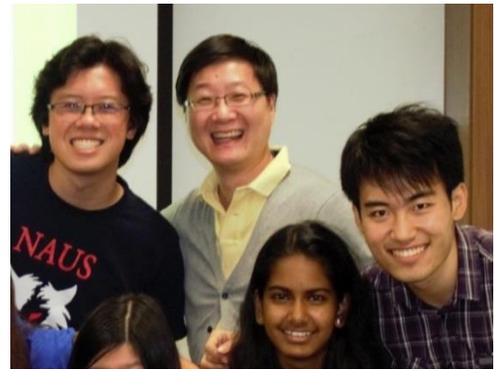


semester two

WELCOME TO LIVING & LEARNING IN SEM 2!

Welcome home, CAPTains, and Happy New Year! We trust that you'll continue to learn and grow this Semester, with a range of exciting opportunities:

- A new **Reading Group on Disability** will kick off under Assoc Prof Reuben Wong
- The **Healthy Communities** and **Social Enterprise** Reading Groups will continue to meet to explore the topic they're passionate about
- Look out for **Master's** and **Rector's Teas** from our academic visitor and other guest speakers
- Many of our Seniors have found taking an **Independent Study Module (ISM)** or **Capstone Experience** for credit very rewarding. Drop a message to a Fellow you'd like to work with, to explore further.



Dr Daniel Jew with CAPT students

More details on these opportunities are within. Why not explore one or two of these this Semester?

Dr Daniel Jew, Assoc Director of Studies
Jan 2015

ACADEMIC VISITOR THIS SEMESTER



Assoc Prof Matteo Fumagalli
Political Science & International Relations
Central European University, Budapest

A/P Fumagalli will be speaking to students on **authoritarian transitions** and the politics of **ethnic identity** in the *Identities in Asia* and *Citizenship in a Changing World* Senior Seminars, and a Master's Tea. He will also help A/P Reuben Wong prepare students for a **STEER trip to Eastern Europe** in June 2015 (please contact polwongr@nus.edu.sg and join Facebook group '[STEER E.Europe June2015](#)' if interested).

NEW READING GROUP - DISABILITY

This reading group will explore the policies, challenges and research related to integrating the 'disabled' in society. It will look into the understanding, definition and treatment of persons with disabilities (PWDs). What are the prevailing beliefs, norms and structures that define, discriminate for/against, protect or promote the interests of persons with disabilities? How can persons with physical, sensory and cognitive impairments be empowered to lead more independent and meaningful lives?

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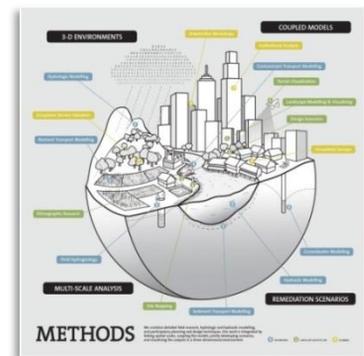
WALKING CAMPUS PROJECT

A series of small projects spanning a diverse mixture of disciplines including engineering, social science, computing, health and policymaking, in collaboration with the Future Cities Laboratories. Projects can be undertaken as credit-bearing modules or stand-alone internships.

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If you'd like to know more, please visit:

<http://capt.nus.edu.sg/academic-programme/other-academic-activities/the-walking-campus-project>



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES READING GROUP: FROM RESEARCH TO REALITY

This Reading Group brings together students, researchers, and practitioners from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds to “do something” to bridge the gap between evidence and practice in improving health.

The group aims to gather data and consider interventions that would benefit the health of the CAPT community.

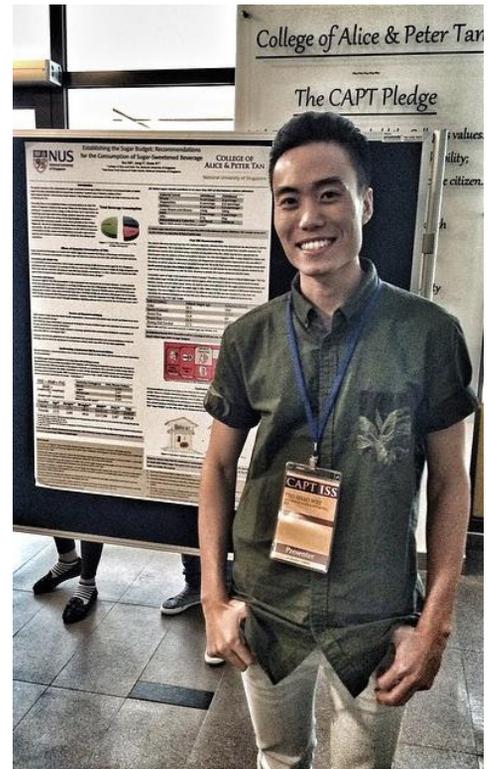
Last semester, the reading group developed and conducted a survey to understand the impact of social norms on the dietary patterns of CAPTains. The group developed potential interventions to ‘nudge’ the CAPTains to make healthier choices.

