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SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

Contributing to social sciences, particularly geography and urban studies, my research stands on the shoulders of giants who developed legal geography (property-sovereignty nexus, commoning, regulation, and performativity), theorised territoriality (planning, governance, and innovation), and studied the Global East (East Asian urban transformation under global uneven geography).

EDUCATION

Since 02.2020 PhD Candidate in Geography, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.
Thesis: Geographical Explanation of Sharing Urbanism
Supervisor: Professor Jean Ruegg

09.2012–11.2019 MPhil in Geography and BSocSc (First Class Honours) in Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

SCIENTIFIC CAREER

Primary Appointment

Since 05.2019 Graduate Assistant in Legal Geography, Institute of Geography and Sustainability,
Faculty of Geosciences and Environment, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Honorary and Visiting Appointments

Since 09.2023 Visiting Researcher, Urban Resilience Research Center, Osaka Metropolitan
University, Japan.

01.2023–07.2023 JSPS International Research Fellow, Division of Geography, Department of Human
Behavioral Sciences, Graduate School of Literature and Human Sciences, Osaka
Metropolitan University, Japan.

09.2021–01.2022 Visiting Researcher, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Faculty of
Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

International Boards and Committees

Since 2023 International Steering Committee, East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative
Geography (EARCAG).

Journal Editorship

2022 Editorial Assistant, Surveying & Built Environment.

Journal Referee

American Journal of Economics and Sociology, 2020; 2020. Geopolitics, 2020; 2020;
2020; 2022. Housing Studies, 2022. Journal of Urban Affairs, 2022; 2022; 2023.
Journal of Urban History, 2022, 2023. Planning Perspectives, 2020. Routes - The
Journal for Student Geographers, 2020; 2020. Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale
geografie, 2022, 2023. The International Journal of Housing Policy, 2023; 2023. The
Professional Geographer, 2021; 2021. Transactions of the Institute of British
Geographers, 2021. Urban Geography, 2022; 2022; 2023.

University Governance and Responsibilities

University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Since 2023 Co-coordinator, Urban Studies Research Collective « Mondes urbains », Institute of
Geography and Sustainability.

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

02.2018–08.2018 Member, Social Sciences Faculty Board.

12.2017–03.2019 Member, Taskforce on Review of Student Disciplinary Procedures.

09.2017–08.2018 Member, Research Postgraduate Studies Committee.

09.2017–08.2018 Member, Library Committee.

09.2017–08.2018 University Senator.

TEACHING

Postgraduate Level

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong: Climate Change, Environmental Resources and Human Carrying Capacity in China.

Undergraduate Level

University of Lausanne, Switzerland: Geography: Milieu, Space, Territory. Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong: Geography and the Contemporary World, Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta: A Survey, Urban Geography, Urban Planning.

Guest Lectures

[2] 17.05.2022 “Wandering around High-density Cities: Gentrification and Asian Urbanism”, Social Changes in Hong Kong and Taiwan, EPFL.

[1] 29.11.2017 “Whither is Urban Geography?”, Urban Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University.

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2022 Swiss Network for Law and Society.

Since 2022 CRN35 Legal Geography, Law & Society Association.

Since 2020 International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (PLPR).

Since 2019 Geopolitical Economics of East Asia Research Network (EARCAG-GPE).

Since 2017 International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA).

RESEARCH GRANTS

[3] 2022–2023 Mobi.Doc Mobility Grant, Commission for Research Expertise, University of Lausanne.

Project: Theorising Territoriality from the Global East

[2] 2022–2023 Fellowship for Research in Japan (Strategic Program), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) (under the Bilateral Science and Technology Programme between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Japan, coordinated by ETH Zurich).

Project: グローバルイーストからの領域性の理論化 (Theorising Territoriality from the Global East)

[1] 2020–2022 IGD Fieldwork Research Fund, Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne.

Project: Commoning Work? A Legal Geographical Interpretation of Coworking Spaces

AWARDS AND HONOURS (selected)

2023 The ICAS Best Article Prize in the Global Hong Kong Studies Social Sciences Category, International Convention of Asia Scholars.

2019 Runner-up, Young Researchers Best Paper Award, The Geopolitical Economies of East Asia Research Network.

2018 The 6th Chang Kuo-sin Award for Aspiring Young Communicators (Commentary Category – Winner), Chang Kuo-sin Journalism and Communication Education Fund.

2016 The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Hong Kong Dissertation Scholarship, The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

2016 President’s Honour Roll, Hong Kong Baptist University.

2015 Hong Kong Electric Scholarships for Energy & Environmental Studies, Hongkong Electric.

- 2015 Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University.
 2014 Wong May Wai Esther Scholarship for Outstanding Geography Students, Hong Kong Baptist University.
 2014 Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University.
 2013 Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University.
 2012 President's Honour Roll, Hong Kong Baptist University.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (recent five years)

In the past 7 years, I published 15 items, including 9 journal papers, 3 book chapters, 1 reference work, and 2 book reviews. In addition, I have 1 forthcoming journal article and 1 forthcoming reference work. I also have 3 journal paper manuscripts and 1 reference work manuscript under peer review. There are other works in progress.

