



5 December 2011

**Dear Editor,**

Invitation

2011 Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research Conference

**Neoliberalism and Urbanization in the Asia Pacific: Challenges  
and Opportunities for Housing**

**Date:** 8 December 2011, Thursday  
**Time:** 9:30am – 12:30pm  
**Venue:** Wang Gungwu Theatre, Graduate House, The University of Hong Kong

**Date:** 8 December 2011, Thursday  
**Time:** 2:00pm – 6:30pm  
**Venue:** T1 Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong

**Date:** 9 December 2011, Friday  
**Time:** 9:00am – 5:30pm  
**Venue:** T1 Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong



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You and your reporters are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research Conference organized by the Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning, the University of Hong Kong.

Ms Eva Cheng, Secretary for Transport and Housing will be giving an Opening Speech on “Sustainable Development of Subsidized Housing in Hong Kong”.

Our Keynote Speakers Prof. Neil Smith of the City University of New York, USA and Prof. Mike Berry of the RMIT University, Australia will talk about “Toxic Capitalism: Neoliberalism, City Building, and Crisis” and “Neoliberalism and the City: Poor Economics and Even Worse Policy” respectively.

Please refer to the attached Programme for more information.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Rebecca Chiu  
Acting Head  
Department of Urban Planning and Design  
The University of Hong Kong



致：港聞版編輯

2011亞太房屋研究網絡會議

新自由主義和城市化對亞太地區的影響：  
對住房的挑戰和機遇

日期：2011年12月8日  
時間：上午9：30至下午12：30  
地點：香港大學研究生堂王賡武講堂

日期：2011年12月8日  
時間：下午2：00至下午6：30  
地點：香港大學明華綜合大樓T1講堂

日期：2011年12月9日  
時間：上午9：00至下午5：30  
地點：香港大學明華綜合大樓T1講堂



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現誠邀您及貴社記者出席是次由香港大學城市研究及城市規劃中心主辦的2011亞太房屋研究網絡會議。

運輸及房屋局局長鄭汝樺女士將為是次的會議致開幕詞。她所探討的題目是有關香港資助房屋的可持續發展。

我們亦邀請到美國紐約城市大學的 Neil Smith 教授和澳洲墨爾本皇家理工大學的 Mike Berry 教授為是次會議的主講嘉賓。他們將分別探討《毒性資本主義：新自由主義，城市建設，與危機》和《新自由主義與城市：很差的經濟與更差的政策》的題目。

請參照所附的簡介。

香港大學城市規劃及設計系  
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The Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning at the University of Hong Kong is organizing and hosting:



10th Anniversary

## The 2011 Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research Conference

# *Neoliberalism and Urbanization in the Asia Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities for Housing*

8 - 10 December 2011

The University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong SAR, China

### Conference Aims

Neoliberalism argues for the primacy of the market and a limited role of the government in producing economic prosperity. Since the 2008 global financial crisis, the success of this free market ideology has been increasingly questioned. This conference is organized for the purpose of reflecting on the past impact and future prospects of neoliberalism in housing and urbanization in the Asia Pacific region. Of particular interest is how governments, communities and housing institutions in the region respond to and cope with the changing impact of neoliberalism, especially in terms of housing efficiency and equity.

### Conference Themes

The conference will pursue the following themes through the plenary and workshop sessions:

- Coping with neoliberalism: the state and other innovations
- Neoliberal urbanization and affordable housing
- Housing governance and community revitalization
- Neoliberalism, the meaning of home, and home ownership growth
- Neoliberalism and urban sustainability
- Housing finance and the turbulent global economy

### Conference Secretariat

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## 8 December 2011, Thursday

| Time          | Event  | Venue                                 |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 08:45 - 09:30 | Registration   | Wang Gungwu Theatre<br>Graduate House |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | <p>Opening Session</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks</i><br/>Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice Chancellor,<br/>The University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Welcome Remarks</i><br/>Prof. Rebecca Chiu, Chairman,<br/>Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research</p> <p><i>Presentation of Souvenirs</i><br/>Prof. David Lung, Dean, Faculty of Architecture,<br/>The University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Opening Speech: Sustainable Development of<br/>Subsidized Housing in Hong Kong</i><br/>Ms. Eva Cheng, Secretary for Transport and<br/>Housing, HKSAR Government</p> <p><i>Photo Taking</i></p> | Wang Gungwu Theatre<br>Graduate House |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee Break   | Wang Gungwu Theatre<br>Graduate House |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | <p>Keynote Session</p> <p>Chairman: Prof. Terry Burke, Swinburne<br/>University of Technology</p> <p><i>Toxic Capitalism: Neoliberalism, City Building,<br/>and Crisis</i><br/>Prof. Neil Smith, The City University of New York</p> <p><i>Neoliberalism and the City: Poor Economics<br/>and Even Worse Policy</i><br/>Prof. Mike Berry, RMIT University</p>  | Wang Gungwu Theatre<br>Graduate House |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | <p>Plenary Session I</p> <p>Chairman: Dr. Ian Winter, Australian Housing<br/>and Urban Research Institute</p> <p><i>Building Socially Sustainable Housing Systems<br/>in a Turbulent Global Economy: A Comparison<br/>of the UK and Australia</i><br/>Prof. Mark Stephens, University of Glasgow<br/>Prof. Mike Berry, RMIT University<br/>Dr. Ian Winter, Australian Housing and Urban<br/>Research Institute</p>   | Wang Gungwu Theatre<br>Graduate House |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch  | Joseph's, Graduate House              |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | Workshop Session I   | See Workshop Programme                |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee Break   |                                       |

