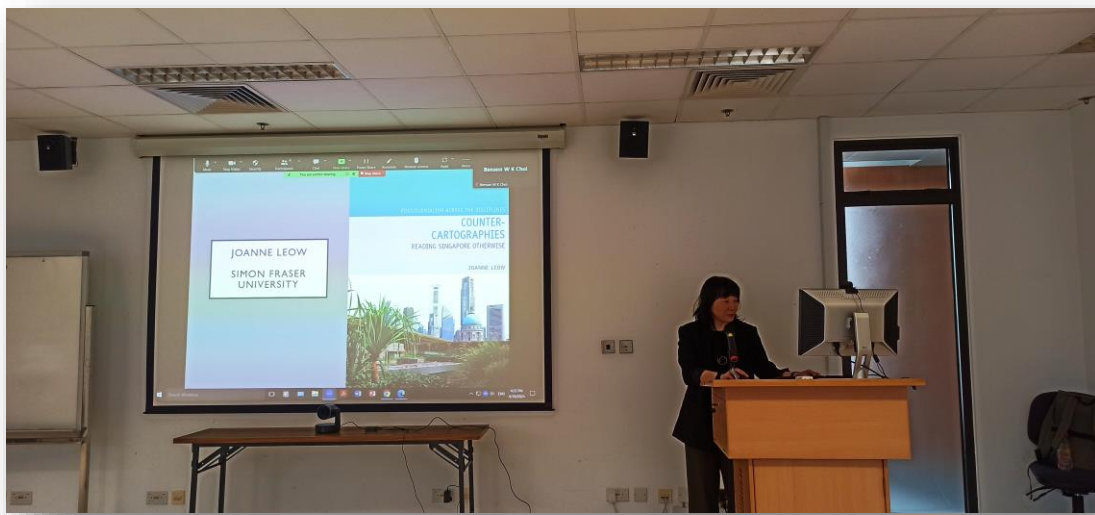


LEWI hosted a seminar from Dr. Joanne Leow



David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies (LEWI) hosted, with the help of the Department of Geography of HKBU, a seminar by Dr. Joanne Leow, Associate Professor of Simon Fraser University. The seminar “Counter-Cartographies: Reading Singapore Otherwise” was attended by around 30 participants on 18 April 2024 (Thu) from 16:30 – 18:00 on the HKBU campus.



The seminar was based on the speaker's new book from Liverpool University Press, which was the same name as the talk's title. *Counter-Cartographies* proposes new methods of cultural and literary analysis that read against the mapped spectacle of a hyper-planned and developed (post)colonial city. To excavate, way find, circumvent, and confabulate in Singapore enables us to understand authoritarian governance's contours and pressures and reveal the insidious aspects of biopolitical power and ecological control. The talk showed the effects of authoritarian governance, colonial legacies, and urban planning on multiple genres of contemporary Singaporean cultural and literary texts. At the end of the seminar, Dr. Leow answered many attendees' questions and helped stimulate a fruitful dialogue.