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I. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, USA.

- Major Field: Architecture
- Minor Fields: Urban Geography; East Asian Studies

Master of Science in Architectural Conservation, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

Master of Arts in Design, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.

Bachelor of Applied Arts (Interior Design), Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.

II. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor. Division of Landscape Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, 2020-present.

Assistant Professor. Division of Landscape Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, 2016-2019.

Assistant Professor. Department of Urban Planning & Design, The University of Hong Kong, 2013-2015.

Visiting Lecturer. Department of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 2011-2012.

Visiting Lecturer. Architectural Conservation Program, The University of Hong Kong, 2008-2009.

Graduate Student Instructor. Department of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 2006-2011.

III. RESEARCH GRANTS

General Research Fund, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2019 [Co-investigator].

Heritage Conservation and the Creation of New Urban Values: A Comparison of Three Historical Sites in Hong Kong.

Amount awarded: HKD 506,052.

General Research Fund, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2016 [Principal Investigator].

Shaping a New Moral Topography: The Roles of Landscape Design in the Planning of Chinese Cities, 1912-1949.

Amount awarded: HKD 746,894.

Early Career Scheme (ECS), Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2014 [Principal Investigator].

Speculative Urbanism: Modernist Planning & Housing Practices in Colonial Hong Kong, 1912-1939.

Amount awarded: HKD 509,000.

Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme, Hong Kong SAR Government, 2021 [Co-investigator].
Village Commoning: Developing a Community-led Model in Countryside Revitalization.
 Amount awarded: HKD 1,900,774.

Design Trust Feature Grant (team award). Design Trust, 2018 [Co-investigator].
Pacific Rim Resilient Cities by Design.
 Amount awarded: HKD 300,000.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS & EDITED BOOKS

Chu, Cecilia L. *Building Colonial Hong Kong: Speculative Development and Segregation in the City*.
 Planning, History and Environment Series, Routledge, 2022.

Chu, Cecilia L. and Shenjing He, eds., *The Speculative City: Emergent Forms and Norms of the Built Environment*. University of Toronto Press, 2022.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cecilia L. Chu and Marta Catalan Eraso. "Beyond the Sunday Spectacle: Foreign Domestic Workers and Emergent Civic Urbanisms in Hong Kong." In *Cities After Development: Emerging Civic Urbanisms in Hong Kong, Taipei, Seoul and Singapore*, edited by Im Sik Cho, Blaz Kriznik and Jeff Hou. Amsterdam University Press, 2022.

Chu, Cecilia L. "The Afterlives of Modern Housing." In *Routledge Companion to Contemporary Architectural History*, edited by Duanfang Lu, 127-143, Routledge, 2022.

Cecilia L. Chu and Shenjing He. "Financialization, Speculation, and the Production of the Urban Built Environment." In *The Speculative City: Emerging Forms and Norms of the Built Environment*, edited by Cecilia L. Chu and Shenjing He, 11-18. University of Toronto Press, 2022.

Catalan, Marta Eraso, and **Cecilia L. Chu**. "El Quinon; Corruption and Speculative Urbanism in the Spanish Financial Crisis." In *The Speculative City: Emerging Forms and Norms of the Built Environment*, edited by Cecilia L. Chu and Shenjing He, 155-175. University of Toronto Press, 2022.

Lachlan Barber and **Cecilia L. Chu**. "Living Heritage Versus Dead Relics? Place Meanings and Boundary-Making in the Politics of Heritage in Postcolonial Hong Kong." In *Place Meaning and Attachment: Authenticity, Heritage, and Preservation*, edited by D. Kopec and A. Bliss, 182-193. Routledge, 2020.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Envisioning Future Pasts: Heritage and Emergent Activism in Postcolonial Macau and Hong Kong." In *Urban Asias: Essays on Futurity Past and Present*, edited by Tim Bunnell and Daniel P.S. Goh, 64-76. Jovis Verlag, 2018.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Afterword." In *Housing Asia 2020: Perspectives and Responses*, edited by Christiane Lange, Christian J. Lange and Eunice Seng. Dept. of Architecture, University of Hong Kong, 2017.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Narrating the Mall City." In *Mall City: Hong Kong's Dreamworlds of Consumption*, edited by Stefan Al, 83-90. Hawaii University Press & Hong Kong University Press, 2016.

Chu, Cecilia. "Combating Nuisance: Sanitation, Regulation, and the Politics of Property in Colonial Hong Kong." In *Imperial Contagions: Medicine and the Cultures of Planning in Asia*, edited by Robert Peckham and David Pomfret, 17-36. Hong Kong University Press, 2013.

