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**Wildavsky: Seeking Economic Growth,
Asia Embraces the Liberal Arts**

Ben Wildavsky, director of higher education studies at the Rockefeller Institute, examines the recent trend in Hong Kong and other Asian nations to promote liberal art studies within its university curriculums. The new offerings and requirements are aimed at developing creative thinkers, problem solvers, and people able to communicate with others and lead teams — all viewed as key skills in a fast-changing, globally competitive, entrepreneurial economy. Read his article, "[Developing Human Capital Through the Liberal Arts in Hong Kong.](#)" The article is published in the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation's online book, [The Looming Entrepreneurial Boom: How Policymakers Can Renew Startup Growth.](#)

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