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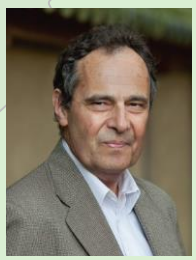

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Chair's Letter

Dear China Geographers,

It's that crazy conference time of the year again. I hope you are enjoying the spring and taking the time to prepare your paper/poster/discussion and your trip to the upcoming AAG meeting in Chicago.

While the chair usually writes a pretty general note welcoming all and highlighting themes of the annual meeting this time of the year, I would like to give you a quick, yet fairly detailed tour of some of our exciting events at this year's conference in Chicago (FYI, our membership increased to over 400 last time I checked in March).

An overview: This year the China Specialty Group is sponsoring 60+ sessions at the annual conference. We are expecting hundreds of our members to show up in Chicago! Many of our sessions are cross-sponsored by three or four specialty groups, indicating that we are actively leading in interactions with scholars beyond the China group in urban geography, political geography, medical geography, spatial analysis, to name just a few. There is a greater level of participation of graduate student members as presenters, panelists and session organizers. Also evident is a significantly increased level of interest in initiating dialogues with other specialty groups and regional groups such as the Asian geography and African geography groups in session organizations.

What's new this year? We are re-launching the China Specialty Group plenary, which had been dormant for a while, by doubling it to a plenary series this year! Check out our new plenary series I by David Ley and II by Kenneth Pomeranz. We are also going to take photos at the conference this year and update them on our new website here.

Tips: A tip for those of you who like to make your schedule busy and can't stand missing any interesting session, consider downloading the "AAG" application to your smart phone. It allows you to check out sessions by specialty group and by day!

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Day 1 Tuesday: For many of you planning to arrive early, you don't want to miss a couple of theme session series on Theorizing Chinese Cities and Migration and Development in China. Both contain a good number of intellectually stimulating papers. There is also a panel discussion on Research across Asia on Tuesday.

Day 2 Wednesday: There are several exciting sessions on topics ranging from the BRICS in Africa and Understanding China's Urbanization to Encountering China in Fieldwork. What do they have in common? Two of these sessions are organized by our excellent graduate student members! Don't miss the Urban Protests in Asia sessions.

Day 3 Thursday: Have a big breakfast because you won't have time for lunch on Thursday! The day begins with the Symposium on Space-time and Planning in Urban China in the morning. Note the **China Geography SG plenary series I** begins at **10 AM** with David Ley giving a talk on Re-visiting the property state: the cultural relations of homeownership in Singapore, Hong Kong, China, and beyond. After Ley's talk, please join us for the **business meeting at 11:50 AM** on the same floor. To new members, this meeting is open to all members. Paper awards and our group dinner plan are both announced in that meeting! Join us to hear the chair debrief on progress and brainstorm for next year's meeting! In the afternoon, don't miss several of our wonderful sessions on the environment (a major theme for the China group this year!), such as Urbanization & the Environment in East Asia and Reconfiguring China's Environmental Governance, and a couple of urban, rural and housing sessions. At 5PM, join us for a highly relevant Current Events Roundtable discussion on The Occupy Central/Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong.

Day 4 Friday: Feel the exhaust already? There are equally exciting sessions on Friday. Friday begins with a five-session series on Spatial Inequality in China and other regions. In the meantime, you can learn some of the most recent study results from a few sessions on climate change and physical geography in China. Friday also features a Socio-Environmental Justice and Unjust Sustainability session and panel, the latter discussed by Kenneth Pomeranz, our second plenary speaker. **At 5:20PM,** Kenneth Pomeranz will give the **China Geography SG plenary series II** talk on Land Rights, Water Control, and Community Structure in China's Long-Run Development.

And, our very popular **China Specialty Group dinner** is scheduled at Lao Szechuan Restaurant Downtown **Friday night**! You can join members to walk to the restaurant after the plenary talk. Details are included in this newsletter, and will also be announced visa the listserv as well as at the business meeting.

