

# When Local Meets Transnational: Reciprocal Effects of Immigrants Circulating between Hong Kong and Canada

19/20 JAN 2021 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM (PST) | 9:30 - 11:30 AM (GMT+8)  
26/27 JAN 2021 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM (PST) | 9:00 - 11:00 AM (GMT+8)

## ONLINE FORUM 2021

### SPEAKERS

UBC | SEAN LAUER • LEO K. SHIN • MIU CHUNG YAN  
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY | HELEN LEUNG • ANDY YAN  
CAREY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE | JOYCE CHAN  
HONG KONG UNIVERSITY | ERIC FONG  
HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY | LAKE LUI

**RSVP now via our official website:**

<https://migration.ubc.ca/events/when-local-meets-transnational>



### CO-ORGANIZERS



Department of Sociology  
The University of Hong Kong

### CO-SPONSORS



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Migration Studies



共研香江  
Hong Kong Studies Initiative





# SCHEDULE

## SESSION ONE - 19/20 JAN 2021

Inter-generational Socio-economic Profiles on Chinese Canadians in Metro Vancouver: Perspectives from the Canadian Census

*SFU Urban Studies | Andy Yan*

Blessed are Those Who Give: Stories of 3 Canadian trained Medical Doctors from Hong Kong

*Carey Theological College | Joyce Chan*

Locating Hong Kong in Queer Asian Diaspora Research

*SFU Department of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies | Helen Leung*

Canada and Hong Kong: A Historical Perspective

*UBC History and Asian Studies | Leo K. Shin*

## SESSION TWO - 26/27 JAN 2021

Exploring the Associational Life and Interethnic Friendships of Hong Kong Immigrants in Canada using the Ethnic Diversity Survey

*UBC Department of Sociology | Sean Lauer*

'I wish I were a plumber!': Transnational class reconstructions across migrant experiences among Hong Kong's professionals and managers

*HK Polytechnic University Department of Applied Social Sciences | Lake Lui*

Mapping the Literature on settlement and integration of Chinese Immigrants in Canada: A Scoping Review

*UBC School of Social Work | Miu Chung Yan, Stephanie Lai, Capri Kong*

The Diversity of Chinese in Canada and their Economic Attainment

*HKU Department of Sociology | Eric Fong, Pui Kwan Man*





## Inter-generational Socioeconomic Profiles on Chinese Canadians in Metro Vancouver: Perspectives from the Canadian Census

PRESENTATION 1A

19 JAN 2021 5:30PM – 6PM (PST) | 20 JAN 2021 9:30AM – 10AM (GMT+8)

---

The 2016 Canadian Census offers an unprecedented (and often under-utilized) views into the socio-economic conditions of Chinese Canadians across immigration generations lines. These numbers may provide a valuable beacon through which further examinations from which issues of immigration, race, and social well-being may be explored.

### SPEAKER

ANDY YAN



**Andy Yan, MA, MCIP, RPP, GISP** is the director of The City Program at Simon Fraser University and a registered professional urban planner. Andy is also an adjunct professor in Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University and in Planning at the University of British Columbia School of Regional and Community Planning. He is the recipient of the Planning Institute of British Columbia's Award in the Leadership in Advocacy and Innovation and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Advocate for Architecture award.





## Blessed are Those Who Give: Stories of 3 Canadian trained Medical Doctors from Hong Kong

PRESENTATION 1B

19 JAN 2021 6PM – 6:30PM (PST) | 20 JAN 2021 10AM – 10:30AM (GMT+8)

---

This presentation recounts the stories of 3 Canadian trained medical doctors who came from Hong Kong to Canada in the 1960s. This “new generation” of Chinese Canadian professionals’ professional and vocational identity was heavily influenced by the strong Christian faith nurtured in both their home country and in Canada. In contrast to the common impression that immigrants deplete the resources of their host country, this group of immigrants worked hard to achieve both academic and professional excellence and are committed to give to society and exert tremendous influences in Canada and across the world.

