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## 1.0 Note from the Director

This year, the Centre for Chinese Research (CCR), continued to participate in the reorganization of the Institute of Asian Research (IAR) and our move to the Faculty of Arts with renewed support to serve the broader University of British Columbia (UBC) campus community.

Our tradition of speakers, seminars and conferences has been strengthened by additional funding from the IAR that has allowed us to expand our offerings, as can be seen from the impressive list of Seminars for the year. CCR also

strengthened regional collaboration by participating in the formation of the Northwest China Forum, which held its first meeting in Portland, Oregon in April 2015.

Our new mandate is to serve the broader UBC community interested in China across the disciplines and professions, and beyond our traditional focus on humanities and social sciences. We are, to borrow a political slogan, at the initial stages of this particular revolution. We are cheered by the warm response and enthusiasm of colleagues in Law, Medicine, and various natural science disciplines. We are beginning with an expansion of our program on Chinese Environmental Sciences and Sustainability (CESS).

In order to support graduate training in Chinese studies and to strengthen the community of research students and scholars at UBC we continue to join forces with the China History cluster at the Department of History and led by Carla Nappi and Leo Shin.

Summer 2015 saw the transfer of leadership of the CCR with the appointment of Dr. Christopher Rea as Director and my retirement from the post. Dr. Rea brings new energy and the experience of dynamic teaching, research, and scholarly collaboration from within the Asian Studies department. Once again he is assisted by the ever-capable Lotus Ruan and, with IAR support, a new team of student helpers.

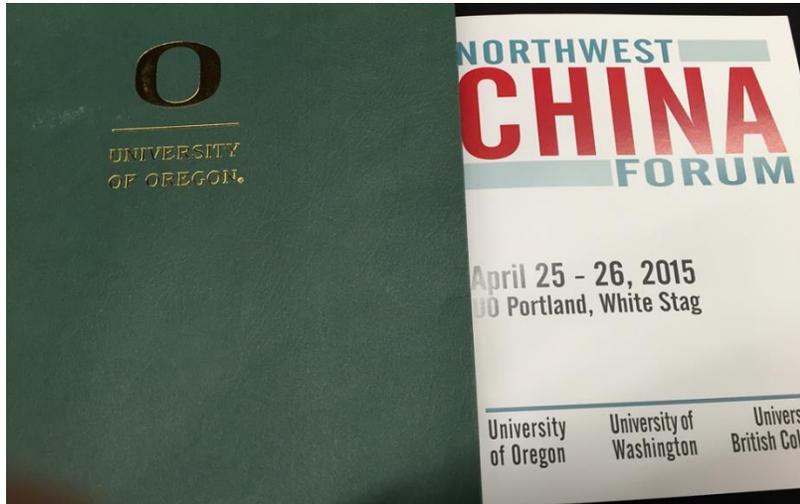
We look forward to continued growth and new ways to serve the UBC community.



Timothy Cheek

## 2.0 Creation of the Northwest China Forum

The University of British Columbia (UBC), the University of Washington (UW), and the University of Oregon (UO) have jointly initiated the Northwest China Forum to create a platform for scholars and graduate students on studying China in British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest to gather together and share their research across fields and across institutions. The interdisciplinary platform allows participants to explain the breadth and significance of their projects to and to build collaboration between scholars at a dozen universities in the region.



The first Northwest China Forum was held at University of Oregon-Portland, in the White Stag Building in Portland's Historic Chinatown District. Approximately 40 China faculty from UO, UW, UBC and nearby institutions participated, along with 6-7 advanced doctoral students. Field reports that highlight the current climate for fieldwork and collaboration in China, in addition to descriptions of

individual projects were presented during the two-day forum. Meetings will generally be in April, about one month after AAS. Next year's meeting (April 2016) will be at UW and in 2017 UBC will host.

UO-UW-UBC Northwest China Forum  
UO PDX April 25-26

Saturday, April 25

11:30 am Registration (name tags and materials) *Event Room Entry*

12:00 pm Lunch and Welcome *Event Room*  
Wendy Larson (UO), Vice Provost for Portland Programs  
Bryna Goodman (UO), Madeleine Yue Dong (UW), Tim Cheek (UBC)

1-2:20pm Panel I *Wayne Morse Room*

**Rereading Bertrand Russell's *The Problem of China*\*\*** (Tim Cheek, UBC, Chair)  
•Gregory Blue (U. Victoria) "Russell's Politics and his China Trip"  
•Madeleine Dong (UW): "Contemporary PRC Circulation of Russell's *The Problem of China*."  
•Yugen Wang (UO): "A Close Reading of Russell's *Problem of China*"

\*\*links to electronic copies of Chinese and English editions sent in advance of the meeting.

2:30-- 4:00pm Panel II *Wayne Morse Room*

**Translation** (Bryna Goodman, UO, Chair)  
•Desmond Cheung (PSU) "Translating Ming Statecraft"  
•Chris Hamm (UW) "Tarzan in the Land of the Dragon: Vernacular Translation and Print Culture in Republican-Era China"  
•Roy Chan (UO) "Intelligentsia in Translation: Ba Jin and Alexander Herzen"  
•Jeremy Brown (Simon Fraser) "Translating PRC History"

4:15 pm Keynote (introduction by Richard Kraus, UO) *Event Room*

Elizabeth Perry, Henry Rosovsky Professor of Government and Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute: "China's Higher Education Reform: A New Great Leap Forward?"

