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**Joint Research Seminar Series**

**Housing and Social Segregation –  
Experience of Northern Ireland**

by

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**Date:** 14 March 2008 (Friday)  
**Time:** 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
**Venue:** B7516 (SA Conference Room)  
7/F, Blue Zone, Academic Building  
City University of Hong Kong  
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Over the last century housing provision and, in particular, the provision of social housing within the island of Ireland has developed through government policy and funding priorities. With the division of governance of the country in the 1920s these policies and priorities have diversified as the governments sought to meet the challenges arising within their individual jurisdictions. As a result, today it is possible to observe different housing tenures and approaches in both areas, and in particular within non-market housing commonly referred to as social housing. This lecture will look at religious segregation in Northern Ireland and how it is particularly located in public housing estates. It will look at emerging issues including the Shared Future framework that has been put in place by the Northern Ireland Assembly and the need for a tolerant and respectful agenda for both communities. It will look at the emerging affordability crisis in Northern Ireland and how many people are now excluded from owner occupation and yet there has been a diminishing social rented sector with rising waiting lists. It will look at recent initiatives to try to reduce social segregation and the move towards mixed income communities.

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