* denotes corresponding author for co-authored works

Journal Papers

- 2023 Ruegg, Jean*, **Maurice Yip**, and Fabien Brial. 2023. "Les devoirs de protection et de préservation du milieu marin selon la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer à l'aune de la sentence du Tribunal arbitral du 12 juillet 2016." (in French). Études Caribéennes 55.
<https://doi.org/10.4000/etudescaribeennes.27220>
- 2023 **Maurice Yip**. 2023. "Legal Geography of Urban Transformation." (in Japanese). Space, Society and Geographical Thought 26: 159–164.
- 2023 Ho, Hang Kei*, and **Maurice Yip**. 2023. "From Micro- to Nano-segregation: Policy-led Vertical Urbanism in Hong Kong." International Journal of Housing Policy.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19491247.2022.2148339>
- 2022 **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "New Town Planning as Diplomatic Planning: Scalar Politics, British-Chinese Relations, and Hong Kong." Journal of Urban History 48(2): 361–380.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0096144220948813>
 # Awarded the International Convention of Asia Scholars Best Article Prize in the Global Hong Kong Studies Social Sciences Category in 2023.
- 2022 **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "Hong Kong as a Property Jurisdiction." Social Transformations in Chinese Societies 18(1): 1–18.
<https://doi.org/10.1108/STICS-01-2020-0001>
- 2021 **Yip, Maurice**. 2021. "We Have Never Been So Bounded: Pandemic, Territoriality, and Mobility." The Geographical Journal: A Journal of the Royal Geographical Society 187(2): 174–181.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.12389>
- 2020 **Yip, Maurice***, Joanna Wai-Ying Lee, and Wing-Shing Tang. 2020. "From God's Home to People's House: Property Struggles of Church Redevelopment." Geoforum 110: 14–24.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.01.019>

Book Chapters

- 2022 **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "Policing Territory: The Yet-to-Be Unsettled Space of the Property-Sovereignty Nexus." In Reorienting Hong Kong's Resistance: Leftism, Decoloniality, and Internationalism, edited by Wen Liu, JN Chien, Christina Chung, and Ellie Tse, 103–117. Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-4659-1_8
- 2022 Ho, Hang Kei*, and **Maurice Yip**. 2022. "Wealth-based Micro-segregation in Hong Kong: Social Distance within Spatial Proximity." In Vertical Cities: Micro-segregation, Social Mix and Urban Housing Markets, edited by Thomas Maloutas and Nikos Karadimitriou, 299–312. Edward Elgar.
<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800886391.00032>

Reference Work

- 2022 **Yip, Maurice**. 2022. "Hong Kong." In Oxford Bibliographies in Urban Studies, edited by Richardson Dilworth. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/obo/9780190922481-0055>

Book Reviews

- 2021 **Yip, Maurice.** 2021. "Pseudo-Public Space in Chinese Shopping Malls: Rise, Publicness and Consequences. By Yiming Wang (2019)." Eurasian Geography and Economics 62(1): 120–123.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2019.1707103>
- 2020 **Yip, Maurice.** 2020. "The Power of Place: Contentious Politics in Twentieth-Century Shanghai and Bombay. By Mark W. Frazier (2019)." Urban Geography 41(2): 352–353.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2020.1739366>

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Mass Media Coverage

Interviewed, cited, or consulted by RTHK TV (2020), Ming Pao (2020, 2018, 2017), Reuters (2020), i-CABLE News (2019), Apple Daily (2018), HK01 (2018), Hong Kong Citizen News (2018), NowTV News (2018), RTHK News (2018), Christian Times (2018), etc.

Public Writings

21 pieces of public writings on academic topics for various mass media outlets since 2017. For the full text, please visit « [toastore](#) », the archive of my non-scholarly writings.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (recent five years)

In the past 8 years, I organised or participated in 15 conferences and workshops.

- 2023 Shrinking Domesticities Global Seminar Series: Tokyo.
Urban Studies Foundation.
Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, 17–19 July 2023.
Presenter, "Reflections on the Territoriality of the Shrinking Domestic Space in the Global East"
- 2023 The International Geographical Union (IGU) Thematic Conference on Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace.
Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka, Japan, 4–9 April 2023.
Member, Local Organising Committee
Chair, Session on Geopolitical and Geo-economic Locations of Islands
Co-presenter, "Cartography and Reality: The Territoriality of Nine-dash Line" (co-authored with Jean Ruegg)
- 2022 Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference 2022.
Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, the United Kingdom, 30 August – 2 September 2022.
Presenter, "The Right to Work and its Territoriality"
- 2022 Global Meeting on Law & Society.
ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, 13–16 July 2022.
Presenter, "Legal Certainty Principle and Uncertain Urban Spaces" (co-authored with Jean Ruegg)
Co-presenter, "Unfolding Disaster Risk Management: Exploring Relational Uncertainties of Hazard, Law and Space" (co-authored with Irem Ince Keller and Jean Ruegg)
- 2021 Symposium – Geographies of Law: Inquiries into the space-law tangle.
University of Turin, Turin, Italy, 13–14 December 2021 (mixed mode).
Presenter, "The Law's Preciseness Paradox: Interpreting the Unrecognisable Spaces in the Sharing Urbanism" (co-authored with Jean Ruegg)
- 2021 Osgoode GLSA Graduate Student Conference 2020-2021.
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, 18–20 February 2021 (online).
Co-presenter, "More-than-human Promise and Legal Materiality" (co-authored with Irem Ince Keller)

- 2019 The 4th Workshop on the Geopolitical Economy of East Asian Developmentalism. Osaka City University, Osaka, Japan, 26 November – 1 December 2019. Presenter, “Property Assemblage, Urban Developmentalism and Democratic Struggle in East Asia: Some Conceptual Propositions”

OTHER TALKS (recent five years)

- 2023 “Language Translation of Geographical Knowledge: A Lens into the History of Human Geography in Japan”
Geography Colloquium, Division of Geography, Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka, Japan, 30 May 2023.
- 2020 “Futurity and Endurance of Temporary Space: Law, Democratisation, and the City”
« Trait d’urbain » Seminar Series, Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, 17 November 2020.
- 2019 “‘No More Tears on Our Land’: Legal Geography of Property and Sovereignty” (in Mandarin)
Departmental Seminar, Department of Land Economics, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 4 December 2019.