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**Date:** Tuesday, 24 November 2020

**To:** [HKUST President; Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences]

**Cc:** [In excess of 100 HKUST email addresses, which seem to include but are not limited to all faculty members of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences]

**Subject:** Dr. Chung Sze-Yuen Chair Prof. Ching Kwan Lee's teaching activities at UCLA in 20-21 academic year?

Dear President Wei Shyy and Dean Kellee Tsai,

We'd like to express our deep concerns about the appointments and teaching activities of Dr. Chung Sze-Yuen Chair Prof. Ching Kwan Lee.

As the Dr. Chung Sze-Yuen Chair professor at HKUST, Prof. Lee does not offer any course to HKUST students in this fall semester; she is, however, offering a regular course to UCLA students. She also plans to teach the regular course at UCLA in the 2021 winter according to the following university announcements. Her appointments and compensations from both HKUST and UCLA are clear violations of HKUST policies and a breach of contract. We strongly urge you to investigate Chair Prof. Lee's appointments, compensations, and teaching activities at HKUST and UCLA followed by appropriate disciplinary actions.

Regards,  
HKUST stakeholders

University announcements:

1) the course offered by Prof. Lee at UCLA in 2020 fall quarter:

Working Group in Sociology (SOCIO295)

[https://ccle.ucla.edu/blocks/ucla\\_browserby/view.php?term=20F&type=course&user=81857&alpha=1](https://ccle.ucla.edu/blocks/ucla_browserby/view.php?term=20F&type=course&user=81857&alpha=1)

2) the course offered by Prof. Lee at UCLA in 2021 winter quarter

Working Group in Sociology (SOCIO295)

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**Re: Dr. Chung Sze-Yuen Chair Prof. Ching Kwan Lee's teaching activities at UCLA in 20-21 academic year?**

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To: Stakeholders HKUST <hkuststakeholders@gmail.com>, [President]

Cc: [presumably identical cc list to above]

Normally, we do not respond to anonymous accusations. I am writing to confirm that Prof. CK Lee has been on unpaid leave from UCLA since July 1, 2019 and has not taught any classes for UCLA since then. The two links cited at the bottom of your message refer to “working groups” of graduate students with shared research interests. Meanwhile, her teaching duties for the 2020-21 academic year at HKUST have been approved by SOSC.

Sincerely,  
[Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences]