

# **Guest Lecture on "Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education Services in Macau: Challenges and Prospects"**

**Date:** Tuesday 12 April 2016

**Time:** 19:30-21:00

**Venue:** E33-1029, Faculty of Education, UM

**Language:** English

**Registration:** Online Registration - Link: <https://goo.gl/lwmf01> or QR code:



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## **Speaker:**

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## **Abstract:**

This discussion will focus on early intervention services available in Macau via the Macau Child Development Association (MCDA). The history of services available to children with special needs in Macau will be outlined, how MCDA currently services children and their families will be discussed and future needs will be highlighted. The role of teachers and support staff in the school will be built upon to highlight how important their role is in providing a supportive, inclusive environment to promote both learning and social development of children with special needs - something that is currently lacking in the Macau community. A focus on where the gaps are and how these gaps can be filled from an early intervention perspective will be discussed and finally ways in which MCDA can support and work alongside UM to promote an inclusive education environment will be outlined.