

The Fall Symposium on Digital Scholarship (2023.10.27)

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The Fall Symposium on Digital Scholarship 2023, organized by the Hong Kong Baptist University Library, was held virtually on 27 October 2023. During the event, Prof. Clara Wing-chung Ho, Prof. Man-kong Wong, and Mr. Vincent Ho, delivered insightful presentations on their Digital Scholarship Grant Projects, and celebrated the 10th anniversary of the HKBU Digital Scholarship Services.



Celebrating the
10TH ANNIVERSARY
of HKBU's Digital Scholarship Services

October 27, 2023 (Friday)
9:00 am – 3:45 pm (HKT)
via Zoom

Organized by the Hong Kong Baptist University Library



To kick off the symposium commemorating the 10th anniversary of Digital Scholarship Services, a pre-recorded video message of congratulations from Prof. Ho and other faculty was played. As a long-standing partner of the Library, Prof. Ho expressed the History Department's gratitude for the invaluable support and expertise Digital Scholarship Services has provided over the past decade. Historians have been able to make use of digital tools and resources to advance scholarly research with the support of the service. Prof. Ho looked forward to further strengthening the collaboration between the Department of History and the Library in the years ahead, as they continue pushing boundaries in leveraging new technologies for academic discovery.

History in Data, co-established by our department and the Library:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/history/index.php?lang=en>

In the morning session, Prof. Wong introduced his project titled “100 Chinese Protestant Christian Hymns from Qing China (天使歌聲：晚清詩歌一百首)”. This project selected 104 sacred hymns from two Chinese hymn books, “福音聖詩” and “福音詩歌”, published during the late-Qing dynasty. Prof. Wong emphasized that these late Qing Christian hymns are the products of historical processes involving transcultural exchange through translation. He stressed that these hymns reflect the salient features of the Chinese language (including Cantonese) as it was used in everyday life during the late 19th century in China. Despite certain shortcomings in the lyrics, the significant role these hymns played in defining Christian spirituality was highlighted. Prof. Wong expressed his hope to inspire more people to produce hymn videos of these late Qing Christian hymns.

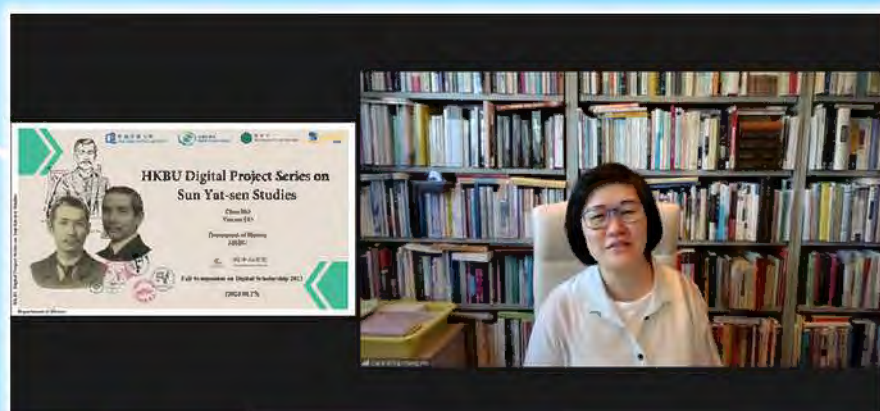


For more information of the project, please visit this link:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/qinghymns/index.php>

After the lunch break, Prof. Ho and Mr. Ho presented their HKBU Digital Project Series on Sun Yat-sen Studies. The primary focus of this project series is to explore the diverse forms of commemoration associated with Sun Yat-sen, as well as to delve into the multifaceted aspects of his image and enduring memory. Currently, there are five projects in this series, three of which have already been completed.

After a brief introduction to the history of this project, Prof. Ho discussed the two spatial dimension projects. Building on the success of the database project on Sun Yat-sen Parks in the World, the research team initiated the Sun Yat-sen Roads in the World project. Worldwide, a total of 715 roads have been identified as named after Dr. Sun Yat-sen. An exhibition has already been held, and a database will be established next year. Following Prof. Ho's presentation, Mr. Ho introduced the remaining three visual dimension projects, which include Pictorial Representations of Sun Yat-sen, Sun Yat-sen First-day Covers, and the current project, Sun Yat-sen Statues in Hong Kong. They have decided to highlight the fusion of history and art as the main theme for the current project, and the exhibition and database are set to be launched in November.



Please feel free to check out the following links to explore the project series:

Research on Sun Yat-sen:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/history/sunyatsen/index.php?languages=en>

Sun Yat-sen Parks in the World:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/sunyatsen/parks/index-en.php>

Sun Yat-sen Roads in the World:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/history/sunyatsen/project2.php?languages=en>

Pictorial Representations of Sun Yat-sen:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/sunyatsen/pictorial/index-en.html>

Sun Yat-sen First-day Covers:

<https://digital.lib.hkbu.edu.hk/sunyatsen/firstdaycover/>