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# **‘No More Refugees’: Mapping the Shift in Hong Kong’s Human Rights Discourse 2015-16**

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Room 11 Humanities Building

New Asia College, CUHK

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

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News about the global plight of refugees has become commonplace in our newspapers with over 65 million people forcibly displaced as a result of on-going conflict and persecution around the world. In Hong Kong, the number of refugees (and asylum seekers, potential victims of trafficking, etc.) stands at 11,000—a negligible fraction of the population and a mere 2% increase in numbers over the last 6 months—yet the Immigration Department has come to describe it as a “worsening influx” and a “surge”. Politicians and certain media channels have similarly adopted negative stereotyping of refugees in their election campaigns and coverage, and potentially unlawful (and dangerous) options have been presented as solutions to this “crisis”. This talk presents an overview of the change in institutional rhetoric regarding refugees and opens discussion on its influence on the lives of an already marginalized community in Hong Kong.

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