Day 5 Saturday: Yes the conference still goes on Saturday! Believe it or not, some of the most amazing sessions are scheduled on that day, including the Geography of Health in Asia, a double session on Migration in China, and a series of sessions on China from Transport and Mobility, Urbanization Modeling, Rural Geography, to Regional Planning, Technologies, and Economic Geography of China.

This year, we received **ten** excellent papers from 9 graduate and 1 undergraduate students competing for the student paper awards. As far as I can tell, the level of interest is phenomenal and probably unprecedented. We will announce the result at the CSG business meeting on Thursday! Winners will be invited to attend the AAG awards luncheon on Saturday with the chair!

Not intending to encourage a mini-conference on China at the AAG, but we do hope to bump into many of you at these wonderful events. After all, the AAG meeting is about catching up with old friends and meeting new friends with shared research interests, isn't it?

With best wishes,

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Chair of China Specialty Group

China Specialty Group Plenary Series at the 2015 AAG Meeting, Chicago

Re-visiting the Property State: the Cultural Relations of Homeownership in Singapore, Hong Kong, China, and beyond

Thursday, 4/23/2015, 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Grand A, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

Speaker: David Ley, Canada Research Chair in Geography, University of British Columbia

In 2000, Anne Haila introduced the concept of property states, naming Singapore and Hong Kong. In property states land development is prominent in economic growth, the state is a major landowner, and large development corporations hold significant economic and political power. This paper revives the concept and extends it from political economy to everyday life, for the meaning of property ownership is embedded in robust local cultures. In Singapore near universal homeownership in government housing estates provides a coherent nexus of relations for national identity and for the state's social engineering. In Hong Kong, government-controlled land scarcity produces cyclic price inflation, providing a path to middle-class status for apartment owners. But in a volatile market, property can also produce conflict as owners suffering from negative equity after the protracted collapse of residential prices in 1997 looked askance at the continuing profits of tycoons, and their affinity with political elites.

Beyond Singapore and Hong Kong, is China a property state, with its immense development corporations, extraordinary property investment, and huge household debts to secure a highly vaunted but increasingly unaffordable apartment? And what about other nations where recent asset bubbles have undercut builders, bankers, and homeowners? Beneath this chaos, there is a wider cultural predisposition to residential property in neoliberal times, where the desire for homeownership has transitioned to commodification of the home, and anxious wealth/debt calculations.

Introducers: Cindy C. Fan, David Edgington; Discussant: Youqin Huang

Land Rights, Water Control, and Community Structure in China's Long-run Development: 1400AD to now

Friday, 4/24/2015, 5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

Speaker: Kenneth Pomeranz, University Professor of Modern Chinese History and in the College, University of Chicago

When viewed in comparative perspective, among the most striking features of late imperial China (ca. 1400-1912) is the combination of a highly commercialized society with the strength of peasant land use rights, and a very small share of the population dependent on wage-earning. I begin by analyzing some reasons for this pattern emphasizing the intersection of customary land rights, the social and environmental challenges of water management, and distinctive systems of family formation and fertility management in China's wealthiest regions. Most of the lecture then traces the long-run consequences of the resulting system, for urbanization, internal trade, migration, environmental change, and fiscal policy. It shows how the intersection of these institutions with China's resource endowments created a distinct political economy which produced considerable agricultural and commercial dynamism, but not industrialization. If then shows that, though severely disrupted in the 19th and early 20th century, patterns derived from these basic conditions continued to shape Chinese economic development thereafter, and even into the present era of post-Mao reform.

Discussant: Yu Zhou

2015 AAG Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
CSG Sponsored Sessions

Tuesday, 4/21/2015

1108 The dynamics and simulation of residential land use in China
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Skyway 282, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

1146 Urbanization and Development on the Chinese Frontier: The Political Stakes of "Progress"
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

1151 Migration and Development in China I
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Stetson A, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

1245 Thinking the Urban from....(I) comparative experiments
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

1251 Migration and Development in China II
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Stetson A, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

1445 Thinking the Urban from....(II) relations
12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

1451 Migration and Development in China III
12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Stetson A, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

1545 Thinking the Urban from....(III) elsewhere
2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

1645 Thinking Cities from....(IV) distinctive theorisations?
4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

1677 Asia Calling: Will you answer?
4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Alpine 2, Swissôtel, Lucerne Level

