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 Institut de géographie et durabilité,
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 Université de Lausanne,
 CH-1015 Lausanne, Suisse

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Mouline – Geopolis 3540,
 Institute of Geography and Sustainability,
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 CH-1015 Lausanne, Switzerland

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

My academic work is put into conversation with debates in geography, urban studies, and social sciences.

I build my work on the shoulders of giants who developed **legal geography** (property-sovereignty nexus, commoning, regulation, and performativity), theorised **territoriality** (planning, governance, experiment, and innovation), and studied **Global East** (East Asian urban transformation in the context of global uneven geography).

My recent research falls into the following three themes:

- territoriality of workplace and economic democracy in digital platform cities
- potentialities and promises of territorial planning for democratisation of urban societies
- conceptions and manifestations of land (in)justice, and spatio-legally innovative alternatives

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Assistant in Legal Geography (Category: Research and Teaching Staff)*Since 2019*

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Team « IF – Informing Futures », Urban Studies Research Group, Institute of Geography and Sustainability

CURRENT STUDY PROGRAMME

Candidate for Doctor of Philosophy in Geography*Since 2020*

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Fields: Legal Geography, Urban Planning, Science and Technology Studies, Global Urban Studies

Thesis Supervision Committee: Jean Ruegg (Dissertation Director; Full Professor of Human Geography and

Planning), Mathis Stock (Full Professor of Tourism Geography), Szu-Yun Hsu (Assistant Professor of Political Science, McMaster University, Canada)

EDUCATION

Master of Philosophy in Geography*2019*

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Started in January 2017, submitted in October 2018, defended in February 2019, awarded in November 2019

Fields: Legal Geography, Urban Theories, Hong Kong Studies

Thesis: [Legal Production of Land \(In\)justice in Hong Kong](#)

Examiners: Adrian J. Bailey (Dean of Social Sciences, Chair Professor of Geography), Anne Haila (Finnish Academy Professor, University of Helsinki, Finland), Wing-Shing Tang (Professor of Geography), Chun Yang (Professor of Geography)

Principal Supervisor: Wing-Shing Tang; Co-Supervisor: Lachlan Barber (Assistant Professor of Geography)

Bachelor of Social Sciences (First Class Honours)

2016

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Major: Geography; Minor: Journalism

Honours Project: Urban (Re)development, Religious Organisations, and Urban Communities: A Spatial Story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Wan Chai

Adviser: Wing-Shing Tang (Professor of Geography); Examiner: Si-Ming Li (Chair Professor of Geography)

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education

2012

Salesian English School, Hong Kong

Subjects: Geography, Economics, and Business, Accounting and Financial Studies

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Referee

American Journal of Economics and Sociology (2020; 2020); Geopolitics (2020; 2020; 2020); Planning Perspectives (2020); Routes - The Journal for Student Geographers (2020; 2020)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

* denotes corresponding author for co-authored works

Journal Papers

- We have never been so bounded: Pandemic, territoriality, and mobility. [6] 2021
———. *The Geographical Journal: A Journal of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.12389>
- New town planning as diplomatic planning: Scalar politics, British-Chinese relations, and Hong Kong. [5] 2020
———. *Journal of Urban History*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0096144220948813>
- Hong Kong as a property jurisdiction. [4]
———. *Social Transformations in Chinese Societies*.
<https://doi.org/10.1108/STICS-01-2020-0001>
- From God's home to people's house: Property struggles of church redevelopment. [3]
———*, Lee, J.W.-Y., & Tang, W-S. *Geoforum*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.01.019>
- The "Urban density" question in Hong Kong: From absolute space to social processes. [2] 2018
Tang, W-S., Lee, J.W.-Y.*, Hui, T-W., & ———. *City, Culture and Society*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ccs.2018.10.002>
- The spatial story of St. Francis Yard in Wan Chai: A Catholic urban community echoing the urban development trajectory of Hong Kong. [1] 2017
———*, & Tang, W-S. *Hong Kong Journal of Catholic Studies*, 7, 155-177. (in Chinese)

Book Reviews

- The Power of Place: Contentious Politics in Twentieth-Century Shanghai and Bombay. By Mark W. Frazier (2019). [2] 2020
———. *Urban Geography*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2020.1739366>

Pseudo-Public Space in Chinese Shopping Malls: Rise, Publicness and Consequences. By Yiming Wang (2019). [1] 2019
———. *Eurasian Geography and Economics*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2019.1707103>

