# Research Seminar Series 2021/22 #10

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### Format: Join on ZOOM

Chairperson: Prof. WONG Yu-cheung, Professor cum Associate Dean (Research), Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences

# From Risk to Conviviality: An Alternative Perspective on Sustainable Living Practices

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#### **Abstract**

Previous research on sustainable living practices can be mainly categorized into two narratives, which are, however, contradictory to each other. New social movement researchers point out that sustainable living is linked to a lifestyle movement; critical scholars question the lifestyle dimension of sustainable development which makes little change but rather encourages business as usual. Therefore, I adopted the notions of risk and conviviality and conducted field research in Taipei and Beijing to examine an alternative approach to sustainable lifestyle promoted by civic environmentalists affiliated with environmental non-governmental organizations. The research findings echo recent discussions on living with difference in conflict.

### About the Speaker

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