Sunday, April 26

8:15 am Breakfast *Event Room*

9:00-10:20 am Panel III *Wayne Morse Room*

**Contemporary China** (Dan Buck, UO, Chair)  
Bill Lavelly (UW): "Sexual Revolution or Rebellion? Marital Relations in Transition,"  
Amy Hanser (UBC) "Gated Consumption: Infant Formula and China's Middle Class"

Xiaobo Su: "Crisis of Hegemony and Anticorruption Campaigns in China: Zhuo Jing-Schmidt (UO): "China's anti-graft drive: Party Discourse and Popular Responses"

10:30 -11:50 am Panel IV *Wayne Morse Room*

**State Coercion and Legal Perspectives:** (Ina Asim, UO, Chair)  
•Pat Ebrey (UW) "State-Forced Relocations in Liao, Song, Jin, and Yuan"  
•Alison Bailey (UBC) "Unraveling the Knots of the Code" Wang Mingde's Guide to Early Qing Law"  
•Zang Dongsheng (UW): "Origins of Coercive Mediation in China: 1930s-1940s"  
•Wei Cui (UBC): "What is Federalism, Chinese Style? The Perspective from Law"

Noon-12:20 *Wayne Morse Room*

**Individual research presentation:**  
•Joyman Lee (Pacific Lutheran): "Building Rural Industries in China and the Role of Japan, 1895-1915"

12:30-2:00pm Lunch (begins 12:30) *Event Room*  
**with reports from the field (from 1:00-2pm)** (Luke Habberstad, UO, Chair)

•Daniel Abramson (UW) "Social-ecological systems in development in the Chengdu Plain"  
•Talent Mawkanuli (UW) "Language as Ethnicity: The Jungar Tuvas in China"  
•Gyoung-Ah Lee (UO) "Neolithic development in Jilin Province"

and

•Lorri Hagman (UW Press): Brief Introduction to UW Press Publications

## 3.0 Spotlight on Research Projects and Workshops



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# Social Media in China: What Canadians Need to Know

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 PM, September 24, 2015

Location: Board Room, Asia Pacific Foundation Of Canada

Address: 220-890 West Pender St., Vancouver, BC V6C 1J9



What are the three things that every Canadian should know about social media in China?

Is state control of social media tightening as much as many commentators outside China are warning?

In light of new legislation and regulations, what are the prospects for virtual civil society in the cyber domain?

### Speakers

Dr. Timothy Cheek, Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research, UBC

Dr. Paul Evans, Professor, Institute of Asian Research, UBC

Ms. Lotus Yang Ruan, M.A. Candidate, Asia Pacific Policy Studies, UBC

Dr. Zhao Yuezhi, Professor of Communication, SFU



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## 4.0 Centre for Chinese Research Discussions 2014-15

### 1 CANADA, TAIWAN AND THE TPP: WHERE DO CANADA'S INTERESTS LIE?

September 29, 2014

By: Hugh Stephens, Vice Chair, CANCEC (Canadian PECC Committee); Senior Fellow, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada; Fellow, Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute

Roundtable Discussants: Chair: Dr. Paul Evans, Professor, Institute of Asian Research and Liu Institute for Global Issues, Director-General William Chuang, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vancouver, Dr. Pitman Potter, Professor, UBC Law Faculty, Dr. Yves Tiberghien, Director, Institute Of Asian Research; Associate Professor, Department of Political Science



*In his discussion of Canada's involvement in ongoing negotiations concerning the creation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Mr. Hugh Stephens will consider the following questions:*

- *Is it in Canada's interest to support the addition of more economies to the TPP negotiations?*
- *Is it in Canada's interest to support Taiwanese entry to the TPP?*
- *If Canada supported Taiwan's entry, what would be the impact on Canada's China policy?*

### 2 TROUBLES IN CHINA'S PERIPHERIES: HONG KONG DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE ILHAM TOHTI CASE



#### Troubles in China's Peripheries: Hong Kong Demonstrations and the Ilham Tohti Case

Professor Pitman Potter (Law), Professor Diana Lary (History), Professor Tsering Shakya (Institute of Asian Research), Professor Leo K. Shin (History and Asian Studies), Professor Yves Tiberghien (Institute of Asian Research, Political Science)

Date | Monday, October 6  
Time | 4:00 – 6:00pm  
Location | Multipurpose Room  
Address | Liu Institute for Global Issues, 6476 Northwest Marine Drive, Vancouver BC

**ABSTRACT**  
A roundtable discussion of recent events in Hong Kong and Mainland China by UBC faculty and China studies scholars led by Pitman Potter, Diana Lary, Leo K. Shin and Yves Tiberghien.

**REGISTRATION:**  
Please RSVP at <http://tiny.cc/CCR-Oct6>

Event Live Tweet  
[@CdnAsiaEvents](https://twitter.com/CdnAsiaEvents) #ubeHKtohti



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### 3 MAINLAND-HONGKONG-TAIWAN DIALOGUE SERIES: 對話 DIALOGUES

One: An Open Invitation to Young People from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Mainland  
October 23, 2014

在不同的價值觀、立場前，我們能否敞開心懷、相互理解？如何發出自我的聲音，獨立思考，耐心傾聽？

*Around 35 passionate students from Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China gathered to engage in conversations about their cultural similarities, differences, and feelings about issues in Hong Kong.*

Two: Identities for Chinese Speakers 媒體與教育如何影響我們對自己多重複雜身份的探討？

November 18, 2014

*This is a student-led discussion, where participants split into small groups first, then proceed to a large group discussion on how media and education affect the way people perceive themselves and others.*

Third: Searching for Identities - Education 身份的討論——教育

January 29, 2015

Fourth: Identities - Traditional Festivals 對身分的探討——傳統節日

March 05, 2015

Fifth: Searching for Identities - Living in a Different Place

April 11, 2015

*This 5th Dialogue hosted by UBC Dialogue hopes to exchange ideas and provide a greater flow of communication between Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau by overseas students from those respective countries in regards to the change in terms of academic participation and freedom, and lifestyle that has come with living in and going to school in Canada. For most of international students in UBC, they live in Vancouver for the purpose of acquiring a better education. In this dialogue, we will discuss about the change of their lives of studying abroad and the academic participation and freedom.*

