

STUDYING RURAL CHINESE SOCIETY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: EMERGING THEMES AND NEW CHALLENGES

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
March 9-11, 2015



MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

Abba Eban Hall, Truman Institute

14:30-15:30 Gathering & Registration

15:30-15:45 Opening Session

Lior Rosenberg, Co-Organizer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Orna Naftali, Co-Organizer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

15:45-18:15 Panel I: The Economic Logic of Rural Life

Chair: **Richard Hardiman** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

René Trappel (University of Freiburg): "Collective Land and Agrarian Change in Rural China: How a Tragedy of the Anticommons Contributes to the Rise of Commercial Agriculture"

Marie-Helene Schwoob (Sciences Po Paris): "The Marginalization of Farmers in the Course of Agricultural Modernization and the Effects on Environmental, Social and Agricultural Sustainability"

Weiguo Zhang (University of Toronto): "Marketization, Demographic Shifts, and Dynamic Changes in Marriage Payments in Rural China"

16:45-17:15 Coffee / Tea Break

Discussant: **Yitzhak Shichor** (The Hebrew University and Haifa University)



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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Abba Eban Hall, Truman Institute

10:30-12:00 Panel II: Religious and Political Institutions

Chair: **Oded Abt** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Shin-yi Chao (University of Rochester): "Revival of Religion in North Rural China"

Brendan Forde (Australian National University): "Small Groups and Land Allocation: Fairness or Failure?"

Discussant: **Chen Bram** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

12:15-13:30 Lunch Break

13:45-16:00 Panel III: Reconstructing Rural Spaces

Chair: **Dror Kochan** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Lior Rosenberg (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "Economic Development, State Planning and Social Engineering: Constructing Rural Communities in Chenggu County, Shandong Province"

John Zacharias (Peking University): "Relations between Villagers, Artists and Student Renters in Xiaozhou, Guangzhou as it Undergoes Demolition and Reconstruction"

Yu Luo (Yale University): "The Translocal Sense of 'Home': Circular Migration and the Mediating Scale of County-Seat in Multi-Ethnic Southwest China"

14:45-15:00 Coffee / Tea Break

Discussant: **Anita Chan** (University of Technology, Sydney)

16:00-16:30 Coffee / Tea Break

16:30-18:00: Keynote Address, Beit Maersdorf, Room 405

16:30-16:45: Greetings

Chair: **Orna Naftali**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Yuri Pines, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nissim Otmazgin, Chair, Asian Studies Department, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:45-18:00 Keynote Address

Jonathan Unger (Australian National University): "The Dramatic Effects of Economic and Social Change in Rural China: Urbanization, Development, and Transformation of Family Life"

18:00-19:30 Cocktail Reception (for participants and invited guests), BEIT MAIERSDORF

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

Beit Maersdorf, Room 501

09:30-12:00 Panel IV: Education, Commodification, and Social Mobility

Chair: **Avital Binah-Pollak** (Tel Aviv University)

Nina Borevskaya (Russian Academy of Sciences): "Vocational Education in Rural China: Paths to Overcome the Mismatch of Educational Supply and Demands"

Dan Wang (The University of Hong Kong): "Commodification of Education and Moral Crisis: Rural Teachers in Neoliberal China"

Ding Qun (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "Transitions and Emergent Identities: Two Female Rural School Teachers' Experiences of Becoming Full-Time Postgraduates in the 21st Century"

10:30-11:00 Coffee / Tea Break

Discussant: **Julia Resnik** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

12:15-13:45 Lunch Break

14:00-16:30 Panel V: Identities: Class, National, and Transnational

Chair: **Jooyeon Rhee** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Anett Kozjek-Gulyás (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): "The Value System, Life Goals and World Views of the Rural Middle Class in Present Day China"

Orna Naftali (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "Youth Notions of 'China' and 'Being Chinese': The Interplay between Class and National Identities among Rural School Students"

Nily Gorin (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "Elite Coffee in the Village: Transnational Social Formations in Rural China"

15:00-15:30 Coffee / Tea Break

Discussant: **Helena Grinshpun** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

16:30-16:45 Coffee / Tea Break

16:45-18:00 Concluding Panel

Chair: **Orna Naftali**, Co-Organizer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Concluding Remarks: **Jonathan Unger** (Australian National University) & open discussion

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