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SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

Contributing to social sciences, particularly geography and urban studies, my research stands on the shoulders of giants who developed **legal geography** (property-sovereignty nexus, commoning, regulation, and performativity), theorised **territoriality** (planning, governance, and innovation), and studied the **Global East** (East Asian urban transformation under global uneven geography).

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Geography, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, since 2020.

Supervisor: Jean Ruegg (Full Professor of Geography and Planning).

MPhil in Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 2017 – 2019.

BSocSc (First Class Honours) in Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 2012 – 2016.

SCIENTIFIC CAREER

University of Lausanne, Switzerland, since 2019.

Graduate Assistant in Legal Geography, Institute of Geography and Sustainability.

University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 2021 – 2022.

Visiting Researcher, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Faculty of Architecture.

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 2012 – 2019.

Research Postgraduate in Geography, Graduate School (on studentship), 2017 – 2018.

Research Assistant, Department of Geography, 2016.

Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Geography, 2014, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Journal Editorship

Editorial Assistant, Surveying & Built Environment, 2022.

Journal Referee

American Journal of Economics and Sociology, 2020; 2020.

Geopolitics, 2020; 2020; 2020; 2022.

Housing Studies, 2022.

Planning Perspectives, 2020.

Routes - The Journal for Student Geographers, 2020; 2020.

The Professional Geographer, 2021; 2021.
Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, 2021.
Urban Geography, 2022.

University Governance

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

Member, Social Sciences Faculty Board, February – August 2018.

Member, Taskforce on Review of Student Disciplinary Procedures, December 2017 – March 2019.

Member, Research Postgraduate Studies Committee, September 2017 – August 2018.

Member, Library Committee, September 2017 – August 2018.

University Senator, September 2017 – August 2018.

TEACHING

Guest Lectures

[2] “Wandering around High-density Cities: Gentrification and Asian Urbanism”
Social Changes in Hong Kong and Taiwan (Humanities and Social Sciences 278)
Invited by Katy Lam, EPFL, 17 May 2022.

[1] “Whither is Urban Geography?”
Urban Geography (Geography 3027)
Invited by Wing-Shing Tang, Hong Kong Baptist University, 29 November 2017.

Teaching Responsibilities

Postgraduate Level

Climate Change, Environmental Resources and Human Carrying Capacity in China (Geography 7129)
Lecturer (Team-teaching). Geography and development studies. English. University of Hong Kong.
Enrolment: 34 (2021).

Undergraduate Level

Geography and the Contemporary World (Geography 1005)

Teaching assistant. Social sciences and geography compulsory introductory course. English. Hong Kong Baptist University. Enrolment: 76 (2017).

Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta: A Survey (China Studies/ Geography 2025)

Teaching assistant. China studies and geography. English. Hong Kong Baptist University. Enrolment: 31 (2018); 14 (2017).

Urban Geography (Geography 3027)

Tutor. Geography. English. Hong Kong Baptist University. Enrolment: 70 (2017).

Urban Planning (Geography 4086)

Tutor. Geography. English. Hong Kong Baptist University. Enrolment: 25 (2018); 29 (2017).

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (PLPR), since 2020.
Geopolitical Economics of East Asia Research Network (EARCAG-GPE), since 2019.
International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA), since 2017.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONOURS

- [16] Runner-up, Young Researchers Best Paper Award
The Geopolitical Economies of East Asia Research Network. 2019.

- [15] Top-up Travel Grant, Faculty of Social Sciences
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2018.

- [14] The 6th Chang Kuo-sin Award for Aspiring Young Communicators (Commentary Category – Winner)
Chang Kuo-sin Journalism and Communication Education Fund. 2018.

- [13] University Grant Studentship
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2017.
Duration: 24 months (from January 2017 to December 2018)

- [12] The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Hong Kong Dissertation Scholarship
The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG). 2016.

- [11] MI Asia Award
2016.

- [10] President's Honour Roll
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2016.

- [9] Hong Kong Electric Scholarships for Energy & Environmental Studies
Hongkong Electric. 2015.

- [8] Dean's List
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2015.

