



Science Fiction - Inventing / Preventing the future (ELLT1111)

Introduction

From Mary Shelley's Frankenstein from the 19th century, Arthur C. Clarke's writing about communications satellite in 1945 to the popular Sci-fi TV series of today, science fiction has proven to be remarkably prescient in the development of new technologies. Icons of science fiction like robots, spaceships, futuristic megacities are now in our daily news, while imaginary changes to our society have been fast becoming reality.

In envisaging possible futures and alternate worlds, science fiction explores the potential consequences of the choices we make around scientific and technological innovations. What would happen to human life if we could colonise Mars? How would it affect the relationships we have with others today, if our consciousness could live on in a simulated reality after we die? In "Science Fiction: Inventing/Preventing the Future", speaker Nicolette Wong will discuss some of the major themes in this popular literary genre. The talk will shed light on science fiction as speculative reflection not only on the future, but also on the implications of real-world actions—how they may challenge our assumptions about society, morality and humanity.

Programme Type

Introductory Talk in Humanities ([NON Token-required](#))

Speaker

Nicolette Wong is an internationally published writer and the editor-in-chief of A-Minor Magazine and Press, an independent press based in HK-US. A recipient of Hong Kong Arts Development Council Project Grant (Literary Arts), she has been featured at the Hong Kong Book Fair and Hong Kong International Literary Festival.

Target Participants



- P4 to S6 HKAGE student members / P4 to S6 HKAGE preliminary student members
 - Class size: 60 **100**
- * *First-come, first-served*

Language



English

Application Deadline

12 August 2018

Schedule



Date	24 August 2018 (Friday)
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (Please arrive at 9:45 a.m. for registration)
Venue	Room 105, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

Enquiries



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