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Frontiers of non-exclusionary urbanism: Voluntary sector geographies in East-Asian city-regions

Chair: Prof. Scott Valentine (Research Promotion Director of Q-AOS)

Urbanization performs a crucial role in our globalized economy. Yet, this has been and continues to be a process marked by conspicuous inequality, not just in the form of uneven development between rural and urban areas, but increasingly also in the form of social disparity within cities. Unsurprisingly, issues of inequality and social inclusion are high on the UN's SDGs Agenda. This presentation will explore current practices of non-exclusionary urbanism that are spearheaded by consolidated voluntary sector geographies in the context of East-Asian city-regions. It will focus on the spatial features of non-governmental care services through the lens of 'service hubs', which are clusters of low-cost housing and social support services, often located in inner-city neighborhoods. I will draw extensively on the experiences of care services for vulnerable populations in Hong Kong and Singapore as both cities are renown for advanced levels of social inequality.



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- "inequality"
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