Other Writings

Land injustice: Micro-actions and mega-projects. [1] 2020
———. *Hong Kong Insights*, Hong Kong Studies Association (UK-based), 9 October.
<https://bit.ly/3npxN2F>

Book Chapter

Unchallenged land (re)development regime and everyday life of residents in high-density Hong Kong. [1] 2016
Tang, W-S.*, & ———. Jeon, H-G. (Ed.), *Towards an Inclusive City: Practices in East Asia* (pp. 92-103). Kyoto, Japan: Horitsu Bunka Sha (法律文化社). (in Japanese)
ISBN: 978-4-589-03735-0

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Mass Media Coverage

Interviewed, cited or consulted by Ming Pao (2020, 2018, 2017), Reuters (2020), i-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 (Selected; For a full list, see also <https://toastore.mauriceyip.space/>)

深水埗就是深水埗，不是布魯克林 (Sham Shui Po is just Sham Shui Po, not Brooklyn). [18] 2020
[The concluding and fourth analysis of the gentrification series]
Ming Pao, C6. 12 August. (in Chinese)

保釋是權利 非刑罰 (Bail is a right but not a punishment). [17]
Ming Pao, D08. 23 February. (in Chinese)

Bail should never be punitive: Did we forget the presumption of innocence?. [16]
Hong Kong Free Press. 5 February.

秘書處將議員歸邊 立會檔案反映政治中立的偽術 (Legislative Council Secretariat and the myth of political neutrality: Archives as evidence). [15] 2019
The Stand News. 13 May. (in Chinese)

讓我們把空間公義帶進公共討論 (Let's bring the concept of spatial justice into the public discussion). [14]
Tang, W-S., & ———. Ming Pao, A27. 28 January. (in Chinese)

土地大辯論的六大謬誤 (下) (Six fallacies in the land debate – part 2/2). [13] 2018
Tang, W-S., & ———. Ming Pao, A25. 20 September. (in Chinese)

- 土地大辯論的六大謬誤（上） (Six fallacies in the land debate – part 1/2). [12]
Tang, W-S., & ———.
Ming Pao, A27. 19 September. (in Chinese)
- 突破議程 改造城市：土地大辯論的盲點 (Beyond the agenda to transform the city: The blindspot of the land debate). [11]
———, & Tang, W-S.
Ming Pao, A23. 2 May. (in Chinese)
- 空間政治：毋忘日常生活 (Spatial politics: Don't forget the everyday life). [10]
Tang, W-S., Kwok, J.Y-C., & ———.
Ming Pao, D05. 1 April. (in Chinese)
- 遊樂場地契政策倒行逆施 (Recreational lease policy goes against the tide). [9]
———, & Tang, W-S.
Ming Pao, A36. 23 March. (in Chinese)
- 填海，只不過是故技重施 (Land reclamation as the old tactic). [8]
Tang, W-S., & ———.
Ming Pao, D08. 4 March. (in Chinese)
- 私人遊樂場地契約政策的謀算：從解密檔案解構土地政治 (The political calculation of the private recreational land lease: Insights from the declassified archive). [7]
———, & Tang, W-S.
Ming Pao, B9. 16 January. (in Chinese)
- 以土地政策包裝二度剝削——公私營合作的盤算 (Packing the double exploitation with land policies: Public-private partnership). [6] 2017
———, & Tang, W-S.
Ming Pao, B9. 29 December. (in Chinese)
- 「過渡」措施目的成謎 勿把城市簡化為宿舍 (Don't simplify a city to a dormitory). [5]
Tang, W-S., ———, Leung, H-C., & Fung, K-K.
WeMedia HK01. 16 November. (in Chinese)
- 不願面對的土地真相：從體制的二度剝削說起 (An inconvenient land truth: The speaking of the land regime). [4]
Tang, W-S., & ———.
Ming Pao, D06-D07. 24 September. (in Chinese)
- 一地兩檢的政治空間與日常生活——「割地」非政治口號 (The political space and everyday life of co-location arrangement: Ceding land is not only a political slogan). [3]
———, & Tang, W-S.
Ming Pao, A23. 16 August. (in Chinese)
- 下流城市 (Downwardly-mobile city). [2]
Tang, W-S., Wong, C-K., & ———.
Ming Pao, D06-D07. 2 July. (in Chinese)

