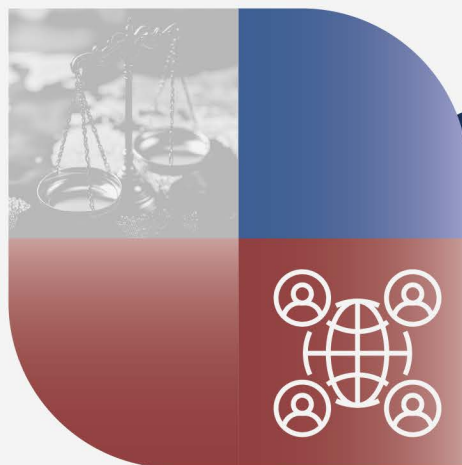


MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN Comparative Social Policy (International)

比较社会政策(国际)科学硕士 (IMCSP)



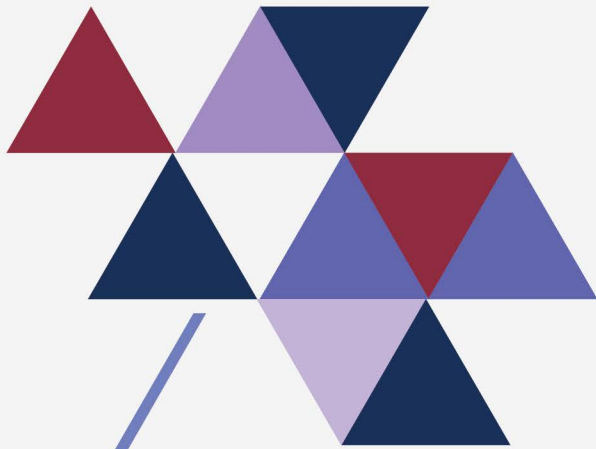
**Analyse
Innovate
Impact**

Shape solutions to social
problems at local, regional
and global levels.



1-year full-time or 2-year part-time taught Masters programme

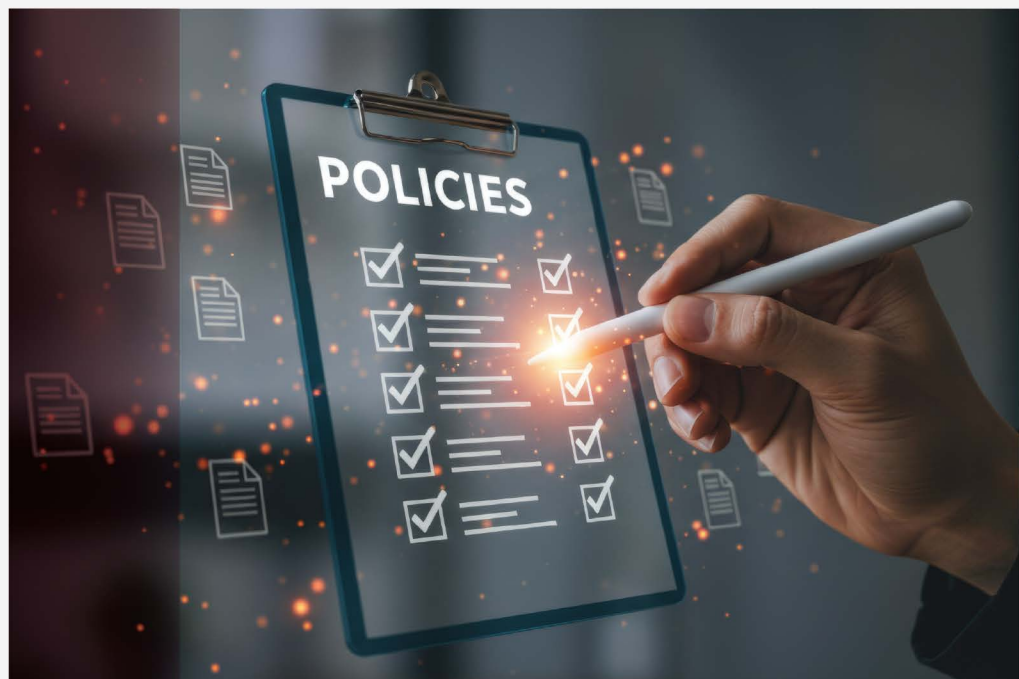
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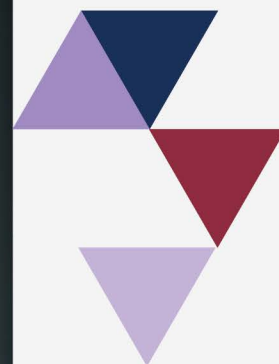
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About the Programme 课程介绍

In today's globalised world, studying the experiences of different societies is critical to understand the social issues that many of us face. The **MSocSci in Comparative Social Policy (International) (IMCSP)** programme meets the demand for individuals with relevant comparative knowledge in government, think tanks, NGOs, social enterprises, and the broader public at large. It is the only taught Master programme in Hong Kong, making international comparisons the focal point of studying social policy, development and governance.

