

RIGHT TO THE CITY SEMINAR SERIES

'Production of Space as a Matter of Life and Death': Case Studies in Hong Kong and Taipei



4 February 2012 (Saturday),
10:00am to 12:30pm

Room 233, 2/F, Wong Foo Yuan Building,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin

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WHEN and WHERE?

What is it about? What is it about?

Lefebvre (1991) argues that the production of space is a matter of life and death to sustain the economic system of a place. Based on "rational" standards and regulations, governments often formulate plans to produce space for economic growth which is detrimental to lived space, space imbued with meanings and value through the life experience of its inhabitants. To Lefebvre, the outcomes, however, will be determined by the roles played by different players in determining the future of a place. Is this the answer to the divergent modes of urban renewal in Hong Kong and Taipei, both seen as representative capitalist market economies in Asia? Urban renewal in Hong Kong is done by a dedicated authority with only marginal involvement of the local community whereas in Taipei, the city government just plays a facilitative role in encouraging renewal by concerted community efforts, often aided by social activists and professionals and sometimes the private sector. Does it mean that all the renewal plans in Hong Kong have only served economic growth purposes and neglected people's lived space? Has the community-centred mode of urban renewal in Taipei resulted in plans that respect people's lived experience? This seminar tries to answer these questions through case studies in Hong Kong (Graham and Peel Street project) and Taipei (Treasure Hill project).

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Who should participate? Who should participate?

The topics in the 'Right to the City Seminar Series' should be of interest to urban planners and related professionals, urban activists, students and anyone who is interested in issues related to the urban realm.

Format

- Presented and facilitated by **Professor Mee Kam NG**
- Language: formal presentation in English; group discussions and presentations can be in either Cantonese or English (decided by group members)



Rundown (10:00am-12:30pm)

10:00am to 10:30am	Right to the City and Production of Space: some theoretical insights
10:30am to 11:00am	Group Discussion
11:00am to 11:30am	Sharing of Case Studies
11:30am to 11:45am	Questions and answers on the case studies
11:45am to 12:15pm	Group Discussion
12:15pm to 12:30pm	Sharing of Discussions

REGISTRATION FORM (**DEADLINE: 31 JANUARY 2012, TUESDAY**)

Please complete the form below and send it back to:

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