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Levelling the Playing Field in Education: The Challenge and the Adaptation of Ethnic Minority Immigrants in Hong Kong

28 June 2023 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm (Hybrid Mode)



RHB 108, Research Complex, HKSJU, 6 Wai Tsui Crescent,
Braemar Hill, Hong Kong



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Speaker: Dr. Celeste Yuen

In this seminar, Dr. Yuen will share the findings of a recently-completed study on the higher education aspirations of 4800 senior secondary students from mainstream secondary schools in Hong Kong. Special attention will be drawn to the perceived barriers and the value of higher education for South Asian ethnic minority students. The survey findings concluded that ethnic minority students rated glass ceiling effects (barriers) associated with family background, ethnic culture and language, financial situation, and societal expectations on gender as higher than their local mainstream and Chinese immigrant counterparts. At the other extreme, they value higher education as a critical arena to alleviate their underprivileged conditions: improving their future living condition, socio-economic status, self-esteem, and horizons. Policy implications to level the playing field to increase their aspiration for university will be discussed with reference to the empirical data.



Dr. Celeste Yuet-Mui Yuen is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Education and Co-Director of the Hong Kong Centre for the Development of Educational Leadership at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Celeste is also the President-elect of the Hong Kong Educational Research Association (HKERA). She earned her doctorate from the UCL-IOL, University of London, U.K. Currently, Celeste lectures in intercultural education, effective school leadership and policy studies. Her research areas include Chinese immigrant and ethnic minority education, policy studies, intercultural youth studies, life satisfaction, spiritual health and school engagement.



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