Chu, Cecilia. "Between Typologies and Representation: The *Tong Lau* and the Discourse of the 'Chinese House in Colonial Hong Kong.'" In *Colonial Frames, Nationalist Histories: Imperial Legacies, Architecture, and Modernity*, edited by Mrinalini Rajagopalan and Madhuri Desai, 253-283. Studies in Architecture Series. Ashgate, 2012.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cecilia L. Chu. "Contagious City: Bubonic Plague and Hong Kong's First Urban Renewal Scheme" (疫情奔城：鼠疫與香港的首個都市重建計劃). *HKIA Journal* 76 (2020): 25-29.

Liang, Zhiyong, Yue Tong and **Cecilia L. Chu.** "设计师的中介角色与价值立场：'模拟游戏'在设计与规划理论教学的应用" (Performing Community Design: The Use of Simulation Games in Architectural and Planning Education). *New Architecture 新建築* 2 (2020): 127-131

Chu, Cecilia L. and Zhiyong Liang. "*Tianyuan Dushi* (田園都市): Garden City, Urban Planning, and Visions of Modernization in Early 20th Century China." *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review* 31, 1 (2019): 38-54.

Chu, Cecilia L. "'Placing 'Asia' against the 'West': Occidentalism and the Production of Architectural Images in Shanghai and Hong Kong." *Architectural Theory Review* 22, 3 (2018): 309-337.

Tang, Dorothy and **Cecilia L. Chu.** "Infrastructure Imagination: Charting Hong Kong's Futures through Construction Photography" (基建與想像：由工程攝影解讀香港城市未來) *HKIA Journal* 74 (November 2018): 118-122.

Chu, Cecilia L. "The Propensity of Things: The Portuguese *Calçada* and Its Historicity." *Current Anthropology* 59, 4 (2018): 388-389.

Chu, Cecilia L. and Zhiyong Liang. "建构理想的家居：20 世纪初期中国大众刊物中的现代居所概念" (Conceptualizing the Ideal Home: The Modern Dwelling in Mass-market Journals in Early 20th Century China). *時代建築 Time + Architecture* 3 (2018): 106-111.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Constructing a New Domestic Discourse: The Modern Home in Architectural Journals and Mass Market Texts in Early 20th Century China." *Journal of Architecture* 22, 6 (September 2017): 1066-1091.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Spectacular Macau: Visioning Futures for A World Heritage City." *Geoforum* 65 (October 2015): 440-450.

Chu, Cecilia L. and Romola Sanyal. "Spectacular Cities of Our Time." *Geoforum* 65 (October 2015): 399-402.

Chu, Cecilia. "*Shanzheng* (善政) and *Gongde* (公德): Moral Regulation and Narratives of 'Good Government' in Colonial Hong Kong." *Journal of Historical Geography* 42 (Oct 2013): 180-192.

Chu, Cecilia. "People Power as Exception: Three Controversies Over Privatization in Posthandover Hong Kong." *Urban Studies* 47, 8 (July 2010): 1773-1792.

Chu, Cecilia. "The Myths and Politics of Housing in Hong Kong: The Controversy Over the Demolition of the Hunghom Estate." *Habitat International* 32 (2008), 375-383.

Chu, Cecilia. "Heritage of Disappearance? Shekkipmei and Collective Memory(s)." *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review* 18, 2 (Spring 2007), 42-55.

BOOK REVIEWS

Chu, Cecilia L. "Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change." *Journal of Society of Architectural Historians* 80, 2 (2021): 239-340.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Making Hong Kong: A History of Its Urban Development." *Geographical Research* 59, 2 (2020): 301-302.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Constructing the Colonized Land: Entwined Perspectives of East Asia Around WWII." *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review* 29, 1 (2017): 91-92.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Enclave to Modernity: Canton, Foreigners, and Architecture from the Late Eighteenth to the Early Twentieth Centuries." *Journal for the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong* 57 (2017): 266-268.

Chu, Cecilia L. "Aspects of Urbanization in China: Shanghai, Hong Kong, Guangzhou." *Planning Perspectives* 30, 4 (2015): 665-668.

Chu, Cecilia. "Non West Modernist Past: On Architecture and Modernities." *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review* 23, 2 (Spring 2012): 90-91.

Chu, Cecilia. "Yin Yu Tang: The Story of a Chinese House." *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review* 16, 2 (Spring 2005): 93-94.

