

# URBAN IMAGINARIE

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**22 May-24 May 2004**

Venue: Lingnan University, Hong Kong

## **SATURDAY 22 May**

- 10.00-10.30      Welcome
- 10.30-12.30      ***URBANITY HONG KONG-STYLE***  
Chair: **Meaghan MORRIS**  
**LAW Wing-sang**: “Hong Kong Undercover: An Approach to Collaborative Colonialism”.  
**Esther M.K. CHEUNG**: “Communities in the City: Hong Kong Filmic Imaginary and its Circulation”.  
**John Guyet ERNI**: “SARS and Urbanity”.
- 12.30-14.00      LUNCH at Ling Hin
- 14.00-16.00      ***WORKING AND SPENDING IN URBAN CHINA***  
Chair: **WANG Xiaoming**  
**Eric MA**: “Modern Bodies in the Making: Tales from a factory and a bar in culture in Southern China”.  
**BAO Yaming**: “Entertainment, Leisure Space and Contemporary Shanghai Urban Culture”.  
**Jing WANG**: “Bobos in China? Neo-Tribes (et al.) and the Urban Imaginary”
- 16:00-16:30      Break
- 16.30-18.00      ***PROJECT ZONES***  
Chair: **Stephen Ching-kiu CHAN**  
**Desmond HUI**: “Commerce vs Culture: the West Kowloon Cultural District”  
**CHO, Haejoang**: “Youth, Internet and Alternative Public Space”
- 19.30              ***CONFERENCE DINNER*** at Gold Beijing

## SUNDAY 23 May

- 9.00-10.30      ***BELONGING IN “GLOBAL” CITIES***  
Chair: **Mette HJORT**  
**Graeme TURNER:** “Shrinking the borders: globalisation, culture and belonging”.  
**Koichi IWABUCHI:** “Banal multi-nationalism: Relentless national thinking/feeling in a global city”.
- 10.30-11.00      Break
- 11.00-13.00      ***SEX AND THE CITY.***  
Chair: **DING Naifei**  
**Lisa LEUNG Yuk-ming:** “Sexing the City: the female body and the cityscape”.  
**LI Siu-leung:** “Sex and the City from New York to Hong Kong”.  
**CHAN Shun-hing:** "Seeing through the eyes of Ah Tze: sex workers' images of their life and work in Hong Kong".
- 13.00-14.30      LUNCH with Lingnan University President, **Prof. Edward CHEN**
- 14.30-16.30      ***PERIPHERALITY AND URBAN COOL***  
Chair: **WONG Kin-yuen, CUHK**  
**Markus REISENLEITNER:** “Hunting the Global Urban Cool in William Gibson's Asian Imaginary”.  
**Rob WILSON:** “Dismantling Imperialist Nostalgia on the Pacific Rim: San Francisco as Global/Local U.S. City”.  
**Ien ANG:** “Beyond peripheral visions: representing everyday urban citizenship”.
- 16.30              Networking session.
- 18.30              PARTY

## MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May

- 9.30-11.00      ***CITIES, POLITICS, MOVEMENTS***  
Chair: **Katherine GIBSON**  
**Christopher CONNERY:** “Spring Comes Early to the Commune: Anti-Urbanism and New Urban Imaginaries from the 60s”.  
**Mandy THOMAS:** “Out of the loop: cultural disconnections in urban sites”.
- 11.30-13.00      ***THE CITY AS EXTRACURRICULAR SPACE***  
Chair: **William LEE**  
**Anirudh PAUL:** “Remapping the Discourse of the Urban”  
**Shekhar KRISHNAN:** “Ideas and Institutions in Contemporary Mumbai”.
- 13.00-14.30      LUNCH
- 14.30-17.30      ***THE MAKING OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH***  
Chair: **Meaghan MORRIS**  
  
**CHUA Beng Huat:** “The Making of East Asian Popular Culture”.  
Followed by Roundtable and fund-raising/ networking sessions  
  
PM: DINNER