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
15:30-16:45 Opening Session
Lior Rosenberg, Co-Organizer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Orna Naftali, Co-Organizer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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): “Rewind 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 Chengu County, Shandong Province”
John Zacharias (Peking University): “Relations between Villagers, Artists and Student Renters in Xizhou, 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”
Discussant: Anita Chan (University of Technology, Sydney)
16:00-16:30 Coffee / Tea Break
16:30-18:00: Keynote Address, Beit Maiersdorf, 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 Maiersdorf, 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: Pathways 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 Northeast 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 Ree (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Anett Koziej-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 Grinspun (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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