

A Symposium on Hong Kong Stonewall Trees

Nov 5th 2024 09:00 – 12:00

HKU Knowles Building Room 829

Hong Kong's Stonewall trees are unique for their prolific growth on vertical walls of densely built urban setting. The majority of the trees growing on Hong Kong's walls are species of Ficus, strangler figs, or banyan trees. Such trees grow in diverse cities and rural settings, are deeply tied to residents' sense of place, and provide a variety of services to their streets. The symposium will discuss what we can learn from Hong Kong's Ficus Walls for newly designed urban environments around the world.

A walking tour of stonewall trees in Western and Central will be led by Helen Yip in the afternoon, starting from the A2 exit of HKU MTR station at 13:00.

With presentations from

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Professor Jianxiang Huang

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