of Children's Hand Skills (ACHS), the Children's Hand-Skills ability Questionnaire (CHSQ), and the Children's Assessment of Participation with Hands (CAP-Hand).

Dr Chien's recent research addresses the social and community participation of children with disabilities by investigating a range of supporting or restricting factors (e.g., body functions, activity, performance, environments and personal characteristics) and by promoting participation-focused assessments and interventions.

### Dr Yvonne Han

Dr Han received her undergraduate training in occupational therapy from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. She obtained her MPhil degree in neurophysiology from the Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, and her PhD degree in neuropsychology from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr Han is a qualified occupational therapist and has many years of experience in the field of paediatric rehabilitation of various challenges, including autism spectrum disorder, cortical visual impairment, Down syndrome, physical disabilities, cerebral palsy, and sensory integration dysfunction. Before joining PolyU, Dr Han was Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education and Counselling at the Hong Kong Institute of Education (now The Education University of Hong Kong). She served for several years as the Chairman of the department's Research and Development Committee, and has been very active in initiating a progressive set of policies and procedures that have significantly increased the research productivity of the department. Dr Han's research focuses on enhancing cognitive functions in children with neurological disorders, with a special interest in the field of neuropsychology and its application to special educational needs with strong relevance to occupational therapy.







### Dr Arnold Wong

Dr Arnold Wong is a clinician-scientist. He attained his BSc in Biology from The University of Hong Kong, and BSc in Physiotherapy (First Class Honours) from PolyU. After practising as a physiotherapist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for several years, he decided to pursue his career in academia. To achieve this goal, Dr Wong obtained his MPhil in orthopaedics and traumatology from The University of Hong Kong, and completed his PhD training at the University of Alberta, Canada.

Dr Wong's research interests focus on identifying the mechanisms that lead to and maintain spinal disorders. Since the causes of spinal disorders are multifactorial, Dr Wong adopts multiple strategies (e.g. magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound imaging) to quantify the relative contributions of these factors to causing and maintaining spinal pain. These findings can assist both researchers and clinicians in understanding and treating spinal disorders.

Dr Wong has received numerous academic accolades from various institutions in Hong Kong, Canada, and USA, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Golden Key International Honour Society, and the International Association for the Study of Pain. His research has also resulted in multiple publications in peer-reviewed international journals.

### Dr Sharon Tsang

Dr Tsang joined RS in 2005 as Senior Clinical Associate and was later promoted to Assistant Professor. She has solid clinical and teaching experience in musculoskeletal physiotherapy. She obtained her postgraduate qualifications in Hong Kong, Australia and the United Kingdom, and completed a fellowship in musculoskeletal physiotherapy at The Hong Kong College of Physiotherapy. She has been appointed Honourary Senior Physiotherapist by the physiotherapy departments of the hospitals under the New Territories East Cluster of the Hospital Authority since 2017.

Dr Tsang's PhD focused on studying the dynamic interplay of the cervical and thoracic spine in people suffering from chronic mechanical neck disorders. Her main research interests are on the biomechanics of the human spine with a focus on the analysis of the movement and motor control of the spine in people with different spinal dysfunctions. She is also keen to develop a classification system for neck dysfunctions, which would be having a great impact on the clinical practice in managing problems associated with neck pain.

Dr Tsang adopts an integrated approach to facilitate student learning and help students apply their knowledge to clinical reasoning and practice in the field of musculoskeletal physiotherapy. She received the Departmental Outstanding Teaching Award in 2009 and 2018, and the Faculty Award of Outstanding Performance in Teaching in 2018. She currently serves as the Award Coordinator of the MSc in Manipulative Physiotherapy programme.



## Welcome to our new faculty member

Dr Moreno Suarez is an exercise physiologist by training. After obtaining his Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science at the University of Alcalá (Madrid, Spain) and Master of Science at Maastricht University (The Netherlands), he worked as a researcher and clinician in the field of exercise-based geriatric rehabilitation for hospitalised elderly patients in Pamplona and Madrid. In 2015, as a recipient of an international postgraduate research scholarship offered by Curtin University and the Heart & Lung Transplant Foundation of Western Australia, Dr Moreno Suarez moved to Perth to pursue his PhD with leading exercise physiologists from Curtin University and Fiona Stanley Hospital (Australia). His research focused on the impact of left ventricular assist device (LVAD) implantation in people with advanced heart failure on physical activity levels, and the acute and chronic physiological responses to exercise on peak oxygen consumption, vascular function and cerebral perfusion in patients implanted with an LVAD. Before joining RS of PolyU in 2021, he also served at the Innovation Centre of the local Health Service Department of Western Australia. His main research interests include exercise physiology and rehabilitation for people with cardiovascular diseases and other clinical populations.



**Dr Ignacio MORENO SUAREZ**  
*Research Assistant Professor*  
*(Exercise Physiology)*



**Dr Yuan CAO (Sally)**  
*Research Assistant Professor*  
*(Healthy Aging)*

Dr Yuan Cao (Sally) first completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at the City University of Hong Kong, before receiving a master's degree in neuroscience, another master's degree in clinical psychology, and a PhD in psychology from The University of Queensland in Australia.

Dr Cao worked as a practising psychologist at a community health clinic and a researcher at an NGO in Australia, before returning to Hong Kong to work in academia. Her work experience across different settings has inspired her to conduct basic research with the potential of improving practice in the future. She is also interested in training and teaching students to develop a curious, scientist mindset when serving clients in clinical practice.

Most of her research is centred around social cognition (i.e., the ability to understand and relate to other people), which is relevant to both healthy populations and people with different mental health conditions (e.g., schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, or autism). She uses a combination of behavioural tasks (e.g., computer-based games, questionnaires) and brain-imaging techniques (e.g., fMRI) to better understand social cognition across the lifespan.

## Visits by government departments and other organisations



The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (13 April 2021)



Hong Kong Housing Society (15 April 2021)



Roseville Senior Living Management (19 April 2021)



Hong Kong Workers' Health Centre (29 April 2021)



Mr Henry Fan, Chairman of Hospital Authority (14 May 2021)



Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association (15 June 2021)

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