

## **JC-WISE Public Lecture - My River, My Community: Connect, Disconnect, Reconnect**

“Do we still have rivers in Hong Kong?” Despite being a small city, there are more than 200 rivers and streams flowing down sides of mountain ridges in Hong Kong. While natural streams are beautiful in themselves, rivers carry multiple important functions as well, as manifested by the rich biodiversity at Lam Tsuen River; agricultural irrigation practices at Sheung Yue River; and the village culture nurtured around Kam Tin River. How have the multiple values of rivers been neglected and eroded in the process of urbanisation and river training works? How should we approach river management to reconnect our rivers with our community? This lecture will enhance your understanding of Hong Kong’s rivers, and explore the peculiar phenomenon of river management in Hong Kong.