- [7] Wong May Wai Esther Scholarship for Outstanding Geography Students
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2014.

- [6] Dean's List
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2014.

- [5] Dean's List
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2013.

- [4] President's Honour Roll
Hong Kong Baptist University. 2012.

- [3] Second Runner-up, Hong Kong Politikos Quest Championship
Department of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
2011.

Policy research title: Land planning policy and rural development in Hong Kong.
(Collaboration with Sam Chan, John Lai, and Steven Yung)

- [2] Outstanding Performance Award, Hong Kong Politikos Quest Championship
Department of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
2010.

Policy research title: The balance between urban development and conservation.
(Collaboration with Sam Chan, Bruce Luk, S-Y. Pong, Felix Kong, and Victor Shiu)

- [1] Finalist of Best Documentary, Live Curious Documentary Awards
National Geographic Channel. 2010.

Documentary title: Memories of Star.
(Collaboration with Hardy Yan and C-S. Lau)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

* denotes corresponding author for co-authored works

Journal Papers

- [6] **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "New Town Planning as Diplomatic Planning: Scalar Politics, British-Chinese Relations, and Hong Kong." Journal of Urban History 48(2): 361–380.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0096144220948813>
- [5] **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "Hong Kong as a Property Jurisdiction." Social Transformations in Chinese Societies 18(1): 1–18.
<https://doi.org/10.1108/STICS-01-2020-0001>
- [4] **Yip, Maurice**. 2021. "We Have Never Been So Bounded: Pandemic, Territoriality, and Mobility." The Geographical Journal: A Journal of the Royal Geographical Society 187(2): 174–181.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.12389>
- [3] **Yip, Maurice***, Joanna Wai-Ying Lee, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2020. "From God's Home to People's House: Property Struggles of Church Redevelopment." Geoforum 110: 14–24.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.01.019>
- [2] Tang, Wing-Shing, Joanna W-Y. Lee*, Tsz Wa Hui, and **Maurice Yip**. 2019. "The 'Urban Density' Question in Hong Kong: From Absolute Space to Social Processes." City, Culture and Society 17: 46–53.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ccs.2018.10.002>
- [1] **Yip, Maurice***, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2017. "The Spatial Story of St. Francis Yard in Wan Chai: A Catholic Urban Community Echoing the Urban Development Trajectory of Hong Kong." (in Chinese). Hong Kong Journal of Catholic Studies 7: 155–177.

Book Chapters

- [2] **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "Policing Territory: The Yet-to-Be Unsettled Space of the Property-Sovereignty Nexus." In Reorienting Hong Kong's Resistance: Leftism, Decoloniality, and Internationalism, edited by Wen Liu, JN Chien, Christina Chung, and Ellie Tse, 103–117. Singapore: Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-4659-1_8
- [1] Tang, Wing-Shing*, and **Maurice Yip**. 2016. "Everyday Life of Residents in High-density Hong Kong under the Land (Re)development Regime." (in Japanese). In Towards an Inclusive City: Practices in East Asia, edited by Hong-Gyu Jeon, 92–103. Kyoto, Japan: Horitsu Bunka Sha (法律文化社).
ISBN: 978-4-589-03735-0
Reviewed in International Journal of Asian Studies (2018).

Reference Work

- [1] **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "Hong Kong." In Oxford Bibliographies in Urban Studies, edited by Richardson Dilworth. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/obo/9780190922481-0055>

Book Reviews

- [2] **Yip, Maurice.** 2021. "Pseudo-Public Space in Chinese Shopping Malls: Rise, Publicness and Consequences. By Yiming Wang (2019)." Eurasian Geography and Economics 62(1): 120–123. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2019.1707103>
- [1] **Yip, Maurice.** 2020. "The Power of Place: Contentious Politics in Twentieth-Century Shanghai and Bombay. By Mark W. Frazier (2019)." Urban Geography 41(2): 352–353. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2020.1739366>

