

Teaching and Learning Experience Sharing (TALES) Workshop

When **East** Meets **West**:

The Liberal Education Model of YALE-NUS and Inspirations for HKBU



Professor Pericles LEWIS

Founding President, Yale-NUS College

Date

15 Nov 2016
Tuesday

Time

12:45 to 2:15 p.m.
(light lunch from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m.)

Venue

ACC209
2/F, Jockey Club Academic
Community Centre,
Baptist University Road Campus

Abstract

When it comes to liberal arts education in Asia, Yale-NUS has been a focal point of the high education sector worldwide since its establishment in 2011. The College is a collaborative effort of two top universities in the east and west respectively and positions itself as “In Asia, For the World”. Its full-residential education, innovative curriculum, as well as international and immersive learning experience have attracted a student body of 517 representing 38 nationalities (local to international student ratio at 60:40).

At this TALES session, Professor Pericles Lewis, Founding President of Yale-NUS, will share the Yale-NUS model of global-local liberal arts education in Asia. He will introduce the liberal arts tradition from the U.S., and how Yale-NUS builds on this tradition to develop its unique philosophy and pedagogies that leads to “habits of creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking” in an Asian setting.

This workshop aims to acquaint colleagues with the liberal education tradition in a new context, and to draw inspirations for HKBU as it aspires to becoming a research-lead liberal arts university.

Biography

Pericles Lewis, Founding President and Professor of Humanities at Yale-NUS College, took office on 1 July 2012. Under his leadership, the College has recruited over 100 faculty from leading colleges and universities around the world; designed an international curriculum that has attracted widespread attention and interest; and enrolled outstanding students from about 40 countries across six continents.

Before taking office, President Lewis served as Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Yale University (1998 – 2012). An expert on literary modernism, he has authored three books on twentieth-century European literature, all published by Cambridge University Press. He is also an editor of the *Norton Anthology of World Literature*. His research traces the engagements of major writers with the social, political, and existential challenges of their times.

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