



The Cultural Revolution and “Diasporic Trauma” in Hong Kong A Lecture with Dr. Angelina Chin (Pomona College) Monday, October 30, 2017, 12:30pm, PL-5005

Talk Description: From the early 1950s till the early 1980s, hundreds of thousands of Chinese fled from the mainland to Hong Kong. While some of these people were economic elites hoping to migrate to other countries or political aspirants hoping to join the Kuomintang (KMT) in Taiwan, others risked everything to start a new life in the colonial city. Still, until the mid-1960s, many of these migrants hoped to return to the mainland someday. However, by the early years of the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s, the brutality of the CCP and the political chaos in the mainland, such as the armed struggles in Guangdong, deeply affected the psychology of these "transiting people" in Hong Kong. In addition, the sensationalized reports of the terror in the printed media left a deep impression that mainland China was no longer a home to which they could return. Even though today not many people remember the details of the 1960s, this "diasporic trauma" has been a crucial factor in the formation of the so-called Hong Kong identity.

Speaker bio: Dr. Angelina Chin, Associate Professor of History at Pomona College, has expertise in colonialism, diaspora and feminism in modern East Asia. Her research focuses on transformations of urban identity and citizenship, as well as transregional connections in Hong Kong, Taiwan and South China. Her 2012 book, *Bound to Emancipate: Working Women and Urban Citizenship in Early Twentieth-Century China and Hong Kong*, explored the concept of “women’s emancipation” in South China, and the new concerns about such issues as identity, consumption, governance and mobility that the process helped to trigger. She is currently working on a project on postcolonial memory and diasporic nostalgia of Chinese refugees from the 1940s to the 1970s. Dr. Chin earned her Bachelor of Arts from UC Berkeley, and her Masters and PhD from UC Santa Cruz. She was a recipient of the Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2006-2008, and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Scholar Grant in 2015-16.

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