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Being “Stuck”? - A Story of Hong Kong Young People

In Hong Kong, a series of social movements that are led by young people have been taking place since 2003. The issues are, on one hand, about the preservation of local memories and the rediscovery of Hong Kong stories, and on the other hand, about the struggle against the monopolized enterprises, the unjust system of SAR government, and the collaboration of the two. Some pundits worry about this trend of “radicalization” and are surprised by the fury of the young people.

This might hint to a conjuncture of a multi-layered ambivalence concerning the ways of imagining the future. One layer might be the seemingly predicament of the young people when “short-termism”, e.g., flexible employment, becomes the commonplace of the work world. This personal problematic can be situated in the above cultural, economic and political struggles. Here I suggest a sense of cultural “stuckedness” could be one entry point to tell a contextual story about personal and social movement of Hong Kong young people.