



Professor Christopher HOOD CBE
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榮譽社會科學博士

It is a daunting task to encapsulate the many sterling achievements of this renowned scholar whose illustrious career in academia and education has been spanning five decades, and still going strong. However, if I could be bold enough to try: Professor Christopher Hood is a widely known social scientist in the study of public management, political theory, and government.

Growing up in an ordinary middle-class family, Professor Hood made his immediate family proud by being the first to attend a university. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts (First Class) in Social Sciences (Politics) from the University of York in 1968, and a Bachelor of Literature from the University of Glasgow in 1971. He then returned to his alma mater, the University of York, where he was awarded a Doctor of Literature in 1987.

Professor Hood's professional and academic career has moved from strength to strength, reaching its climax one after another. In recognition of his distinguished service to social sciences as Director of the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council, Professor Hood was appointed as Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2011. In 2017, his contribution to the development in the field of Public Administration was further heralded. At the instigation of the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB), Erasmus University Rotterdam awarded Professor Hood an honorary doctorate.

University students in both Europe and Asia have been blessed in having Professor Hood's nurture. He once taught at the University of Glasgow (1972-1986), the National University of Singapore (1984-1985), the University of Sydney (1986-1989), the London School of Economics and Political Science (1989-2000), and the University of Oxford (2001-2014). It is also fortunate that the thirst for his wisdom and insights can still be quenched nowadays, as Professor Hood remains in full vigor in academia and research. He is now an Emeritus Fellow, at the All Souls College of the University of Oxford. His pen has also not lain idle. Professor Hood is still active in research and has a 120,000-word book, titled *The Way the Money Goes*, on public expenditure control in the United Kingdom currently in the press at the Oxford University Press and expected to be published in the summer this year. Hong Kong is also blessed with Professor Hood's footprints. This esteemed scholar once offered the benefit of his guidance, as a visiting professor, to the Department of Public and Social Administration (now the Department of Public and International Affairs) (1999-2000), City University of Hong Kong. Professor Hood has connected with HSUHK since 2022 and the Hong Kong community will benefit from his new insights now that he is an honorary graduate of the University.

Professor Hood's contribution to public administration research was recognised through his election as a Fellow of the British Academy (1996), the Academy of Learned Societies of Social Sciences (Academician in 2001 and fellow

in 2002), the Sunningdale Institute (2007), Royal Society of Arts (2007), and the United States' National Academy of Public Administration (2010).

His distinguished achievements as a pioneering researcher and teacher earned him a good number of unique recognitions across different continents. Professor Hood was the first European to be elected as Fellow to the United States' National Academy of Public Administration. As of today, he is still holding the record of being the only person to have been elected to fellowship of both the British Academy and the United States' National Academy of Public Administration.

Not surprisingly, the accolades have been continuous in different stages of his career. As a leading authority in his field, his research and publications have not only borne testimony to his timeless insights into public administration, but also won Professor Hood a long list of prizes in Europe, the UK and the United States. Those awards include the United States Public Management Research Association's H. George Frederickson Award in 2007, the William E. Mosher and the Frederick C. Mosher Award in 2011, the Louis Brownlow Book Award for the best book in public administration published in 2015, the UK's WJM. Mackenzie Book Prize for best book in political science and public administration in 2000 and 2015. The recognition of Professor Hood's achievements reached a milestone by receiving the 2021 John Gaus Award from the American Political Science Association for a lifetime of exemplary scholarship in political science and public administration. The award committee stated that "Christopher has made substantive contributions to the fields of public administration and political science for five decades and that there are entire fields of knowledge that would look substantively different without his work."

As a prolific writer and researcher in the fields of public administration and governance, Professor Hood has to date published 28 books, over 60 articles in refereed journals, more than 40 book chapters, and about 20 other types of writing.

He has another book forthcoming this year. The significant development in the fields of public management, political theory and government owed much to Professor Hood's cutting-edge academic prowess. Especially, we are indebted to him and his research team for coining a range of terms which became some of the most oft-cited currencies in the disciplines, to name but a few shining examples: "quango" in 1970, "bureaumerics" and "new public management" in 1980, "administrative argument" (1991), "the art of the state" (1998), and "blame game and avoidance for self-preservation in government" in 2011 and 2016. Scholars, researchers and practitioners in his field are also on the lookout for his upcoming work as Professor Hood is now engaging in the study of number gaming in performance management of modern governments. The art of translation has also helped this English scholar to exercise a wide and beneficent influence upon the whole world of public governance scholarship. Several of his books have already been translated into other languages. His 2011 book, *The Blame Game*, is on its way to bestow on the Chinese readers.

