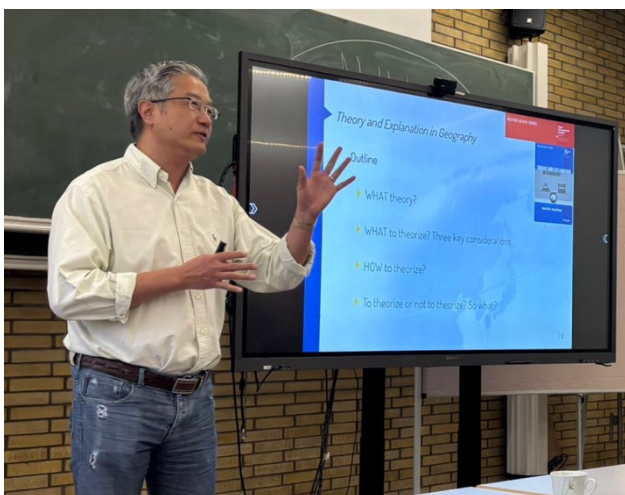


RESEARCH LECTURES IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY

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Henry Yeung is a distinguished professor at the National University of Singapore and will take up the role of Choh-Ming Li Professor of Geography and Resource Management at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2025. He is a leading academic voice in economic geography, with research spanning the geography of transnational corporations, East Asian firms, and developmental states. Yeung's work has greatly advanced our understanding of the relational dynamics shaping global production systems and the global economy.



Theory and Explanation in Geography

Henry Yeung visited the Department of Geography at Heidelberg University and gave a fascinating talk on his new book "Theory and Explanation in Geography". He provided intriguing insights into what he sees as current gaps in geographical theory-building and outlined promising directions for advancing the discipline. Yeung stressed the importance of mid-range theories, arguing for approaches that capture the relational dynamics of society, space and economic processes, and that address causality through mechanism-based explanations. Echoing David Harvey, he concluded the lecture with a motivational call to put theory-building more at the heart of geography: "By our explanatory mid-range theories you shall know and learn from us!"



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