

Comparative Literature internships: summer overseas experiential-learning projects

Since 2011, the Department of Comparative Literature has launched its unique internship program by placing its majors to working environments of various cultural sectors where students' cultural knowledge and their skills in writing, analysis, and cultural research can find application and become enriched in the process. The internship program offers placements to students in all semesters (first, second, and summer), and so far almost 200 students have been placed and the program has lined up more than 30 organizations in different sectors such as film companies, film festivals, magazines, newspapers, NGOs, etc. Around 10% of the student interns have received full-time offer upon their graduation, which is quite a rewarding experience especially in the arts and humanities. Starting from last summer, the program has collaborated with the Faculty of Social Sciences to offer summer overseas internships, which were two experiential-learning projects to Sri Lanka and Indonesia respectively. In the previous summer, the cross-disciplinary collaboration was expanded to both Social Sciences and Engineering, and students from these three very different disciplines went to Vietnam to work on the construction of a library and the development of reading habits among primary school students. In this seminar, teaching and student representatives who have joined these projects will be sharing their experiential-learning process and outcome as well as their "glocal" experience: seeing the local through a global lens. You are particularly encouraged to join us if you would like to learn more about inter/cross-disciplinary internships and experiential-learning projects organized across different departments and faculties. This is a seminar in line with the Comparative Literature course CLIT2050 Globalization and Culture, but all are welcome:

Date: 26 Oct 2017 (Thursday)

Time: 1130am--1230pm

Venue: CPD-3.29, Centennial Campus, HKU

No registration required. Enquiries: hojason@hku.hk