POLICY REPORTS FOR NGOS

Chu, Cecilia and Mishko Hansen. *Building Consensus on Sustainable Planning Principles for the Harbour District*. No. 6 Summary Report. Hong Kong: Designing Hong Kong Harbour District, 2004.

Chu, Cecilia and Kylie Ubegang. "Saving Hong Kong's Cultural Heritage." In *Conservation in Hong Kong*, 51-103. Hong Kong: The Civic Exchange, 2002.

V. EXHIBITIONS

Infrastructure Imagination: Hong Kong City Futures [基建與想像: 香港未來之都], 1972-1988.

The City Gallery, Hong Kong, March 2018.

Organizing Unit: Division of Landscape Architecture, The University of Hong Kong

Webpage: <http://uv.hku.hk/infrastructure>

Event highlight: <https://uvision.hku.hk/m/21924>

Presentation (2021): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHTV6HqyLAc>

Modern Architecture in South China: Macau Modernity + Modern Architecture in Hong Kong.

Fundacao Oriente Gallery, Casa Garden, Macau, May 2016.

Organizing units: DOCOMOMO Macau and DOCOMOMO Hong Kong

Mapping Modern Architecture in Hong Kong [圖解香港現代建築].

Central Market Oasis Gallery, Central, Hong Kong, July 2013.

Organizing unit: DOCOMOMO Hong Kong

Webpage: <https://www.docomomo.hk/public-exhibition-july/>

**Received HKU's Faculty Knowledge Exchange Award (team award).*

VI. KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROJECTS

DOCOMOMO Hong Kong Public Discussion Series, 2019-2021

A public discussion series organized for DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

European Heritage Day: Happy Valley Self-guided Tour, 2020.

A walking tour to visit the urban heritage of Hong Kong's Happy Valley. Co-organized by the Consulate General of France and DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

Architecture We Love to Hate: 15 Controversial Modernist Buildings in Hong Kong, 2019

A public forum and walking tour series jointly organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists (HKICON) and DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

Modern Architecture in Hong Kong, 2018.

A public forum and walking tour series jointly organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists (HKICON) and DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

Central Waterfront Public Outreach Workshop, 2018.

A public outreach workshop co-organized with the Urban Land Institute, Stanford University, Very Hong Kong, and the University of Hong Kong.

M+ / DOCOMOMO Hong Kong Architecture Oral History Project, 2017-2018.

A collaborative research project between M+ Museum Ltd. and DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

Urban Dialogues: Under Threat: General Post Office and State Theatre, 2018.

A public discussion series organized for DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

Urban Dialogues: Reconsidering Hong Kong's Central District, 2016.

A public discussion series organized for DOCOMOMO Hong Kong.

Modern Architecture in Hong Kong Lecture Series, 2014.

A public lecture series co-organized for DOCOMOMO Hong Kong and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Hong Kong SAR Government.

VII. MEDIA INTERVIEWS

"How Shopping Malls Became Battlegrounds in Hong Kong's Protests."

Quatz Hong Kong, 24 July 2019.

"Hong Kong's Modern Heritage: Part 3: Choi Hung, The Rainbow Estate."

Zolima City Magazine, 20 March 2019.

"Hong Kong's Modern Heritage: Part 1: The General Post Office."

Zolima City Magazine, 28 January 2019.

“Kowloon Tong History: Hong Kong’s Original Garden City and Its unusual Path.”*South China Morning Post*, 5 November 2018.**“Many Undulating Things.”** An award-winning film by Bo Wang and Pan Lu, 2018.**“街知巷聞: 走近基建拼湊城市想像” [Reflections on the Infrastructure Imagination Exhibition].***Mingbao Daily*, 22 April 2018.**“Old But Not Old Enough: Architecture Advocates Worried Post-war Buildings Will Disappear.”***Coconuts Hong Kong*, 29 March 2018.**“當交通變為文化的一部分” [When Transportation became a Part of Urban Culture].***Deutsche Welle* (DW), 22 August 2015.**“UNESCO Status Encouraged Demolition of Old Buildings.”***Macau Business Daily*, 3 July 2015.**“Spotlight on Safety of Guesthouses.”***The Straits Times*, 14 Jan 2014.**“Nostalgia for Bitter Memories.”***China Daily*, 23 September 2013.**VIII. EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Journal of Urban History.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong.

Critical Architectural and Urban Histories of Asia Series, Hong Kong University Press.

Surveying and Built Environment.

