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Andrea Riemenschnitter:

Andrea Riemenschnitter is Professor of Modern Chinese Language and Literature at the University of Zurich Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies. She has been cooperating with universities in Hong Kong ever since her time as a postdoc at the University of Heidelberg (from 1998). Her contact with Hong Kong author and literary scholar Leung Ping-kwan also goes back to this time.

Since then Professor Riemenschnitter has collaborated regularly with Lingnan University (Mary Wong) and the University of Hong Kong (Stephen Chu), and sporadically with the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This has included joint teaching and research, conferences, and exchanges of guest lecturers. Since 2010 Andrea Riemenschnitter has been an Honorary Fellow of Lingnan University.

Her research focuses on areas including modern and contemporary Chinese literature and cultural history, as well as Hong Kong society, history, culture, and cultural change. Research at her professorship revolves around cultural questions related to the way societal change in Hong Kong is represented in literature, film, and art; several projects are under way.

Andrea Riemenschnitter worked closely with the author and literary scholar Leung Ping-kwan, who died in 2013. Among other things their collaboration produced joint publications and conferences. Leung Ping-kwan was a guest lecturer at the University of Zurich’s Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies on a number of occasions, and in 2012 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by UZH.

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Andrea Riemenschnitter is co-organizing the following event to honor Leung Ping-kwan as part of the Zürich meets Hong Kong event:

Before the Screen, Behind the Curtains: Ye Si and Postcolonial Culture. A Conversation about Roasted Chestnuts in Zurich and beyond

http://zurichmeetshongkong.org/events/new-entry?date=2017/10/26%2018:00&sort=thematically

Andrea Riemenschnitter will be in Hong Kong from the afternoon of Wednesday, 25 October to Sunday, 29 October, for the Zürich meets Hong Kong event, and will be available for interviews.

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Helena Wu (doctoral student with Professor Riemenschnitter)

University of Zurich Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies
http://www.aoi.uzh.ch/en.html

Stephen Chu (University of Hong Kong)
http://www.hkstudy.hku.hk/staff/SChu.html

Mary Wong (Lingnan University)

Leung Ping-kwan awarded an honorary doctorate by UZH
http://www.uzh.ch/en/about/portrait/awards hc/2012phil.html

Main publications with reference to Hong Kong


  Translated into Chinese by Swiss students of Chinese at the University of Zurich, the seventy-five legends entertainingly reveal the fascinating co-existence of the real and the imaginary in the Swiss Alpine world.