### 4 XI JINPING'S 'NEW NORMAL' IN CHINA: ASSESSING THE 4TH PLENUM OF THE CCP

February 2, 2015

*The Communist Party of China's fourth plenum sessions are traditionally opportunities for China's leadership to discuss administrative and ideological strategies and engage in party-building measures. The fourth plenum of the 18th CCP Central Committee in October 2014 focused heavily on the "rule of law" in China. At the closing of the four-day discussion, the CCP Central Committee issued a communiqué that emphasized "comprehensively advancing ruling the country according to the law". What are the goals and some takeaways from the fourth plenum? How should we assess the sessions?*

Chair: Dr. Timothy Cheek, Director, Centre for Chinese Research; Professor, UBC Institute of Asian Research



#### Roundtable Discussants

Dr. Jie Cheng, Associate Professor, UBC Law Faculty: Centralization as Path Dependence in Chinese Political Reform

Dr. Pitman Potter, Professor, UBC Faculty of Law: Judicial Reform by the Party/State

Dr. Yulin Fu, Professor, Peking University Law School: The Goals of Judicial Reform from Diverse Perspectives (the Party, the Courts, and the Scholars)

Dr. Yves Tiberghien, Director, UBC Institute Of Asian Research; Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science: Fourth Plenum Reforms and China's Socio-Economic Predicaments

#### 5 FIXING CHINA'S "AIRPOCALYPSE": ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON UNDER THE DOME



March 30, 2015

*Made by former China Central Television newscaster Chai Jing, "Under the Dome", the 104-minute, TED-style film drew more than 150 million viewers in the first days after Chai posted it online. In three weeks, Chai's film has gone from Internet sensation, to being blocked by government censors, to being the subject of a question to Premier Li Keqiang at a press conference. Will Chai's film bring any change to the status quo of pollution problems in China? Is the science in the film accurate? Is this film an example of dissent, government infighting, or citizen activism?*

*The event received much public attention and media coverage from major news organizations such as Ming Pao, Sing Tao Daily, and New Tang Dynasty Television.*

Chair: Dr. Timothy Cheek, Director, CCR; Professor, UBC Institute of Asian Research (Chair)  
Dr. Michael Brauer, Professor, Director, Bridge Program, School of Population and Public Health  
Dr. Milind Kandlikar, Professor, Liu Institute for Global Issues & Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability  
Ms. GUO Li, Ph.D Candidate in Political Science, Department. Political Science  
Ms. Lotus RUAN Yang, M.A. Candidate in Asia Pacific Policy Studies, Institute of Asian Research

## 6 IN CONVERSATION: FRANCES WOOD AND TIM BROOK

May 29, 2015

By: Dr. Timothy Brook, Centre for Chinese Research Chair; Dr. Frances Wood, author and former British Library curator of Chinese collections



*Republic of China Chair and China historian, Dr. Timothy Brook, in an extended interview of Dr. Frances Wood, author and former British Library curator of Chinese collections, on their shared experience as students in China during the Cultural Revolution, and how it shaped their views of China. Dr. Wood retired in 2013 after more than 30 years at the British Library as curator of the Chinese collections, and is well-published on Chinese culture and history.*

## 5.0 Centre for Chinese Research Seminar Series 2014-15

### 1 CHINESE INVESTMENT IN THE BRAZILIAN SOYBEAN SECTOR: NEGOTIATING A NEW BALANCE OF POWER IN THE EMERGING GLOBAL FOOD REGIME

September 04, 2014

By: Emelie K. Peine, Assistant Professor of International Political Economy, University of Puget Sound

*As global agricultural commodity prices remain persistently high in response to robust demand and increasingly volatile weather conditions, importing countries continue to seek extra-market strategies to ensure domestic food security. In China, structural changes in the mode of pork meat production have led to a dramatic shift in the international market profile for soybeans over the last decade. Though largely self-sufficient in many staple food crops, China produces relatively little soy, which is a strategically important link in the pork meat supply chain. As the “big 4” (ADM, Bunge, Cargill, and Dreyfus) maintain overwhelming control of the global soybean trade, Chinese agribusinesses are exploring investment possibilities in the Brazilian cerrado that would allow for an end-run around the dominant international market structure. This ongoing research project analyzes these investments as a potential shake-up of the global food regime and the emergence of a new balance of power. Preliminary findings show a significant gap between media hype over Chinese investment and the actual instantiation of the proposed projects. However, active negotiation on both sides suggests important implications for infrastructure development, land use and rural economies on the Brazilian soy frontier.*



### 2 SOCIALIZING YOUNG CITIZENS IN EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY CHINA: SCHOOLBOOK NARRATIVES

September 16, 2014



By: Members from the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC)

*The Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium is a research network that brings together the expertise of over fifty scientists, social scientists and humanities scholars from universities across North America, Europe and East Asia along with postdocs and graduate students. CERC aims to answer the question of what religion is, how it is linked to morality, and why it plays such a ubiquitous role in human existence.*