Theses

- [2] **Yip, Maurice.** 2019. Legal Production of Land (In)justice in Hong Kong (around 73,000 words). MPhil Thesis, Hong Kong Baptist University.
Examiners: Adrian J. Bailey (Dean of Social Sciences, Chair Professor of Geography), Anne Haila (Finnish Academy Professor, University of Helsinki, Finland), Wing-Shing Tang (Full Professor of Geography), Chun Yang (Full Professor of Geography).
Principal Supervisor: Wing-Shing Tang (Full Professor of Geography).
Co-supervisor: Lachlan Barber (Assistant Professor of Geography).
- [1] **Yip, Maurice.** 2016. Urban (Re)Development, Religious Organisations, and Urban Communities: A Spatial Story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Wan Chai (around 25,000 words). BSocSc Thesis, Hong Kong Baptist University.
Examiner: Si-Ming Li (Chair Professor of Geography).
Supervisor: Wing-Shing Tang (Full Professor of Geography).

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Mass Media Coverage

Interviewed, cited, or consulted by RTHK TV (2020), Ming Pao (2020, 2018, 2017), Reuters (2020), CABLE News (2019), Apple Daily (2018), HK01 (2018), Hong Kong Citizen News (2018), NowTV News (2018), RTHK News (2018), Christian Times (2018), etc.

Public Writings

21 pieces of public writings on academic topics for various mass media outlets since 2017. For the full text, please visit « [toastore](#) », the archive of my non-scholarly writings.

- [21] **Yip, Maurice.** 2021, 20 June. On the history of the fiscal arrangement of mega-projects in Hong Kong. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [20] **Yip, Maurice.** 2021, 13 June. On the planning process of Tin Shui Wai new town in Hong Kong. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [19] **Yip, Maurice.** 2021, 6 June. On the land lease problem in the 1980s Hong Kong. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [18] **Yip, Maurice.** 2020, 12 August. On gentrification. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)

- [17] **Yip, Maurice**. 2020, 23 February. On bail, the presumption of innocence, and the criminal procedure (a Chinese translation of the earlier writing for Hong Kong Free Press). Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [16] **Yip, Maurice**. 2020, 5 February. On bail, the presumption of innocence, and the criminal procedure. Hong Kong Free Press. (in English)
- [15] **Yip, Maurice**. 2019, 13 May. On the Legislative Council of Hong Kong. The Stand News. (in Chinese)
- [14] Tang, Wing-Shing, and **Maurice Yip**. 2019, 28 January. On spatial justice and public discussion. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [13] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2018, 20 September. On the misinterpretations of the land question of Hong Kong (Part 2/2). Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [12] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2018, 19 September. On the misinterpretations of the land question of Hong Kong (Part 1/2). Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [11] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2018, 2 May. On the land debates in Hong Kong. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [10] Tang, Wing-Shing, Jackie Kwok, and **Maurice Yip**. 2018, 1 April. On spatial politics and everyday life. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [9] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2018, 23 March. On the government policy review of the private recreational leases policy in Hong Kong. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [8] Tang, Wing-Shing, and **Maurice Yip**. 2018, 4 March. On land reclamation in Hong Kong. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [7] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2018, 18 January. On the colonial politics of the private recreational leases policy in Hong Kong. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [6] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2017, 29 December. On the public-private partnership proposal of land development and planning in Hong Kong. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [5] Tang, Wing-Shing, Hon-Chu Leung, Kwok-Kin Fung, and **Maurice Yip**. 2017, 16 November. On the transitional housing policy in Hong Kong and a Lefebvrian critique. HK01. (in Chinese)
- [4] Tang, Wing-Shing, and **Maurice Yip**. 2017, 24 September. On the land regime of Hong Kong. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [3] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2017, 16 August. On the co-location arrangement at the West Kowloon Station of Express Rail Link. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)
- [2] Tang, Wing-Shing, Chun-Kit Wong, and **Maurice Yip**. 2017, 2 July. On the urban question of Hong Kong. Ming Pao Sunday. (in Chinese)
- [1] **Yip, Maurice**, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2017, 18 May. On the administration of land granted to charities for social service purposes at nil/concessionary premium in Hong Kong. Ming Pao. (in Chinese)