This semester, we will take on a more “hands on” approach by carefully implementing and evaluating such interventions— building upon evidence from our previous surveys and the literature.

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Poster presentation on sugar sweetened beverages by group member Nicholas Teo

*“ I think the greatest impact of the reading group was the **positive effect it had on the eating behaviour** of me and my friends. ”*
– Ong Jun Yuan

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SOCIAL INNOVATION

This Reading Group explores the concepts and issues of social entrepreneurship, enterprise and innovation by bringing in multidisciplinary perspectives from business, sociology, human development, social work, and communications.

We look forward to inviting guest speakers to illuminate the group with their unique views, case studies and research.



A/P Seow visiting the Social Enterprise panel at CAPTISS

We will also continue site visits, with the goal of thinking about how to design a model of participation for social enterprises which maximises engagement, and to observe and better understand their processes and practices.

“ *I thoroughly enjoyed learning beyond the classroom, from field trips to sessions with guest speakers. Inspiring Social Entrepreneurs shared generously, including their motivations, roles, and the development of their initiatives. Their first-hand experiences tell us so much more than what mere studying can.*

– Pearl Goh

“ *I am really grateful for having gotten the opportunity to be a part of this Reading Group, which has fuelled my passion to pursue humanitarian engineering at a later stage in my life.*

– Sharanya Sharma Vedula

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THE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE: YOUNG AT HEART

Work in a group with a CAPT Fellow on a project that applies academic ideas and concepts to issues in the real world, with a community partner!

This issue, we feature two Capstone groups which embarked on projects (for 4MCs) last Semester.



“Elfie” stands for Elderly Selfie!” The Young at Heart team embarked on a project with Fei Yue Community Services to teach the elderly the skills of using a smart phone and other devices across several lessons. Photo-taking was a popular topic, addressing the felt need of class members to learn the skills to keep in touch and share their lives with their loved ones.

“ *This Capstone journey was indeed a **heartwarming experience**. I love it when seeing the elderly so passionate about learning and seeing them enjoying the session as much as we did. Needless to talk about all the organizing techniques and interpersonal skills we have learnt from this journey, what matter even more to me are the **intergenerational friendships we built up** and the **sense of fulfillment** of being able to impart our own knowledge to the elderly.* ”

– Yin Zili

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THE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE: HENDERSON HEROES

The Henderson Heroes group launched a mentorship project with children and youths from Beyond Social Services.

They achieved their objective of becoming mentors to the youths after working hard to overcome initial setbacks, which on hindsight formed a key part of the learning experience. The programme involved sharing and trust-building activities such as team sports, which provided guidance and helped the children dare to dream of a better future.

The achievement which the group is perhaps most happy with is convincing two of the girls who had dropped out of school to value their education as a means of fulfilling their dreams, and to want to return to school in 2015.



“ *We would encourage CAPTains who have passion and interest to participate in CE to take up CAPSTONE as it is a **great opportunity** to pioneer or carry on an existing project.*



*It will no doubt be a **fruitful experience** for participants, as they encounter **personal growth** and witness **lives being impacted.*** ”

- Ya Xin

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the academic bulletin

#CAPTISS: CAPT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

The College's first international conference last Semester brought together 300 participants including CAPTains, other local students, faculty, community experts and overseas delegates from six countries. The Symposium provided a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences, and showcased student work on the theme "Making a Difference through Community Engagement".

Kevin McGahan and 1 other retweeted
Marcus Chua @maruschua - Sep 20
Full house at the Environment and Sustainability panel at @CAPTISS #captiss



CAPT ISS @CAPTISS - Sep 21
great photos are still being posted after #CAPTISS ended - which speaks to the enthusiasm surrounding @CAPTISS Thanks



Gabriel Christopher @GabZChris - Sep 19
While everyone else's got their hands on F1 passes, I've got my pass to the #CAPTISS! 🙌



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