



The Department of Anthropology
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presents a seminar

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on

Mobile Money and Migration in Shenzhen

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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.

This talk outlines the preliminary findings of new research on the use of mobile money amongst migrant workers in Shenzhen. In a short amount of time, mobile money platforms have gone from non-existent to being seemingly ubiquitous in the city's migrant enclaves. This talk will discuss how mobile forms of payment can provide anthropological insight on the changing relationships and behaviours of this mobile population, in addition to asking what anthropological challenges are posed by the emergence of digital money in China.

Tom McDonald obtained his PhD from the Department of Anthropology, University College London. His first monograph, *Social Media in Rural China: Social Networks and Moral Frameworks* (UCL Press) details the results of 15-months of ethnographic fieldwork examining social media use in the Chinese countryside as part of the UCL Why We Post project, an ERC-funded comparative ethnographic study on the use and consequences of social media around the world. He also co-authored the comparative volume *How the World Changed Social Media* (UCL Press). He is currently undertaking research on Mobile Money and Migration in China. <http://sociology.hku.hk/mcdonald/>

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