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presents a seminar

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on

Between Mainstreaming and Marginalization: Kabaddi and Local- Global Disjuncture in Taiwan

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1:00 – 2:30 pm

Room 11 Humanities Building

New Asia College, CUHK

A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. First come first served.

Abstract:

Kabaddi is a game popular throughout South Asia. In the 1980s, the sports council in India standardized this game and introduced it to other countries. In 1990, it became one of the events in the Asian Games. In 2008, this sport arrived Taiwan. In this talk, Wai-Man Tang discusses why Taiwanese athletes are interested in this South Asian game, and what kind of obstacles they have faced when they tried to develop their career in kabaddi. He also discusses local and global sports politics: how their aspirations in kabaddi are shaped by the sports scene in Taiwan as well as the international kabaddi organizations, in which the Indian officials are playing a key role.

Bio:

Wai-Man Tang is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Anthropology Department at CUHK. He started his kabaddi research in 2014 and has interviewed kabaddi players in Japan, Nepal, India, Europe, and Taiwan. He is now preparing a book manuscript entitled "Kabaddi, Globalization, and Nationalism: The Sporting Body".

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