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Hong Kong Identity
Lost and Found in Transition

Graduate Seminar, Zurich, September 19–21, 2016

The seminar explores the transformation and the entanglement of identities in times of transition, by analyzing cultural as well as social phenomena in Hong Kong's colonial period as well as in the postcolonial era. These include the formation of a Hong Kong cultural identity during the colonial era, the ambiguity of identity in face of the handover of sovereignty from Britain to China in 1997, and the postcolonial inquiries concerning Hong Kong identity and its negotiations on the local, national and global levels. Coming to the present moment—almost 20 years after the transition of sovereignty—how is Hong Kong positioned in the presence of China and the world? Is a new Hong Kong identity on its way to formation (or, is it already there)? Finally, how can Hong Kong's future be (re-) imagined in the postcolonial world?

Joint event with the international workshop "Many Different Shores: Hong Kong Connections Across the South-/East Asian Sinosphere" (September 16–18, 2016)

About the Speaker

Professor Stephen Chu is the Director of the Hong Kong Studies Programme at the University of Hong Kong. He has published more than twenty books, including the most recent *Lost in Transition: Hong Kong Culture in the Age of China* (2013). His research interests focus on Hong Kong culture, postcolonialism and globalization.

Location

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Registration

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