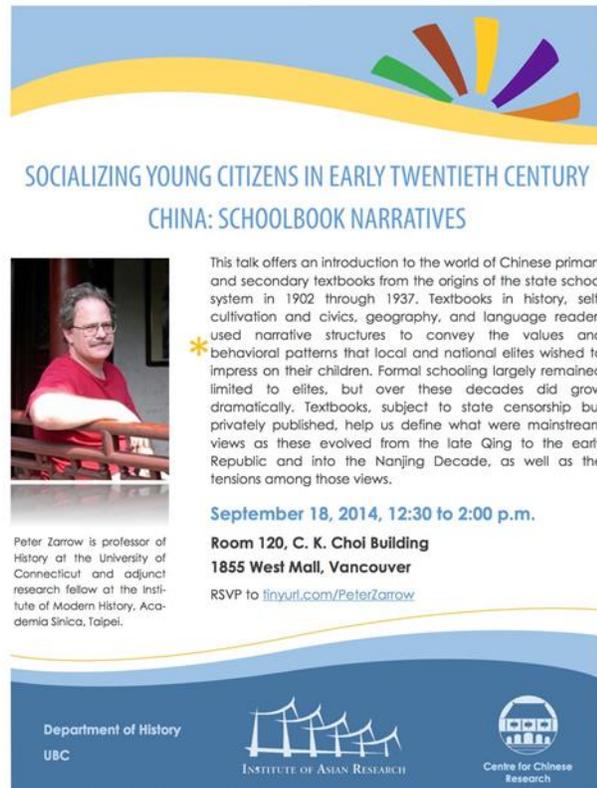
*In this talk members of CERC discussed the overall goals of their research, currently beginning Year 3 of a six-year grant, as well as describing specific research initiatives, including the Database of Religious History, the quantitative analysis of historical texts, and a large-scale ethnographic-experimental project.*

### 3 SOCIALIZING YOUNG CITIZENS IN EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY CHINA: SCHOOLBOOK NARRATIVES

September 18, 2014

By Dr. Peter Zarrow, professor of History at the University of Connecticut and adjunct research fellow at the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei

*This talk offers an introduction to the world of Chinese primary and secondary textbooks from the origins of the state school system in 1902 through 1937. Textbooks in history, self-cultivation and civics, geography, and language readers used narrative structures to convey the values and behavioural patterns that local and national elites wished to impress on their children. Formal schooling largely remained limited to elites, but over these decades did grow dramatically. Textbooks, subject to state censorship but privately published, help us define what were mainstream views as these evolved from the late Qing to the early Republic and into the Nanjing Decade, as well as the tensions among those views.*



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**September 18, 2014, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Room 120, C. K. Choi Building**  
**1855 West Mall, Vancouver**  
RSVP to [tinyurl.com/PeterZarrow](http://tinyurl.com/PeterZarrow)

Peter Zarrow is professor of History at the University of Connecticut and adjunct research fellow at the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei.

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### 4 EU, CHINA, AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: INTERREGIONALISM AS AN APPROACH AND ASEM AS A CASE

September 29, 2014

By: Professor Zhu Tianxiang, Associate Professor, School of International Relations, Sichuan International Studies University

*As an interregional forum, ASEM's multilateral utility for global governance, to a large extent, depends upon the interregional strategies and policies of ASEM members from both Europe and Asia. EU and China participate in the ASEM process with their own versions of interregionalism, which are more or less different when it comes to the main functions, such as balancing, institution-building, rationalizing, agenda-setting, and collective identity-building.*

*ASEM7 held against the background of global financial crisis is a case in point. Before and during the summit, EU showed great ambitions to reform the international financial system, and prepared to challenge the U.S. dominance with the help of emerging economies like China. However, what happened after the summit as ASEM's follow-ups, e.g. the super-sovereign currency sponsored by China, the IMF 2010 reforms most beneficial for China, and the so-called term of G-2 arguing for co-leaderships with China, forced EU to concern much more relative gains in the relationships with Beijing, and brought some negative impacts on EU's attitude towards China. In order to make better contributions to global governance, both sides in particular EU had better replace the power-based as well as the identity-based approach with another one based on demand, which aims at the serious reality of globalization and global issues. In doing so, no matter a better system of global governance, or a better partnership between EU and China is worth expecting.*

## 5 TRANSFORMATIONS OF CHINESE PATRIARCHY

November 06, 2014

By: Stevan Harrell, Professor of Anthropology, Professor of Environmental and Forestry Sciences, University of Washington

*This talk first traces the outlines of Han Chinese patriarchy, defined as a property-based system of gender and generational asymmetry, as it existed before 1949. It briefly discusses the very partial transformation of that system under Maoist state socialism, and then outlines in detail the more profound changes that have happened in the last three decades of Reform. Finally, it addresses the question, since China is still very much a masculine-dominant society, of what is replacing the recently transformed system Chinese patriarchy*

## 6 CHINA: OUTLOOK, RISKS AND REFORM

November 24, 2014

By: Mr. Mark Kruger, Bank of Canada

*China: Outlook, Risks and Reform examines China's recent economic performance and sketch out a medium scenario under which it becomes the world's largest economy, surpassing the US, in the early 2020s. Most of the presentation focus on the risks that could knock China off of this course. The government's reform agenda and its ability to manage these risks are also discussed.*



## 7 CHINA'S PROPERTY MARKET: ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL RISKS

November 25, 2014

By: Mr. Mark Kruger, Bank of Canada

*The Chinese property market is going through its third cycle since 2008. While the previous cycles were the result of policies aimed at improving housing affordability, the causes of the current one are less evident. China's Property Market: Economic, Financial and Social Risks will look at the importance of the Chinese property market and assess the extent to which highly levered property developers pose a risk to the entire Chinese financial system.*

## 8 BI FOR HEAVEN 通天之璧: PATTERNS AND FUNCTIONS OF JADE BI-DISCS DURING THE HAN PERIOD



November 25, 2014

By: Professor Shuping Teng, National Palace Museum in Taipei

*Jade bi-discs were highly prized in the rituals and the people's daily life during the Han Dynasty. In this lively presentation, through systematically analyzing archaeological finds and astutely reading historical texts concerning ancient astrology and cosmology, Professor Shuping Teng illustrates intertwined relationships between patterned decorations such as four divine creatures and the unique roles the bi-discs served in the formative phase of imperial China, and reveals the significance of jade bi-disc in the cultural history of Han Dynasty.*

