

# The Chinese University of Hong Kong Department of Geography and Resource Management

will present a seminar

by

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## **Unfolding the British and Colonial City: Spatial Transition in the 19th Century**

### **Abstract:**

This lecture comprises of a narrative of the spatial evolution of British urban development during the 19th century. Granting reference to transitions within both the urban cores and peripheries of settlements the presentation thereby provides an opportunity to appreciate the ways, and reasons why, a reshaping of the built environment took place. Noting matters such the degradation of already far from salubrious urban settings, the emergence of public health legislation, the impact of transportation technologies, the creation of slum clearing law, and the practice of civic design around prominent urban spaces, attention thus shall be afforded to explicating how the urban form of the commonly labelled Victorian City was a radical departure from the pre-industrial British city both in terms of space on the ground and space in the mind. Furthermore by offering an insight into British attitudes, policies and the culture of the 19th century it is hoped a backdrop to the rise and expansion of Hong Kong shall be bestowed in light of the British exporting their domestic experiences and policies through colonial governmental channels.

### **About the Speaker:**

Ian Morley is a Research Assistant Professor of Urban History. He has published widely on the design of the built environment, particularly the civic form of settlements in Britain during the late-Victorian and Edwardian period.

He is the Book Review Editor for *Urban Morphology*, a council member of the International Planning History Society and has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of Sydney and University College Dublin. His latest research project examines the development of Australian nationhood through the building of Canberra from 1900-13.  
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**Time: 4:30pm ~ 6:00pm**

**Venue: Room 233**

**Wong Foo Yuan Building  
Chung Chi College**

**~All are Welcome~**

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