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Seminar on  
**Histories and Cultures of  
Early Modern Steel Construction, 1850s to 1930s**  
by *Mr. Charles Lai*

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>24 April 2018 (Tuesday)</b>
<b>Time:</b>	6:20 pm (Registration) for 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Room N001, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Kowloon

**About the Seminar**

Histories and cultures in the construction had started to draw the attention of researchers in architectural history. The discipline had long been relying heavily on drawings and manuscripts produced by architectural professionals, thus over-emphasising the role of architects and engineers in the production of buildings. Drawing upon examples since the mid-19th Century, this talk will examine how the cultures and practices in construction had influenced the decision-making process of engineers and architects. It will demonstrate that architectural professionals were often far less autonomous in determining the design of buildings.



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**About the Speaker**

Charles Lai is a Chartered Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). He graduated from the University of Hong Kong, Department of Architecture and AA School of Architecture in London. He is currently a PhD candidate in the University of Hong Kong Department of Architecture specialising in history of modern architecture, post-colonialism, as well as cultural studies of architectural materials in East and Southeast Asia.

**Official Language** English will be the official language.

**CPD Certificates** This workshop is recommended for **1.5** CPD hours. Attendance certificate will be issued.

**Free attendance** but places are limited and priority will be given to Young Members Group (HKISC) members. Please complete the **[online registration form](#)**, **by 12:00 noon, 20 April 2018.**

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