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## Final Program

Conference Venue: Glamorgan Building (Building 49 on the University map), Cardiff University

### 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Arrival of participants registered for fieldtrip on 28<sup>th</sup> June

**20:00** Buffet dinner at Aberdare Hall (Building 22 on the University Map)

### 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**08:00** Participants staying in Colum Hall gather in front of the building to the breakfast

**08:45** Departure from Future Inn hotel, **09:00** arriving at Colum Hall (Building 13 on the University Map)

**09:30** Caerphilly Castle, Through Brecon Beacons National Park  
Led by Dr. Fangzhu Zhang and Mr. Steve Griffin (tour specialist)

**09:00** Internal meeting for Co-Is of *Urban China Research International Network* in Cardiff University (Glamorgan Building) (Fulong Wu, Anthony Gar-On Yeh, John Logan, Si-Ming Li represented by Limei Li, Ya-Ping Wang, Youqing Huang)

**13:00** Lunch at Happy Gathering in Cardiff (members of the internal working meeting to join)

**14:30** International Sport Village (Cardiff Bay Redevelopment)  
St Davis 2 (city redevelopment and shopping mall)  
Led by Mr. Phil Williams, Strategic Planning Manager, Strategic Planning and Environment, Cardiff City Council

**18:30** Dinner at Aberdare Hall

The whole day: arrival of other participants

### 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**07:50** From the reception of Talybont Hall (Building 5) (for resident participants), **08:00** from Colum Hall (for resident participants), led by conference assistants to breakfast, then to Glamorgan Building

**08:30** **Registration: at the entrance of Glamorgan Building.**

**09:15** **Opening Session (Council Chamber, Glamorgan Building)**

Chair by Terry Marsden (Professor and Head of the School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University)

09:15 Welcome by the First Minister of Wales

09:20 Welcome by VC of Cardiff University, Dr David Grant (TBC); Pro-VC of Cardiff University, Professor Ken Woodhouse

09:30 Organizers: Fulong Wu (Professor, Cardiff University and Convenor of Urban China Research International Network)

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Introduction to co-organiser: Urban Planning Society of China (represented by Nan Shi, the Secretary General).

## KEYNOTES

### 09:45 Keynote 1, sponsored by Routledge (publisher)

Introduced by Chris Webster (Professor, Cardiff University, and Director of the UK Centre for Education in the Built Environment)

**Speaker:** Anthony Gar-On Yeh (Chair Professor and Dean of Graduate School, The University of Hong Kong, Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences)  
*The fourth wave of urbanization in China*

### 10:15 Keynote 2, sponsored by IJURR, Blackwell (publisher)

Introduced by Jeremy Seekings (Professor, Editor of International Journal of Urban and Regional Research)

**Speaker:** John Logan (Professor and Director of Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences, Brown University)  
*Access to housing in urban China*

### 10:45 Group photo (at the entrance of Glamorgan Building) / Coffee and Tea Break

### 1A Urban Transition in Perspective, Urban China Research International Network Presentation (Council Chamber)

Chair: Dorothy Solinger (Professor, University of California, Irvine)

11:15 Chris Pickvance (Professor, University of Kent)  
*The Chinese 'transition' in comparative perspective*

11:35 Ya-Ping Wang (Reader, Heriot-Watt University)  
*Urbanisation, migration and informal development in Shenzhen*

11:55 Youqin Huang (Associate Professor, State University of New York)  
*Housing inequality in transitional Beijing*

### 1B City Planning and Transformation, Planning Directors' Forum (room: -1.63)

Chair: Kevin Morgan (Professor, Cardiff University)

**11:15** Presentations

11:15 Nan Shi (Secretary General, Urban Planning Society of China)  
*Introduction to legal development in Chinese city planning*

11:25 Jun Zou (Director, Jiangsu Academy of City Planning and Design)  
*Introduce on Metropolitan Coordinating Region (MCR) planning in fast growing urban areas in China*

**11:35** Panellists:

Terry Marsden (Professor and Head of School, Cardiff University)  
Kevin Morgan (Professor, Cardiff University)  
Chris Webster (Professor and Director of CEBE, Cardiff University)  
John Lovering (Professor, Cardiff University)

