

Administrative Announcement

Appointment of Dean of Humanities and Social Science

Dear Colleagues,

I have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Prof Kellee TSAI to succeed Prof James LEE as our new Dean of Humanities and Social Science with effect 1 July 2018.

The deanship appointment is the result of a rigorous worldwide search and recruitment process, and based on the recommendation of a Search Committee formed in January this year. The deanship appointment will be concurrent with Prof Tsai's professorial appointment as Chair Professor in the Division of Social Science.

Prof Tsai earned her PhD in political science from Columbia University in 1999 and served as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Emory University (1999-2000) before moving to Johns Hopkins University where she was promoted to tenured Associate Professor in 2006, and Full Professor in 2007. A scholar of contemporary Chinese politics and economic development, Prof Tsai has published five books and dozens of articles in renowned journals. Her research has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, Fulbright-Hays, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, and the National Science Foundation. Since joining HKUST in 2013 as Head of the Division of Social Science, she has been awarded three GRF grants as a Principle Investigator. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Prof Tsai has a wealth of experience in academic administration. Prior to assuming the headship of the Division of Social Science, she served as Vice Dean of Humanities and Social Science at Johns Hopkins University, managing faculty affairs and working closely with the dean in the school's strategic planning process. She has also served as Vice Dean of Graduate Programs and Director of the East Asian Studies Program at Johns Hopkins.



As a result of this deanship appointment, Prof Tsai's current headship appointment will end on 30 June 2018 and an international search for the new Division Head will start soon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Prof James Lee for his leadership and valuable contributions as Dean of Humanities and Social Science since 2009. For the lengthy search process to come to this fruitful outcome, I am also grateful to members of the Search Committee for the Dean of Humanities and Social Science, comprising Prof Nancy IP (Chair), Prof Cameron CAMPBELL, Prof Christian DANIELS, Prof Mingyi HUNG, Prof James KUNG, Prof Jianmei LIU, Prof Billy SO and Ms Carrie CHENG (Secretary) for their time and efforts in conducting this important deanship search.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Tsai and lending her generous support in her new capacity as Dean of Humanities and Social Science.

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Executive Vice-President & Provost