## 9 TAIWAN'S ENIGMA: RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN TAIWAN AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PREHISTORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

November 27, 2014



**A talk by Professor Cheng-hwa Tsang**  
Institute of History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

*Until the European spread Indo-European languages far and wide after the middle of 15th century, Austronesian was the most widely distributed language family, spoken across 10,000 kilometers of coastline and sea from Madagascar in Africa to Easter Island in the Pacific. The Austronesian dispersal are among the most challenging mysteries facing historians, linguists, geographers, archaeologists, as well as the public. Despite its small size, the island of Taiwan had a striking range of cultural diversity in prehistory; it is a key region for the enigma of Austronesian origin and dispersal. In this presentation, Professor Tsang will discuss recent archaeological discoveries in Taiwan, which are relevant to the issue of what was the place of Taiwan in the transmission of the people and culture from the Asian continent into the Pacific.*

## 10 POLICY MAKING AND GOVERNANCE UNDER XI JINPING: OUTCOMES OF THE 4TH PLENUM

January 12, 2015

By: Professor Stéphanie Balme, Alliance Visiting Professor, Sciences Po, Columbia University

*Stéphanie Balme is a member of the faculty at Sciences Po (Paris) as PSIA Professor and CERI Research Fellow, and a Visiting Professor at the Columbia University Law School Alliance Program this fall. At Sciences Po, she runs the "Justice, Law and Society in China" research program. She is also a regular consultant for international organizations on projects related to rule of law, public policy or human rights in China.*



## 11 ZHANG YANG AND SIXTH GENERATION REPRESENTATIONS OF FILIALITY IN CHINESE CINEMA

January 22, 2015

By: Dr. Christopher Lupke, Professor of Chinese and Cinema Studies, Department of Foreign Languages & Cultures, Washington State University

*The Confucian notion of filiality (孝 xiao) is one of the fundamental building blocks of traditional Chinese philosophical discourse and social practice. As such, during the early 20th century it was subjected to a thoroughgoing critique by the intellectual iconoclasts who fuelled China's radical transformation into the modern era. The filmmaker Zhang Yang provides a partial answer to this question of his own, inserting Zhang Xiaogang's work into the narrative of his own work, the film Sunflower, released in 2004. Sunflower resurrects the traditional trope of filiality and places the responsibility for the disintegration of the family in general, and the father-son relationship in particular, squarely at the feet of the Cultural Revolution. The central question of this talk is how has the battered notion of filiality survived through to the contemporary era in Chinese visual representation?*

## 12 MARKET-ORIENTED URBANISM AND RESIDENTIAL OUTCOMES IN URBAN CHINA

March 04, 2015



By: Dr. Yushu Zhu, Brown University

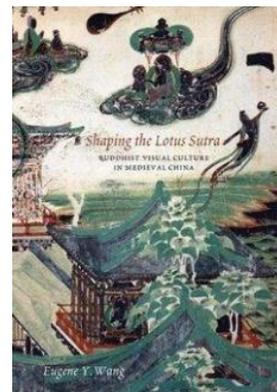
*Three decades' market reform has given rise to tremendous transformation in city space, urban governance and community activities in urban China. This talk will present Dr. Zhu's research concerning housing and community outcomes in urban China against the backdrop of market-oriented urbanism. On the one hand, China's contemporary urbanism is associated with growing housing disparities among different social groups, such as locals and migrants. On the other hand, the dismantlement of socialist mode of community governance granted urban citizens greater autonomy of local affairs, motivating community participation. Dr. Zhu's empirical research points to a civic virtue of communal space and provides nascent evidence regarding neighborhood contexts of grassroots participation in urban China.*

## 13 GLOBAL ART, GLOBAL MIND

March 19, 2015

By: Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Professor Eugene Wang, Asian Art, Harvard University

*During his visit to Vancouver to give the 14th Annual Heller Lectures at the Vancouver Art Gallery (downtown on Tuesday 17 March at 7 pm), Professor Wang has happily agreed to meet with graduate students, faculty, and others at UBC interested in how to think about Chinese art and culture in a global setting. He made a brief presentation on the theme of his new project, "Global Art, Global Mind," then take part in a*



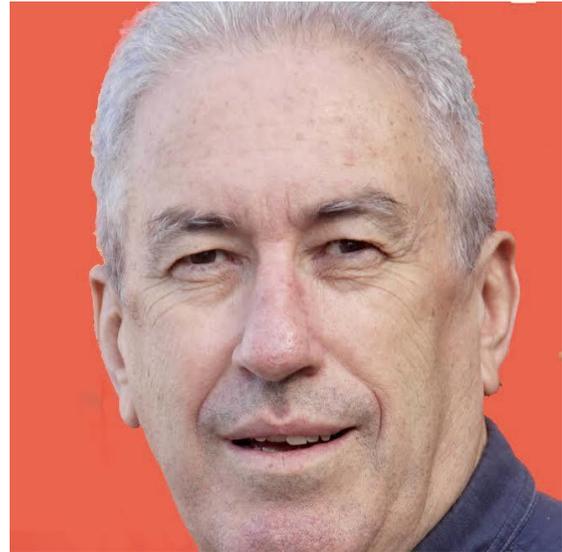
*wide-ranging discussion of how to think about art in the context of recovering and re-imaging Chinese history.*

#### 14 CHINA'S WORLD: CHINESENESS AND CIVILIZATION WITHOUT BORDERS

April 1, 2015

By: Dr. David Kelly, Research Director, China Policy

*China seeks to be a global power while preserving an essential Chineseness. Understandable in general terms, this stubborn national identity complex is mainly politically-driven. Outside actors need to understand the internal conversation that dominates and colours the formal positions over a range of national issues, most recently the college curriculum. The controversies need to be seen in the perspective of shifts in national self-perception since the late 19th century. But as well as history, the natural history of 'values' as aspects of the social order have to be sorted out.*