**12:15** Buffet Lunch (Committee 2)

**2A1** Urbanization and spatial policies (Council Chamber)

Chair: Yanwei Chai (Professor, Peking University)

**13:15** Chaolin Gu (Professor, Tsinghua University) Haifeng Pang  
*Evolution of Chinese urban system since 1978*

**13:30** Ian G. Cook (Professor, Liverpool John Moores University)  
*Reflections on how China's urbanisation can be managed*

**13:45** Shimou Yao (Professor, Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, CAS) Shuang Chen  
*The research on new characteristics of urbanization and the strategy of regional space construction in China*

**14:00** Jessica Wade (University of London)  
*China's 'good earth': exploring the CCP's shift from urbanization to intense rural development*

**2A2** Urbanization and spatial restructuring (Council Chamber)

Chair: Hongyang Wang (Professor, Nanjing University)

**14:15** Jian-gang Xu (Professor, Nanjing University) Xue-pei Han, Bang-gu Liao, Yi Qi  
*Analysis on urban density temporal and spatial variation characteristics of Shanghai in transition*

**14:30** Lachang Lu (Professor, Guangzhou University) Linda McCarthy  
*Spatial restructuring in urban China amid globalization and economic reform: the case of Guangzhou*

**14:45** Qijing Liao (Urban Planning Bureau of Guangzhou Metropolis)  
*The spatial characteristics and evolution of urban field in metropolitanization: a case of metropolis Guangzhou of China*

**2B1** Environment, sustainability and the eco-city (Room -1.63)

Chair: Bruce Anderson (Professor, Queen's University)

**13:15** Wenwei Ren (Professor, Fudan University) Bruce Anderson, John Meligrana, Bin Zhao, Zhiyao Zhang and Liqun Zhang  
*Dilemma and solutions: wetland conservation in the shadow of the megacity of Shanghai*

**13:30** Dajian Zhu (Professor and Dean, Tongji University) Yi Wu  
*Study on building Shanghai into a circular-economy oriented sustainable city*

**13:45** Shuang Chen (Dr., Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, CAS)  
*Eco-city: application to Chinese cities and effects on urban form*

## **2B2 Environment and planning strategies (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Dajian Zhu (Professor and Dean, Tongji University)

**14:00** John Meligrana (Professor, Queen's University) Wenwei Ren, Zhiyao Zhang, Bruce Anderson  
*A critical evaluation of Shanghai's municipal land use plan*

**14:15** Wenwei Ren (Professor, Fudan University) Zengfu Liu, Bruce Anderson, John Meligrana  
*Chongming eco-island: demonstrating the building of a resource efficient and environmentally friendly society in China*

**14:30** Yawen Dong (Professor, Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, CAS)  
*Process and trend of urban environment improvement in China*

**14:45** Rong Guo (Professor, Harbin Institute of Technology) Songtao Wu  
*Research on strategies of Harbin urban-rural integration development*

## **15:00 Coffee and Teabreak (Committee Room 2)**

## **3A1 City planning in regional contexts (Council Chamber)**

Chair: Cecilia Wong (Professor, The University of Manchester)

**15:15** Jiang Xu (Dr., The University of Hong Kong)  
*Governing city regions in China: theoretical issues and perspectives for regional spatial planning*

**15:30** Brenda Madrazo (Utrecht University)  
*Harmonious urban planning? Social stratification and spatial segregation in Chinese cities: the case of Wuhan*

**15:45** Hongyang Wang (Professor, Nanjing University)  
*The new booming of regional planning in China: underlying reasons and real challenge*

**16:00** Jianquan Cheng (Dr., Manchester Metropolitan University) Qingming Zhan, Xiaonan Zhang  
*Geo-spatial environment for Chinese urban planning: a comparative perspective*

## **3A2 City planning and planning approaches (Council Chamber)**

Chair: Jian-gang Xu (Professor, Nanjing University)

- 16:15** Chunlan Zhao (KULeuven) Haoyuan Pan  
*Searching for new urban-rural dynamics: reflections on a conceptual planning of Mu-shan cultural & industrial park, Chengdu, China*
- 16:30** Qing Zhu (Tongji University)  
*Constructing a new mode of suburban planning and development with public activity as antecedence: a case study of the development and planning of Jiezi Village in Jiangxia district, Wuhan.*
- 16:45** Zhaohua Deng (Cardiff University)  
*Chinese urban planning management-an urban design perspective from new office development*

