

SPIRITUAL VALUES IN THE THIRD SECTOR

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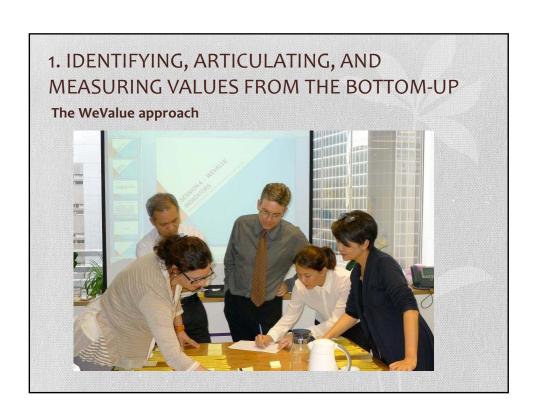
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VALUES IN THE THIRD SECTOR

- What are the values that underlie the work of civil society and the third sector?
- What are the core assumptions or articles of faith about human nature that underlie different sets of values that orient social discourse and action?
- What does it mean to assume that there is a spiritual dimension to human nature, and what are the implications of such an assumption for social discourse and action?
- How are different civil society organizations and communities learning how to translate these assumptions into practice in their efforts to serve humanity and bring about social change?

THE ROLE OF "RELIGION" AND "SPIRITUALITY" in the Third Sector

- Historical role of religion in charity, philanthropy and building social service organizations
- The limitations of traditional conceptions and institutional religious forms in translating spiritual values into positive social transformation
- The limitations of more recent understandings of "spirituality" as individualistic, selfcentred and market-driven
- Explorations of "engaged spirituality", "spiritual capital", "spiritual empowerment"...
- Nurturing, strengthening, releasing and channelling the spiritual values and powers of love, solidarity, compassion, consciousness, oneness, justice, generosity, into a two fold moral and spiritual purpose of individual and social transformation.
- Is it possible to develop and common language and conceptual framework?





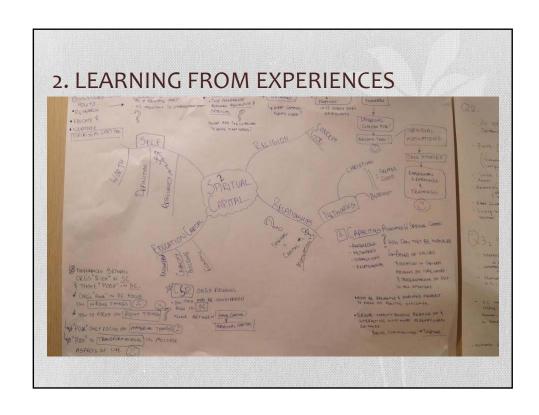
DEVELOPING A VALUES-BASED EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR HONG KONG RED CROSS PROMOTION OF HUMANITY PROGRAMS

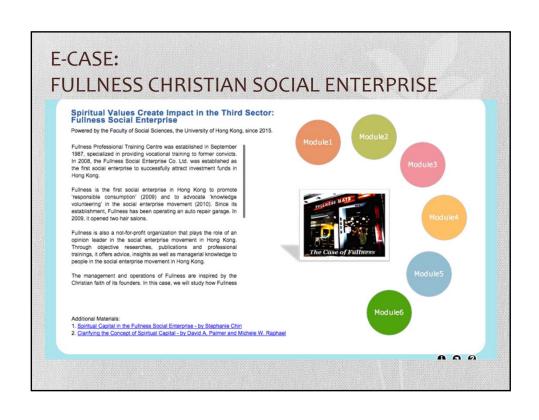
HONG KONG RED CROSS SOCIETY

22-25 January 2016, Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters

Delivered by: Prof. Marie Harder, Fudan University, Elona Hoover, University of Brighton and Dr. David Palmer and Martin Tse, Hong Kong University







WRITTEN CASE: 大覺福行中心 Centre of Spiritual Progress for Great Awakening 衍陽法師

STUDY MANUAL: THE "ANALECTS" 論語 FOR **GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEERS**

In collaboration with Yidan xuetang 一耽學堂

仲尼生今日, 長夜復何明

孔子人文精神行於中國公益社會

Practicing Confucian Values in China's Third Sector

見諸行事以深切著明,率由道義而共濟天下,取法聖賢必復初如常。逢飛結合 十五年來大陸一錢公益實踐經驗,以「時、孝悌、省、喪祭、禮、仁、義、 天」為綱、編遷《論語》各章、結集而成《義工手冊》,闡述中國公益社會的 志願精神,為中國文化「遊魂」尋回中國社會「內身」。

講座分享 - 22/1/2016 (星期五) - 晚上6時30分至8時香港大學百周年校園賽馬會教學樓11樓社會科學院會議廳

交流討論 - 23/1/2016 (星期六) - 下午2時至4時 灣仔天樂里2-1號金豐商業大廈7樓海學聯辦公室 (與香港海外學人聯合會合辦)

工作坊 - 《論語》行於社會公益 第一節: 23/1/2016 (星期六) 上午9時30分至下午12時30分 第二節: 24/1/2016 (星期日) 上午9時30分至下午5時

香港大學百周年校園賽馬會教學樓813室 (名額二十人)

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3. DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Integration into a textbook manuscript on spirituality, religion and social change
- Academic articles presenting empirical cases and engaging with social theory
- Conference/forum with local and international scholars and practitioners, leading to an output directed to policy-makers, practitioners and NGO leaders.
- New research project

THANK YOU!

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