

CONFERENCE THEME

*“Service-Learning as a Bridge from Local to Global:
Connected World, Connected Future”*

With globalization, the world gets more and more connected. Barriers to movement are being decomposed and local demographics are dramatically changing. The connected world calls for all parties to collaborate and work together for a connected future. The need for interculturally competent professionals and service leaders urges universities to prepare graduates with the ability to act in the world and for the world. Particularly, Lingnan University and Sun Yat-sen University emphasize a whole-person approach to education, enabling students to think, judge, care and act responsibly in a continually changing society and wider world.

Apart from developing capable global citizens, it is also very important for higher education institutions to explore the wise use of knowledge for the improvement of the world. The specialization and isolation of knowledge in different disciplines and departments have limited the dialogue between faculties. However, social problems need to be addressed through an interdisciplinary approach; we need a platform to connect knowledge from different academic disciplines and different social sectors, to learn from each other’s best practices and to apply knowledge in different settings to achieve a better world.

Service-Learning precisely prepares students with what they need in order to succeed in the future world and to achieve the mission described above. These include a sense of social responsibility, subject-related knowledge, as well as skills and competencies such as social competence, communication skills, organization skills, problem-solving skills, and research skills.

会议主题

*「以服务研习为桥梁：
由本地出发，联系世界，衔接未来」*

在全球一体化下，环球社会正面临重大的人口结构转变，世界各地的联系、合作及发展越来越紧密。因此，大学致力培养学生服务社会、立足世界的技能，成为具有良好语言能力及包容多元文化的专业人士和服务领袖，以回应社会需要。岭南大学和中山大学特别强调全人教育，让学生在瞬息万变的社会及地球村中，懂得思考、判断、关怀及承担。

除此之外，大专院校师生如何有效地把知识应用到世界发展也是一个重要的课题。事实上，社会出现的难题与挑战往往不能单靠个别专业范畴的知识或技术解决。我们需要一个平台将各学系和界别联系起来，互相参考，将知识运用到各个领域，以跨学科、跨领域的方式解决社会问题，建立一个更美好的世界。

服务研习正正旨在培育学生对社会的责任感，提升他们的学术知识和沟通、组织、社交、解决问题、研究等技能，以达致以上的使命、成就未来。