**3B1 Creative economy and economic development (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Ian G. Cook (Professor, Liverpool John Moores University)

- 15:15** Hsiao-hung Nancy Chen (Professor, National Chengchi University)  
*Zhejiang's private enterprises: a study of both industrial and spatial institutional reorganization*
- 15:30** Francesca Frassoldati (University of Ferrara)  
*How development become a land issue: the industrial growth in the Zhujiang Delta*
- 15:45** Xingping Wang (Professor, Southeast University)  
*Building urban development district clusters in urban China: a case study of Nanjing*
- 16:00** Shuangshuang Tang (Nanjing University) Chen Ye  
*Creative industry cluster in Shanghai: spacial distribution and cause analysis*

**3B2 Economic development and spatial changes (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Duanfang Lu (Dr., University of Sydney)

- 16:15** De Wang (Professor, Tongji University) Zhao Zhang  
*Study of financial system for urban infrastructure development in China*
- 16:30** Tianhua Ni (Dr., Nanjing University) Jian-gang Xu  
*Study on integration of regional human settlements in Megalopolis with Yangtze River Delta as a case*
- 16:45** Li Jiang (Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences)  
*Guangzhou's automobile industrial development and city structure changes*

**17:00 Coffee and Tea Break (Committee Room 2)**

**4A Urbanization, migration, migrants and urban-rural integration (Council Chamber)**

Chair: Caroline Hoy (Dr., Hallaitken Ltd. UK)

- 17:15** Yu Chen (University of Glasgow) Caroline Hoy  
*Rural migrants, urban migrants and local workers in Shanghai: segmented or competitive labour markets?*
- 17:30** Quanle Huang (University of Paris-8)  
*In the shadow of the metropolis: a case study of the urban villages in Guangzhou, China*

- 17:45** Qiyao Wu (Professor, Yunnan University) Yuanyan Tian  
*Transformation of the distribution pattern of minorities in Yunnan, China during 1990-2000*
- 18:00** Rong Guo (Professor, Harbin Institute of Technology) Ming Lu and Lingling Li  
*The strategy of urbanization based on the overall planning of urban and rural development: a case study of Harbin*
- 18:15** Qing Li (Dr., Tongji University) Mei He  
*From a hamlet to a village in city: the process and dynamics of the densifying space of Shanchang Village in Zhuhai, China*
- 18:30** Bin Wu (Dr., Cardiff University) Valter Zannin  
*Globalisation, international migration and development of 'Wenzhou model'*

**4B Urban life, arts and culture (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Ya-Ping Wang (Reader, Heriot-Watt University)

- 17:15** Jennifer Currier (University College London)  
*Welders, crepes, and Chinese contemporary art: the creation and consequences of Beijing's 798 art district*
- 17:30** Xigang Zhu (Professor, Nanjing University) Ye Zhang, Bin-qiang Ma  
*New viewing angle of space study of urban geography -negative and positive structures of metropolitan area*
- 17:45** Deljana Iossifova (Tokyo Institute of Technology)  
*Blurring the joint line? urban life on the edge between old and new in Shanghai*
- 18:00** Yue Zhang (Princeton University)  
*Gearing towards urban growth: symbolic urban preservation in Beijing, 1990-2005*
- 18:15** Ke Feng (Dr., Yan Shan University) Jun Wang, Jian Huang and You Tu  
*Research on the renovation and protection of traditional dwellings under urbanization process: a case study of traditional dwellings in ancient urban area of Xi'an City*

**18:30**

**19:00 Reception sponsored by the School of City and Regional Planning (City Hall)**

Welcome by Professor Terry Marsden, Head of the School

**Speech** by Lord Mayor of Cardiff

**20:00 Conference dinner at the City Hall**

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**5A Housing and residential mobility (Council Chamber)**

Chair: Youqing Huang (Associate Professor, State University at New York)