Wednesday, 4/22/2015

2108 Impacts of Human Caused Land-Cover/Land-Use Changes on Terrestrial Ecosystem Functions
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Skyway 282, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

2208 Understanding China's urbanization from the perspective of the real estate industry
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Skyway 282, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

2141 BRICS in Africa: Shifting Geographies through South-South Cooperation (I)
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in New Orleans, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

2145 The Politics of Desire and Despair: Contextualising Rights in Urban Protests against Displacement in Asia and Beyond (1)
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

2245 The Politics of Desire and Despair: Contextualising Rights in Urban Protests against Displacement in Asia and Beyond (2)
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

2241 BRICS in Africa: Shifting Geographies through South-South Cooperation (II)
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in New Orleans, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

2402 Encountering China in Fieldwork and Research
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Skyway 261, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

2408 Mobilities and Spatial Modernity in Contemporary China-1
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Skyway 282, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

2445 The Politics of Desire and Despair: Contextualising Rights in Urban Protests against Displacement in Asia and Beyond (3)
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

2508 Mobilities and Spatial Modernity in Contemporary China-2
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Skyway 282, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

2545 Changing landscapes and ecosystem services in western China
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

2608 Cross-border Networks and Changing Borderscapes between China and Southeast Asia
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Skyway 282, Hyatt, East Tower, Blue Level

Thursday, 4/23/2015

3119 Symposium on Space-time Behavior and Planning in Urban China I
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Columbus KL, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3120 The Extended Metropolis in Asia: Reconsidering the Ginsburg/McGee Thesis 25 Years Later
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Grand A, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3177 Spatiotemporal Symposium: Space-time dynamics of socio-economic systems I
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Alpine 2, Swissôtel, Lucerne Level

3219 Symposium on Space-time Behavior and Planning in Urban China II
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Columbus KL, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3220 China Geography Specialty Group Plenary Series I: David Ley, "Re-visiting the property state: the cultural relations of homeownership in Singapore, Hong Kong, China, and beyond"
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Grand A, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3277 Spatiotemporal Symposium: Space-time dynamics of socio-economic systems II
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Alpine 2, Swissôtel, Lucerne Level

3327 China Specialty Group Business Meeting
11:50 AM - 1:10 PM in Grand Suite 5, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3419 Symposium on Space-time Behavior and Planning in Urban China III
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Columbus KL, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3420 Urbanization and the Environment in East Asia
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Grand A, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3446 Reconfiguring China's environmental governance in a relational, multi-scalar context
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

3519 Symposium on Space-time Behavior and Planning in Urban China IV
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Columbus KL, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3520 Housing Issues and Housing Policy in China
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Grand A, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3546 The Administrative Divisions and Urbanization Policy in China
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

3619 Symposium on Space-time Behavior and Planning in Urban China V
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Columbus KL, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3620 New Trends in China Urbanization
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Grand A, Hyatt, East Tower, Gold Level

3646 Recasting the Rural: State, Society and Space in Contemporary China
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

3675 Current Events Roundtable: The Occupy Central/Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Lucerne 3, Swissôtel, Lucerne Level

Friday, 4/24/2015

4145 Environmental and Sustainability Issues in China
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4146 Research into Climate Change in China
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4162 Spatial Inequality IV: China I
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in McCormick, Hyatt, West Tower, Silver Level

4262 Spatial Inequality V: China II
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in McCormick, Hyatt, West Tower, Silver Level

4245 China in the World
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4246 Research into the Physical Geography of China
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4445 Socio-Environmental Justice and Unjust Sustainability in Urban China I
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4446 China's Global Repositioning: Challenges to the New World Order
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4545 Socio-Environmental Justice and Unjust Sustainability in Urban China II
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4546 Issues in Environmental and Land Use Changes in China
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in San Francisco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

4645 China Geography Specialty Group Plenary Series II: Kenneth Pomeranz, "Land Rights, Water Control, and Community Structure in China's Long-run Development: 1400AD to now"
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Regency D, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

Saturday, 4/25/2015

5138 Geography of Health and Health Care in Asia
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Acapulco, