

## Workshop “Trust in the Smart City”

**Date: Thursday, 29 October 2020**

The Workshop ‘Trust in the Smart City’ was held on 29 October 2020, at the Department of Government and International Studies, HKBU. It was the first of a series of research events under the project ‘Trust and the Smart City’, funded by the Faculty of Social Sciences, HKBU, as part of its Faculty Niche Research Area Programme (RC-FNRA-19/20-SOSC1). This project aims to multi-disciplinary debates over trust that have particular purchase at the level of urban politics to the linked questions of the Smart City and Smart Society.



Prof. Daniel Lai, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences gave an opening remark at the workshop. In his speech, Prof. Lai welcomed all attendants and stressed the significance of humane interface between people and technologies in the smart city movement.



Prof. Alistair Cole, the Head of the Department of Government and International Studies and the principal investigator of this project, delivered a keynote speech, where he presented the up-to-now progress of the project with an introduction of the project design and methodology.



Two guest speakers- Prof. Masaru Yarime from HKUST and Prof. Wilson Wong from CUHK were invited to talk on their research about smart city development and digital governance. Prof. Yarime presented on the topic 'Facilitating Data-Driven Innovation Sustainable Smart Cities: Data Governance and Public'. Referring to international experiences, he illustrated various challenges in innovation for sustainable smart cities with a focus on the establishment of data governance.



Prof. Wong, in his presentation entitled “Digital Governance as Institutional Adaptation and Development: Social Media Strategies between Hong Kong and Shenzhen”, discussed the impact of digital technology under two different macro-social institutions, namely Hong Kong and Shenzhen, and suggested new perspectives to investigate publicness in the context of the smart city.



The workshop was well-received by the audience both online and offline with meaningful questions and inspiring feedbacks. Approximately 10 faculty members were present while 70 online participants attended it via Zoom.



