

## Highlights



Over 300 people packed Rayson Huang Theatre on 15 April to learn about attempts by the Chinese government to erase the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown from history and how the events of that day are reflected in collective memory, on social media, and in the reporting of journalists who cover China today.



The event, [\*Tiananmen 30 years on: Trying to Remember, Forced to Forget\*](#), was co-organized by JMSC and [PEN Hong Kong](#) to mark the 30th anniversary of the government crackdown of the student-led demonstrations in Beijing.



[Dr. Edmund Cheng](#) of Hong Kong Baptist University, JMSC Associate Professor [Dr. King-wa Fu](#) and JMSC writer-in-residence [Louisa Lim](#) presented their [research findings](#). They were then joined by [Dr. Samson Yuen](#) of Lingnan



University, co-author with Dr. Cheng, in a panel discussion moderated by [Keith Richburg](#). The event was live-streamed on our YouTube channel and by [Hong Kong Free Press on Facebook](#). The video is available [here](#).



[Coinciding with the April 15th event](#), our Weiboscope team, led by Dr. King-wa Fu, [released 1,256 Weibo posts](#) related to the Tiananmen Square crackdown that were censored between 1-4 June each year between 2012 and 2018. The [#64censoredpics](#) archive can also be found on [Instagram](#) and [Pinterest](#). Details [here](#).



Veteran journalist Philip Bowring wrapped up the last of our talks for this academic year. He and moderator Keith Richburg were at the HKU Main Library on 16 April to talk about his new book, [Empire of the Winds: The Global Role of Asia's Great Archipelago](#). The video of the talk is available on our [YouTube channel](#).

# FIRST DRAFT

JMSC has joined [First Draft's](#) "CrossCheck Australia" coalition of media and academic partners. First Draft opened its [Australia Bureau](#) recently to tackle misinformation in the lead up to the Australian elections. It is headed by our former colleague [Anne Kruger](#), who set up the JMSC Cyber News Verification Lab. Ann Choy will act as research coordinator for our first project where students will be investigating news stories and fact-checking online content related to the upcoming Australian elections. Their work will contribute to reports published on the [CrossCheck](#) platform.

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# Student & Alumni News



Photographs by students in our photojournalism courses have again been selected for the annual student exhibition at the [Foreign Correspondents' Club](#). Six photographs were chosen from submissions made by our JMSC Honorary Lecturer [Kees Metselaar](#). The exhibition, titled “[Young Lenses: Hong Kong Stories](#)”, will be on show at the Main Bar from 8-15 May.



The latest episode of [Strapline](#), “[Fact, Opinion, or B.S.?](#)”, features fourth-year Bachelor of Journalism student Kelly Chiu as co-host along with Assistant Lecturer [AJ Libunao](#). The video series is part of our ongoing news literacy initiative to develop teaching and learning materials for the general public in Asia.

# Faculty & Staff News



Dr. King-wa Fu and JMSC writer-in-residence Louisa Lim were featured in [Ming Pao](#) on 14 April ahead of the April 15th event on campus.

The [front page story](#) reported on the research findings of King-wa's Weiboscope project about censorship of Tiananmen-related Weibo posts. A profile of Louisa and her work about suppression of memory of the 1989 student demonstrations was the cover story in the [Sunday supplement](#).



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Our Adjunct Professor [Ross Settles](#) spoke at this year's [International Journalism Festival](#) in Perugia, Italy, on 5 April. He joined a panel of speakers, including GIJN's [David Kaplan](#), for a discussion about best practices for running sustainable investigative newsrooms. Watch [here](#).



Ross also spoke at [Splice Beta](#) along with our alumnus [Tom Grundy](#), co-founder of [Hong Kong Free Press](#). The event, which took place in Chiangmai from 1-3 May, is the first media start-up festival in Asia, bringing together start-ups, entrepreneurs, and media game changers.



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[Dr. Masato Kajimoto](#), who heads our ongoing news literacy initiative, spoke at the "[Maintaining Credibility and Trust in Journalism](#)" workshop. The event, which was held in Bangkok in March, was co-organized by Thailand's [Government Public Relations](#), [UNESCO Thailand](#) and the [Friedrich Naumann Foundation](#).



Masato was also interviewed by the [Cambodian Center for Independent Media](#) about the importance of news literacy and fact-checking and by [Global Ground](#) for their series on disinformation in Asia.



9 April – Reuters: [Hong Kong pro-democracy 'Occupy' activists defiant after guilty verdicts](#), co-written by Jessie Pang (MJ 2019)



10 April – Global Voices: [Censored on WeChat: How a fatal bus accident in Chongqing symbolized China's 'left turn'](#), by WeChatscope project team

10 April – Global Voices: [Censored on WeChat: Revelations of toxic ingredients in Hongmao medicinal liquor](#), by WeChatscope project team

17 April – Global Voices: [China's Censored Histories: Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre](#), co-written by WeChatscope project team



17 April – AFP Fact Check: [No, this is not a real tweet by Indian journalist Sweta Singh in support of Prime Minister Modi](#), by Supriya Batra (MJ 2019)



23 April – The Associated Press: [Leaders of Hong Kong pro-democracy protests sentenced](#), co-written by Veta Chan (MJ 2019)



25 April – Thomson Reuters Foundation: [Shunning bad luck, Hong Kong buys into 'pre-loved' fashion](#), by Marianne Bray



2 May – SupChina: [Case of Ethiopian engineer detained in China is raised by PM Abiy Ahmed in meeting with Xi](#), by Fatima Qureshi (MJ 2019)

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**Coming up**

We will be screening six short



documentaries produced by this year's Master of Journalism students in [Nancy Tong](#) and [Ruby Yang](#)'s Documentary Video Production class. The screening will be held from 3-5pm on Friday, 10 May, at CYPP3, Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building. Students will be on hand to present their work and discuss the production process.



JMSC is again hosting [AAJA-Asia](#)'s annual media conference, N3Con, which will be held from 30 May to 2 June at HKU. This year's theme is "[Covering Asia's New Order](#)". JMSC will also be co-organizing the [Journalism and Media Job Fair](#) on 31 May. Details [here](#).

