



Student Seminar

Regional planning and cross-border cooperation in the Western Pearl River Delta

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Abstract:

The economic landscape and the pace of urbanization of Macau have undergone rapid changes since the liberalization of gaming industry in 2002. With a population of half a million residing in a territory less than 30km², regional integration with the Pearl River Delta is considered by the politicians and the general public in Macau as an opportunity to diversify Macau's economy and to supply land resource for its future urbanization. The signing of "Framework Agreement on Guangdong-Macau Urban Planning" in December 2008 is considered as the kick-off of regional planning under the "One Country, Two Systems". In June 2009, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) officially approved the University of Macau's Hengqin Campus Proposal on further regional cooperation between Macau and the Pearl River Delta. The rapid pace of cross-border cooperation will shape the spatial organization and urbanization of Macau and its neighboring city, Zhuhai. Until now, regional planning studies and researches focusing on cross-border cooperation are mainly centered on Hong Kong and PRD development. The Western Pearl River Delta seems to be under explored. In this presentation, the speaker will introduce the research background and questions, the proposed research process, the methodology and research methods, and some preliminary findings of her research.

About the Speaker:

Ms. Hon is currently a PhD candidate (part-time) in the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Hong Kong. She received a Bachelor's degree in urban planning from University of Auckland and a Master's Degree in Science (Urban Planning) from Columbia University. Ms. Hon is a member of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and one of the founding members of Macau Urban Planning Institute. She has been actively participating in urban planning projects in the States and Macau including Housing and Gentrification Study of the Lower East Side (2004), waterfront revitalization project of the Lower East Side (2005), Macau Public Library System Study (2006), Macau Inner Harbour Revitalization Study (2007) and Urban Design Study of Macau (2009-2010).

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