正視優惠土地上牟利 政府和慈善團體應做補贖 (Turn away from sin: Profit-making FBOs on granted lands should do penance). [1]
——, & Tang, W-S.
Ming Pao, A25. 18 May. (in Chinese)

Advocacy/ Community Projects

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

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

TEACHING

Tutor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University 2017 - 2018

'Urban Geography'
Upper-division undergraduate – geography, English.
2017 – Enrol.: 70, with Wing-Shing Tang.
Weekly tutorial sessions preparation, classroom teaching, consultation hours, and assignment grading

'Urban Planning'
Advanced undergraduate – geography, English.
2018 – Enrol.: 25, with Yiguan Ma; 2017 – Enrol.: 29, with Wing-Shing Tang.
Weekly tutorial sessions preparation, classroom teaching, consultation hours, and assignment grading

Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University 2017 - 2018

'Geography and the Contemporary World'
Freshmen undergraduate – social sciences and geography compulsory introductory course, English.
2017 – Enrol.: 76, with Him Chung.
Assignment design, field trips organisation, and logistics support

'Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta: A Survey'
Lower-division undergraduate – China studies and geography, English.
2018 – Enrol.: 31, with Wing-Shing Tang; 2017 – Enrol.: 14, with Wing-Shing Tang.
Assignment design and grading, field trips organisation, and logistics support

Guest Lecture

'Whither is urban geography?', an undergraduate course Urban Geography (GEOG3027), Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 29 November. 2017

PARTICIPATED RESEARCH PROJECTS

The socio-economic impact of the Grain for Green Project in China 2019
Research Assistant. Faculty Research Grant, Hong Kong Baptist University. Principal Investigator: Claudio O. Delang.

History of Catholic Church in Hong Kong in the 20th Century 2017 - 2018
Convenor, Working Panel on Church Architecture. Centre for Catholic Studies, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust. Principal Investigator: Louis Keloon Ha.

Unfreezing the city: Framing spatial stories – life beyond the plan, survey, and grid Research Assistant. Asia Art Archive. Principal Investigator: Solomon Benjamin.	2017
Between places and plans: A cultural geography of walking and pedestrian planning in Hong Kong Research Assistant. Faculty Research Grant, Hong Kong Baptist University. Principal Investigator: Lachlan Barber.	2016
Unsettling high-density development in Hong Kong: Production of space, spatial (in)justice and everyday life Research Assistant. General Research Fund, Research Grants Council. Principal Investigator: Wing-Shing Tang, Co-investigators: Alan Smart, Joanna Wai-Ying Lee.	2013 - 2016

MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

University Governance

Hong Kong Baptist University

Member, Social Sciences Faculty Board	<i>February - August 2018</i>
Member, Taskforce on Review of Student Disciplinary Procedures	<i>December 2017 - March 2019</i>
Member, Research Postgraduate Studies Committee	<i>September 2017 - August 2018</i>
Member, Library Committee	<i>September 2017 - August 2018</i>
University Senator	<i>September 2017 - August 2018</i>

Academic Event Planning

The Eighth East Asian Inclusive City Network Workshop Member of the Organising Committee Urban Research Plaza, Osaka City University Hong Kong, 11-13 July	2018
The Eighth Meeting of East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography Member of the Organising Committee Hong Kong Baptist University Hong Kong, 6-8 December	2016

AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONOURS

Runner-up, Young Researchers Best Paper Award, The Geopolitical Economies of East Asia Research Network.	[16]	2019
Top-up Travel Grant, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University.	[15]	2018
The 6th Chang Kuo-sin Award for Aspiring Young Communicators (Commentary Category – Winner), Chang Kuo-sin Journalism and Communication Education Fund.	[14]	
University Grant Studentship, Hong Kong Baptist University. Duration: 24 months (from January 2017 to December 2018)	[13]	2017
The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Hong Kong Dissertation Scholarship.	[12]	2016

MI Asia Award.	[11]
President's Honour Roll, Hong Kong Baptist University.	[10]
Hong Kong Electric Scholarships for Energy & Environmental Studies.	[9] 2015
Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University.	[8]
Wong May Wai Esther Scholarship for Outstanding Geography Students.	[7] 2014
Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University.	[6]
Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University.	[5] 2013
President's Honour Roll, Hong Kong Baptist University	[4] 2012
Second Runner-up, Hong Kong Politikos Quest Championship, Department of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Policy research title: Land planning policy and rural development in Hong Kong. (Collaboration with Sam Chan, John Lai, and Steven Yung)	[3] 2011
Outstanding Performance Award, Hong Kong Politikos Quest Championship, Department of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Policy research title: The balance between urban development and conservation. (Collaboration with Sam Chan, Bruce Luk, S-Y. Pong, Felix Kong, and Victor Shiu)	[2] 2010
Finalist of Best Documentary, Live Curious Documentary Awards, National Geographic Channel. Documentary title: Memories of Star. (Collaboration with Hardy Yan and C-S. Lau)	[1]