在当今全球化的世界中，研究不同社会的经验对于深入理解我们所面对的各种社会问题至关重要。**比较社会政策(国际)社会科学硕士课程(IMCSP)**正好回应了政府、智库、非政府组织、社会企业以及公众对具备国际比较视野专才的殷切需求。此课程是香港唯一以国际比较为核心，聚焦于社会政策、发展与治理的修课型硕士课程，为学生提供全面的跨国知识与分析能力，协助他们应对全球与本地交织的社会挑战。



TOP THREE REASONS to choose IMCSP 选择IMCSP的三个理由



1. Comparative Focus 聚焦比较政策

Make comparisons of contemporary social issues and the policies to address them the focal point of your studies.
将当代社会议题及其应对政策之比较作为学习的核心，深入探讨不同国家如何面对类似的社会挑战，从中汲取启示与经验。

2. International Outlook 培养国际视野

Delivered by international experts of social policy analysis working at Lingnan University and their global partners in guest lectures, workshops and field visits.
课程由岭南大学的社会政策分析国际专家，以及来自全球的合作伙伴共同授课，并透过客席讲座、工作坊及实地考察，让学生能多角度理解国际社会政策。



3. Career Building 探索职涯发展

Explore diverse career paths as a policy researcher in the public, private, and third sectors, or advance your expertise through PhD studies.
毕业生能探索多元职涯发展，在公营或私营机构担任政策研究员，或投身学术领域，进一步深化专业知识。

Programme Structure

课程结构

Term 1	IMCSP Parent Programme IMCSP 非专业课程	Social Research Concentration 社会研究 专修课程	Social Innovation Concentration 社会创新 专修课程
Social Policy Analysis: Comparative Perspectives 社会政策分析:比较视角	Core Courses 核心科目		
Comparative Social Policy in Greater China and East Asia 大中华地区与东亚的比较社会政策			
Globalisation, Policy and Society 全球化、政策与社会			
Policy Research and Evaluation Design 政策研究与评估设计			
Asia Pacific Comparative Development and Policy Symposium 亚太比较发展与政策研讨会			
Term 2			
Governance, Management and Delivery 治理、管理和交付	Required Course 必修课程		
Comparative Social Indicators and Research Methods 比较社会指标与研究方法	Any 2 Elective Courses 同学可任选任意两门 学科作为选修项目	Required Course 必修课程	
Applied Survey Methodology 应用调查方法		Required Course 必修课程	
Qualitative Methods for Policy Analysis 政策分析的定性方法		Required Course 必修课程	
Social Entrepreneurship & Social Impact 社会创业与社会影响			Required Course 必修课程
Non-Profit Organisations & the Voluntary Sector 非营利组织与志愿服务			Required Course 必修课程
Dialogue with Policy Practitioners: Theory and Practice 与政策实践者的对话:理论与实践			Required Course 必修课程
Comparative Social Policy Research Project 比较社会政策研究项目	Capstone Project 毕业专题		

In case of any discrepancies or inconsistencies between the two versions, the English version shall prevail.
如中、英文两个版本有任何抵触或不相符之处, 应以英文版本为准。

Liberal Arts Education

博雅教育



HIGH STUDENT SATISFACTION WITH TEACHING & LEARNING

教学与学习满意度极高



Independent learning
&
Small group teaching
自主学习与小班教学



Wide range of assessment types
&
Coursework
多元化的考核形式
及课程作业



OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

拓展专业人际网络



Actively participate in
international conference
settings and distinguished
lectures
积极参与国际会议及名家讲座



Engage in field visits to local
government offices / policy
institutes / organisations /
exhibitions
开展实地考察, 走访当地
政各类组织 / 展览展会

Real-World Insight: Exposure Through Field Trip 现实世界的洞察：实地考察活动

We believe in the power of experiential learning to deepen our understanding of complex social issues and innovative solutions. Our field trips provide students with invaluable real-world insights through immersive experiences across various settings. Through these field trips, IMCSP students gain critical insights and develop a deeper commitment to community engagement and social responsibility, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to make a meaningful impact in the world.

