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Press Invitation

Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALiTE) International Lecture Series “Reach for Greatness: Personalisable Education for All”

The Faculty of Education of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) proudly presents the lecture of the **Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALiTE) International Lecture Series** on “**Reach for Greatness: Personalisable Education for All**” to be delivered by Professor Yong Zhao, Foundation Distinguished Professor, School of Education, University of Kansas, USA, in February 2020.

In this lecture, Professor Zhao will call for paradigm shift in education. He will bring extensive evidence to show that every child has both potential and need to become great. To help each and every child achieve his/her greatness, we need a different kind of education that focuses on enhancing the unique strengths and passion of each child. Education is to help each and every child discover and develop their strengths and passions with the goal to create value for others and the world. To do so, we need to make education personalisable by the child, instead of personalised for the child.

Members of the media are welcome to cover the event and the schedule is as follows:

Date: February 5, 2020 (Wednesday)

Time: 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm

Venue: Rayson Huang Theatre, The University of Hong Kong ([Map](#))

Language: English

Professor Yong Zhao is a Foundation Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of Kansas, USA. He previously served as the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon, where he was also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy, and Leadership. Prior to Oregon, Professor Zhao was University Distinguished Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University, where he also served as the founding director of the Center for Teaching and Technology, executive director of the Confucius Institute, as well as the US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence. Professor Zhao’s works focus on the implications of globalisation and technology on education. He has published over 100 articles and 30 books, including *Counting What Counts: Reframing Education Outcomes* (2016), *Never Send a Human to Do a Machine’s Job: Correcting Top 5 Ed Tech Mistakes* (2015), *Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon: Why China has the Best (and Worst) Education System in the World* (2014), *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization* (2009) and *World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students* (2012). For more information, please visit: <http://zhaolearning.com>

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