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)
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 Brandtstädtter (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*
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**
   Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/ S.
   
   *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 ‘Alchimistenklause’*

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)
Roberta Zavoretti  
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.  

*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 Brandstädt (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*
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