Chairman, in recognition of the distinguished contributions Professor Christopher Hood has made to the study of public management, political theory, and government, I present him to you for conferment of the Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

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以下這位學者在學術界與教育界聞名遐邇垂50載，燦業依然，始終不墜。要以寥寥數語概括其累累碩果，實屬萬難，本人且儘管嘗試：胡德教授是研究公共管理、政治理論、政府治理方面廣為人知的社會科學家。

胡德教授長於普通中產家庭，為家裡首名大學生，家人均引以為傲。1968年，教授獲約克大學社會科學（政治學）一級文學士學位，1971年獲格拉斯哥大學文學學士學位，之後返回母校約克大學，1987年獲該校文學博士學位。

胡德教授在專業與學術領域精益求精，不斷攀登高峰。教授曾任英國經濟及社會研究委員會總監，為表彰其對社會科學的傑出貢獻，2011年英女王壽辰授勳名單向其頒授大英帝國司令（CBE）勳銜。2017年，胡德教授對公共行政領域發展的貢獻再獲褒揚，在伊拉斯謨社會及行為科學學院（ESSB）推動下，鹿特丹伊拉斯謨大學向其授予榮譽博士學位。

歐亞兩地的莘莘學子均有幸獲胡德教授栽培。教授先後任教於格拉斯哥大學（1972—1986）、新加坡國立大學（1984—1985）、悉尼大學（1986—1989）、倫敦政治經濟學院（1989—2000）及牛津大學（2001—2014）。世人對胡德教授的智慧 and 洞見渴求不斷，至今仍有幸得其潤澤，全因他始終活力不減，孜孜從事學術與研究工作。胡德教授現為牛津大學萬靈學院榮休院士，此外亦筆耕不輟，仍黽勉研究，以英國政府的公共開支控制為題，著成12萬字之作，正於牛津大學出版社排印，預計於今年夏季出版。香港亦蒙胡德教授留下足跡；這位學林泰斗曾任香港城市大學公共及社會行政學系（現名為公共及國際事務學系）客座教授（1999—2000），金針度人。胡德教授與香港恒生大學的連繫始於2022年，現獲頒榮譽博士，本地各界將可從其真知灼見中得到啟迪。

胡德教授對公共行政研究貢獻卓越，屢獲權威學術機構旌表，選為院士：英國國家學術院（1996）、社會科學學會學院（2001年當選會員，2002年當選院士）、桑寧戴爾研究所（2007）、皇家文藝學會（2007）、美國國家公共行政學院（2010）。

胡德教授的教研工作成就卓著，具開拓意義，屢獲世界各地同儕認可。教授是第一位獲選為美國國家公共行政學院院士的歐洲人，此外亦為英國國家學術院院士，能集該兩項榮譽於一身，至今唯有教授一人。

胡德教授碩果豐盈，自然屢獲殊榮，在其學術生涯中獲獎不絕。教授是公共行政學界的權威，從其研究及著作可見其對公共行政有精闢獨到的見解，他亦因此在歐洲、英國、美國獲獎無數，包括2007年美國公共管理研究協會頒授的H. George Frederickson獎、2011年的William E. Mosher及Frederick C. Mosher獎。他在2015年出版的著作獲布朗羅獎評為公共行政範疇的最佳書籍，並在2000年和2015年，獲英國政治研究學會頒授W.J.M.麥肯齊圖書獎，認可為政治科學和公共行政範疇的最佳書籍。2021年，胡德教授獲得美國政治學會頒發約翰·高斯獎，以表彰他在政治科學和公共行政範疇畢生的學術成就，足為其學術生涯的一大里程碑。評審委員會表示：「他在公共行政與政治科學領域均貢獻極豐，延綿50載，若無其建樹，該等知識領域必面貌大異。」

胡德教授在公共行政及管治範疇著作豐贍，迄今已著書28冊，在學術期刊刊登60多篇文章，發表超過40個書籍章節，還有約20項其他類型的著述，而且今年還有一書即將面世。公共管理、政治理論和政府治理等學術範疇有長足發展，教授的頂尖學術才能實功不可沒。尤足稱道的是，教授及其研究團隊創造了現今學界中廣為引用的術語，例如「quango」（1970）、「bureaumatic」和「new public management」（1980）、「administrative argument」（1991）、「the art of the state」（1998），以及「blame game and avoidance for self-preservation in government」（2011、2016）。教授目前正在研究現代政府績效管理中數字操弄的現象，相關範疇的學者、研究人員和業內人士都對其新作翹首以盼。教授的著作藉翻譯伸延了影響力，廣至非英語世界，惠及整個公共管治學術領域。其著作有數本已譯成其他語言，而其2011年著作《The Blame Game》亦將有中文版面世。

主席閣下，為表彰胡德教授對公共管理、政治理論和政府治理的卓越貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位予胡德教授。

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