

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. (Political Sociology), Columbia University, 2000
M.Phil. (Sociology), Columbia University, 1991
M.A. (Sociology), Columbia University, 1988
B.Sc. (Sociology), University of Wisconsin – River Falls, 1986
Special Cert. (Music), Sir Robert Black College of Education, 1975
Teacher Cert. (Music, Math., English), Grantham College of Education, 1974

Areas of Specialization/Research Interest

Hong Kong society and politics
Public governance
China studies
Theorizing and methodology
Social movement & labor union
Comparative social development

Awards and Honors

“Hong Kong Week” Proclamation Honor by Mayor of New York City, 1990
Special Academic Honors, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 1986
Marion Hawkins International Scholarship, University of Wisconsin – River Falls, 1985
First Prize of Music Instrum. Open Competition, Grantham College of Education, 1973

Current Academic and Professional Position

Programme Coordinator (since 9/1996)
BA (Hons) Public Administration and Management of De Montfort University,
Administered by SCOPE, City University of Hong Kong

Chairperson of the Board of Directors (since 2/2002)
The Social and Economic Policy Institute (registered research institute in Hong Kong)

Chairperson of the Board of Directors (since 9/1994)
Hong Kong Monitor (registered opinion group in Hong Kong)

Guest Lecturer (Since 1/2003)

EMBA China Business Course, Department of marketing, City University of Hong Kong

Part-time Lecturer (since 9/1998)

Syracuse University Hong Kong Center, located at City University of Hong Kong
(lecturing: Hong Kong in the World Political Economy; Democratization in East Asia;
Understanding East Asia: Economic and Social Development)

Guest Lecturer (since 9/2000)

Police Training Wing, the Hong Kong Police Force
(seminar/workshop: Public Security System of China; Public Governance in China:
Judicial System of China)

Guest Lecturer (since 9/1998)

Civil Service Training & Development Institute, Hong Kong SAR Government
(seminar/workshop: various courses related to issues of public governance in China)

Guest Commentator (2003 - 2009)

Pentaprim (a programme of analysis on daily news of Hong Kong), Radio & Television
Of Hong Kong

Columnist & Political Analyst

“大道之行” (由 2006 年 7 月起) 《東方日報》

“新香港論衡” (由 1994 年 4 月起) 《信報月刊》

“公僕圈” (2002 年 1 月至 2004 年 2 月) 《信報》

“功德無量” (2002 年 8 月至 2003 年 5 月) 《東方日報》

“行政之道” (1996 年 5 月至 2001 年 6 月) 《明報》

“香港論衡” (由 1994 年 5 月至 1996 年 4 月) 《星島日報》

- Active in the commentator and analyst community, frequently interviewed by various sectors of the media (including television, radio, the press and news agency) on current incidents and events related to public affairs in both Hong Kong and China

Social Participation & Network

Member, Focus Group on Long Term Housing Strategy Study, HKSAR Government
(Jan – March, 2013)

Member, Democracy Development Network (a think-tank for the promotion for Hong
Kong’s democratization) (since 2003)

Advisor, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (since 2000)

Member, Community Affairs Consultation Committee, Hospital Authority (1999 - 2003)

Member, Informal Advisory Board to the Chairperson, Democratic Party of Hong Kong
(2003 - 2011)

Current Research & Publications

- 2013 “Recent Social Movements in Hong Kong”, a book chapter for Review of the Political Participations in Hong Kong (coming in early next year), edited by Joseph Cheng, Chinese University Press.
- 2012 “Evaluation on the Donald Tsang’s Administration”, a book chapter for Review of the SAR Government’s Performance Under the Leadership of Donald Tsang, edited by Joseph Cheng, Chinese University Press
- 2011 “Expectation for the Next Government”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (July issue, No.408)
- 2011 “Terrible Plight Faced by the Sunset Government”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (May issue, No.410)
- 2011 “Big Changes in the Political Arena of Hong Kong in the New Year”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (January issue, No. 406)
- 2010 “Hot Issues in the Policy Address”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (September issue, No.402)
- 2010 “How to Manage the Aging Buildings: Test to the Administrative Ability of the Hong Kong SAR Government”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (March issue, No. 396)
- 2009 “Rising of Political Crisis and the Challenges to Effective Governance”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (October issue, No.391)
- 2009 “The Challenges of the Principal Official Accountability System of Hong Kong”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (January issue, No.382)
- 2008 “The Changing Relationship across the Taiwan Strait: Impacts upon Hong Kong”, article for Hong Kong Economic Journal (June issue, No.375)
- 2007 “The Future of Think tanks in Hong Kong: From Residual to Institutional”, conference paper at International Conference of Civil Society and Its Challenges, organized by Syracuse University Hong Kong Centre
- 2006 “The Challenges Faced by the Newly Developed Political Appointment System”, public speech at the Forum organized by the Strategic Development Commission of the Hong Kong SAR Government (September 25)

- 2006 “The Reality of Hong Kong and the Constitutional Development: Constraint and Opportunity”, public speech at the Forum organized by the Strategic Development Commission of the Hong Kong SAR Government (February 28)
- 2005 Labor Legislation Protecting Atypical Workers: A Comparative Study, as project coordinator, commissioned by Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
- 2004 Public Policies and the Use of Direct Labor in the Construction Sector, member of the supervisory board, Funded by the Hong Kong Construction Association Ltd
- 2003 Comparative Study of Outsourcing Policies in OECD countries, as principal investigator, commissioned by Oxfam Hong Kong
- 2002 An Exploratory Study on Fiscal Policy and Social Development in Hong Kong, as principal investigator, sponsored by Oxfam Hong Kong
- 2001 “Hong Kong’s Civil Service Reform: Pitfall and Future”, conference paper at International Conference of Civil Service Reform, City University of Hong Kong
- 2000 “One Country, Two Systems: the HKSAR Government Under Public Scrutiny”, occasional paper, Department of Public and Social Administration, City University of Hong Kong
- 1999 “State Power and Challenges to Democratization: uniqueness of Hong Kong”, conference paper, International Conference on Democracy and Political Development, City University of Hong Kong
- 1999 “System Reform: Improvement or Revolution?”(in Chinese), paper submitted to Legislative Council’s public hearing, LC Paper No. CB(1) 1387/98-99(02)
- 1998 “Public Servants Right to Collective Bargaining”, occasional paper, Department of public and Social Administration, City university of Hong Kong
- 1997 “Political Developments in Hong Kong: Implications for 1997”, occasional paper, Department of Public and Social Administration, City University of Hong Kong