

## Dean's Roundup

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Roundup:** *Ceiling function*, the mathematical operation of rounding a number up to the next higher integer.

**Roundup:** a term in American English referring to the process of gathering animals into an area, known as a "Muster" in Australia.

**Rounding up:** when a helmsman cannot control a boat and it heads into the wind

**Roundup:** the plan for an invasion of northern France by Allied forces during World War II (*Wikipedia*)

**Dean's Roundup:** part blog, part bulletin; part honour roll

Dear colleagues,

I had two very productive meetings in London on June 10<sup>th</sup> - with the president of RICS and CEO of the RTPI. With the former, I discussed RICS global and Chinese priorities and strategy and how REC can align with those. Priorities include global measurement standards (in the context of BIM and wide divergence of standards internationally); valuation; and ethics. With the latter (RTPI), we agreed in principle that HKU would partner in organising two meetings as part of the RTPI's centenary year celebrations in 2014; one in HK and one in the Shanghai Study Centre (SSC). At SSC, the RTPI will launch a new prospectus for its China outreach, which I am advising on. RTPI is also very enthusiastic about giving its support to a new MSc in Urban Management based at SSC and jointly offered with a Faculty of Public Administration in a top Chinese University (I have already had some discussions about this as a potentially important strategic input into China Planning and as a funding stream to help support the SSC).

I am now in Cardiff for a few days, setting up a new project, funded (2.5M HKD) by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC – like the US NSF), which I shall run from HKU with a team based in Cardiff University School of Planning and Geography and Cardiff Medical School and the University of Cambridge Department of Land Economy.

I have been elected unopposed as a member of HKU's Honorary Degrees Committee for three years from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Last Thursday and Friday I spent a memorable time in Shanghai with the ACP team and students. For the second time in many years of visiting China, I had to leave behind pair of otherwise perfectly decent shoes ruined by walking around a city in relentless rain. Such was the experience that both the soaking and the loss were well worth it. I look forward to joining study visits organized by other departments/divisions in the coming year – it's the best way of getting to know programs, students and staff.

To all those below: congratulations and thanks for your valuable contributions to the work and profile of our faculty and the university. This is a particularly impressive list of engagements and achievements that we should all take collective pride in.

Many thanks

Chris

## Department of Architecture

### 1. Dr. B S Jia

- published "From Kinetic Arts, Open Building to Design Projects in a Architectural School", and "Art Reading - Observing Architecture from artistic perspective" (in Chinese), Art of Architecture, Vol. 1 2013, China Architecture and Building Press, Beijing.

### 2. Ms. Tris Kee

- had a paper accepted in the Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research Conference in August 2013 in Kuala Lumpur.
- was invited by the Transport and Housing Bureau, HKSAR Government to moderate a professional forum and workshop on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Event co-hosted by Transport and Housing Bureau and HK Institute of Urban Design.

### 3. Mr. Stephen Lau

- was appointed as a member of the editorial board for Current Urban Studies, 2013 <http://www.scirp.org/journal/cus/> Publisher:Scientific Research Publishing Inc., USA
- was appointed as a member of the editorial board for Journal of Climatology, 2013 <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/climatology/editors/>. Publisher: Hindawi Publishing Corporation, Egypt & USA
- was appointed as a member of the editorial board for Journal of Habitat Engineering and Design, 2013 <http://www.ishedweb.org/jhed/> JHED Office Department of Architecture and Urban Design Faculty of Human-Environment Studies Kyushu University Japan

### 4. Dr. Hoyin Lee

- made a presentation on "ACP and the New Paradigm in Architectural Conservation: Innovative Design in Adaptive Reuse Projects" at the *Symposium on Architectural-Urban Heritage Conservation Research and Education*, invited by the College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University, Shanghai, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### 5. Mr. Tom Verebes

- has been invited to be a member on the Peer Review Committee for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Symposium on Simulation for Architecture & Urban Design (SimAUD)*, in Tampa, Florida, USA, in April 2014.
- participated in the review process as a member of the Programme Review Committee, *Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA)*, to review papers and design submissions for a Conference & Exhibition in Waterloo, Canada, in October 2013.
- had a peer-reviewed conference paper accepted, for the *International Conference on Adaptation and Movement in Architecture (ICAMA2013)*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, in October, 2013.

### 6. Mr. Tao Zhu

- was appointed as one of 26 expert members to serve the National Academic Advisory Board for China's Traditional Village Protection and Development Research Center. Based in Tianjin University, the Center was initiated by China's renowned writer Feng Jikai, and supported by China's Ministry of Housing & Urban-Rural Development, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Cultural Heritage. The Center aims to launch a nation-wide campaign in late 2013 to survey, preserve, and revitalize China's

thousands of traditional villages that are facing the danger of being obliterated due to the country's rapid urbanization.

- published a paper "New China's Architectural Movements and Liang Sicheng's Thought Reform: 1956-1957" in *Time + Architecture* (2013-03). The first scholarly work about this topic, the paper examines China's architectural thinking in relation to a series of political campaigns launched by Mao Zedong between 1956 and 1957.

