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Research interests

Language and Identity
Translanguaging
Social Identity
Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Identity
Hybridity
Ethnic Minorities In Hong Kong
English Language Education
Code-Switching
Code-Mixing

Qualifications

Doctorate, Language and Identity among the Hindu Sindhi Diaspora of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Award Date: 1 Jun 2021

Master, Masters of Education, The University of Hong Kong

Award Date: 30 Jun 2007

Professional Certificate, Language Proficiency Assessment for Teachers - LPAT

Award Date: 1 Mar 2005

Postgraduate Certificate, Post Graduate Certificate in Education Pass with Distinction, The University of Hong Kong

Award Date: 27 Jun 2001

Employment

Division of Languages and Communication (LC)

College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE)

5 Sept 2005 → present

Oral Examiner - HKAS Level English

Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority

1 Jan 1997 → 1 Jan 2005

Oral Examiner - HKCEE English

Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority

1 Jan 1997 → 1 Jan 2005

Research outputs

Bridging the gap: ensuring synthetic phonics continues from kindergarten into primary school in Hong Kong

Bhavnani, G., 2025, *Proceedings Phonetics 2025 Hong Kong Year 2025*. Issue 1 ed. Athens Greece, Vol. Volume 16. p. 9
12 p.

Authoring a chapter in the Language volume: The Hong Kong Chronicles series: Language volume of the Hong Kong Chronicles series.

Bhavnani, G., 1 Jan 2023, (In preparation).

Hong Kong Students' Attitudes towards Teachers Code Switching in the University Context

Bhavnani, G., 15 Jun 2016, *III International Conference on Applied Linguistics to Language Teaching – University of Nebrija, Madrid, Spain.* .

Activities

Course Leader and Lecturer, SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

5 May 2026 → 1 Jul 2026

LCS4785 Integrated Studies

Bhavnani, G. G. (Academic Advisor)

1 Jan 2026 → 1 Jun 2026

Moderator, LCH 1087 Academic English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Jan 2026 → 30 Jun 2026

Moderator, LCH 1487 Academic English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Jan 2026 → 30 Jun 2026

Subject Leader and Lecturer, LCS3175 Effective Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Academic Advisor)

Jan 2026 → 1 Jun 2026

International Thematic Conference on Phonetic Research and Applications

Lai, W. W. S. (Chair), Botinis, A. (Chair), Pirsoaga, K. (Organiser), Wen, E. Z. (Member of programme committee), Chan, K. L. Z. (Member of programme committee), Wong, F. C. F. (Member of programme committee), Ng, M. (Member of programme committee), Bhavnani, G. G. (Member of programme committee), Hong, Y. (Member of programme committee) & Lau, C. W. Y. (Member of programme committee)

17 Sept 2025 → 19 Sept 2025

Phonetics 2025 Hong Kong International Conference on Phonetic Research and Applications

Bhavnani, G. G. (Member of programme committee)

17 Sept 2025 → 19 Sept 2025

Phonetics 2025 Hong Kong International Conference on Phonetic Research and Applications

Bhavnani, G. G. (Session Chair)

17 Sept 2025 → 19 Sept 2025

Moderator, LCS 1119 Adjunct English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Sept 2025 → 31 Dec 2025

Moderator, LCS2347 Gender and Language

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Sept 2025 → 31 Dec 2025

Subject Leader and Lecturer, LCS3308 Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

1 Sept 2025 → 31 Dec 2025

Course Leader and Lecturer, SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

5 Jul 2025 → 1 Sept 2025

CPCE CPR Conference 2025

Bhavnani, G. G. (Chair)
25 Jan 2025

LCS3175 Effective Professional Communication In English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Academic Advisor)
1 Jan 2025 → 1 Jun 2025

LCS4785 Integrated Studies

Bhavnani, G. G. (Academic Advisor)
1 Jan 2025 → 1 Jun 2025

Subject Leader and Lecturer, LCS3175 Effective Professional Communication is English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Academic Advisor)
Jan 2025 → 1 Jun 2025

Official Judge: 16th English Radio Drama Competition Final

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
25 May 2024

CPCE CPR Conference 2024

Bhavnani, G. G. (Chair)
24 Apr 2024

CPCE CPR Conference 2024 – Transforming Education to Build a Future-Ready Workforce