#### 15 LUNCHTIME DISCUSSION ON ZHU XIAOYANG'S VIDEO DOCUMENTARY ON CHINA'S COLLECTIVE RESISTANCE TO TO-DOWN URBANIZATION

April 1, 2015



**LUNCHTIME SEMINAR**  
**Zhu Xiaoyang's Video Documentary on China's Collective Resistance to Top-down Urbanization**

By: Dr. David Kelly, Research Director, China Policy

*Professor Zhu Xiaoyang has carried out ethnographic work in Yunnan, China and published several books on developments in China's villages as well as documentary films. Dr. David Kelly will discuss China's housing crisis on some of Zhu's work.*

## 16 LANGUAGES OF LEGITIMACY IN CHINA: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH RESEARCHERS

April 2, 2015

By: Dr. David Kelly, Research Director, China Policy

*Problems of legitimacy are volatile elements in China's political system, as in few other regimes. Driven to monopolize all sources of legitimacy, the Marxist-Leninist Party system suffers from a legitimacy deficit. Mechanisms geared to compensate for this deficit are easy to spot: personality cults, hyper-nationalism, mega-projects, factional struggle numerous forms, e.g. anti-corruption drives. China's political system is not purely Marxist-Leninist, however; a renewal of the Party's mandate may work to counteract the deficit and its consequences. The conflict may be seen represented in the video documentary 穹顶之下 (Qiongdong Zhixia, "Under the Dome") targeting political sources of air pollution.*



## 17 COMMUNICATION, AUTHORITARIAN RESILIENCE, AND DEMOCRACY IN CHINA AND TAIWAN

April 9, 2015

By: Dr. Ashley Esarey, Visiting Assistant Professor,  
University of Alberta

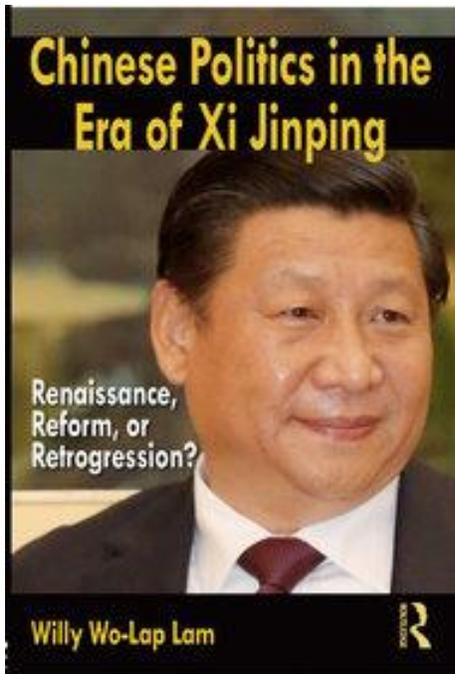
*This talk considers political change in China and Taiwan since the late 1970s, with an eye toward understanding the ways in which communication by state and societal actors has affected regime stability and democratization. Professor Esarey argues that media commercialization, re-packaging of propaganda, and information control have contributed to regime stability in China, while the Chiang Ching-kuo administration's diminishing capacity to control a small but influential opposition media, and even mainstream newspapers, permitted reformers to press for democratization by reframing debates, resetting the political agenda, and challenging state narratives and legitimacy claims.*

## 18 ENVISIONING THE CITY: URBAN CARTOGRAPHY IN EARLY MODERN CHINA

April 17, 2015

By: Dr. Ken Hammond, Professor, Department of History, New Mexico State University

*Beginning in the Song dynasty (960-1279) cities and urban life in China began to be represented in new ways, and in ever greater abundance. Maps of cities began to be produced and circulated in new formats and contexts, including gazetteers, guidebooks, and travel narratives. This talk will explore a variety of images of cities, including Suzhou, Hangzhou and Beijing, from the Song through the Ming dynasty (1368-1644) in order to inquire into how and why such images were produced, how they were viewed and used, and how maps in particular constructed a discourse of knowledge, through processes of inclusion and exclusion, which served and articulated interests both public and private.*



## 19 THE RISE OF XI JINPING AND THE CLOSING OF THE CHINESE MIND

July 9, 2015

By: Dr. Willy Wo-Lap Lam, Chinese University of Hong Kong; Dr. Timothy Cheek (host), Centre for Chinese Research

*Renowned for his coverage of China's elite politics and leadership transitions, sinologist and veteran China journalist Willy Wo-Lap Lam is the author of five books analyzing China's political front figure since Zhao Ziyang. His most recent book, "The Rise of Xi Jinping and the Closing of the Chinese Mind", explores how a relatively undistinguished regional official became one of the most powerful and charismatic leaders in the history of the People's Republic.*

*Dr. Lam describes Xi's personal history and his fascination with quasi-Maoist values, the factional politics through which he ascended, the configuration of power of the Fifth-Generation leadership, and the country's likely future directions under the charismatic "princeling."*

## 6.0 Centre for Chinese Research Sponsored Public Events 2014-15

### THE 2014 WORLD JADE SYMPOSIUM



**WORLD JADE SYMPOSIUM**  
2014

A global jade carving competition and cultural exhibition.

Over 50 international jade carvers are competing for your vote!

Watch online or come and see this enlightening exhibition at

**Robson Square | Vancouver, Canada**  
Nov 21 - 23

[Jadesymposium.com](http://Jadesymposium.com)

The poster features a stylized green jade carving of a figure on the right side. The background is black with white and green text.