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member, International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (PLPR)	<i>Since 2020</i>
Member, Hong Kong Studies Association (HKSA)	<i>Since 2019</i>
Member, Geopolitical Economies of East Asia Research Network (EARCAG-GPE)	
Member, Society for Hong Kong Studies (SHKS)	<i>Since 2018</i>
Member, International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA)	<i>Since 2017</i>
Member, International Critical Geography Group (ICGG)	<i>Since 2016</i>
Member, Hong Kong Critical Geography Group (HKCGG)	<i>Since 2013</i>
Member, Standing Committee on Current Social Affairs, Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students (HKFCS)	<i>2013 - 2014</i>

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Osgoode GLSA Graduate Student Conference 2020-2021 [8] 2021
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada
Virtual Conference, 18-20 February
Co-presenter, 'More-than-human promise and legal materiality' (co-authored with Irem Ince Keller)
- 2018/19 Hong Kong Studies Annual Conference [7] 2019
The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Education University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, 5-6 December
Presenter, 'Hong Kong as a property jurisdiction'
- The 4th Workshop on the Geopolitical Economy of East Asian Developmentalism [6]
Osaka City University
Osaka, Japan, 26 November - 1 December
Presenter, 'Property assemblage, urban developmentalism and democratic struggle in East Asia: Some conceptual propositions'
- The 1st Annual Meeting of the Society for Hong Kong Studies [5]
The University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, 22 June
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)
- The 9th Meeting of East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography [4] 2018
Daegu, South Korea, 10-15 December
Chair, Session on Environmental Cooperation, sponsored by Korea Environment Institute
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)
- Hong Kong Geography Day 2018 [3]
Education University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, 24 November
Presenter, 'Thinking spatio-legally: A research agenda for the legal geography of Hong Kong'
- The 27th Conference of the International Network for Urban Research and Action [2] 2017
Havana, Cuba, 19-25 November
Co-presenter, 'Gentrification is dead: "Nano"-isation in Hong Kong' (co-authored with Wing-Shing Tang)
- The 5th International Workshop on Constructing the East Asian Inclusive City Network [1] 2015
Taipei, Taiwan, 23-25 September
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

- 'Futurity and endurance of temporary space: Law, democratisation, and the city' [7] 2020
Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne
Lausanne, Switzerland, 17 November

- “No more tears on our land”: Legal geography of property and sovereignty [6] 2019
 Department of Land Economics, National Chengchi University
 Taipei, Taiwan, 4 December (in Mandarin)
- ‘Legal production of land (in)justice in Hong Kong in the 1980s’ [5]
 Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University
 Hong Kong, 15 February
- ‘Reflecting on neoliberalism: The randomly indigenised and appropriated concept on China and Hong Kong’ (with Wing-Shing Tang) [4] 2018
 HKCCG seminar on The Critique of the Conceptions of Neoliberalism
 Hong Kong Critical Geography Group
 Hong Kong, 30 June (in Cantonese)
- ‘Land question and law in Hong Kong: An unsolved puzzle since the 1980s’ [3]
 Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
 Hong Kong, 18 January
- ‘Thinking about urban space legally: Towards legal geography of Hong Kong’ [2] 2017
 Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
 Hong Kong, 30 August
- ‘Urban redevelopment in Hong Kong and its artistic representations’ [1]
 Asia Art Archive
 Hong Kong, 18 January

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Taiwan Studies Summer School 2020
 Centre of Taiwan Studies, SOAS University of London
 Online Programme, July
- Hong Kong Studies Research School 2019
 Academy of Hong Kong Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, December
- Teaching University Students (A Training Course on Pedagogy) 2017
 Centre of Holistic Teaching and Learning, Hong Kong Baptist University
 Hong Kong, January - April

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- News Reporter (Politics Desk) 2016
 WeMedia 01 (HK) Ltd, Hong Kong

LANGUAGES

Proficient English and Mandarin; Native Cantonese