

Cultivating Connections: The Future of Intercultural and Transdisciplinary Communication Education

Language Centre Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University

Programme Schedule [25 June 2026]

***Please note that the time indicated on this schedule refers to Hong Kong time (UTC/GMT +8)**

Zoom Room 1 Meeting ID: 998 8885 9653				
09:00 - 09:20	Opening Remarks Dr. Albert Chau <i>Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)</i> <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>			
	Opening Remarks Dr. Cissy Li <i>Head, Principal Lecturer</i> <i>Language Centre, Hong Kong Baptist University</i>			
	Photo-taking			
09:20 - 10:20	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Louise McWhinnie <i>The University of Technology Sydney</i> Title of Talk: The Aims, Gains, but also Challenges of Transdisciplinary University Education			
	Moderator: Dr. Mable Chan			
	Parallel Sessions (morning)			
	Zoom Room 1 Meeting ID: 998 8885 9653	Zoom Room 2 Meeting ID: 930 8090 0981	Zoom Room 3 Meeting ID: 941 1226 9942	Zoom Room 4 Meeting ID: 923 9482 0403
	Moderator: Dr. Mable Chan	Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Rickard	Moderator: Dr. Cai Jiayin, Phoebe	Moderator: Dr. Simon Wang
10:30 - 11:00	Fostering First Year University Students' Engagement and Autonomy: Lessons from a COIL Virtual Exchange between HKBU and CCP	From Prompting to Pedagogy: Leveraging AI for Communicative Language Teaching	Spreading Cantonese Globally: Designing, Delivering and Sustaining the First Cantonese MOOC on edX	A Brief History of Monolingual Cosmopolitanism
	Dr. Emma Zhang <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i> Dr. Nancy Guo <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i> Dr. Gayathri Banavara <i>Community College of Philadelphia</i>	Prof. Christiane Reves <i>New York University</i>	Dr. Ken Cheng Siu-kei <i>Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>	Prof. Daniel J. Elam <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>

	Zoom Room 1 Meeting ID: 998 8885 9653	Zoom Room 2 Meeting ID: 930 8090 0981	Zoom Room 3 Meeting ID: 941 1226 9942	Zoom Room 4 Meeting ID: 923 9482 0403
11:00 - 11:30	Overcoming or Exacerbating Barriers? Facilitators' Perspectives on Intercultural Communication and AI Dependency in Virtual Exchanges	AI as EAP’s Invisible Architecture	Bridging Communities through Putonghua: Experiential Language Learning in University-Community Service Projects	Badging Communication-Intensive Courses: A Support Model for Strengthening Multimodal Assessment Across Disciplines
	Dr. Emma Zhang <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i> Dr. Irma Alejandra Coeto Calcáneo <i>Juárez Autonomous University of Tabasco</i>	Dr. Craig Cooper <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	Dr. Li Xinxin, Ally <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	Dr. Michelle Raquel <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Language Education as a Catalyst for Global Citizenship: Transforming Classrooms into Spaces for Intercultural Dialogue and Social Responsibility	Generative AI and the Future of Cross- cultural Dialogue?	The Perspective of Visual Culture: A Transdisciplinary Approach towards Chinese Literary Writing	Developing Intercultural Multimodal Communicative Competence for Transdisciplinary Communication: Evidence from Multimodal Composition Tasks
	Dr. María Cruz Cuevas Álvarez <i>Juárez Autonomous University of Tabasco</i>	Mr. Christopher Young <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	Dr. Wong So Wan <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	Dr. Betty Beulah Dammu <i>Ministry of Preschool and School Education</i>
12:00 -12:30	Cultivating Intercultural Dialogue in Higher Education: Collaborative Learning among Multireligious University Students in Indonesia	The Translanguaging Self: Bridging Intercultural Competence, Transdisciplinary Learning, and AI- Mediated Communication	Exploring Gender and Language Through a Transdisciplinary Lens	
	Prof. Dr. Triyanto <i>Sebelas Maret University</i>	Dr. Wen, Zhisheng Edward <i>PolyU College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE)</i>	Dr. Meilin Chen <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break			

Zoom Room 1 Meeting ID: 998 8885 9653			
14:00 - 15:00	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Robert O'Dowd <i>University of León</i> Title of Talk: Virtual Exchange and Blended Mobility in Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges		
	Moderator: Dr. Emma Zhang		
	Parallel Sessions		
	Zoom Room 1 Meeting ID: 998 8885 9653	Zoom Room 2 Meeting ID: 930 8090 0981	Zoom Room 3 Meeting ID: 941 1226 9942
	Moderator: Dr. Emma Zhang	Moderator: Dr. Meilin Chen	Moderator: Dr. Li Xinxin, Ally
15:10 - 15:40	From English as a Lingua Franca to AI-Mediated Communication: Critical Digital Literacies and Equality in Virtual Exchange	E-Portfolio Development Literacy in the GenAI Era: A Comparative Mixed-Methods Study	Student-led Experiential Learning: Reinventing English Pedagogy
	Dr. Hao Chen <i>Shenzhen Technology University</i> Ms. Regina C. Brautlacht <i>Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, University of Applied Sciences</i> Dr. Paula Fonseca <i>Polytechnic Institute of Viseu</i> Dr. Maria de Lurdes Martins <i>Polytechnic Institute of Viseu</i>	Ms. Yue Ni <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i> Prof. Ricky C. K. Lam <i>Hong Kong Baptist University</i>	Dr. Amy Kong Ying-yuk <i>Hang Seng University of Hong Kong</i>
15:40 - 16:10	Critical Virtual Exchange: Recentring Equity, Relationality, and Decolonial Praxis in Intercultural Communication Education	Vibe Coding Academic Literacy as an Enabler of Cultivating Connections: Intercultural and Transdisciplinary Communication	How an International Archaeological Field-school Facilitates Intercultural and Transdisciplinary Learning and Communication
	Prof. Mirjam Hauck <i>The Open University, UK</i>	Dr. Oscar Eybers <i>University of Pretoria</i>	Prof. Peter J. Cobb <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>

	Zoom Room 1 Meeting ID: 998 8885 9653
16:20 - 17:20	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Christoph A. Hafner City University of Hong Kong Title of Talk Doing Digital Multimodal Projects in Transdisciplinary Communication Education: A Focus on Assessment
	Moderator Dr. Meilin Chen
17:20 - 17:35	Closing Remarks Dr. Mable Chan