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Dear Ms. Binh and Ms. Trinh:

Once again we invite your participation in the programs of the Harvard-Yenching Institute by nominating scholars as candidates to the joint doctoral scholarship programs. For the academic year 2019-20, your institution may nominate up to a total of **2** candidates from among your most promising young faculty for application to the program. Nominated faculty should be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture. Scholars whose focus of research is comparative, and includes one or more Asian countries, are especially welcome. In addition, we would like to bring to your attention to a new opportunity concerning the Doctoral Scholarship Program. **The Doctoral Scholarship is now offered not only as part of the Joint Doctoral Scholarship in collaboration with National University of Singapore (NUS), but also with the University of Hong Kong (HKU).** HYI funding is only available for candidates to pursue a Ph.D. at either the National University of Singapore or the University of Hong Kong.

The following is a summary of this joint fellowship program and application procedure:

### **Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarship**

The Harvard-Yenching Institute and the National University of Singapore (with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Asia Research Institute as principal participants) have established a joint doctoral scholarship program, whereby candidates apply simultaneously for an NUS Ph.D. and the NUS and HYI joint fellowship to support it. Candidates must be from HYI partner universities or research institutes in Southeast Asia, and will usually work on topics in East or Southeast Asian Studies, either with an interdisciplinary or a disciplinary approach. Please check the website of the National University of Singapore <<http://www.nus.edu.sg>> for more information on the programs of NUS.

Candidates must apply directly to the admission office of the Graduate School of the National University of Singapore. The deadline for the receipt of applications at the National University of Singapore is **November 1, 2018**. Please complete the attached HYI-NUS form and submit it together with the standard NUS application form and relevant supporting documents to the appropriate department/program you are applying to as listed at the website here <<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/research/application-info.html>>.

Please direct your inquiries to Ms. Pearly Ang from the Graduate Studies Division, Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, National University of Singapore via email at <[pearly@nus.edu.sg](mailto:pearly@nus.edu.sg)>. While the candidates are directly applying for the admission to NUS, please inform the Harvard-Yenching Institute of the list of applicants who are officially approved by an authorized nominating officer of your home university.

Successful candidates in the joint program will enroll for an NUS Ph.D., and be in receipt of an NUS scholarship. Candidates will be at NUS for three years and in the US for one academic year. The Singapore portion of the candidature will be funded by NUS up to a maximum of three years, and the US portion will be funded by HYI. While in the US, students will usually be based at Harvard University. Where there is a need for coursework to be completed, students may take one full semester of coursework (i.e., four courses) as a special student at Harvard to be recognized for credit at NUS.

### **Joint HKU-HYI Doctoral Scholarship**

The Harvard-Yenching Institute has also established a joint doctoral scholarship program with University of Hong Kong (with the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Arts as principal participants), whereby candidates apply simultaneously for a HKU Ph.D. and the HKU-HYI joint fellowship to support it. Candidates must be from HYI partner universities or research institutes in Southeast Asia, and may work on any discipline in the humanities or social sciences, either with an interdisciplinary or a disciplinary approach. Please check the website of University of Hong Kong <<http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/>> for more information on the doctoral programs of HKU.

Candidates must apply directly to the admission office of the Graduate School of the University of Hong Kong. The deadline for the receipt of applications is **December 1, 2018**. Please complete the attached HYI form for this joint program and submit it together with the standard HKU application form to Ms. Vanessa Sit, the Faculty of Social Sciences, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong. Please direct your inquiries to Ms. Vanessa Sit at <[vansit@hku.hk](mailto:vansit@hku.hk)>. While the candidates are directly applying for the admission to HKU, please inform the Harvard-Yenching Institute of the list of applicants who have been officially approved by an authorized nominating officer of your home university.

Successful candidates in the joint program will enroll for an HKU Ph.D., and be in receipt of a HKU scholarship. Candidates will be at HKU for up to four years and in the US for one academic year (ten months). The HKU portion of the candidature will be funded by HKU up to a maximum of 48 months, and the US portion will be funded by HYI. While in the US, students will usually be based at Harvard University. Where there is a need for coursework to be completed, students may take one full semester of coursework (i.e., four courses) as a special student at Harvard to be recognized for credit at HKU.

While candidates to this joint doctoral fellowship program in collaboration with NUS and HKU may of course also apply for other programs on their own, the Harvard-Yenching Institute will not offer funding for candidates to pursue a Ph.D. at any university other than NUS or HKU.

Please note that the Institute does not accept individual applications for the above programs. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter with Ms. Francesca Coppola via e-mail at <[hyiprogram@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:hyiprogram@fas.harvard.edu)>. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. We appreciate your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth J. Perry". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized 'E' and 'P'.

Elizabeth J. Perry