

Session 2 Ubiquitous Borders

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Professor Michelle T.Y. Huang's recent research focuses on two main concerns: a critical examination of the cultural governance mobilized by developmentalism and the cultural politics of representing cross-border subjects in south China and Taiwan. Her researches emphasize the significance of discovering cultural factors in fashioning social identities under conditions of rapid globalization, exploring the experiences and implications of trans-scaled mobility of gendered and classed subjects. By analyzing timely and significant issues of urbanites' social climbing and border crossing, her representative works contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the complexity of urban/regional development in East Asia. She is the author of *Walking Between Slums and Skyscrapers: Illusions of Open Space in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Shanghai* (2004) and *Articulating New Cultural Identities: Self-Writing of East Asian Global City-Regions* (2011, in Chinese). Her current research looks at Hong Kong people's lifestyle migration to Taiwan.