

Departmental Seminar

Visualizing Research: Towards a Robust Methodology

Date: 12 December 2022, Monday
Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm (Registration starts at 2pm)
Venue: NUS AS8 04-04 (10 Kent Ridge Crescent, Singapore 119260)
Speaker: Professor Peter Szto

**1 CPE Credit per
hour of attendance**

The Department of Social Work is proud to host our second Departmental Seminar on 12 December 2022. This seminar examines the role of documentary photography as a medium for research. This seminar aims to explore three queries.

- What is data? Interest in visual-based research is often undercut by questions about the robustness and reliability of data. This seminar challenges these claims by counter questioning the validity and reliability of traditional notions of “data.”
- What is visual evidence? This question presupposes a critical stance on the nature of knowledge (ways of knowing), phenomena, and cognitive processes.
- How to use visual methods in social science research? Practical case applications will be shared to demonstrate the viability and efficacy of visualizing social welfare.



Speaker's Profile:

Professor Peter Szto is a *Fulbright Distinguished Chair of the Social Sciences* at NUS. This year, he taught a module on mental health in the Department of Social Work and conducted research with Fei Yue Community Services. He is a Professor at the Grace Abbott School of Social Work, University of Nebraska at Omaha. Prior to his academic career, he worked for 12 years in providing direct services to persons with serious and persistent mental illness. His current research involves using photography to visualize social welfare. He has published and exhibited visual studies on mental health stigma and mass internal migration in China. He has earned degrees from Calvin College, Michigan State University, Westminster Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Szto grew up in New York City and currently lives in Omaha with his wife.

To register for the seminar, please complete the online registration form at https://nus.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cOdup8Cossjq4dw

Registration closes on 04 December 2022, Sunday. Seats are on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is free.

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