### SPEAKER

#### DR CHUNG-YAN (JOYCE) CHAN



Chung-Yan (Joyce) Chan is the Professor of Church History at Carey Theological College, Vancouver, B.C. Chan received her M.Div. from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and her PhD in Religion (historical studies) at Baylor University. She pioneered a North American Chinese Church Ministries (NACCM) program at Carey Theological College in 2004, aiming at training both volunteer leaders and clergy for the Chinese immigrant churches in Canada. Her research interest focuses on documenting major movements and biographical stories among Chinese Canadian immigrant churches through both archival study and oral history. Her publications include *Rediscover the Fading Memories: Early Chinese Canadian Christian History* (2013), and *William Dean and the First Chinese Study Bible* (2014).





## Locating Hong Kong in Queer Asian Diaspora Research

PRESENTATION 1C

19 JAN 2021 6:30PM – 7PM (PST) | 20 JAN 2021 10:30AM – 11AM (GMT+8)

---

This presentation discusses a conceptual issue I encounter when participating in the proposed research project on Hong Kong migrants in Vancouver. I plan to document the stories of Hong Kong migrants who identify as LGBTQ and examine their relation (or lack thereof) to queer Asian cultural activism in the city. Research on LGBTQ subjects in the diasporas has been most significantly influenced by scholarship on “queer migration” and “queer diaspora,” which focuses on the intersection amongst migration policy, sexual norms, diasporic identity, and sexual citizenship. My own work on queer Asian cultural activism in Vancouver is also influenced by the framework of Asian Canadian studies and examines how “Asian” displaces national and ethnic categories of identity while creating new solidarities amongst queer migrants.

I have thus relied on theoretical frameworks that de-emphasize national and ethnic identification in favour of inter-Asian and other cross-ethnic relationality amongst queer diasporic subjects. I am interested in the questions that studying Hong Kong migration pose for this conceptualization: Are Hong Kong LGBTQ migrants in Vancouver a part of, or apart from, this queer Asian formation? What are their relations to other queer communities in Vancouver? How does the development of LGBTQ politics in Hong Kong itself impact the migrant community in Vancouver? How might queer Asian diasporic research impact Hong Kong migration research and vice versa?

### SPEAKER



#### DR HELEN LEUNG

Helen Leung (梁學思) is Professor and Chair of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies, and co-director of the Institute for Transpacific Cultural Research, at Simon Fraser University. She has published widely on Asian cinema and queer culture and is the author of *Undercurrents: Queer Culture and Postcolonial Hong Kong*, *Farewell My Concubine: A Queer Film Classic*, as well as articles in journals including *positions*, *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, *Urban Studies*, and *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*. Her current research includes a SSHRC-funded project on Transpacific Film Cities and an audio project on queer Asian cultural activism in Vancouver during the 2000s.





## Canada and Hong Kong: A Historical Perspective

PRESENTATION 1D

19 JAN 2021 7PM – 7:30PM (PST) | 20 JAN 2021 11AM – 11:30AM (GMT+8)

---

As we anticipate another wave of migration from Hong Kong, it is perhaps useful to take stock of earlier moments of intersection between the histories of Canada and Hong Kong.

### SPEAKER

LEO K. SHIN



Leo K. Shin is Associate Professor of History and Asian Studies as well as Convenor of the Hong Kong Studies Initiative ([hksi.ubc.ca](http://hksi.ubc.ca)) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Born and raised in the former British colony, Dr Shin was for a brief period of education and political reporter for The Hong Kong Standard. While his research has been centred on imperial China, he has maintained a strong interest in the recent past, especially as it relates to the formation and transformation of modern-day Chinese and—by extension—Hong Kong identities.





## Exploring the Associational Life and Interethnic Friendships of Hong Kong Immigrants in Canada using the Ethnic Diversity Survey

PRESENTATION 2A

26 JAN 2021 5PM – 5:30PM (PST) | 27 JAN 2021 9AM – 9:30AM (GMT+8)

---

Engagement with associations and interethnic friendship provide a glimpse of the immigration experience of newcomers to Canada. Using the Ethnic Diversity Survey, I will explore the experiences of new immigrants from Hong Kong in Canada.

### SPEAKER

#### DR SEAN LAUER



Sean Lauer is an associate professor of sociology at UBC who uses institutional and relational approaches from sociology to study communities, immigration, and marriage. His current research explores the concepts of social infrastructure and community building with a focus on neighbourhood houses in Vancouver.





