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Biography

Shirley Chan is Associate Professor in Languages and Cultures where she teaches and researches in Chinese Studies. She has research interests in Chinese culture, Chinese philosophy, and textual studies. She is interested in the questions about the relationship between human nature and societal issues and how human beings shape the world we inhabit. Utilizing the ancient texts and past human experience will reveal relevant insights into the complex modern world. Working at the intersection of classical Chinese texts and Chinese history, Shirley's research is currently focusing on language and philosophy of crisis in ancient China and how Chinese philosophers conceptualize crisis and risk management. Shirley is passionate about disseminating knowledge about Chinese culture and cross-cultural understanding. She believes a deep understanding of Chinese culture and history in a global context is crucial not only from an academic point of view but also for building ethical, just, and inclusive communities.

Shirley Chan has served as President of the Chinese Studies Association of Australia (CSAA) and was an executive committee member of the Oriental Society of Australia. In addition, she served on the editorial board of several journals. Shirley was invited to speak on Chinese culture and history in programs produced by the BBC (*Genius of the Ancient World: Confucius*, with British historian Bettany Hughes), ABC, SBS, and international online teaching platforms such as MOOC and Coursera. She delivered invited lectures and seminars to museums, art exhibitions, cultural centres, city councils, research centres, and various overseas and local institutions. She is also a member of the MQ University Research Centre for Cultural Heritage and Environment. Shirley is available for HDR supervision.

Qualifications

PhD, Sinology, Confucianism and Chinese Philosophy, Chinese Intellectual History, Chinese Studies, University of Sydney

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Master of International Studies, Department of Government and Public Administration, University of Sydney

BA (Asian Studies), Chinese Studies, Social Anthropology, Japanese Studies, University of Sydney

1 Jan 2018 HDR Supervision Orientation 2018-2020, HDR30

28 Feb 2014 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99

7 Aug 2013 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99

26 Oct 2011 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99

4 May 2011 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99

1 Jan 2009 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99

Research output

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China Knowledge: Intellectual history of China studies/Sinology in Asia, Australia and New Zealand

Chan, S. W., Keating, P. & Shih, C.
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