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WORKSHOP

**Mobility in Contemporary China:
Imaginaries, technologies and power**

29 – 30 September 2016

Organisers: Meixuan Chen (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
Li Zhang (University of California, Davis)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 28th September 2016

19.00 *Informal get-together at ‘Nexus’*

Thursday, 29th September 2016

8.30 – 9.15 Registration

9.15 – 9.30 Welcome address by Chris Hann

9.30 – 10.20 **Panel I: Technologies and Materialities of Mobility**

Chair: Minh Nguyen (MPI for Social Anthropology)

*Discussant: **Matthew Kohrman** (University of Stanford)*



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Carlo Inverardi-Ferri

University of Oxford

Mobile Labour: Mobility and agency in Beijing 'waste markets'

10.20 – 10.50 *Coffee break*

10.50 – 12.30 **Adam Liebman**

University of California, Davis

Precarious Mobility Among Informal Scrap Traders in Postsocialist China

Cangbai Wang

University of Westminster, London

The 'Material Turn' in Migration Studies

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 – 15.10 **Panel II: Mobility and Displacement**

Chair: Li Zhang (University of California, Davis)

*Discussant: **Susanne Brandtstädter** (University of Cologne)*

Shuli Wang

Academia Sinica, Taipei

Heritage, Mobility and Place Making: How do relocated Huayuanzhuang villagers make a new home?

Yongming Zhou

University of Wisconsin-Madison

On the Move: A Hmong village by the Kunming-Bangkok Highway in Northern Laos



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15.10 – 15.40 *Coffee break*

15.40 – 17.20 **Panel III: Imaginaries of Mobility**

Chair: Fan Zhang (MPI for Social Anthropology)

*Discussant: **Frank Pieke** (Leiden University)*

Meixuan Chen

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Overseas Visits, Local Imaginaries of Mobilities and Fixity

Anne-Christine Trémon

Université de Lausanne

Sociodicies of Mobility in a Shenzhen Emigrant Village

17.20 – 17.30 *Coffee break*

17.30– 18.00 Wrap-up discussion

18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant ‘Alchimistenklausur’*

19.30 – 20.30 Discussion of results

Friday, 30th September 2016

9.00 – 10.40 **Panel IV: Consumption and Social Mobility**

Chair: Charlotte Bruckermann (MPI for Social Anthropology)

*Discussant: **Li Zhang** (University of California, Davis)*



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Roberta Zavoretti

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Hypergamy in Practice: The ideal husband in Maoist and post-Mao China

Eona Bell

School of Oriental and African Study, London

Social Mobility Within Hong Kong Chinese Families in Scotland

10.40 – 11.10 *Coffee break*

11.10 – 12.00 **Yuhua Guo, Jianhua Wang**

Tsinghua University, Beijing

Active Subject and Barrier of Structure: The new generation of peasant workers and new media technology

12.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.40 **Panel V: Geopolitics and Mobility**

Chair: Helena Obendiek (University of Applied Sciences, Konstanz)

Discussants: Frank Pieke (Leiden University)

Susanne Brandtstädter (University of Cologne)

Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi

LMU Munich

(Dis)connecting Infrastructures and China's Dreams of the New Silk Road

Solange G. Chatelard

Sciences Po, Paris

Beyond Economic Empowerment: Chinese female moral entrepreneurs in Zambia



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15.40 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 16.50 **Ka-Kin Cheuk**

Leiden University

The Specter of ‘National Security’: G20 and international mobilities in a local Chinese market

16.50 – 17.00 *Coffee break*

17.00 – 18.00 Wrap-up discussion and publication plan

Shengmin Yang (*Minzu University of China, Beijing*)

All Participants

18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant ‘Wildschütz’*

19.30 – 20.30 General discussion