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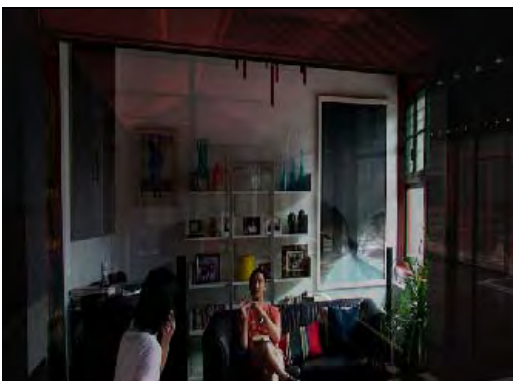
- *A talk on space, time, image and China*

Thursday, 7 May 2009 | 2:30-4:30pm
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Visual Arts professor Yam Lau will draw from his field research in Beijing in a talk focusing on his creative projects, which combine computer-generated animation and digital video. These works create new sensations of space and time in architecture and the human activities that take place therein.

One recent work in particular, entitled *Hutong House*, reconstitutes the architectural layout and the associated ways of life of a traditional Chinese courtyard house as rendered in virtual space. Hence these digital works can also be categorized as 'creative documentaries'.



Lau will discuss how the unfolding of the historical house in virtual space constructs a pure and imaginary vision of China where the dynamic realities of past and present, real and virtual, are rendered provisional insofar as they become perpetually complicated.

*This event is co-hosted by the City Institute
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