

## INVITATION TO THE PROVERSE SPRING RECEPTION 2026

Proverse Hong Kong, Publishers;  
Administrators of the International Proverse Prize for unpublished (book-length) fiction, non-fiction or poetry  
Administrators of the International Proverse Poetry Prize (single poems).

You are cordially invited to  
The Proverse Spring Reception,  
At The Helena May Institute, 35 Garden Road, Hong Kong,  
On Tuesday, 28 April, from 7.00-9.00/9.30pm.

### BOOKS SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED INCLUDE

*Mingled Voices 10: International Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology 2025*

Philip Chatting, *Dewfall* (novel)

Hayley Ann Solomon, *Bewitched and Beguiled* (poetry on classical and mythological subjects)

Launching Authors and Poets present (including remotely)  
will give brief Introductions to their work.

Co-Founder with Dr Verner Bickley, MBE, of The International Proverse Prizes

Dr Gillian Bickley

WILL AWARD

PLACED WINNERS IN THE 2025 PROVERSE POETRY PRIZE,

and ANNOUNCE

THE SEMI-FINALISTS FOR THE PROVERSE PRIZE 2025.

Fee: HKD198.00. Complimentary Canapés. Cash bar.

Dress code: semi-formal / smart casual (no denim, shorts, short sleeves, sneakers, hats, caps)

**Prior registration essential. Early registration advised.**

**Please complete the separate Reply Form / Book Order Form  
and send it with your cheque by regular mail**

**OR you may send your completed Reply Form as an e-mail attachment,  
with proof of payment by ATM, online bank transfer, PayPal/ credit card.**

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Sequence of events (w. approx times).

**7.00pm-7.30pm:** Complimentary Canapés and Cash Bar; Book collection /  
Book purchase, Book-signing.

**7.30pm:** Welcome from Proverse Publisher Dr Gillian Bickley.  
Co-Founder with Dr Verner Bickley, MBE, of the Proverse Prizes, Dr Gillian  
Bickley awards placed Winner(s) in the Proverse Poetry Prize (single poems)  
2025 competition and the Semi-Finalists for the Proverse Prize (book-length  
work) 2025.

**7.40pm:** Introduction of Proverse Authors with brief talks and readings.  
**8.05-8.50pm:** Complimentary Canapés & Cash Bar, Book collection / Book  
purchase, Book-signing resume.

**9.00 / 9.30pm sharp:** evening ends.

**HOW TO REACH THE HELENA MAY** (the heritage building on Garden  
Road, just up from St John's Building and the Peak Tram Station, and opposite the  
American Consulate). Please NB vehicles cannot stop outside the HM. Take a taxi  
to the St John's Building and walk up, or to St Joseph's Church and walk down.  
Buses stop at St John's Cathedral, Garden Road or outside Hong Kong Park on  
Cotton Tree Drive (then walk under the road through the underpass to the Peak  
Tram). Or, exit MTR Central Station and walk up the hill. You can also exit at  
Admiralty MTR and walk along various overhead walkways (allow 20 minutes  
for this method). *Sketch-map courtesy Errol Patrick Hugh,  
Author of "A Personal Journey through Sketching", Proverse, November 2009.*