**09:00** Jian Jin (Professor, Nanjing University)

*The housing right and government responsibility in China*

- 09:15** Howard Davis (Professor, University of Oregon) Matthew Brown  
*Facilitating the new [Chinese] dream: a case for the preservation of morphological meta-types that support flexibility of use*
- 09:30** Richard Walker (Professor, the University of Hong Kong) Lianje Ma  
*A public choice perspective on Chinese urban housing markets: theory and cases*
- 09:45** Yanwei Chai (Professor, Peking University) Zhilin Liu  
*Residential Mobility of the Elderly in Beijing: Danwei, Family Ties, and Life Course*
- 10:00** Yang Jiang (Tsinghua University)  
*Chinese urban residential mobility within the danwei system: a case study of Beijing No.9-1 housing compound*
- 10:15** Juan Jing (Heriot-Watt University)  
*Rise and fall of high-rise housing in Europe and their implications to housing development in China*

**5B Governance and community (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Chaolin Gu (Professor, Tsinghua University)

- 09:00** David Bray (Dr., University of Sydney)  
*Designing to govern: space and power in two Wuhan communities*
- 09:15** Olly Wainwright (University of Cambridge / Design for London)  
*Beijing brandalism: the commodification of an urban identity*
- 09:30** Yawei Chen (Dr., Delft University of Technology)  
*State intervention in area development in transitional urban China: reflections on Shanghai's practices*
- 09:45** Jingxiang Zhang (Professor, Nanjing University)  
*Analysis of urban growth machine based on great event marketing: a case study of Nanjing new Olympic city*
- 10:00** Yong Liu (CEO, Shanghai JRL Design Institute) Dan He, Zhen Chen  
*Studies on consciousness and effect of public participation in old residential district renewal- a case of "Pinggaipo" synthesis renewal for old residential district in Shanghai*
- 10:15** Liou Xie (The University of Hong Kong)  
*The transitional city in China: transformation of urban management system and urban land use structure of Shenzhen, 1980-2005*
- 10:30** Limei Li (Hong Kong Baptist University) Si-ming Li  
*A home of one's own: wired homeowners, community involvement and civil society*

**10:45 Coffee and tea break**

**6A1 Urban redevelopment processes(Council Chamber)**

Chair: Hsiao-hung Nancy Chen (Professor, National Chengchi University)

- 11:00** Duanfang Lu (Dr., University of Sydney)  
*'No pains, no gains': the politics of urban redevelopment in reform China*

**11:15** Beatrice Ferrari (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland)  
*Beijing new landscapes: characterizing transformations in the built environment*

**11:30** Eric J. Heikkila (Professor, University of Southern California)  
*Three questions regarding urbanisation in China*

**11:45** Dong Jing (Dr., Shanghai JRL Design Institute) Xie Qian  
*Urban regeneration and redevelopment in China in new development background*

## **6A2 Redevelopment and spatial changes (Council Chamber)**

Chair: David Bray (Dr., University of Sydney)

**12:00** Yun Qian (Heriot-Watt University)  
*A study of urban redevelopment and regeneration in Chinese cities from a European perspective: with case studies in Beijing*

**12:15** Hyun Bang Shin (Dr., London School of Economics and Political Science)  
*Urban redevelopment, place promotion and growth coalition in Beijing*

**12:30** Xiaoxia Song (Southwest University of Science and Technology)  
*The enlightenment of smart growth towards town space development -construction of resource-efficient cities in Sichuan*

## **6B1 Social inequalities and differentiation (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Richard Walker (Professor, the University of Hong Kong)

**11:00** Jin Ho Kim (Professor and Dean, Dan Kook University)  
*Study on 'harmony society' during Hu Jin Tao's government*

**11:15** Dorothy Solinger (Professor, University of California, Irvine)  
*Xiagang and the geometry of urban political patronage in China: state workers and state chagrin*

**11:30** Zhigang Li (Dr., Sun Yat-sen University)  
*Residential differentiation in post-reform Chinese cities: a case study of Shanghai*

## **6B2 Social inequalities and urban poverty (Room -1.63)**

Chair: Jingxiang Zhang (Professor, Nanjing University)

**11:45** Shenjing He (Dr., Cardiff University)  
*Property rights redistribution and the impoverishment of landless peasants: a tale of two villages in Xi'an, China*

