

## **Dr Ivy Wong's Successful Applications for Ford Foundation Research Grant**

What fantastic news! Dr Ivy Wong, Assistant Professor of BRE has secured the international research grant from the Ford Foundation for two consecutive years. A couple of successful applications are big rewards for Dr Wong's great hard work and determination.

With the research grant of US\$150,000- her research team got in 2018, the project, 'Community Planning and Self-governance Capacity Building for the Emerging Urban Communities in Periurban China: An Action-oriented Research Approach' is already underway.

Recently, marking another remarkable chapter, Dr Wong has secured a research grant of US\$100,000 for a new project on 'Community Development and Grassroots Governance for Urbanizing Villages: Case Studies, Best Practices and East-West Dialogues'. This project aims to 1) create a knowledge hub about grassroots governance and community development of urbanizing villages, and 2) facilitate East-West dialogues and mutual learning of best practices and past experiences from selected cases about grassroots governance and community development.

The heart of Dr Wong's research endeavors is to advance both academic research and policy studies on the various aspects of urbanization and governance in China, such as urban and rural planning, community participation, local capacity building and rural property rights transformation, etc. Her efforts and impactful work over years are greatly appreciated.



*From left : Dr Ivy Wong (PolyU), Prof. Bo Sin Tang (HKU), Prof. Albert Chan (PolyU), Prof. George Z. Hong (Fordham University) and Prof. Jinlong Liu (Renmin University of China)*

Join us in having a round of applause for Dr Ivy Wong (Principal Investigator), Prof. Bo Sin Tang of HKU (Co-Principal Investigator) and Prof. Jinlong Liu of Renmin University of China (Co-Principal Investigator)!

Have a read of Dr Ivy Wong's profile :

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