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## 8 December 2011, Thursday

| Time          | Event  | Venue                                  |
|---------------|--|--|
| 16:00 - 17:30 | Workshop Session 2   | See Workshop Programme                 |
| 17:45 - 18:15 | APNHR General Meeting  | Meng Wah Complex Room 322 (MW322)      |
| 19:00 - 21:30 | Conference Dinner<br><i>Dinner Speech</i><br>Prof. David Lung, Dean, Faculty of Architecture,<br>The University of Hong Kong<br><i>Cultural Show</i> | Bauhinia Room<br>Regal Hong Kong Hotel |

## 9 December 2011, Friday

| Time          | Event  | Venue                                     |
|---------------|--|---|
| 09:00 - 09:55 | Plenary Session 2<br><i>Chairman: Prof. Seo Ryeong Ju, Kyung Hee University</i><br><i>A Review of Welfare Housing System Development in China since 1998</i><br>Prof. Jie Zhang, Tsinghua University<br><i>Housing for the Low and Middle Income Groups: Lessons and Problems from Malaysia</i><br>Dr. Kuppusamy Singaravello, University of Malaya  | Meng Wah Complex Lecture Theatre I (MWT1) |
| 09:55 - 10:50 | Plenary Session 3<br><i>Chairman: Prof. Francis Wong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i><br><i>Urbanization Challenge and Housing in the Philippines</i><br>Dr. Marife Ballesteros, Philippine Institute for Development Studies<br><i>Winner Takes All: Neo-liberal Construction of Housing Divide in Dhaka</i><br>Dr. Shayer Ghafur, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology | Meng Wah Complex Lecture Theatre I (MWT1) |
| 10:50 - 11:15 | Coffee Break   | Meng Wah Complex Lecture Theatre I (MWT1) |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | Workshop Session 3   | See Workshop Programme                    |
| 12:45 - 14:00 | Lunch  | Joseph's, Graduate House                  |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | Workshop Session 4   | See Workshop Programme                    |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee Break   |   |

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## 9 December 2011, Friday

| <i>Time</i>   | <i>Event</i>   | <i>Venue</i>                                       |
|---------------|--|--|
| 16:00 - 17:00 | <p>Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>Chairman: Prof. Ray Forrest, <i>City University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p><i>The Future Shape of Housing in Australia, China, Europe, and the Philippines</i></p> <p>Dr. Marife Ballesteros, <i>Philippine Institute for Development Studies</i></p> <p>Prof. Rebecca Chiu, <i>The University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p>Prof. Kath Hulse, <i>Swinburne University of Technology</i></p> <p>Prof. Claire Lévy-Vroelant, <i>Université Paris 8</i></p>   | Meng Wah Complex<br>Lecture Theatre I (MWT1)       |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Closing Session  | Meng Wah Complex<br>Lecture Theatre I (MWT1)       |
| 17:30 - 19:00 | <p>Cocktail Reception – 10th Anniversary of APNHR</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <p>Prof. Rebecca Chiu, <i>Chairman, Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research</i></p> <p><i>Speech</i></p> <p>Prof. Anthony Yeh, <i>Director, Centre of Urban Design and Planning, The University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p><i>Speech</i></p> <p>Prof. Terry Burke, <i>Vice-Chairman, Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research</i></p> <p><i>Speech</i></p> <p>Prof. Peter Boelhouwer, <i>Chairman, European Network for Housing Research</i></p> <p><i>Toast</i></p> | Senior Common Room,<br>14th Floor, K.K. Leung Bldg |

## 10 December 2011, Saturday

| <i>Time</i>   | <i>Event</i> | <i>Venue</i>               |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 09:00 – 13:00 | Field Trips  | See Field Trip Information |