我们相信体验式学习的力量，能加深我们对复杂社会问题和创新解决方案的理解。透过实地考察，让学生能沉浸式体验各种社会状况，为学生提供宝贵的现实体验。此外，透过实地考察，学生能够从中塑造批判性见解，并培养学生对社区参与和社会责任关注，从而掌握对世界产生有意义影响所需的知识和技能。



My Belongings, My Sound Stories in 118.4 sq. ft.' Exhibition
所有：听见118.4呎的声音故事

Students explored the poignant exhibition curated by Professor Ruby Lai, focusing on families living in subdivided units in Hong Kong. This experience emphasized how individuals create meaningful homes within limited spaces through their cherished possessions.

学生们参观了由黎苑珊教授策划的艺术展览，该展览聚焦于居住在香港劏房里的家庭。这次体验强调了个人如何利用自己珍爱的物品，在有限的空间中创造有意义的家。

Our visit to the Hong Kong Housing Society Exhibition Centre opened our eyes to innovative housing solutions and sustainable living practices. Expert presentations highlighted key urban development strategies, enriching our understanding of ongoing housing challenges.

透过这次参观，学生了解到创新的住房解决方案和永续的生活方式。此外，导赏员重点介绍了关键的城市发展策略，加深了我们对当前住房挑战的理解。



Hong Kong Housing Society Exhibition Centre
房协展览中心

Dignity Kitchen is a social enterprise providing disadvantaged individuals employment and training opportunities. During the visit, students had a guided tour and saw how each kitchen station operates seamlessly despite the challenges some may face due to their disabilities. They also had the chance to have interactive dialogues with the staff and trainees, and learn about workplace inclusion and social entrepreneurship.

是一家为弱势群体提供就业和培训机会的社会企业。参观期间，学生们在导览的带领下，了解在残疾挑战当中，每个厨房工位如何无缝运作。学生更与员工和学员互动交流，了解职场包容性和社会创业精神。



Dignity Kitchen
参观社会企业 - Dignity Kitchen



Red Cross Simulation Programme
红十字会情境模拟活动

This engaging field trip allowed students to participate in a simulation that mirrored the struggles faced by villagers on sinking islands. It offered a unique perspective on humanitarian efforts and climate change, while fostering student engagement through interactive activities.

这次考察是情境模拟活动，真实反映了沉没岛屿上村民所面临的困境。它为人们提供了一个独特的视角来看待人道主义努力和气候变化，同时透过互动活动促进了学生的参与。

Scholarships 奖学金

1 Hong Kong Future Talent Scholarship Scheme (FTSS) 香港未来人才奖学金计划 (FTSS)

This scholarship aims to encourage students to pursue advanced studies in strategic areas essential for Hong Kong's development.



Admitted students can apply for the FTSS (when available), subsidised by the Government-funded programme, which provides financial support up to **HK\$100,000 for local students** enrolled in our programme.

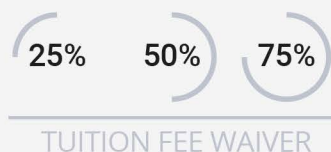
本奖学金旨在鼓励学生在对香港发展至关重要的战略领域深造。获录取的学生可申请FTSS(视供应情况而定);该计划由政府资助项目提供补贴,旨在为入读本课程的本地学生提供最高达 10万港元的经济资助。

2 Tuition Fee Waiver Scholarships 学费减免奖学金

OPEN TO ALL APPLICANTS 所有申请人均可申请

Selection based on interview performance and prior relevant experience.

选拔基于面试表现及过往相关经验。



3 Prestigious Fellow Scheme 卓越奖学金计划

The scheme offers a **100% TUITION FEE WAIVER for fellowship recipients.**

Students interested in social policy fields such as old-age persons, welfare, public support for families, employment, health, well-being, social care, housing, and urban planning are encouraged to apply.

该项目为奖学金获得者提供100%的学费减免。欢迎对社会政策领域(如养老金、福利、家庭公共支持、就业、健康、福祉、社会照护、住房及城市规划等)感兴趣的学生提出申请。

SELECTION CRITERIA 筛选标准

Fellowships will be awarded based on merit, considering:

1. Previous academic achievements;
2. Personal statement on how they plan to use the IMCSP programme to build their career in government, think tanks, NGOs, social enterprises;
3. Relevant working or volunteering experience will be an advantage.