## Department of Real Estate and Construction

### 1. Dr. Tas Yong Koh

- concluded data collection during the MTRC's health and well being month. A total of 1600 questionnaires were completed by construction workers with the help and assistance of REC undergraduate students. These questionnaires relate to general physical health such as blood sugar level, cholesterol and blood pressure and other questions on workers drinking habits and their perceptions of work life balance. The aim of the survey is to profile the demographic, physical health and general well-being of our construction workers. Initial data analysis will be presented at the MTRC Safety Conference at the end of June.
- invited guest at MTR Corporate Safety Month Opening Ceremony on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### 2. Professor Anita M. M. Liu

- has been invited as the Keynote Speaker for the Annual Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in June 2013
- edited and published the Proceedings of the HKU-HKHA International Conference 2013 on Construction and Housing in the 21st Century (with Professor Steve Rowlinson, Dr Wilson Lu, Dr Isabelle Chan (PDF of Department of Real Estate and Construction); and also Professor Thomas Ng from the Civil Engineering Department).
- was awarded the Highly Commended Award Winner, 2013, awarded by the Emerald Literati Network for the paper entitled 'Empowering the project team: impact of leadership style and team context' published in *Team Performance Management: An International Journal*.
- has a journal paper "Individual level antecedents of psychological empowerment" accepted by *Journal of Management in Engineering*
- has a journal paper "Variability and delusions of precision" accepted by *Engineering Project Organization Journal*
- has a conference paper "Managing value in realizing construction projects through co-creational sensemaking" accepted by the ISEC-7 – The Seventh International Structural Engineering and Construction Conference, June 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Honolulu, Hawaii.

### 3. Dr. Wilson Lu

- was invited to visit the Broad Group in Changsha, Hunan Province, China from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2013. The company has attracted attention around the world for it building a 30-floor hotel in 15 days and it is claiming to build an 868m-high skyscraper using similar prefabrication technologies.
- visited three colleges, including Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Environmental Science & Engineering in Hunan University, China on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- published a paper "Lu W.S., Ye, K.H., Flanagan, R., and Jewell, C.A. (2013). Developing Construction Professional Services in the International Market: SWOT Analysis of China. *ASCE Journal of Management in Engineering*, Vol. 29, No. 3, 302-313".

#### 4. Professor Steve Rowlinson

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### Department of Urban Planning and Design

#### 1. Dr. Roger Chan

- facilitator-in-chief, "Kowloon Bay Business Area Pedestrian Environment Improvement Feasibility Study", a Public Engagement Exercise organized by the Energizing Kowloon East Office, Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

#### 2. Dr. Raul Lejano

- has published "Tales from the Crypt: The Rise and Fall (and Rebirth?) of Policy Design", *Administration & Society*, 45:3, pp. 357-381. Howlett, M. and Lejano, R.P. (2013).
- has published "Climate and Narrative: Environmental Knowledge in Everyday Life", *Environmental Science & Policy*, 31, pp. 61-70. Lejano, R.P., Tavares-Reager, J. and Berkes, F. (2013).

#### 3. Dr. Weifeng Li

- led a departmental field trip to Wuhan, with Dr. Kenneth Tang, from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, June, 2013. The field trip aimed to provide undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Department with first-hand knowledge and experience of topics related to urban development and affairs. The group was received by the School of Urban Design at Wuhan University, Wuhan Land Resources and Urban Planning Information Centre, and Wuhan Planning Exhibition Centre, where the participants learnt about the urban development, future plans of Wuhan and GIS/IT applications in urban planning and management. The group also visited the Yellow Crane Tower, East Lake, Chu River Han Street new development, Waterfront Park, Wuhan Tiandi and Hubei Museum.

#### 4. Professor Bo-sin Tang

- led a group of 17 HKU students to visit Guangzhou urban villages, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou Social Science Academy, Guangzhou University Town, Guangzhou Science City and other landmark projects in Guangzhou from 2 to 8 June 2013. This visit was supported by the "HKU-China 1000 Exchange scheme 2013 (2013 香港大學千人內地交流計劃)" of the Ministry of Education (MoE), and it was co-organized with Prof. Yuan Qifeng from the School of Geography & Planning of Sun Yat-sen University. Mr. Samson Zhuojun Liu, a PhD student from DUPAD and an urban planning graduate from Sun Yat-sen University, was the Manager of this Exchange Scheme.

- was invited to give a presentation on the topic: "Review and Reflections on Urbanization of Rural Areas in Hong Kong" at the Guangzhou Social Science Academy, Guangzhou on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
5. Professor Anthony Yeh
- was awarded 20 RADARSAT-2 images of Panyu District of Guangzhou, China that is worth a total of HK\$856,000 for his proposal on unsupervised short-term monitoring of human-induced land cover change using repeat-pass RADARSAT-2 polarimetric SAR images by the RADARSAT-2 Science and Operational Applications Research (SOAR) and development program of the Canadian Space Agency. The SOAR program is an international competitive program for the development of innovative applications, algorithms and methodologies for exploring and capitalizing on the enhanced capabilities of the RADARSAT-2 satellite.