The Next Generation of Urban China Research

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Additional details and copies of the papers will be available on the UCRN webpage: http://mumford.albany.edu/chinanet/ucrn2015

Thursday, May 7. Arrival in Providence, lodging for invited participants is arranged at the Biltmore Hotel, 11 Dorrance Street (Phone: 401-421-0700, Toll Free: 800-294-7709, Fax: 401-455-3050, Email: info@providencebiltmore.com).

Friday, May 8

8:00-10:00 Registration: Joukowsky Forum, Watson Institute for International Studies, 111 Thayer Street.

Presenters may send their powerpoint file in advance (chinanet2015@brown.edu) or bring the file on a thumb drive to the registration desk. This is a good time for one-on-one meetings between presenters and the senior scholars who have provided them with advice about their papers – either at the Biltmore over breakfast or at the Watson Institute. There is a lounge on the second floor just above the Joukowsky Forum.

10:00 Welcome: John R. Logan and Zai Liang, Directors of UCRN

10:30 Gender, education, and class relations
Presider: Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota and Xi’an Jiaotong University

The Influence of Hukou and College Education in China’s Labor Market. Yang Xiao, Institute for Empirical Social Science Research, Xi’an Jiaotong University, China. Adviser: Yanjie Bian

• Discussant: Zai Liang, University at Albany, SUNY

Making the Danwei a Big Socialist Family: Transforming Urban Gender Relations in Mao-Era China (1949-76). Yige Dong, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University. Adviser: Joel Andreas

• Discussant: Kristin Stapleton, University at Buffalo, SUNY
12:00-1:00  Lunch break and meetings with mentors

1:00  Perceptions of inequality
Presider: Michael White, Brown University

Objective and Subjective Status Inconsistency in Urban China. **Yu Han**, School of Sociology and Political Science, Shanghai University, China. Adviser: Wenhong Zhang
- Discussant: Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota and Xi’an Jiaotong University

Residential Segregation and Psychological Integration in Shanghai. **Lin Liu**, School of Sociology and Political Science, Shanghai University, China. Adviser: Wenhong Zhang
- Discussant: Youqin Huang, University at Albany, SUNY

2:30  Housing as a resource
Presider: Si-ming Li, Hong Kong Baptist University

- Discussant: Wenhong Zhang, Shanghai University

"Rigid Demand" Divested: Towards an Anthropological Reading of Housing Affordability. **Mengqi Wang**, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University. Adviser: Elizabeth Ferry
- Discussant: Deborah Davis, Yale University

4:00-4:15  Tea break

4:15  Planning the urban future
Presider: Deborah Davis, Yale University

An Emerging Selective Regime in Fragmented Authoritarianism: Urban Redevelopment under the ‘Three Old’ Policy in Guangzhou, China from 2008. **Bin Li**, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham. Adviser: Lauren Andres
- Discussant: Weiping Wu, Tufts University

- Discussant: Eric Fong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and University of Toronto

5:45-6:30  Break

6:30  Dinner for invited participants (The Dorrance Restaurant, 60 Dorrance Street)
Saturday, May 9

9:00 Contesting place
Presider: Youqin Huang, University at Albany, SUNY

  • Discussant: Jianfa Shen, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Land-use Contestations on a Chinese University Campus. Chun-Yi Sum, Department of Anthropology, Boston University. Advisor: Robert Weller
  • Discussant: Daming Zhou, Sun-Yat Sen University

10:30 Tea break

10:45 Linking rural and urban China
Presider: Matt Gutmann, Brown University

The Emergence of a New Mode of Rural Governance Driven by Rural Programs: A Case Study from Nanjing, China. Mingrui Shen, Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Adviser: Jianfa Shen
  • Discussant: Yuan Ren, Fudan University

Economic Coexistence and Cultural Separation: A Case Study of Changdu’s Urbanization in Tibet, China. Xin Wang, School of Sociology and Anthropology, Sun Yat-sen University, China. Adviser: Daming Zhou
  • Discussant: Steven F. Messner, University at Albany, SUNY

Urbanization of Rural Migrants and the Making of Urban Villages in Beijing. Yang Zhan, Anthropology Department, Binghamton University. Adviser: Carmen A. Ferradás
  • Discussant: John R. Logan, Brown University

12:45 Closing comments

1:00-2:30 Lunch meeting of UCRN advisory board and steering committee