奖学金将择优授予,主要考量以下因素:

1. 过往的学术成就;
2. 个人陈述(阐述申请人计划如何利用 IMCSP 项目,在政府部门、智库、非政府组织或社会企业领域发展其职业生涯);
3. 具备相关工作或志愿服务经验者将获优先考虑。

Career Prospects 就业前景

The Programme places strong emphasis on comparative perspectives and an international outlook, equipping students with the ability to analyse social policies and institutions from a cross-cultural perspective. Graduates develop strong social insight alongside managerial and analytical skills, enabling them to work effectively across sectors and contribute to social innovation. With career opportunities spanning the public, private, and non-profit sectors, IMCSP graduates are well positioned for roles in policy research, public administration, NGOs, and ESG-related functions in corporations, where they can help integrate social value with sustainable development goals.

课程强调比较视野与国际导向,培养学生以跨文化角度分析社会政策与制度。毕业生兼具社会洞察力以及管理与分析能力,能够在不同界别之间灵活协作,推动社会创新。其就业出路涵盖公共、私营及非牟利机构,在政策研究、公共行政、非政府组织及企业 ESG 相关岗位等领域,均具竞争优势,并能协助机构整合社会价值与可持续发展目标。



*"As an IMCSP graduate, I have quickly gained graduate employment in a diversified financial and immigration group and currently share my working time between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. My job duties cover MPF pensions and cross-border assets, together with financial identity planning to support individual customers. The IMCSP programme endowed me with a global perspective, which opened up many career opportunities in the **financial and education industries** for me."*

Ms LI Yuanjia, IMCSP Graduate 2021

*"I am passionate about everything related to **"education"**. At Lingnan University, the IMCSP Programme painstakingly helped me define this passion via all the courses offered. I truly enjoyed them all as they exposed me to the nitty-gritty of education policy in East Asia and worldwide. As a result, I quickly grasped the tools necessary to become an outstanding policy researcher and maker in the field of education. I graduated as one of the best students in my cohort, and my qualification, coupled with the writing and presentation skills I acquired, landed me my current job in Hong Kong. I have now become a registered educator with strong values. Thanks to IMCSP, I can now prepare to pursue both my short and long-term goals as I move on in life."*



Mr OWOYEMI Dare Seun, IMCSP Graduate 2020



*"Currently, I work in the **insurance industry**, and what I learned in the IMCSP programme is very helpful for my work indeed. To some extent, it was the study of my IMCSP capstone project that made me determined to join this profession. Many people think that insurance is mainly a sales job. Yet, my lessons on elderly care policy and the health policy in the IMCSP Programme made me understand the advantages and disadvantages of social policies in different regions. Now, I care about my clients and always think about how I can use commercial insurance to make up for the deficiencies of social policy in their daily lives. I believe my background in social policy makes me a different professional than my peers in this competitive industry."*

Ms LIN Xin, IMCSP Graduate 2019

*"Thinking back to my time on the IMCSP Programme, there are so many good memories for me. The programme provided all kinds of different learning opportunities. For me personally, the guest lectures and field visits were particularly valuable because they introduced me to the work of **NGOs**. This knowledge prepared me to provide professional advice on social issues and policy problems to my employer. I am still very thankful to all the professors on the IMCSP Programme."*



Ms CHEN Huimin, IMCSP Graduate 2018

Alumni Stories

毕业生 分享



"We delved into the entire human lifecycle through policy, examining everything from fertility and family support to ageing and social care. This comparative journey across interdisciplinary fields — including education, health, poverty, housing, social protection, and climate change interventions — taught me how to convert theory into innovative practice. Special thanks to Lingnan's erudite and supportive faculty, who brought the subject to life. The program perfectly balanced academic rigor with personal growth, preparing me to become an effective and compassionate policy professional."

Ms Mai Tam Aung SEINN - Graduate 2024/25

"The IMCSP programme provided me with a thorough understanding of the complexities surrounding social issues. As someone who enjoys observing and analyzing the world around me, this programme has prompted me to reconsider many aspects of addressing these challenges effectively in daily life. I learned to think critically and propose innovative solutions to social issues by employing comparative analysis to understand the nuances of various social policies across different countries."

Furthermore, the capstone project significantly improved my research, critical thinking, and analytical skills, empowering me to analyze social policies systematically. Beyond academics, the IMCSP programme felt like a close-knit family. The professors were educators, mentors, and friends, always ready to support and guide me and my fellow students. Additionally, I developed lasting friendships with peers from diverse countries and backgrounds, broadening my global network. Studying on the IMCSP programme was truly a rewarding year in many aspects."



Mr TSE Wai Kit - Graduate 2023/24

"The IMCSP programme geared me up with a comparative analysis toolbox and perspective to learn from other regions about social policymaking. In doing so, it also sharpened my professional outlook in the social enterprise industry in Hong Kong. With the support from erudite professors and the motivating learning atmosphere at Lingnan, I aspire to pursue my PhD in the future."

