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Whither Cultural Studies? Dissent, Despair, and Pedagogy in Hong Kong

Friday, Dec 1, 2017 3 - 5 pm
Harbour Centre 1600, 515 W. Hastings St.

Light refreshments will be provided.

In this seminar, Professor Stephen Chan will reflect on recent experiences in civil disobedience, social antagonism and political prosecution in Hong Kong and share his insights on the intellectual project of Cultural Studies, which is grounded in the contextual critique of power, hegemony and consensus. Prof. Chan will address the questions of how intellectuals and educators can engage with a cultural situation that is edging away from trust, tolerance and credibility under increasingly authoritarian governance. Is there a pedagogy to handle dissent and despair for cultural studies? What can the Hong Kong experience illuminate for scholars and students elsewhere in the world?

Stephen Chan (陳清僑) is a Professor in the Department of Cultural Studies at Lingnan University and the current Chair of the Association of Cultural Studies (ACS).

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