



School of Humanities and Social Sciences

## NTU linguist wins prestigious fellowship to Princeton

NTU linguist Asst Prof Tan Ying Ying has been awarded the prestigious Fung Global fellowship from Princeton University.

The Fung Global Fellows Program brings exceptional international early-career faculty members working in the social sciences and the humanities to Princeton for a year of research, writing, and collaboration.

Only six scholars from around the world are selected for the highly-competitive program each year.

In the offer letter to Asst Prof Tan, Prof Michael Gordin, Director of the Fung Global Fellow Program, wrote: "We received a very large number of applications from around the world and, in the ensuing competitive selection process, have been highly impressed with your resume and research proposal. Congratulations on your fine scholarship, and we at Princeton very much look forward to our future discussions and to your contributions to the intellectual life of the program."

Asst Prof Tan will head to Princeton in academic year 2013/14 to conduct a research project in the area of language planning and policy.

Her research project aims to challenge the assumption, typically made in studies on language planning and policy, that language communities are passive recipient of language policies. Using the example of Singapore, she will argue that the language community can in fact have an agentive role in the face of the authority's language planning and policies.

The fellowship program includes a public seminar series where the fellows will present their work to the Princeton University community.



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