

Public Seminar on
Lost yet found? Challenges and insights of post-materialism to youth work

Date: 29 March 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Venue: Room AAB203, 2/F, Academic and Administrative Building, 15 Baptist University Road, Baptist University Road Campus, Kowloon Tong, KLN.

About the seminar:

Ronald Inglehart, a US scholar in the discipline of political and social sciences, argues that there has been a trend of post-materialism in postindustrial or postmodern societies. Against the background of long periods of material affluence, the younger generations would like to pursue not only material gains but also non-materialistic goals like wealth redistribution, civic participation, and to tackle other cross-generational and global challenges like climatic changes due to global warming, carbon footprint and compensation, use of green energy, etc. The foci of a more critical notion of post-materialism are placed on critically examining possessive individualism and materialism, emphasizing the integration of spiritual and material realities and the dialectical relationship among persons, society and nature, placing critique on the neo-liberal version of globalization, and advocating the theory and practice of post-humanist perspective, both global and local. Confronting the challenges put up by post-materialism, how youth workers can better position themselves and get insights from this perspective are issues to be addressed.

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*Remarks: The seminar will be delivered in Cantonese with some terms in English.