Mr SUEN Chun Kit - Graduate 2022/23

PHD Student, Lingnan University, Hong Kong



"The IMCSP programme built directly on my understanding of social policy and social inclusion in contemporary society from my undergraduate studies. By diving more deeply into the social policies in multiple countries, the experience on the IMCSP programme further developed my passion for social issues and community development from an interdisciplinary perspective."

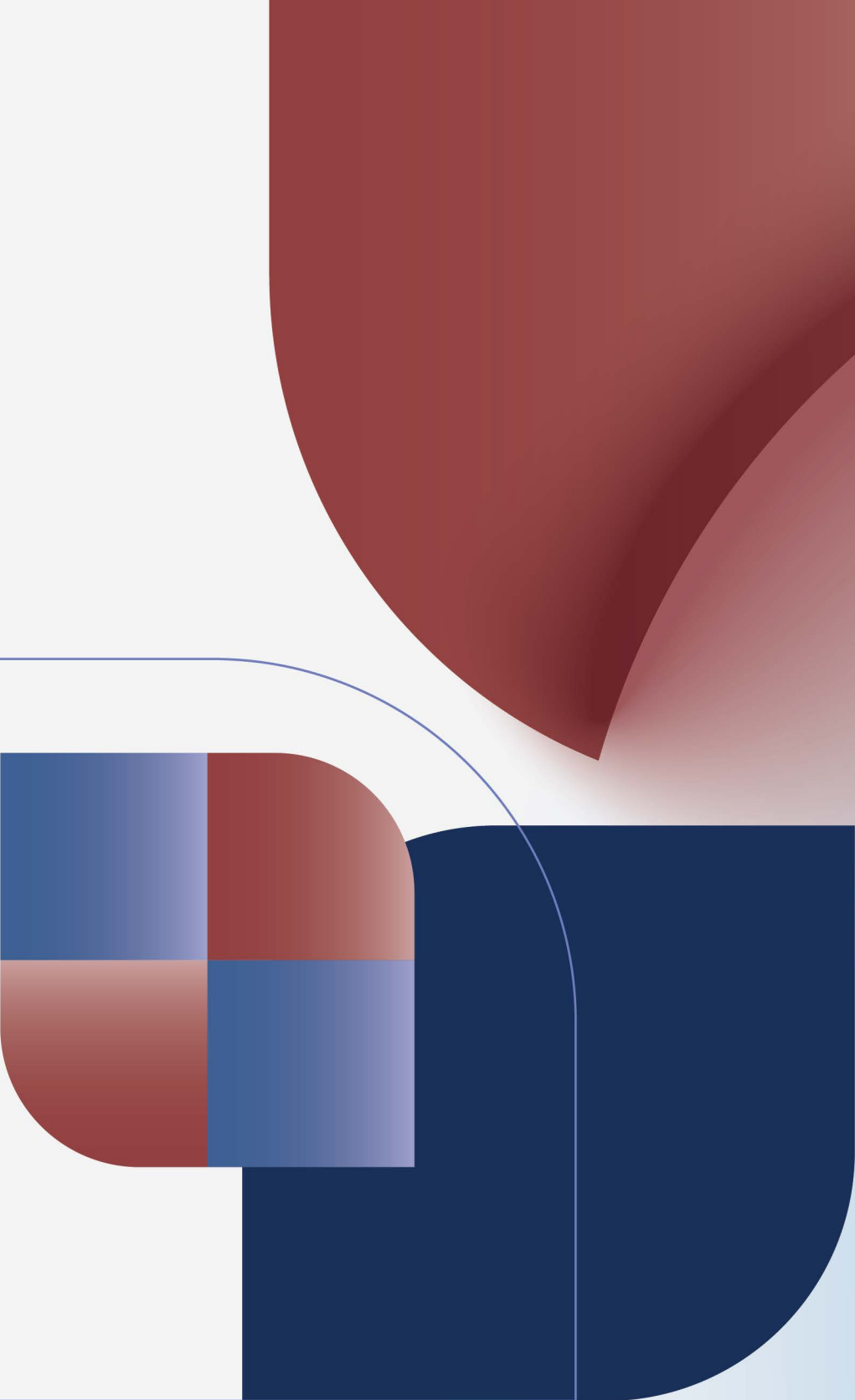
Enrolling in the programme widened my career paths and helped me critically apply the classroom knowledge to practice. The close relations with peers and faculty developed my awareness of everyday social concerns critically, and enhanced my confidence in learning and my systematic knowledge of the Social Sciences."

Ms SHU Chenlan - Graduate 2023/24

PHD Student, University of York, UK



“ *IMCSP is more than a degree;
it's a toolkit for future policymakers.*



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