



Research Seminar Series 2019/20 #5

Date: 11 December 2019 (Wednesday)

Time: 1:00 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Venue: Room A506, Caritas Institute of Higher Education

Session 1

- Topic :** Exploring nominalizations across Chinese and British Media English: Contrasts in syntactic patterns
- Speaker :** Dr Hannah Liu, School of Humanities and Languages
- Abstract :** Nominalization is stylistically significant and of close relevance to language variation studies. But until now, there is only little literature concerning corpus-based study of nominalizations. Generalizations about how the use of nominalizations vary across contexts have mostly based on their occurrences in British and/or American English, it is still unclear whether their discriminatory power can also be obtained across different English varieties. To bridge this gap, the present study adopts a syntactic approach to nominalizations and reports on a corpus-based contrastive study of nominalizations across China English and British English. Results indicate that there are many more complex nominalizations in Chinese Media English but simple nominalizations are more common in British Media English. Furthermore, Chinese Media English has more uses of premodified nominalizations and phrasal postmodified nominalizations and develops a reliance on compressed and phrasal types of modification, whilst British Media English tends to use more postmodified nominalizations and develops a reliance on expanded and clausal types of modification.

Session 2

- Topic :** Searching the one in the crowd - Text mining for cyber youth work
- Speaker :** Dr Zeno Leung, Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences
- Abstract :** Social media not only lead to new ways of communications; it provides new means of social work intervention for those who are previously hard to reach due to various reasons. Among these initiatives, cyber youth work aims at proactively outreaching, engaging and intervening with young people at risk using online means. In the format of a student's final year project, a text-mining application system was developed to facilitate the social media searching, so as to facilitate these outreaching processes of social worker in the cyber world. In this seminar, experiences gained from this pilot collaborative research between the social work and the computing disciplines will be shared.

Chairperson: Professor Wong Yu-cheung, Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences

A sandwich/salad will be provided.
All are welcome.

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