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Biography

Professor Lam Wai-Fung is Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Director of the Centre for Civil Society and Governance (CCSG), Co-Director of the Centre for Water Technology and Policy (CWTP), Director of the Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) Programme, and Director of the Master Public Administration (MPA) Programme at The University of Hong Kong. He was Head of Department in 2008-2010 and 2022-2024, and Associate Dean (Innovation) of Social Sciences in 2013-2017. He finished his undergraduate study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and received a PhD in Public Policy from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Professor Lam is an expert in common-pool resource management, institutional policy analysis, public policy process, sustainability, social innovation, water management, civil society, and public governance. His research has evolved around the design of efficient institutional arrangements for the governance and management of public resources, a core issue in public governance and sustainable development. As the Director of the Centre for Civil Society and Governance, he conducts academic/impact research on rural sustainability, social inclusion, business sustainability, AI and public governance, and non-profit governance. Particularly, the rural sustainability effort in Lai Chi Wo was awarded the prestigious Special Recognition for Sustainable Development in the 2020 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. Professor Lam is also Co-director of the Centre for Water Technology and Policy, researching on the design of policy tools for water conservation.

He has served on the editorial committees of *Public Administration Review* (PAR), *International Review of Administrative Sciences* (IRAS), *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* (JCPA), *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (NVSQ), and *Asian Politics and Policy* (APJPA), and is co-editor of *The Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Administration* (APJPA).