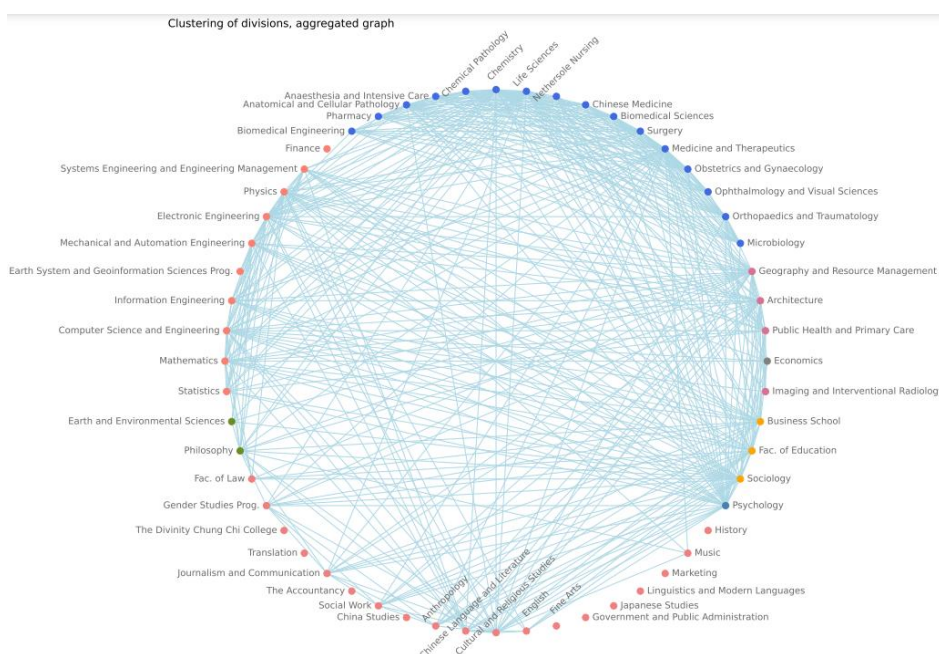


NEWSLETTER

Data Analytics Practice Opportunity

NL Team

For students interested in data analysis the CUHK Library hosts since a few years the Data Analytics Practice Opportunity (DAPO) where small teams work for a limited time under supervision of data science experts from the library. During monthly meetings, the groups will briefly share their work progress with the other teams, coming from various departments. At the end of the DAPO, each team will have a final presentation, and will present their results on a website hosted by the library, and on a research poster. For details, go to <https://dsprojects.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/data-analytics/>



For our contribution to the DAPO, we used the large data repository of the library of the electronic versions of the graduation theses since 1967. Using keywords and thesis titles as edges, we wanted to reveal how the CUHK departments and faculties are connected besides the formal university administrative division. Our results should show which departments are more interdisciplinary and closer to each other and also further differentiated by degree level and time to

see more distinct variations in department and faculty connectedness. The result should be a weighted network graph using departments and faculties as nodes. The visualizations are not fully finalized yet, but below is an example of the overall network graph.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✓ Call for contribution:

- Cambridge Queer Studies Conference 2024. **Deadline: 8th March, 2024.** ([Abstracts Submission](#))
- The Workshop on Integrating the Semantics of Data, Ontologies, Moral and cultural values and their Societal impact (WISDOMS). **Deadline: 7th March, 2024.** ([More Information](#))



Sharing of working experience in Hong Kong NGOs

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1. Can you introduce your working experience in NGOs?

I have been working in 2 NGOs: (1) The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (FPAHK) and (2) Sky Blue Club Men Development Centre from Tung Wah Group of Hospitals.

In FPAHK, I was a youth representative council member and a committee member of the Research Subcommittee and the Information, Education and Communication Subcommittee from 2021-2023. I have participated in large-scale research, was a working group member of Hong Kong Family Planning Knowledge, Attitude and Practice in Hong Kong Survey 2022, and represented FPAHK to attend some International Conferences. Also, I have engaged in publishing some publications like 0-18+ Sexuality Education newsletters to discuss cybersexual harassment.

At Sky Blue Club Men Development Centre, I was a temporary service worker intern, assisted in programs and groups for male members and their family members, also to promote gender education for our Centre's members, conducted community education and prevention programs against sexual and family violence and to enhance family harmony.

2. Do you think the working experience in NGOs could benefit your academia?

My working experience in NGOs offers me golden opportunities to collaborate with the Government, international family planning organizations and other local or overseas organizations to promote responsible parenthood and sexual and reproductive health. It fits my research background and interests and offers chances to have in-depth discussions with various youths and elites globally, attending international or regional conferences. It benefits and inspires me how to advocate and promote sexual and reproductive health and rights in Hong Kong and to provide valuable opportunities related to information, education, and services for individuals, families, and the community. For instance, I can involve gender education in local kindergartens and various communities. I can attend council meetings and express youth perspectives in FPAHK to formulate the policy of the Association and control its affairs. I have learned how to collaborate with community partners in promoting healthy well-being and harmonious families and the practical skills for conducting and presenting large-scale quantitative research.

3. What kind of people would you recommend working in NGOs? What advice could you give to people who plan to join NGOs?

People who are interested and desire to engage in public policy and administration are highly recommended to work in NGOs. Indeed, the working nature and essence of NGOs are different from universities. It is a bit challenging, and the working approach is not identical to the academic circle. Even though you can have a chance to do some research or studies on some social issue, you need to be concerned about the theory and practice. You need to think about the impact and long-term development of your research findings, also at the same time, you need to make policy suggestions. It means how your research responds to social problems, development, or concerns. Besides, it needs to be considered related to the blueprint or progression of your organization, your living district/city, or your state. Thus, it would be best to be open-minded and follow society's latest news and policy. You are willing to cooperate with other private organizations, companies, NGOs, government, scholars, professionals, or the state. You may also need to apply for funding or grants for your research proposal to your NGOs or from the government and institutions. Furthermore, you may need to think about how to plan and publish your research findings, like posters, press conferences, seminars, or publish as a booklet, etc.