The American Studies Programme of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures has the pleasure of Inviting you to the following Interdisciplinary colloquium:

A Tale of Ten Cities: Sino-American Exchange in the Treaty Port Eray

1840-1950

RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM OVERVIEW:

Before the Opium War, historical circumstances precluded the formation of a Sino-American relationship that would allow much intellectual exchange to take place. At that time, China had funneled its entire American trade through the single port of Canton; Sino-American intellectual exchanges, mirroring commerce, were equally constricted. Yet with the opening of the treaty ports after the war, Chinese and Americans interested in trading not goods but ideas could now do so, the largest obstacles having been removed. Over the next century, people and ideas passing in both directions through multiple Chinese ports would bring social, cultural, and intellectual change to China and the United States.

From MIT Website, "Visualizing Cultures"

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For more information, please check at: http://www.hku.hk/amstudy/news/treatyports2011/index.html

Date: 23-24 May, 2011

Venue: Room 809, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU

All are welcome, no registration is required.

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