

Third Sector Housing in Hong Kong: Continuities, Opportunities and Challenges

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Public-private dichotomy predominates Hong Kong housing arena, though there are residual and emerging third sector housing examples. While the exact delineation of “third sector”, thereby “third sector housing”, is debatable, a more inclusive definition of “third sector housing” will include housing provided by traditional non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, cooperatives and social enterprises. This seminar will trace the historical development of third sector housing in Hong Kong, highlighting continuities with the past. The present housing problems facing Hong Kong provide a niche for the development of third sector housing in the 21st Century. Opportunities and challenges of third sector housing in 21st Century Hong Kong, include market failure, government failure, exclusion and poverty, structural economic changes as well as a well-entrenched third sector in the non-housing arena in Hong Kong. The exact future trajectory of third sector housing in Hong Kong will very much depend on the interactions and the concerted efforts of different stakeholders in public, private and third sectors as well as the common citizens in the fostering of such development.

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