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**Research**

**Can Authoritarian Regimes Achieve Just Energy Transition?  
Evidence from China’s Solar Photovoltaic Poverty  
Alleviation Initiative**

Dr Kevin Lo, Assistant Professor of Department of Geography, examines China’s photovoltaic poverty alleviation initiative (PVPA), a policy that aims to ease poverty through a clean energy transition in rural areas. The evidence collected from interviews and surveys shows that a just energy transition has been achieved by the PVPA in two ways by assuming a path in which top-down politics, rather than bottom-up pressure, is the key driving force.

The study is published in *Energy Research & Social Science* in 2021, one of the leading journals in its field according to Scopus CiteScore. It is among the top 10% most cited publications worldwide.

More information can be found here: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2021.102315>.

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**Education**

HKBU is committed to providing whole person education in a wide range of disciplines. General education (GE) courses that cover different social issues are provided to our students in order to achieve our vision and mission. In terms of deepening our students’ understanding of ending poverty in all its forms everywhere, the University provides several GE courses in relation to poverty in Hong Kong to students.

These are some of the courses:

- GCAP3076 Service-learning in Fighting Poverty
- GTSU2007 Fighting Poverty and Striving for a Sustainable Society
- GTSU2027 Tax: Answer for Wealth Inequality
- GTSU2046 Towards Evidence-based Solutions to Our Social Problems



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Education is an effective channel to advocate upward social mobility in the hope of ending entrenched poverty. HKBU has been striving to make no social distinction in teaching and seeking ways to provide education opportunities, especially for the underprivileged.

**Outreach**

**HKBUSU Sustainable Education Service Group**

Echoing its motto “poverty alleviation through education, equipping ourselves through helping others”, HKBUSU Sustainable Education Service Group has offered a variety of volunteer teaching services in Gansu, China every summer. More than 3,000 students and teachers in Gansu have benefitted from our services for the last 10 years.

**Outreach**

**Summer School: University Experience for Underprivileged Children**

HKBU organised an experiential learning activity to let underprivileged children in Hong Kong spend their summer holidays meaningfully on HKBU campus. Through this event, we aimed to enhance students’ awareness and caring spirit towards the needy in society, boost their motivation to learn, and help the children to build up a positive attitude towards their life.