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
16 Apr 2024 → 17 Apr 2024

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA1A SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)
22 Feb 2024 → 2 May 2024

English Writing Language Instructor - LCS2349 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
1 Jan 2024 → 31 May 2024

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - LCS2349 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
1 Jan 2024 → 31 May 2024

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - SHDS2311 Leadership in Practice

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
1 Jan 2024 → 31 May 2024

Moderator, LCS2347 Gender and Language

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)
1 Jan 2024 → 31 May 2024

Subject Leader and Lecturer, LCS3311 English Communication For Hospitality and Tourism Professionals

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)
1 Jan 2024 → 31 May 2024

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA1C SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

5 Oct 2023 → 5 Dec 2023

English Writing Language Instructor - LCS2349 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - LCS2349 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - SHDS2311 Leadership in Practice

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

Lecturer for LCS2349 Fiction and Life: Understanding Human Development

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other), Shi, H. (Subject Leader), Young, A. (Academic Advisor) & Lo, P. K. N. (Academic Advisor)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 May 2024

Lecturer, LCS2349 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other) & Shi, H. (Subject Leader)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

Member, CPCE General University Requirements (GUR) Committee

Bhavnani, G. G. (Member)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Aug 2025

Member, Divisional Programme Committee: Division of Language and Communications

Bhavnani, G. G. (Member)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 May 2024

Moderator, LCS1087 English for Academic Studies I

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

Moderator, LCS1088 English for Academic Studies II

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

Subject Leader and Lecturer, LCS3308 Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

1 Sept 2023 → 31 Dec 2023

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA0J SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

29 Jun 2023 → 29 Aug 2023

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA93 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

9 Mar 2023 → 9 May 2023

ChatGPT: Challenges, Opportunities and Responses to AI in University Education

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)

16 Feb 2023

English Writing Language Instructor - LCS3318 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Jan 2023 → 31 May 2023

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - LCS3318 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Jan 2023 → 31 May 2023

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - SEHS 2319 Health, Nutrition and Lifestyle

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Jan 2023 → 31 May 2023

Moderator, LCS1087 English for Academic Studies I

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)

1 Jan 2023 → 31 May 2023

Subject Leader and Lecturer; LCS3318 Fiction and Life

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

1 Jan 2023 → 31 May 2023

Subject Lecturer, LCS3311 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION FOR HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROFESSIONALS

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Jan 2023 → 31 May 2023

LCS3318 Fiction and Life

Shi, H. (Subject Leader), Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader), Young, A. (Subject Proposer), Lo, P. K. N. (Reviewer) & Chan, W. K. D. (Reviewer)

Jan 2023 → May 2023

Government Exam Marker: Written Examination Service for the 2022-23 Liaison Officer II Recruitment Exercise of the Home Affairs Department

Bhavnani, G. G. (Examiner)

19 Nov 2022

PolyU 85th Anniversary: FH-PAIR Joint Distinguished Lecture: AI, Consciousness and Ethics: Towards a Principled and Empathic AI

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)

18 Oct 2022

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA88 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

6 Oct 2022 → 6 Dec 2022

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - SEHS 2319 Health, Nutrition and Lifestyle

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Sept 2022 → 31 Dec 2022

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - SHDS2325 Mass Media and Society

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Sept 2022 → 31 Dec 2022

Member, CPCE Academic Regulations Committee

Bhavnani, G. G. (Member)
1 Sept 2022 → 31 Aug 2024

Member, CPCE General University Requirements (GUR) Committee

Bhavnani, G. G. (Member)
1 Sept 2022 → 31 May 2023

Subject Leader, LCS3308 Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Academic Advisor)
1 Sept 2022 → 31 Dec 2022

Moderator, LCS 3175 Effective Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Moderator)
1 Jul 2022 → 31 Aug 2022

Effective English Communication Skills Course for The Peninsula Hong Kong Course Code EP94

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
28 Jun 2022 → 26 Jul 2022

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA72 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
Jun 2022 → Aug 2022

