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Professor John Nguyet Erni is Chair Professor and Head of Department of Humanities & Creative Writing of Hong Kong Baptist University. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Whitworth University, Master of Arts degree in Film Studies from University of Oregon, and Doctorate degree specialising in Media & Cultural Studies from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Later he took a Master of Laws degree to study international human rights law at The University of Hong Kong, with the aim of mastering the philosophy and language of law so as to conduct research on social justice issues arising from intersecting legal, social, and political contexts.

Professor Erni has published in the areas of international and Asia-based media and cultural studies, human rights philosophy and politics, gender studies, youth popular culture studies, and critical public health studies. In the past decade, one of his primary studies falls on ethnic minorities in Hong Kong, due in part to his multicultural upbringing. In recent years, Professor Erni has also received a number of grants to study issues related to human rights and cultural citizenship. He is now leading several interdisciplinary cultural studies research projects in collaboration with renowned overseas institutes or universities.

Professor Erni has been a member of a number of civil society groups and given staunch support to many NGOs. He provides consultation to the media and speaks for the minorities. At present, he is also building an international platform to line up professionals to jointly work on international migrants' rights issues.

Professor Erni is the immediate past President of Hong Kong Academy of the Humanities (2017-18). He has been a recipient of the Gustafson, Rockefeller, Lincoln and Annenberg Fellowships. In 2006, he won the Top Paper Award at the 56th Annual Convention of the International Communication Association in Germany.