IX. REFEREED SERVICE

Architectural Histories; Architectural Research Quarterly; Architectural Theory Review; Journal of Historical Geography, Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space; Environment and Planning D: Society and Space; Fabrications, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research; Journal of Ageing and Society; Journal of Architectural Education; Journal of Historical Sociology; Journal of Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong; Journal of Urban History; Landscape Research; Nakhara: Journal of Environmental Design and Planning; Political Geography; Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review; Urban Studies; Urban Policy and Research; Verge: Studies in Global Asias.

Nominated as Excellent Reviewer on Publons.*X. TEACHING**

COURSES TAUGHT**Division of Landscape Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, 2016-2020**

CCHU 9048 The City: Histories of Urbanism and the Built Environment

ARCH 7291 Master of Landscape Architecture Thesis Preparation

ARCH 7141 Landscape History and Theory I

ARCH 3103 Environment, Community and Design: Agency of Change and Ethics of Practice

ARCH 3105 Theories and Practices of Contemporary Landscape Architecture

Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong, 2013-2016

CCHU 9048 The City: Histories of Urbanism and the Built Environment

ARCH 7060 Urban Design Theories and Principles

URBS 2003 Communication Studio I: People and the Built Environment

URBS 2002 Urban and Regional Development I

URBS 2001 Urban Studies Studio I: Urban Processes and City Design

ARCH 6070 Research Methods in Urban Design

Architectural Conservation Programme, The University of Hong Kong, 2007-2008

Special Topic in Cultural Heritage Conservation

Department of Architecture, UC Berkeley, 2006-2011

ARCH 169B American Cultural Landscapes: 1900 to the Present

ARCH 130 Design Theory and Criticism

ARCH 170B A Historical Survey of Architecture and Urbanism, from 1400s to the Present

ARCH 170A A Historical Survey of Architecture and Urbanism, from Antiquity to the 1400s

SUPERVISION OF PHD & MPHIL STUDENTS

Xinhui Chen, Division of Landscape Architecture, HKU, 2019.

Dissertation title: *Post-consumption Spaces in Historic Urban Areas: Aspiration and Placemaking*

Wenxin Zeng, Division of Landscape Architecture, HKU, 2019.

Dissertation title: *Arts and Cultural Industries Under Inner-City Gentrification in Hong Kong.*

Ting Wang, Division of Landscape Architecture, HKU, 2018.

Dissertation title: *Wetland Governance: Constructed landscape and Modernity Toward Ecological Civilization in Tai Lake Basin, China.*

Yiling Lin, Department of Architecture, HKU, 2017.

Dissertation title: *The Spirit of Spring in China's Melting Pot: (Un)settling Social Ties, Lives and Affectivity of Shenzheners.*

Ian Yuk Hong Tan, Department of Architecture, HKU, 2017 [Co-supervision]

Dissertation title: *Modern Monuments: Masonry Clad Steel Framed Building in Revitalizing British Colonial Cities in the Early 20th Century.*

Sben Korsh, Department of Architecture, HKU, 2016.

Dissertation title: *Buildings and Landscapes of Finance in Central, Hong Kong, 1978-2008.*

Marta Catalan Eraso, Department of Architecture, HKU, 2014.

Dissertation title: *Chinese Capitalism under Neoliberalism: The Spanish Urban Transformation.*

XI. SERVICE

NON-UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Founding Member. Hong Kong Chapter of DOCOMOMO (International Committee for the Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Landscapes and Neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement), 2016-present.

Advisor. Hang Lung Young Architects Program, Hang Lung Properties Limited, 2016-present.

Committee Members. Society of Architectural and Urban Historian Asia (SAUH Asia), 2016-present.

Advisory Board Member. International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments (IASTE), 2017-present.

APPOINTMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Member. Faculty Human Resource Committee. Faculty of Architecture, 2020-2022.

Member. Job Search Committee. Division of Landscape Architecture, 2021.

Member. Departmental Publishing Grants Committee. Department of Architecture, 2018–present.

Acting Chair. Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee. Department of Architecture, 2018-19.

Chairman. Faculty Library Committee. Faculty of Architecture, 2017-present.

Coordinator. DLA Research Seminar Series. Division of Landscape Architecture, 2017-2018.

Member. Job Search Committee. Department of Architecture, 2018.

Member. Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee. Department of Architecture, 2016-present.

Member. Architecture, Urbanism and the Humanities Initiatives (AUHI), 2015-present.

Member. Common Core Curriculum Working Group, 2015-2016.

Member. Admission Committee. Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) Program. Department of Urban Planning and Design, 2013-2015.

Member. Admission Committee. Master in Urban Design (MUD) Program. Department of Urban Planning and Design, 2013-2015.