



THE CITY: HISTORY & FUTURE

A FACULTY ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Co-organized by HKU (Faith and Global Engagement),
China Graduate School of Theology
(Center for Faith and Public Values), and Lumina College.

***Cities are said
to be our
greatest
inventions ...***

Dates & Whereabouts

Oct 7 2023 at HKU

Nov 4 2023 at HKU

Dec 2 2023 at HKU

Jan 6 2024 at Lumina College

Mar 2 2024 at Lumina College

Apr 6 2024 at CGST

All at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm HK Time

As political, socio-economic, and cultural centres, cities are demonstrations of human ingenuity, power, and capacity to manipulate resources and the environment. Cities also play crucial roles in shaping human development on both individual and collective levels and transforming our settlement patterns and habitats. As such, they define human civilisations. The unprecedented rate of urbanisation since the 18th century has also turned our planet into an ‘Earthopolis’.





A new series of faculty roundtable discussion

This new series aims to explore some of the key themes involved in the making and remaking of cities and their impact on societies and the environment, from the rise of cities in the fourth millennium BC in ancient West Asia to the emergence of metropolitan cities and mega-regions in today's world.

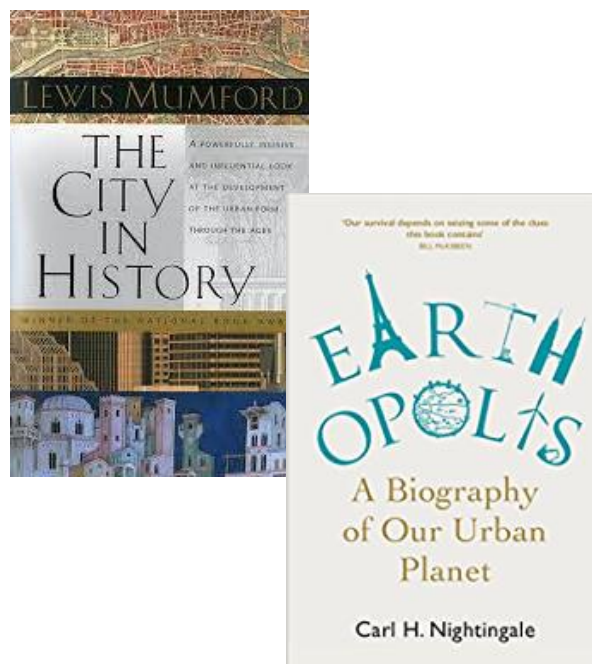
Our discussion will be based on reading a selection of chapters from **Lewis Mumford's** classic work *City in History* (1961) and **Carl Nightingale's** *Earthopolis: A Biography of Our Urban Planet* (2022). And we will import inspiration from films and videos pertaining to the city.

It is our hope that ...

... this exploration will lead to a deeper understanding of the development of faith and traditions in relation to our urban trajectory while calling for informed responses to the challenges the 'Earthopolis' faces today, and will be facing in the future.



THE SERIES IS FOR:
EDUCATORS, HISTORIANS,
THEOLOGIANS, PASTORS,
SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS,
URBAN PLANNERS,
ARCHITECTS, FACULTY
MEMBERS, AND PUBLIC
POLICYMAKERS.



HOSTS

Dr. Samuel Chen (HKU)

Dr. Max Hui-Bon-Hoa (HKU)

Dr. Wing Tai Leung
(Lumina)

Dr. Kin Yip Louie (CGST)

Dr. Celine Yeung (CGST)

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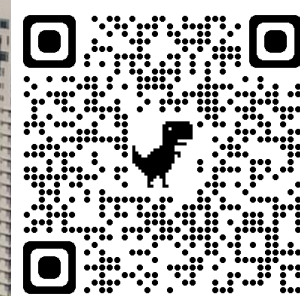
Free of Charge.

Deadline: Sept 7 2023.

Participants are encouraged to attend
all six sessions as a series.

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**OCT 7, 2023 HKU
INTRODUCTION**

Mumford (1961)

- Chapters 1-2

Nightingale (2022)

- Introduction

The Lunch Box (2013)

Megacities of the World

**NOV 4, 2023 HKU
ANCIENT NEAR EAST
“POWER”**

Mumford (1961)

- Chapters 3-4

Nightingale (2022)

- Chapters 1-2

City of God (2002)

The Maths of City

**DEC 2, 2023 HKU
ANCIENT GREECE & ROME
“VALUE”**

Mumford (1961)

- Chapters 5 & 8

Nightingale (2022)

- Chapters 4-5

Tokyo Story (1953)

Filmlet: *Hypercity*

**JAN 6, 2024 LUMINA
MEDIEVAL EUROPE
“SOUL”**

Mumford (1961)

- Chapters 9 & 11

Nightingale (2022)

- Chapters 6-7

Blade Runner (1982)

Filmlet: *Mind*

**MAR 2, 2024 LUMINA
EARLY MODERN/BAROQUE
“LOGIC”**

Mumford (1961)

- Chapters 12 & 14

Nightingale (2022)

- Chapters 8-9

Metropolis (1927)

Filmlet: *Singularity*

**APR 6, 2024 CGST
MODERN PERIOD
“GOD”**

Mumford (1961)

- Chapters 15 & 17

Nightingale (2022)

- Chapters 14 & 23-24

Kingdom of Heaven (2005)

The Human Flow