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She is the co-author of the “Tackling Double Ageing with Double Smart” article which won the HKIP Awards in 2019, she also won the HKIP Silver Awards for the Ma Wan Old Village TSH project for its innovative approach in injecting life and vibrancy in an idle village through community building. She is the Project Lead of JCDISI’s Transitional Social Housing, Intergenerational Play Space, Health and Wellbeing of Children Living in Subdivided Unit and Community Planning in an Age-friendly Community projects and focuses on evidence-based policy innovation through participatory co-design and prototyping.

**Topic: Reimagining Parks for Play and Community Building**

Public open space (POS) plays a major role in supporting the physical, social, environmental and economic health needs of city dwellers. It also plays an increasingly important role in reviving neighbourhoods, strengthening social networks and community building.

For a compact, high-density city like Hong Kong, parks and public space are especially important ‘third places’ for rest, physical activity, socialising and entertainment to maintain the elderly’s ties with the community. The Double Ageing phenomenon, i.e. population ageing and ageing building stock, further emphasises the need to upgrade our civic infrastructure in a timely manner to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of our citizens, in particular our older adults. If effectively executed, public space upgrade as a social infrastructure investment can increase the self-care ability of the elderly, delay their need for long-term care services and support the government’s “ageing in place as the core, institutional care as back-up” policy.

COVID-19, moreover, brought to life the importance of quality, accessible public space for all. Designing public spaces and facilities that are easy to manage and can remain open for use in unusual times is one way to encourage our citizens to continue to stay active and socially connected with the community to reduce social isolation. Karen will share some key takeaways from JCDISI’s two year experiment exploring how to design and manage Intergenerational Play Space as a new POS concept, including design strategies that can facilitate intergenerational interactions and support our caregivers to play with older adults, to pave way for a new typology of play space in HK.



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Karen 是一名註冊城市規劃師及項目經理，專研城市融合、城市管理策略及透過創新創造共享價值。加入 JCDISI 前，她曾擔任英國伊利沙伯綫項目及香港「行德」項目的技術經理。

Karen 合著的文章《「雙智慧」對應「雙老化」》(Tackling Double Ageing with Double Smart) 於2019年獲得香港規劃師學會周年大獎 (HKIP Awards)。她負責的馬灣舊村過渡型社會房屋項目透過社區共創的創新方將生命力和活力引進被棄置的村落，獲得香港規劃師學會周年大獎銀獎。Karen 在 JCDISI 帶領過渡性社會房屋、跨代共融遊樂空間、劏房戶兒童身心健康和年齡友善社區規劃項目，同時透過參與式共創設計和原型製造發展從證據出發的政策創新。

### 題目：為遊樂和社區建設重塑公園

公共開放空間對城市人的實體、社區、環境和經濟健康需要，扮演主要角色。對於鄰里重生、加強社交網絡及社區建設，亦逐漸變得更加重要。

像香港般的小型、高密度城市，公園和公共空間是尤其重要的「第三空間」，讓長者能夠休憩、運動、參與社交活動和娛樂，與社區保持聯繫。「雙老化」現象，即人口老化與樓宇老化，進一步強調及時升級基建設施的需要，以提高市民，尤其是年長人士的生活質數和身心健康。如果有效地執行，公共空間升級作為社會基建設施投資可以提升長者自理能力，延緩他們對於長期護理服務的需要，並支持政府的「居家安老為本，院舍照顧為後援」政策。

此外，2019 冠狀病毒更使所有人意識到優質、無障礙公共空間的重要性。設計容易管理而且在非常時期可以保持開放的公共空間和設施，是鼓勵市民保持活躍和社交聯繫以減少社會孤立的一種方式。Karen 將分享 JCDISI 為期兩年探索「跨代遊樂空間」作為公共開放空間的新概念實驗中的一些關鍵要點，包括應該如何設計和管理，促進跨代互動和支持照顧者與年長人士共同玩樂的設計策略，為香港引進新類型的遊樂空間。