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Comparative Analysis of the University as a Real Estate Developer in East Asia

ABSTRACT

This talk comparatively examines two university-led large-scale real estate development projects in South Korea and Singapore to provide an understanding of how the emerging urban processes in East Asia are a heterogeneous concept and to conceptualise the university as a means to understand diverse urbanisation processes. While few studies, such as Addie et al. (2015, in *Territory, Politics, Governance*), Bose (2015, in *Urban Studies*) and Tretter (2016, *Shadows of a Sunbelt City*), addressed the university's complex relationship with the state, the community and urban space in the North American context, how such relationship was formed and developed in elsewhere was rarely discussed. In this regard, this talk investigates how and why East Asian universities participate in real estate development projects; how the real estate practices of the universities affect the urban environment, and how we are to understand the relationship between the university and the state that is known to have led the condensed urbanisation and industrialisation. This talk concludes that speculative real estate development activities of East Asian universities need to be understood as nuanced processes, rooted in their developmental legacies.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Do Young Oh is a Research Officer, based jointly at LSE Southeast Asia Centre and LSE Middle East Centre. Dr. Oh holds a PhD in Regional and Urban Planning from LSE and MSc in International Planning from UCL. His research interests focus on comparative urbanism and postcolonialism in East Asia. His doctoral thesis investigated the evolving university-city relationship through a comparative analysis of East Asian urbanisation processes. It was short-listed for the biennial International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) Book Prize in 2019 (Dissertation in the Social Sciences). Prior to joining LSE, Dr. Oh worked in the fields of architecture and urban planning in South Korea and the US.

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