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THE CANGDONG PROJECT, GUANGDONG PROVINCE, CHINA



- Date:** 4 January 2020 (Saturday)
- Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Speaker:** Dr. Jinhua (Selia) Tan, Associate Professor, Wuyi University, China
- Venue:** Jockey Club Studio Theatre, first floor, The Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central
- Language:** English
- CPD Points:** 1.5 CPD credit hours
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About the CPD Talk:

This talk will focus on the establishment of the Cangdong Project (Cangdong Heritage Education Centre). Cangdong is a 700-year old traditional rural Southern Chinese village in Guangdong Province located near the Kaiping Diaolou and Villages World Heritage Site and contains historically significant architectural typologies dating from the Ming Dynasty. As a conservation and education project, this social initiative supports the tangible and the intangible cultural heritage of Cangdong Village. In addition to repairing and revitalizing the village's built heritage, the aim of the project is to highlight and promote the heritage, local history, culture and way of life of the villagers achieved through interpretation of heritage values, education, advocacy, protection and putting into practice a combination of pioneering and exemplary projects. Furthermore, the project's objective is to raise awareness and concern about local heritage among the younger generation, train as many interested people as possible, and generate more successful models for replication in order to encourage conservation in other villages and to reverse the gradual abandonment of this once prosperous farming community. Currently, the Cangdong Project is focusing on developing a sharing community for people of different backgrounds to come and experience village life.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Selia Tan attained a Master of Science in Conservation and PhD in Architecture from the University of Hong Kong. She was also a visiting scholar at Azusa Pacific University and Stanford University, specialising in Chinese American history. Currently, she is an Associate Professor and researcher in overseas Chinese history and heritage conservation at Wuyi University in China. Dr. Tan played an instrumental role in the inscription of the Kaiping Diaolou and Villages World Heritage Site in China. She established the Cangdong Project for research and practice in heritage conservation focusing on architectural conservation, education and community development after the Kaiping Diaolou and Villages were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In 2015, the Cangdong Project was given further recognition by UNESCO Asia which awarded it with the Pacific Award of Merit for Cultural Heritage Conservation. In 2018, the Cangdong Project was promoted as a national education center for youth from Hong Kong and Macao to study Chinese traditional culture. In 2019, Cangdong Village was inscribed as a National Traditional Village for its high standard of conservation practice.

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