



## Warwick Graduates' Association (Hong Kong) Newsletter 2016



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### A Message from Our Chairperson

Dear Members,

The mission of WGAHK is to provide opportunities for alumni to engage with each other and with the University. This past year we have offered more ways to connect, renew and strengthen these connections. By continuing to understand and anticipate the interests and needs of our target audience, we have enhanced our programmes and created new meaningful and valuable ways for alumni, students and volunteers to engage with Warwick and with one another regardless of location and stage in life.



In 2016 WGAHK's Scholarship Fund continued to attract applications from Warwick new entrants who excelled academically and in extracurricular activities. During the financial year 2015-16 we received an anonymous donation of HK\$200,000 from a senior founding member of our organisation, who wanted to show his support for the development of this Fund.

This year also marked the launch of WGAHK's Mentorship Programme. So far we have managed to attract over 80 current Warwick student mentees and 30 alumni mentors and are hoping to expand this in the future.

It has been a wonderful experience for me to lead WGAHK and a privilege to get to know so many alumni who graduated from Warwick spanning three decades. I urge all of you to get more involved in any way that you can; in a leadership capacity, special projects or as a participant in the myriad of activities available. I believe that you will enjoy interacting with other students and alumni who are your Warwick pride. On behalf of my colleagues, and myself I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for continuing to support us in the advancement of our beloved alma mater.

### A Huge Thank you to our Annual Dinner Sponsors

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Lisa Marie Djeng  
Chairperson, WGAHK

## The Year in Review

### WGAHK Scholarship Exercise 2016

The WGAHK Scholarship Award presentation ceremony took place on 17 September 2016, acknowledging the achievements of the five outstanding new entrants. Sachin Mohanani was the worthy winner of the HK\$30,000 award. Sachin graduated from King George V School and will be reading MMORSE at Warwick.

The WGAHK Scholarship Fund is the first Warwick fund to be established by local alumni outside the UK. The current Chairman of the Fund is Ms Lisa Marie Djeng.



*For details on the Scholarship, please visit*



Pictured on the left are four of the five impressive finalists with Dr Justin Robertson and Ms Lisa Marie Djeng.

Jasmine Cheng will be studying Economics and Industrial Organisation, Christine Ip, Philosophy, Politics and Economics, whilst Hung Chit Tse will read Economics. Katie Chow, who was unable to attend the ceremony, will be reading Law.

### The 2016-17 Scholarship Fund Award Panel

Ms Lisa Marie Djeng (BSc Economics)

Dr Justin Robertson (PhD Politics & International Studies)

Ms Loren Tang (BSc Accounting & Financial Analysis, MSc Management Science & Operational Research)



### WGAHK Mentoring Programme



On 25 July, WGAHK launched its new Mentoring Programme at a Warwick Career Event with Ernst & Young. The new initiative was revealed at Ernst & Young's offices in Citic Tower, Admiralty.

The evening provided an excellent opportunity for current students and recent graduates to meet the new mentorship team and senior professionals.

Our mentoring programme is aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of students and graduates to improve their job prospects and career development through direct and active interaction with seasoned professionals, executives and entrepreneurs from Warwick's extensive alumni network.

### Spring Dinner (20 February 2016)

The Executive Committee hosted the 2016 Spring Dinner at Jade Garden, Causeway Bay. The dinner was attended by close to 40 alumni members. We would like to express our gratitude to our alumni guest speaker Mr Gary Chan (BSc Management Sciences), Executive Director of Media Asia Group.

Gary's talk was casual and interactive, exploring crises and the management of risk in the Greater China film industry.



### Fantastic 4 Joint Universities Networking (13 May 2016)



The evening saw the inaugural Fantastic 4 Joint Universities networking event. This fun packed social was held at Zentral in California Tower, Lan Kwai Fong. Alumni from the universities of Warwick, Waterloo, Notre Dame and Purdue joined forces to enjoy snacks, drinks and lively conversation. All proceeds from the night were donated to the Hong Kong Schools Alumni Federation ([HKSAF.org](http://HKSAF.org)).



### Reception in Honour of the New Vice-Chancellor and President (20 June 2016)

WGAHK was delighted to welcome The University of Warwick's new Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Stuart Croft. He joined more than 130 enthusiastic alumni at a reception in Club Lusitano, Central. Guests came from Warwick, Warwick Manufacturing Group and the Integrated Graduate Development Scheme (IGDS).





