**Ordinary Member**

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After many years as a T.E.S.O.L instructor in Japan I eventually found my home in the language, gender, and sexuality academic community by doing a PhD, in which I studied sexualized social/language practices in Cambodia. This led to my current position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature at Hong Kong Baptist University. I have been active in IGALA for the past few years as a presenter at conferences, but most of all as Graduate Student Representative on the advisory board. In that role I have successfully organized the Best Graduate Student Paper Prize and student workshops for two IGALA conferences. I have also assisted Federica Formato with the running of the blog. Moving forward, I would very much like to continue contributing to the IGALA board and community as an ordinary member. If elected, I envisage my responsibilities as mentoring the new Graduate Student Representative, assisting with running the IGALA blog, and, again in the digital sphere, maintaining the IGALA website, and moderating the GALA-list. In addition, as there are quite a few researchers and graduate students working on and teaching gender and language in the Asia region (especially in Hong Kong/Macau where I am based), I would work towards initiating regular informal get togethers under the IGALA banner, where we can share work in progress, discuss teaching issues, and seek out opportunities for collaboration.

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