## **‘I wish I were a plumber!’: Transnational class reconstructions across migrant experiences among Hong Kong’s professionals and managers**

PRESENTATION 2B

26 JAN 2021 5:30PM – 6PM (PST) | 27 JAN 2021 9:30AM – 10AM (GMT+8)

---

This study examines processes of class construction within a transnational community of professionals and managers who are emigrants, returnees, and non-migrants. Building on Bourdieu’s class analysis and literature on transnational migration, the article examines how class statuses are supported by moral claims based on varying transnational mobility strategies. The authors draw their results from qualitative interviews with 45 Hong Kong respondents in Hong Kong and Canada. They find that despite Hong Kong emigrants’ loss of economic capital due to de-professionalization, their cultural and symbolic claims frame an alternative set of norms about their life successes. Returnees claim to have the best of both worlds having amassed economic capital while making social distinctions from stayers in terms of their globalized cosmopolitan imaginaries. Stayers appear envious of emigrants’ and returnees’ flexibility and seek to accumulate economic capital for future retirement migration or to send their children abroad. Respondents’ moralizing discourses reveal a social field-defining within-class distinction apart from hyper-concerns of upward mobility through material gains. Nuanced class distinctions articulate values around freedom of space, time, and expression not readily accessible to residents remaining in Hong Kong.

### **SPEAKER**



#### **DR LAKE LUI**

Lake Lui is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She does research on internal and transnational migration, family, and gender. Her major publications have appeared in *Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Modern China*, *Asian Population Studies*, and *Current Sociology*. She is the book author of *Re-negotiating Gender: Household Division of Labor When She Earns More Than He Does* (Springer).





# Mapping the Literature on settlement and integration of Chinese Immigrants in Canada: A Scoping Review

PRESENTATION 2C

26 JAN 2021 6PM – 6:30PM (PST) | 27 JAN 2021 10AM – 10:30AM (GMT+8)

---

Using the Summon Search Tool we identified 326 English journal articles, which are available online in full text, on issues related to settlement and integration of Chinese immigrants to Canada published between January 1, 1980, and December 31, 2019. In this presentation, we report the patterns identified in this set of literature in terms of their nature, topic areas, research methodology used and identification of place of origin of Chinese immigrants to Canada.

## SPEAKERS



DR MIU CHUNG YAN

Miu Chung Yan is a professor of the University of British Columbia School of Social Work. He has actively engaged in studies of settlement and integration issues of Chinese immigrants and their second generation in the last two decades. Findings of his studies have been widely published in many international journals including a recent article on subethnicity of Chinese immigrant community in Canada in Asian Ethnicity.

STEPHANIE LAI

Stephaine is a second-year occupational therapy student at Western University. She is interested in ageing in place and health promotion for individuals and communities.



CAPRI KONG

Capri is a fourth-year undergraduate student specialised in Sociology and Statistics. She is keen on research in transnationalism, immigration and social integration.







## The Diversity of Chinese in Canada and their Economic Attainment

PRESENTATION 2D

26 JAN 2021 6:30PM – 7PM (PST) | 27 JAN 2021 10:30AM – 11AM (GMT+8)

---

The Chinese population in Canada is not a homogenous group. First and foremost, the group includes foreign-born and Canadian-born individuals. Furthermore, those foreign-born Chinese in Canada have come from a wide range of places of origin. Despite the fact that many qualitative studies of Chinese in Canada have documented their diversity, few quantitative studies have explored large-scale data to provide a national perspective on their pattern of diversity. Using the 2016 Canadian census, we document the pattern of diversity in the Chinese population in Canada. In particular, focusing on income differences within the group, our study aims to understand the significance of the place of origin in the economic attainment of Chinese immigrants and their children in Canada.

### SPEAKERS

#### DR ERIC FONG



Eric Fong is the Chair Professor in Sociology and Head of the Sociology Department at the University of Hong Kong. He joined the University of Hong Kong in 2020 from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he served as chair of the Department of Sociology and the inaugural Director of the Research Centre on Migration and Mobility. Prior to returning to Hong Kong in 2016, Fong had been a professor of sociology at the University of Toronto for more than 20 years.

#### PUI KWAN MAN

Pui Kwan Man, PhD is a Post-doctoral Fellow in the Department of Sociology at the University of Hong Kong. She obtained her PhD from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her research interests include the sociology of crime and deviance, gambling disorder, substance abuse, gender, family, and marriage. Her doctoral thesis was awarded the Frank Ng Memorial Scholarship for Sociological Studies of Crime and Deviance in 2019.