### Talk by Professor Jonothan Neelands, WBS (21 June 2016)

*"Where do profit and productivity sit in creative economies?"* This talk was held in partnership with KPMG and was given by Professor Jonothan Neelands, National Teaching Fellow, Professor of Creative Education and Associate Dean for Creativity at Warwick Business School.

### WGAHK Annual Dinner (14 November 2015)



The WGAHK Annual Dinner was held in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> glorious anniversary of The University of Warwick.

We welcomed Sir Nigel Thrift and his lovely wife, Lynda, for the last time. The Dinner was a joyful occasion but tinged with sadness as we bid a fond farewell to Sir Nigel and Lynda. We wish them the very best as they start the next chapter of their lives together.

140 alumni and distinguished guests joined the Board of Directors and Executive Committee with graduates from the 1970s through to 2015. A good time was had by all.

Goodbye and thank you, Sir Nigel, for the enormous amount of support that you have given over the years. We will miss you.



## University News

### Nobel Prize for Warwick Economics Graduate

Professor Hart earned this prestigious accolade for his work on Contract Theory. His research focuses on the various contractual relationships, which enable society to function – from employment to credit contracts.

Currently, the *Andrew E. Furer* Professor of Economics at Harvard University, Professor Hart gained an MA in Economics at Warwick in 1972. In 2012, he received an Honorary Doctorate from his alma mater becoming an Honorary Professor of Economics in the University's Department of Economics.



### New Warwick Vice-Chancellor and President



As the baton passes from Sir Nigel Thrift, WGAHK warmly welcomes the University of Warwick's new Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Stuart Croft.

Professor Croft, the former Provost, has been an integral part of the University's community since 2007. He joined the Politics and International Studies Department as Professor of International Security. Indeed, much of his career has focused on the study of security.

He has held senior posts in the University of Birmingham, the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) and the British International Studies Association.

### The University of Warwick ranked top 100 in the world

The University of Warwick achieves top 100 ranking in two major league tables released in September 2016. The QS annual World University Rankings named Warwick 51<sup>st</sup> in the world while The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2016-17 places Warwick 82<sup>nd</sup>.



**For more news & events, please visit**

## The 2016-17 Executive Committee

The Inaugural dinner meeting of WGAHK's new Executive Committee on 20 October 2016 welcomed five new Warwick alumni members, Loren Tang, Caroline Wong, Michael Chu, Karen Hui and Ali Hodgson.



<b>Chairperson</b>	Lisa Marie Djeng (BSc Economics)
<b>Vice-Chairperson (External Marketing &amp; Publicity)</b>	Alvin Lam (MSc eBusiness Management)
<b>Vice-Chairperson (Scholarship &amp; Student Welfare)</b>	Henry Wong (BSc Economics, MSc Economics)
<b>Vice-Chairperson (External Liaison)</b>	Shirley Chau (MBA)
<b>Vice-Chairman (Membership)</b>	William Bedoucha (MA Organisation Studies)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Clarence Chung (MBA)
<b>Editor</b>	Ali Hodgson (LLB Law)
<b>Honorary Auditor</b>	Luna Lam (MBA)
<b>Honorary Company Secretary</b>	Johnny Li (MBA Distance Learning)
<b>Committee Members</b>	Michael Chu (MChem Medicinal Chemistry) Nancy Chui (BSc Industrial Economics) Karen Hui (MA English Language Teaching) Elaine Hung (MA Translation Studies) Kenny Tang (MSc eBusiness Management) Loren Tang (BSc Accounting & Financial Analysis, MSc Mgt Science & Operational Research) Caroline Wong (MSc Business (Marketing))
<b>University Representative</b>	Wynne Kam (BSc Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry)

## Upcoming Event – Joint UK Alumni Social 2016



Join us in this sophisticated and glamorous venue and enjoy drinks, light snacks and lively conversation as you mix and mingle with other graduates whilst enjoying the W Bar's stunning views. This year

we are honoured to welcome Chris Rawlings, the new Country Director of the British Council in Hong Kong, as our guest speaker.

**Date:** 24 Nov 2016 (Thu)

**Time:** 7:00 to 10:30 pm

**Venue:** Woo Bar, 3/F, W Hotel,  
1 Austin Road, Kowloon Station

**Charge:** \$200 for UK Alumni  
Association members; HK\$300  
for non-members



**Details & Registration**