

# **Twenty Years After:** **Hong Kong's Changes and Future under China's Rule**

## **Organizers:**

The Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University

The French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC)

## **Programme**

Date: 21 – 22 September 2017

Time: 9:30am – 6:00pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University

This academic conference aims at analysing the major facets of Hong Kong's transformations since its return to China in 1997 and assessing the present status and future of the "One Country, Two System" formula.

Twenty years after the handover, Hong Kong's special status and "high degree of autonomy" within the People's Republic of China's constitutional order continue to attract media and scholarly attention. How have the Chinese Communist Party's policy and strategy towards the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) changed over the years and how has the "One Country, Two System" formula been coping with Hong Kong people's increasingly assertive identity and growing demands for democratization, especially among the younger generations? Within an increasingly globalized and competitive environment, how have Hong Kong's patterns of socio-economic inequality, income distribution and social mobility changed over the last twenty years? While keeping the political status quo, how has the HKSAR government transformed its quest for legitimacy and support among different groups of the society? What have been the patterns of identity making among Hong Kong people and how has their relationship with the mainland evolved since 1997? Eventually, how can Hong Kong's external relations and more generally of internationalization be characterised? These are some of the questions that will be tackled and debated by cutting-edge political scientists, political economists, media specialists, historians and anthropologists during this international conference.

In other words, the objective of this conference is to reflect upon Hong Kong's major political, legal, economic, social and cultural changes in the last twenty years and draw some conclusions that would help us better comprehend the current trends at play as well as the future evolution of Hong Kong as a SAR of China.

Date and Time	Programme (21 September 2017)
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration and Opening Ceremony</b>
09:30 – 10:30	<p><b>Keynote Speech</b>  <i>Constitutional Crisis in Hong Kong: Twenty Years On?</i>  Michael Davis  Professor of Law and International Affairs at Jindal Global University  Senior Fellow at the Centre for Comparatives and Public Law, the University of Hong Kong</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion 1</b>  <b>The Political-legal System and the Media</b>  Chair: Jean-Pierre Cabestan, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p><i>State Power and Corporatist Governance in Hong Kong: Structures, Agents and Mechanisms</i>  Edmund Cheng, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p><i>Open Society and Its Enemies: the Crisis of “One Country, Two Systems” and the Future of the Democracy Movement</i>  Kenneth Chan, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p><i>No More Paradox? Revisiting the Political Economy of the Hong Kong Media</i>  Francis Lee, School of Journalism and Communication, the Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Umbrella Movement of 2014 in the Context of Chinese National Security: Securitization Analysis</i>  Krzysztof Feliks Śliwiński, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2</b>  <b>Economy and Society</b>  Chair: Eric Florence, CEFC Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Why Do Low-Income Citizens Support the HKSAR Government?</i>  Stan Hok-Wui Wong, Department of Applied Social Sciences, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> <p><i>Social Stratification and Social Mobility in Hong Kong since the 1997 Handover: Changing Opportunities? More Equality?</i>  Yi-Lee Wong, Department of Educational Administration and Policy, Faculty of Education, the Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Public Policies towards Hawkers since 1997</i>  Chi-Yuen Leung, Department of Applied Social Sciences, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>

17:00 – 18:00	<p><b>Book Launch</b>  Benjamin Bland, <i>Generation HK: Seeking Identity in China's Shadow</i> (Penguin Random House, Australia, 2017)  Author and Speaker: Benjamin Bland (South China Correspondent, Financial Times)  Discussants: Brian Fong Chi-hang, the Academy of Hong Kong Studies, the Education University of Hong Kong, and Jean-Pierre Cabestan, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p>
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Date and Time	Programme (22 September 2017)
09:30 – 10:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion 3</b>  <b>Society, Identity and Culture</b>  Chair: Prof. Michael Davis</p> <p><i>Identity Politicised: A Re-examination of Hong Kong Localism</i>  Malte Philipp Kaeding, Department of Politics, University of Surrey, UK</p> <p><i>Cultural Activism in Hong Kong</i>  Sebastian Veg, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France</p>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15 – 13:00	<p><i>Imposing to be a New Hongkonger: Discursive Construction of Chinese Hong Kong in the Re-colonial Hong Kong</i>  Wai-Kwok Benson Wong, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p><i>Receding China Factor? Cultural Imagination of Mainland Chinese in Post-handover Hong Kong</i>  Anthony Fung Ying Him, the Chinese University of Hong Kong &amp; Chan Chi Kit, Hang Seng Management College</p> <p><i>Why Identity, not inequality? Political Activism of Precarious Youth in Hong Kong</i>  Wai-Hei Samson Yuen, Department of Political Science, Lingnan University</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Panel Discussion 4</b>  <b>Hong Kong and the World</b>  Chair: Ting Wai, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p><i>Hong Kong's External Relations and International Status</i>  Li Hak Yin, Department of Government and Public Administration, the Chinese University of Hong Kong &amp; Ting Wai, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p><i>Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong Since the Handover</i>  Gordon Mathews, the Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Hong Kong Soft Power and Internationalization</i>  Winnie Chan, GIS, Hong Kong Baptist University</p>

16:30 –17:00

**Conclusion**

*Hong Kong in the Shadow of China*

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