Advocacy and Community Projects

- [2] Produced a video about the private recreational land lease policy in Hong Kong, with the Citizens Task Force on Land Resources and Liber Research Community, in March 2018.
- [1] Participated in a community mapping project in Wan Chai in Hong Kong, with St. James' Settlement; its collective product was published as a map in December 2015.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- [11] Symposium – Geographies of Law: Inquiries into the space-law tangle.
University of Turin, Turin, Italy, 13–14 December 2021 (mixed mode).
Presenter, “The Law’s Preciseness Paradox: Interpreting the Unrecognisable Spaces in the Sharing Urbanism” (co-authored with Jean Ruegg)
- [10] Osgoode GLSA Graduate Student Conference 2020-2021.
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, 18–20 February 2021 (online).
Co-presenter, “More-than-human Promise and Legal Materiality” (co-authored with Irem Ince Keller)
- [9] 2018/19 Hong Kong Studies Annual Conference.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 5–6 December 2019.
Presenter, “Hong Kong as a Property Jurisdiction”
- [8] The 4th Workshop on the Geopolitical Economy of East Asian Developmentalism.
Osaka City University, Osaka, Japan, 26 November – 1 December 2019.
Presenter, “Property Assemblage, Urban Developmentalism and Democratic Struggle in East Asia: Some Conceptual Propositions”
- [7] The 1st Annual Meeting of the Society for Hong Kong Studies.
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 22 June 2019.
Presenter, “Land Injustice in Hong Kong: Its Concept and Manifestations in G/IC Redevelopment” (co-authored with Joanna Wai-Ying Lee and Wing-Shing Tang)
- [6] The 9th Meeting of East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography.
Daegu, South Korea, 10–15 December 2018.
Chair, Session on Environmental Cooperation
Presenter, “Law, Urban Infrastructure, and Land (In)justice: A New Explanation of New Town in British Hong Kong in the 1980s”
Co-presenter, “Gentrification is Dead in East Asia: “Nano”-isation in Hong Kong” (co-authored with Wing-Shing Tang)
- [5] Hong Kong Geography Day 2018.
The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 24 November 2018.
Presenter, “Thinking Spatio-Legally: A Research Agenda for the Legal Geography of Hong Kong”
- [4] The 8th East Asian Inclusive City Network Workshop.
Osaka City University and Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 11–13 July 2018.
Member, Organising Committee

- [3] The 27th Conference of the International Network for Urban Research and Action.
Havana, Cuba, 19–25 November 2017.
Co-presenter, “Gentrification is Dead: “Nano”-isation in Hong Kong” (co-authored with Wing-Shing Tang)
- [2] The 8th Meeting of East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography.
Hong Kong, 6–8 December 2016.
Member, Organising Committee
- [1] The 5th International Workshop on Constructing the East Asian Inclusive City Network.
Taipei, Taiwan, 23–25 September 2015.
Presenter, “The Everyday Life Practices of Residents in High-density Sham Shui Po District and the Unchallenged Hegemony of the Land (Re)development Regime” (co-authored with Wing-Shing Tang)

OTHER TALKS

- [7] “Futurity and Endurance of Temporary Space: Law, Democratisation, and the City”
Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, 17 November 2020.
- [6] “‘No More Tears on Our Land’: Legal Geography of Property and Sovereignty” (in Mandarin)
Department of Land Economics, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 4 December 2019.
- [5] “Legal Production of Land (In)justice in Hong Kong in the 1980s”
Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 15 February 2019.
- [4] “Reflecting on Neoliberalism: The Randomly Indigenised and Appropriated Concept on China and Hong Kong” (with Wing-Shing Tang, in Cantonese)
HKCGG seminar on the Critique of the Conceptions of Neoliberalism. Hong Kong Critical Geography Group, Hong Kong, 30 June 2018.
- [3] “Land Question and Law in Hong Kong: An Unsolved Puzzle since the 1980s”
Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 18 January 2018.
- [2] “Thinking about Urban Space Legally: Towards Legal Geography of Hong Kong”
Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 30 August 2017.
- [1] “Urban Redevelopment in Hong Kong and its Artistic Representations”
Asia Art Archive, Hong Kong, 18 January 2017.