**12:00** Bingqin Li (Dr., London School of Economics and Political Sciences) Huamin Peng  
*The social protection of rural workers in the construction industry in urban China*

**12:15** Yuting Liu (Dr., Cardiff University)  
*Urban villages in China's urbanization: 'Unregulated' valuable property and transitional neighbourhoods*

**12:30** Yuan Yuan (Dr., Sun Yat-sen University) Xue-qiang Xu  
*Spatial types of urban multiple deprivation in transitional China: a case study of Guangzhou city*

**12:45 Chinese Buffet Lunch at Committee Room 1/2**

**14:30 a coach departing from Glamorgan Building to the Heathrow and then London (to be confirmed)**

# Urban China Research International Network (UCRIN)

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## Significance

Tremendous social and economic changes are triggering the transformation of urban space in China since the country embarked on the transition towards a more market-oriented economy. Chinese cities provide an interesting case for examining contemporary urban restructuring in the world.

Traditional China research focuses on more specific historical episodes, while contemporary studies on China lack interdisciplinary collaborations. This proposal will aim to set up an International Network with core members from the UK, USA, China and Hong Kong from multi-disciplines such as Urban Planning (built environment), Geography and Sociology. The network is based on recently accomplished first-hand data surveys and will provide a landmark study of restructuring and inequality under market transition. The network will advance contemporary China studies and foster the scholarship in urban China research significantly. Its significance goes beyond area study and will generate impacts on contemporary the understanding of changing cities.

The proposed network will bring the research on China cities to a new standard; this network provides the capacity beyond individual researchers through value-added comparison of multiple cities.

## Aims and objectives

The aim of the program is to launch a landmark study through linked workshops and short visits to provide a comparative and in-depth understanding of social and spatial inequalities under China's market transition. The objectives are:

1. to benchmark China's social and spatial inequalities against current international researches and make a collective assessment of the proliferating literature on Chinese urban restructuring;
2. to develop a comparable framework and research foundation for multi-city comparisons;
3. to conduct data validation and cross-city examination by comparing specific aspects of social and spatial inequalities across these cities;
4. to produce joint publications from network workshop activities;
5. to address major problems created under social and spatial restructuring, such as residential segregation, new urban poverty, neighbourhood changes, and migrant exclusion;
6. to assess policy implications and disseminate urban China research to an international audience and to relevant policy makers.

## Organization and co-applicants

The Urban China Research Centre, School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, led by the Director, Professor Fulong Wu, provides the home institution for the proposed network.

Partner institutes and co-applicants include:

Research Initiative on Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4), Department of Sociology, Brown University, led by the Director, Professor John R. Logan.

The Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, led by the Director, Professor Siming Li.

The Centre for GIS Research, The University of Hong Kong, led by the Director, Professor Anthony Gar-On Yeh.

Dr Youqin Huang, Department of Geography, University at Albany.

Dr Ya Ping Wang, the School of Built Environment, Heriot-Watt University.

### **Major collaborative topics**

The key topics are social and spatial inequalities, more specifically they include:

- Spatial inequalities: how these spatial inequalities are manifested at the neighbourhood level; and how different residential relocations have strengthened / reduced these inequalities.
- Spatial restructuring: how city-to-city, suburb-to-suburb, city-to-suburb and suburb-to-city relocations differ in social composition and economic benefits; how these led to suburbanization and gentrification.
- Residential relocation and social divisions: relation between the types of new residences (e.g. a work unit dormitory or gated community) and perception of neighbourhoods, and household socioeconomic attributes.
- Residential mobility: the changing mobility across different social groups and cities.
- Social spatial mobility of rural migrants in the city

All these topics can be conducted based on individual cities and then results are compared; in addition, for some specific question, data set can be integrated to study the variation between cities.

### **Network facilitators**

Dr. Yuting Liu (Email: [LiuY23@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:LiuY23@cardiff.ac.uk)), manager of the UCRC, and Dr. Fangzhu Zhang (Email: [ZhangF4@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:ZhangF4@cardiff.ac.uk)), research associate at the Centre for Advanced Studies, act as network facilitators.

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