

The Study of Macau and the Development of Macau

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In the new era on the way to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, how to sum up and excavate the “Macao experience” and how to tell and spread “Macao’s stories” have become an important part of the study of Macao. By holding high the banner of Xi Jinping thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era, persevering in the Chinese cultural stance, and basing on the prosperity and stability of Macao, we will actively set up academic topics, creatively propose indicative notions, and build the academic discourse system for the study of Macao. To this end, it is necessary to focus on discovering, nurturing, and gathering a group of academics who have well studied China and the West and are conversant in things past and present, and thus build an academic team with erudition and reasonable structure. By advocating innovation, encouraging exploration, and initiating conversations, while we construct a disciplinary system, academic system, and discourse system in the study of Macao, we will also highlight the academic and practical significance of the “Macao experience” and “Macao’s stories” in academic methods, and thus form a Chinese School in the study of Macao.

On Constructing a Discourse System for Macaology

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The development of Macaology as an academic discipline has gone through three stages since its inception in the 1980s, with the present stage emphasizing on establishing it as an independent discipline. The research approach of Macaology should now focus on the macroscopic aspect of Macao in the role of Sino-Portuguese relations and world history, and the microscopic aspect of Macao’s internal society. It is unrealistic to define a boundary and an appropriate research method for Macaology. The construction of Macaology as an academic discipline is in effect the construction of unique local systems of knowledge, theory and discourse, as acquisition of knowledge is now dominated by local academics whose research is focused on Macao’s internal social evolution. Explaining Macao’s culture and social phenomena, and defining the contents of the Spirit of Macao are the important issues facing Macaology today. The Macao Foundation will further integrate local cultural and research resources to improve the quality and presentation of research findings, and will further promote the sub-

stantial progress of the development of Macao's local knowledge system through local, national and international cooperation.

Macao to Provide Financial Services for Maritime Silk Road

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Financial services are importantly linked to structural change, industrial upgrading and economic growth. Furthermore, the level of financial development enhances the world-class city cluster's future productivity advances. The location of Macao as a vital spot on the Maritime Silk Road connecting Mainland China and the West, and Macao is one of the core city of the Greater Bay Area. The financial development in Macao could integrate the country's initiatives as well as to demonstrate the city's strengths, and to find out the most suitable directions. We concluded that Macao could play a more positive role of financial services in Maritime Silk Road through comparative advantage and dislocation development.

Amendments to the Codes: Legislative Technical Issues within the Legal Framework of the Macau Special Administrative Region

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The current article focus on the legislative technical issues related to the amendments to the Codes. The main goal is to think over the «legislative planning» and the «legislative drafting» techniques concerning the Codes. The topic is particularly important inasmuch as, although the Codes are not different from the other laws in terms of hierarchical value or wording, the truth is that the approval, amendment or revocation of the Codes are surrounded by some specificities. Thus the legislative proceedings involving a Code require particular care that must be stressed out, explained and explored – and which was indeed the starting point of this article. In terms of contents, the Author starts with a brief introduction on the Codes, exposing its concept and importance and listing the Codes in force in the Macau SAR. After that, longer considerations are made in the «legislative planning» and in the «legislative drafting», focusing on the specific issues that arise in those two planes when a Code is being approved, amended or revoked. The article offers an analysis from the perspective of the Macau SAR, however, the reflections contained

herein are valid for other legal systems of the same family, even though with the necessary reframing.

A Few Suggestions on the Mid-Term Evaluation of <The Decade Planning of Non-Higher Education Development 2011-2020> of Macau

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The article first reviews the researcher's twelve recommendations for <The Decade Planning of Non-higher Education Development 2011-2020> of Macau as the starting point. Then, explore the achievements of the mid-term assessment and the existed inefficiency of <The Decade Planning of Non-higher Education Development 2011-2020> of Macau. Through analyzing, studying and inducting, to put forward and improve the effective advice on the education development of Macau in the future to the present education bureau.

Reflections about Gaming Law on the Portuguese Speaking Countries: Few Notes about the Contract of Gaming and Betting and of Credit for Gaming in Casino

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This scientific article is aimed at providing an overview about the current prominence of the contract for gaming and betting in Macau and, overarching, in the Portuguese Speaking Countries (particularly, Portugal). Moreover, special attention is paid to the candent issue of «casino markers», which uttermost relevance is associated to the credit for gaming and betting in casino legal framework.

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