LC Research Seminar - The Systemic Functional Research Potential: General Options in Methodology and Text-based Research

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
17 Jan 2022

Embracing the New Normal of Education: Blending Technology into Pedagogical Design

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
13 Jan 2022

PolyU's Excellent Teachers on Teaching Excellence (ETTE) Symposium

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
7 Jan 2022

Subject Leader, LCS3311 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION FOR HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROFESSIONALS

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)
1 Jan 2022 → 30 May 2022

From Fiction to Features: Critical Reading and Writing in English

Young, A. (Subject Proposer), Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Proposer) & Shi, H. (Subject Proposer)
Jan 2022 → Jan 2023

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA61 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
Nov 2021 → Jan 2022

CPCE Health Conference 2021

Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
20 Sept 2021

Committee Member, Work Integrated Education

Bhavnani, G. G. (Committee Member)

1 Sept 2021 → ...

Language Instructor - SEHS2319 Health Nutrition and Lifestyle

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

1 Sept 2021 → 30 Dec 2021

Subject Leader, LCS3308 Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

1 Sept 2021 → 30 Dec 2021

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA57 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

Aug 2021 → Sept 2021

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA47 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

May 2021 → Jul 2021

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA31 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

Mar 2021 → Apr 2021

Subject Leader, LCS3311 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION FOR HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROFESSIONALS

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

1 Jan 2021 → 30 May 2021

Contributor, Language Collage (《拼·途》 Hong Kong Community College, PolyU (Publisher)

Bhavnani, G. G. (Member)

2021 → ...

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA27 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

Oct 2020 → Dec 2020

Assistant Discipline Team Leader - English Discipline - Language and Communication Division, CPCE

Bhavnani, G. G. (Assistant Discipline Team Leader)

1 Sept 2020 → ...

Subject Leader, LCS3308 Professional Communication in English

Bhavnani, G. G. (Subject Leader)

1 Sept 2020 → 30 Dec 2020

Course Leader and Lecturer, GA11 SPDQ4004 Certificate in Phonics Teaching to Young learners

Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)

Jun 2020 → Sept 2020

Study Tour to Beijing and Inner Mongolia

Bhavnani, G. G. (Organizer) & Xuan, W. W. (Organizer)

10 Jun 2019

Occupational English Test
Bhavnani, G. G. (Examiner)
2019

Workshops on Scholarly and Research Activities, SPEED, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
6 Dec 2016

III International Conference on Applied Linguistics to Language Teaching – University of Nebrija, Madrid, Spain.
Bhavnani, G. G. (Participant)
15 Jun 2016

Work Integrated Education
Bhavnani, G. G. (WIE Advisor)
1 Sept 2015 → 31 Dec 2019

English Writing Language Liaison Officer - SEHS 2319 Health, Nutrition and Lifestyle
Bhavnani, G. G. (Other)
1 Jan 2022 → 31 May 2023

Prizes

Distinction in Doctoral of Applied Language Sciences
Bhavnani, G. G. (Recipient), 30 Jun 2021

Distinction in Post Graduate Certificate in Education
Bhavnani, G. G. (Recipient), 27 Jun 2001

Erasmus Mundus Scholarship
Bhavnani, G. G. (Recipient), 30 Aug 2014

Long Service Award
Bhavnani, G. G. (Recipient), 2017

Long Service Award
Bhavnani, G. G. (Recipient), 2026

Projects

Chinese–English Bilingual Pop Song Lyrics Workshop Series and Translation Competition| Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) – Promotion of Languages | Awarded Amount HKD\$459,900
Lau, C. W. Y. (PI), Ng, R. (Col), Tong, K. M. E. (Col), Chow, R. W. C. (Col), Wen, E. Z. (Col), Chen, Z. V. (Col), Bhavnani, G. G. (Col), Li, H. J. (Col), Ye, M. (Col), Kwok, F. (Col), Yeung, H. T. J. (Col), Shum, C. M. O. (Col) & Lam, H. K. (Col)
1/09/26 → 31/08/28

Language and Ethnic Identity among the Hindu Sindhi Diaspora of Hong Kong
Bhavnani, G. G. (PI)
1/09/16 → 31/05/21