*The 2014 World Jade Symposium, November 21, 2014 to November 23, 2014, at Robson Square brings together artists, miners, archaeologists and jade aficionados for a celebration of this ancient and beautiful global symbol of artistic, religious, and cultural heritages. This exciting event includes an international jade carving competition, a conference on the cultural, technological, trade and artistic traditions and potential of jade, exhibitions of contemporary carvings and ancient Chinese jades, collectible art pieces for sale, jade evaluation by a certified gemologist, on-site carving, and the première of a specially commissioned documentary film on global jade cultures made by Andrew Matheson.*



**Exhibition, Conference & Culture**

**Why is Jade the Stone of Heaven ?**

Internationally renowned jade specialists share their experience in jade's diverse cultural heritage, artistic traditions, mining and carving practices.

Film Documentary - This creative short film takes you from the rugged mountains of northern BC to the artists studios and jade markets around the world.

A major collection of archaic Chinese and First Nations jade art and tools, provides a glimpse into one of civilization's oldest art forms.

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## 7.0 Supporting Our Community

### ***Sponsorship for Student-organized Events***

CCR has co-sponsored 對話 Dialogues, a student-led platform for different voices to be respectfully heard that highlights individual experiences and feelings, without judging right or wrong critical and independent thinking on public issues, particularly among the Chinese community, or *Hua* from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Organised by UBC undergraduates, Yike Zhang and Michael Hong.



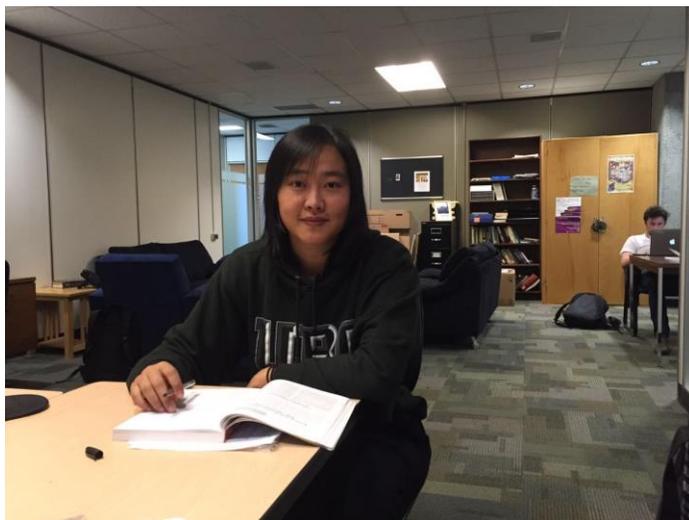
### ***Travel Grants***

A \$1,000 award has been endowed by the Fukien Chinese Association for UBC students with a preference for UBC graduate students who are pursuing Chinese language studies in the People's Republic of China. The award is made on the recommendation of the Centre for Chinese Research at the Institute of Asian Research, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. This year the award went to Mr. Matt Galway, PhD candidate in UBC's Department of History, to conduct his research at Xiamen University in Xiamen, Fujian (Fukien) this summer based on his proposal to use materials in their library and archives on the role of Fujianese and other Chinese in the propagation of Maoism in Southeast Asia.

### ***Research Assistantships***

CCR has continues to offer research assistantships. This year recipients include Ms. Lotus Yang Ruan as part of her work for Dr. Timothy Cheek's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSRHC) project on "Reading and Writing the Chinese Dream" and service to the CCR and to Ms. Cecelia Yu for service work for the CCR.

### ***East China Normal University Exchange Graduate Student: Zhu Linlin 朱琳琳***



The CCR continues to support the exchange of PhD students in the humanities and social science with East China Normal University (ECNU) 华东师范大学 through UBC's Go Global program and as part of the activities of the UBC-ECNU Joint Research Core Group on China in the Modern World 华东师范大学—不列颠哥伦比亚大学现代中国与世界联合研究中心. This year our exchange PhD student was Ms. Zhu Linlin from the Department of Political Science at ECNU. Her

research project is on political socialization and propaganda with the case study of the political uses of China's model soldier, Lei Feng.

## **8.0 Chinese Student Associations at UBC**

### ***Chinese Art Student Society***

The Chinese Art Student Society is about exploring and creating. We teach art practices and history through workshops with a relaxing, entertaining atmosphere.

Website: [www.cassprintubc.weebly.com/](http://www.cassprintubc.weebly.com/)

### ***Chinese Collegiate Society***

Founded in 1987, the Chinese Collegiate Society is a non-profit student-run organization. Our aim is to provide a well-balanced university life for our members, and to contribute generously to our community. We organize a wide range of events that has kept us as one of the best and largest student clubs on the UBC campus.

Website: [www.ubc-ccs.com](http://www.ubc-ccs.com)

### ***Chinese Students and Scholars Association***

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association is a non-political student organization encompassing members from undergraduate to graduate students. We are the only club at UBC recognized and sponsored by the Chinese consulate. We specialize in welcoming newcomers to Canada, and we host social events and self-help seminars to help with the transition to university life.

Website: [www.ubccssa.org](http://www.ubccssa.org)

### ***Chinese Students' Association***

Established in 1956, the Chinese Students' Association is the first and longest-standing Chinese student club at UBC. To promote the relationship between the BC Chinese and Canadians, CSA organizes numerous athletic, social, and cultural events including ski trips, dances, shows, and senior home visits. CSA attracts over 1000 members each year, making us a leading Chinese club on campus.

Website: [www.csaubc.com](http://www.csaubc.com)

### ***Chinese Varsity Club***

The Chinese Varsity Club – a non-profit social club – is dedicated to providing a variety of fun events for any student, such as our Ski Trip, Talent Show, Interactive Dinner Theatre and more.

