

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Revised Course Content for ENGE4240 Special Topic in Literature (Term-2, 2023-24)

Sub-title: "Contemporary Asian American and Asian British Poetry"

Course Description: This course will examine the exciting new English-language poetry being written in the United States and the U.K. by poets in the Asian diaspora. Three of the poets we are reading were born in Hong Kong: Mary Jean Chan, Marilyn Chin, and Sarah Howe; four of the poets – Anthony Vahni Capildeo, Don Mee Choi, Will Harris, and Prageeta Sharma – will be coming to CUHK from March 7 to 9, 2024, to read at "Poetry's Englishes in Asia and the Diaspora," an international symposium co-organized by Prof. Collier Nogues and Prof. Dorothy Wang. Thus, students in this class will have the rare opportunity to speak to the accomplished international poets they are studying. In the course, you will closely read poems for their formal and linguistic qualities, while also thinking about the historical contexts of the production and reception of these works, paying particular attention to issues of race, colonialism, gender, class, sexuality, ideology, power, among other influences.

If you wish to make any changes to your course selection, please contact the Department at english-dept@cuhk.edu.hk before Monday, 11 December 2023.

Andrew Parkin Cup (APC) Drama Competition: Sign-Ups Now Open for 2023-24

Attention all actors and drama lovers! Sign-ups are now open for the highly anticipated 2023-24 Andrew Parkin Cup (APC) Drama Competition that will be held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall in late May.

As in previous years, three to four teams will compete for the Cup and eight fabulous awards, plus cash prizes, through their unique productions.

We're now seeking to form four teams, each comprising at least 4 actors and 1 director. To support your preparation, Prof. Joanna Mansbridge and two current PhD students, Lilli Chung and Alice Harling, will offer interactive and engaging Masterclasses. These classes will cover "Drama and Performance Skills" on 12 January 2024, and "Scriptwriting and Adapting for the Stage" in March 2024, plus backstage venue visits before the competition.

Don't have a team? No problem! You can sign up first and find/form your team at the Masterclasses. In addition to acting roles, there are opportunities to work backstage in the APC. While the APC is primarily for English majors, we encourage anyone with a passion for theatre to participate. Register [HERE](#) by **31 December 2023** and use this prestigious platform to showcase your acting skills and passion for performing arts.

For more information, please contact us at english-dept@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943-7056. We look forward to witnessing your incredible talent on the stage!

Call for Applications – ENGE2960 The World in English: An Oxford Summer Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Oxford summer course (ENGE2960 - The World in English: An Oxford Summer Programme) will be offered in August 2024. All English majors who are second-year and third-year students are welcome to apply. Please note that if you intend to join the Oxford summer programme this time, you must be physically present in Hong Kong throughout September 2024 to fulfill the three-hour community service requirement of the programme.

The course is generously subsidized by the Department. You will spend 2.5 weeks at one of Oxford's beautiful residential colleges, and interact with and learn from Oxford residents, academics, and tutors while exploring cultural sites in the city and its surroundings. Your classes during weekdays will be on English literature related to Oxford (so that you can visit the Oxford sites related to particular writers and works), linguistics (with a focus on British variations of English), and current affairs (where you will discuss major social and political issues with your tutors). Your tutors for these classes will be Oxford graduate students who are experts in these fields. Outside class hours, you will have the opportunity to explore Oxford and its surroundings.

If the above sounds of interest to you, seize this meaningful opportunity to study in Oxford and apply! Please fill out the [application form](#) and submit it to the General Office via email at english-dept@cuhk.edu.hk or in person by Monday, 15 January 2024 (before 5:00pm). We look forward to receiving your applications!

Date/Time:	August 2024 (detailed dates to be announced)
Place:	Oxford and London, U.K.
Application deadline:	Monday, 15 January 2024 (before 5:00pm)

An information session will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, 8 January 2024 (Location TBA). Add the session to your calendar!

If you have specific questions about the programme, please contact Dr. Tongle Sun (tonglesun@cuhk.edu.hk).