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## SS Research Salon

### Mixed Methods and Archival Research in Social Sciences

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Instructor I

City University of Hong Kong



- Date** : 8 November 2018 (Thursday)  
**Time** : 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm  
**Venue** : Room Y7302, SS Multi-function Room  
Yeung Kin Man Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong  
**Moderator** : Dr. Ye Shengquan, Sam (Associate Professor)  
**Language** : English

#### ***Abstract***

The use of mixed methods is popular among students and scholars in the field of social sciences. This talk provides an overview of the latest development of combining both quantitative and qualitative methods based on my recent research project in deviant autocracies, i.e. countries that have a high level of economic development but are still governed by non-democratic regimes. In addition to the quantitative analysis commonly used by proponents of Lipset's thesis, the archival documents can provide an important additional source of insider information from the de-classified government documents to address the fundamental puzzle in structural explanations of democracy and democratisation theories. This example has suggested that a systematic and scientific application of mixed methods is potentially useful for other research areas in social sciences.

#### ***Biosketch***

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**After the Salon, light lunch with drink will be provided for SS faculty members and research students. Interested participants must make reservation via email ([violette.wong@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:violette.wong@cityu.edu.hk)) before 5 November 2018.**

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