Website: [www.ubccvc.com](http://www.ubccvc.com)

### ***YOURS Student Association***

Established in 1997, YOURS is a Chinese organization registered at UBC and SFU. Our goal is to bridge the gap between the two schools, and enable students to meet new friends from different academic and social backgrounds. We provide opportunities to develop soft skills such as communication, leadership, negotiation, design, and team work. GO YOURS GO!

Website: [www.yours.ca](http://www.yours.ca)

### ***Hong Kong Student Association***

Hong Kong Student Association provides opportunities for students to network by hosting events. We strive to maintain a balance for students between both their academic and social lives.

Website: [www.hksaubc.com](http://www.hksaubc.com)

### ***UBC Taiwan Association***

Taiwan Association, the oldest and largest Taiwanese club in University of British Columbia, provides UBC students the occasions to meet each other on the campus by hosting dances, clubbing events, work seminars and cultural events. While dedicating our effort into creating opportunities of friendships and entertainment, we hope ourselves to be a valuable member of the community and at the same time, we hope to offer chances that will allow people having an in-depth study of Taiwanese culture. We are looking forward to greet you in person and share our experience and hopefully, together, we will maximize our university life, making it forever memorable!

Website: [www.facebook.com/UBCTA/info](http://www.facebook.com/UBCTA/info)

### ***New Taiwanese Generation***

New Taiwanese Generation is a youthful, enthusiastic group that helps students enjoy their university life. We host events of all varieties, from Boat Cruise to Sporting events, from parties to study groups. Whether you are from Taiwan, speak Mandarin, or if you simply have an interest in Taiwan, we welcome all of you to check us out!

Website: [www.ubcntg.com](http://www.ubcntg.com)

### ***Reality Club***

Reality Club is a club with passionate execs and members who are excited to reach out and connect to new members through many casual gatherings and fun Taiwanese cultural events.

Website: [www.ubcrc.ca](http://www.ubcrc.ca)



## 9.0 Directory for Centre for Chinese Research Scholars

### Director

- Timothy Cheek, Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research, IAR and Department of History

### Research Chairs

- Timothy Brook, Republic of China Chair, IAR and Department of History
- Timothy Cheek, Louis Cha Chair, IAR and Department of History

### Senior Fellows

- Paul Evans, Professor, Institute of Asian Research and Liu Institute for Global Issues
- John Friedmann, Emeritus Professor, School of Community and Regional Planning
- Alex Woodside, Emeritus Professor of History
- Daniel Overmyer, Emeritus Professor of Asian Studies
- Diana Lary, Emerita Professor of History
- Eleanor Yuen, Retired Head, UBC Asian Library
- Jing Liu, Acting Head, UBC Asian Library
- Keni'ichi Takashima, Emeritus Professor of Asian Studies
- Pittman Potter, Professor of Law
- Samuel Ho, Emeritus Professor Economics

### CCR Management Committee (2014-15)

- Timothy Cheek, Louis Cha Chair and Director , CCR
- Josephine Chiu-Duke, Associate Professor of Asian Studies
- Amy Hanser, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Zhichun Jing, Associate Professor of Archeology
- Haochen Li, China Council Research Associate and Research and Partnership Coordinator
- Jing Liu, Acting Head of the Asian Library
- Pitman Potter, Professor of Law
- Yves Tiberghien, Director of the Institute of Asian Research

## **Research Associates**

- Alison Bailey, Research Associate at the Centre for Chinese Research
- Jack Hayes, Research Associate at the Centre for Chinese Research (Associate Professor) at Kwantlen Polytechnic University)

## **Visiting Scholars**

- Zhu Linlin, Doctoral Candidate (East China Normal University)

## **Rising Scholars**

- Cary Wu, PhD Student in Sociology
  - François Lachapelle, Graduate Student in Sociology
  - Guo Li, PhD Candidate in Political Science
  - Jonathan Henshaw, PhD Candidate in History
  - Lance Zhou, Undergraduate Student at Vancouver School of Economics
  - Linting Zhang, PhD Candidate in Political Science
  - Lotus Yang Ruan, Graduate Student in Asia Pacific Policy Studies
  - Matthew Galway, PhD Candidate in History
  - Morgan Rocks, PhD Student in History
  - Minoru Takano, PhD Student in Asian Studies
  - Noa Grass, PhD Candidate in History
  - Sarah Basham, PhD Candidate in History
  - Quentin Franco, Undergraduate Student in Asian Studies and International Relations
  - Xian Wang, PhD Student in History
  - Yinzong Wei, PhD Student in Asian Studies
  - Yue Liu, PhD Student in Law
  - Zoudan Ma, PhD Student in Asian Studies
- Graduate research and administrative assistant**
- Lotus Yang Ruan, Graduate Student in Asia Pacific Policy Studies



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SCHOLARS:

[WWW.IAR.UBC.CA/CENTRES/CCR/PEOPLE.ASPX](http://WWW.IAR.UBC.CA/CENTRES/CCR/PEOPLE.ASPX)

## 10.0 Looking Ahead

The Center for Chinese Research continues its role across campus as a place to find out about China, to support a range of China studies and activities, and to bring together scholars from diverse department and faculties into productive conversation. The new leadership of Dr. Christopher Rea and the newly formed CCR Management Committee have already brought new energy and new programs to the CCR and new collaborations with departments. These include the celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of China-Canada Engagement in a one-day conference in November 2015, collaboration with Kwantlen Polytechnic University and the University of Washington in expanding our CESS (Chinese Environmental Sciences and Sustainability) program with annual meetings beginning in September 2015, and the development of new China and Asia research and training collaboration with the Graduate School of East Asian Studies at Free University of Berlin. On campus, a new CCR Fellows Program will be inaugurated in fall 2015.



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