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on

The Nurturing of “Public-Persons”: As a Part of Community Organization in the Urban Renewal of Hong Kong

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In this talk I will be sharing ideas from a chapter of my thesis, “Public-Persons: Media as the Nurturing of Persons”. Media production can be a process of nurturing “public-persons”, people engaged in public life in certain ways. Media production is a form of communication, in which there needs to be a message-sender, a message-recipient, and the message. The media practices of the urban renewal concern group I studied, an old district autonomy advancement group, tried to curate a public space, in which they engaged the local residents in producing expression. Reflecting and building on the scholastic discussion of the “public sphere”, I argue that these repeated, small-scale and careful media practices of expression in public were aimed to nurture “public-persons” who were capable of borrowing power from “the public” as well as resisting attacks from it. The nurturing of “public-persons” is a unique part of the group’s activism regarding urban renewal and gentrification in Hong Kong.

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