



## **Urbanization in China: a Panel Discussion**

Carleton University

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

### *Agenda*

- 1:00      **Welcome** (B. Gianni)
- 1:15      **Introduction:** *Urbanization in Context -- What Makes Urbanization in China so New and Different?* (S. Gajer and S. Hormann)
- 1:30      Theme/Session 1: **Managing Change**
- **Neil Yan**,  
*Build It and They Will Come: On the Ghost City Phenomenon (Kunming's Chenggong District)*
  - **Prof. Qin Shao**, College of New Jersey,  
*The "Future Shock" is Now: Managing Change and Manageable Change in Urban China's Physical and Social Transition*
- 2:15      **Panel Discussion 1**
- Moderator: Prof. J. Debanné, Carleton University
  - Panelists: Neil Yan, Qin Shao, Randolph Wang and Huhua Cao
- 2:45      BREAK (coffee and tea will be provided)
- 3:00      Theme/Session 2: **Public Participation in the Transformation of Cities**
- **Carol Agocs**, Professor Emerita, University of Western Ontario  
*Public Participation in Urbanizing China*
  - **Prof. Huhua CAO**, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa, *Being Heard: Using PPGIS as a New Channel to Engage Urban Minorities in China's Neo-Urbanization*
- 3:40      **Panel Discussion 2**
- Moderator: Prof. K. Graham, Carleton University
  - Panelists: Carol Agocs, HuHua Cao, Qin Shao and Randolph Wang
- 4:15      **Closing Comments**

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About the participants:

**Carol AGOCS:**

Carol Agocs is Professor Emerita in the Department of Political Science at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada. Prior to retirement she was Director of Western's Local Government Program and a faculty member in the Master of Public Administration program. Her research and writings address issues of racial and gender inequality in employment and equality policy responses, as well as topics in local government management. Her most recent publications include *Employment Equity in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2014), and "Citizen Action for Sustainable Development: Case Studies in London, Ontario, Canada," in Andrew Sancton and Zhenming Chen (eds), *Citizen Participation at the Local Level in China and Canada* (Routledge Press, in press).

**Huhua CAO**

Huhua Cao is a Full Professor in the University of Ottawa's Department of Geography specializing in urban geography with the use of geostatistical methods and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Dr. Cao received his Bachelor degree in Urban Planning from Shanghai Tong-Ji University in 1983, after which he worked as an architect and urban planner for the Shanghai Institute of Architectural Design & Research (1983 – 1991). He obtained his Masters in Architecture (1994), following a PhD in Social Urban Geography (1998) both from Laval University. In 1998, he completed his Postdoctorate degree in Urban Geography from INRS.

In recent years, Dr. Cao's research has focused on China's urbanization process, engaging the urban minority, and E-participation (especially PPGIS). He has directed numerous international research projects that have received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) as well as the Government of China. Dr. Cao is currently involved in three important research projects, including mapping the spatial injustice in Xinjiang, China (2012-2015), constructing an Early Warning Information Platform/Module in Hainan, China (2012-2015) as well as the Canada-Europe International Cooperation Project on Sustainable Cities (2010-2014).

**Benjamin GIANNI** (co-organizer):

Benjamin Gianni is an Associate Professor in the Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism at Carleton University where he heads the Urbanism program. Proferror Gianni received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.Arch. from Yale University. He served as Director of the School of Architecture at Carleton University from 1992-2000 and Director of the School of Information Technology from 2003-2006. His current research explores the structure of suburbia and the redevelopment post-war public housing ensembles, comparing policies and projects in Europe, China and North America.

**Katherine GRAHAM:**

Katherine Graham is Senior Advisor to the Provost at Carleton University. She is also a Professor of Public Policy and Administration in Carleton's School of Public Policy and Administration and a Fellow of the

Carleton Centre for Community innovation (3Ci). Her extensive experience as an academic administrator at Carleton includes serving as Director of the School of Public Policy and Administration, Associate Dean and, from 2003-2009, as Dean of the Faculty of Public Affairs. Throughout Professor Graham's tenure as Dean, the Faculty of Public Affairs achieved prominence in Canada and abroad for its excellence in scholarship and community engagement. Upon completion of her term as Dean, the **Katherine A. H. Graham Annual Lecture on Aboriginal Policy** established by the Faculty of Public Affairs to honour her deep commitment to Aboriginal policy issues and the sustainability of Aboriginal communities.

Professor Graham's research interests concern urban and local governance, Aboriginal and northern development policy and institutional reform in government. She also works internationally, with extensive experience in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and Asia. She currently serves as Chair of Community-based Research Canada.

#### **Qin SHAO:**

A native of Shanghai, Qin Shao (邵勤) was among many whose formal education was interrupted by the onset of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution. After grammar school, Shao was sent to the countryside for six years as a peasant (including a brief stint as a "barefoot doctor" and village teacher). Largely self-taught through books surreptitiously supplied to her in the countryside by an elder sister, she went on to attend college and then graduate school. After completing her Master degree in history in 1983, Shao was invited to join the faculty at the East China Normal University in Shanghai. Teaching herself English in her spare time, she entered the Ph.D program in East Asian History at Michigan State University in 1990 and received her doctorate in 1994. Shao has been a professor of history at The College of New Jersey since.

Shao has published on ancient Chinese statecraft, China's early urbanization effort, and the post-Mao reform in leading international journals. Her research has been awarded various fellowships, including those from the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University; the International Research Center on Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History (re:work), Humboldt University, Berlin; the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C; the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation; the American Council of Learned Societies; the National Endowment for the Humanities; and the Weatherhead Resident Scholar Fellowship, School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Shao has presented her work at the Harvard Law School, Columbia University, Stockholm University, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, Shanghai University, among many other institutes. She is also an invited speaker at public forums such as the Renaissance Weekend and the Conference on World Affairs.

Professor Shao has authored two books: *Culturing Modernity: The Nantong Model, 1890-1930*, 2003 and *Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Megacity*, 2013.

#### **Sheng Hua (Neil) YAN:**

Born 1990 in Kunming, China, Mr. Yan recently completed an undergraduate degree in Architecture at Carleton University, with additional study experience at the Technical University of Berlin and ETH Zurich. Having interned in offices in Ottawa and Shanghai, Mr. Yan now resides in Toronto.

#### **Randolph WANG (co-organizer):**

Randolph Wang is a senior urban designer with the Planning and Growth Management Department of the City of Ottawa. With a Bachelor of Engineering Degree (major in urban planning) from Tongji University and a Master of City Planning Degree from the University of Manitoba, Randolph has extensive experience in downtown and mainstreet revitalization, waterfront redevelopment, transit-oriented development, public realm improvements, infill, as well as new town and suburban design. During his tenure as a senior planner at the Shanghai Urban Planning and Design Research Institute in the 1990s,

Randolph completed a number of planning studies that contributed to the transformation of that city. Randolph's current practice at the City of Ottawa has included development review and policy development. He is a lead planner of a number of community planning and urban design studies.

**Steven Gajer and Sarah Hormann**

Mr. Gajer and Ms. Hormann are M. Arch candidates in the Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism. They are currently working on theses in the area of Chinese cities.