



THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CITY CONFERENCE HONG KONG 2015

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

The Philosophy of the City Research Group
The Common Core@HKU
Hong Kong University Museum & Art Gallery
<http://www.hkumag.hku.hk/main.html>

Thursday November 5

6:30-7:30 pm

Street Clothes: An Informal Reception
Drake Gallery, Fung Ping Shan Building
HKU Museum & Art Gallery

Friday November 6

8:45-9:00

Registration

9:00-9:15

Welcome, **Gray Kochhar-Lindgren** and **Shane Epting**, Drake Gallery

9:15 – 9:45 *Urban Governance and Responsible Innovation*, Drake Gallery
The Example of Chinese High Tech Zones, **Michael Nagenborg**, University of Twente

10:00 – 11:00 Drake Gallery

Round-Table

Greetings from **Florian Knothe**, Director, HKU Museum & Art Gallery

Shane Epting: Moderator

Criss-Crossing the City: The Tasks of Philosophy

Remmon Barbaza, **Jules Simon**, **Matthew Crippen**

11:15 – 12:45 *The City and Movement*, Woodwork and Lacquer
Hong Kong: A Phenomenology of Exile and Freedom, **Jules Simon**, University of Texas El Paso

A Different Trolley Problem: Complex Moral Assessments for Transportation Infrastructure,
Shane Epting, University of North Texas

Moving through Urban Space: Micronegotiation and the Constitution of Embodied Selves,
Rebecca Kukla, Georgetown University

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch on Your Own

2:15 – 3:45 *Urban Poetics, Place and the Urban Self*, Bronze

Architecture-Urban Hapticity, **Thomas Mical**, University of South Australia

Of City 'Spaces': Baudrillardian Hysteria on Physical and Epistemological Urban Congestions,
Gian Carla D. Agbisit, University of Santo Tomas

Sense of Place: Exploring Translocal Materiality in Young Transmigrant Professionals'
Lifeworlds in Hong Kong, **Narine Nora Kerelian**, HKU

2:15 – 3:45 *On Knowing the City*, Woodwork and Lacquer
Hong Kong and Dubai: Celebration of Disappearance and the Pretension of Becoming, **Thorsten
Botz-Bornstein**, Gulf University, Kuwait

Cities as Knowledge of Apperception and Augmentation: Hong Kong as a Case Study,
Bakhotmah, Fawaz Abid, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Urban Memory: A Ricoeurian Approach, **Elaine M. Lazaro**, University of Santo Tomas

*At 4:00, we will gather in the Drake Gallery to organize **philosophical walking-working
tours of Hong Kong**. Family, friends, partners and strangers are welcome! These tours
will leave you out-and-about in the city, but those interested can meet up later for drinks
between 8:00-10:00 pm. We will announce the location for libations before you leave for
your tour.*

Saturday November 7

9:00-9:30 Drake Gallery
Shane Epting and Gray Kochhar-Lindgren
Re-Calling the Walking-Working Tours

9:45-11:00 *Shaping the City*, Woodwork and Lacquer
The City as Illusion, **Remmon E. Barbaza**, Ateneo de Manila University

The Cultivated City, **Anna Greenspan** and **Francesca Tarocco**, New York University,
Shanghai

Contour or Abysmal: The Future Ecology of Cities, **Virgilio A. Rivas**, Polytechnic University of
the Philippines

9:45-11:00 *Politics and Culture in Context*, Bronze
City as a place of Political Protest: A Post-modernist Critique of Jürgen Habermas and his
Communicative Action, **Nasim Ahmad**, University of Gujrat

A Fiesta of Duels: Social Contracts, Moral License & the Extremes of Cultural Violence in New
Orleans, **John Kaiser Ortiz**, Millersville University

Urban Religiosity: A Philippine Perspective, **Jesus Deogracias Z. Principe**, Ateneo de Manila
University

11:15-12:15

Keynote

Striving for Particularity: Cities on the Move

Daniel A. Bell

Chair Professor, Schwarzman Scholars Program, Tsinghua University, Beijing
Director, Berggruen Institute of Philosophy and Culture

12:15-1:30 Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 2:45 *Communities of the City*, Woodwork and Lacquer
Sufficiency Economy Perspectives on Peri-Bangkok Development, **Shiann-Far Kung**, National
Cheng Kung University

Re-sinicization and De-sinicization of Hong Kong: Re-examining Charles Taylor's Politics of
Recognition, **Andrew T.W. Hung**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Hong Kong
Community College

“Hic sunt leones”: The Sweet Clash of Sinhalese Communities in Naples, **Domenico Sgambati**,
University of Naples

1:30-2:45 *Many Faces of the City*, Bronze
The City of Forking Paths: Or What Virilio and Parent have to say about the Theory of Oblique
Function? **Jayson C. Jimenez**, Polytechnic University of the Philippines

Semiology and the City: Meanings and Appropriations of Tahrir Square, **Matthew Crippen** and
Farida Youssef, American University in Cairo

3:00 – 3:30

Next Steps: Philosophy on the Move
Shane Epting and **Gray Kochhar-Lindgren**
Drake Gallery

3:45ish – 4:45-ish

Philosophy of the City Research Group Business Meeting
All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

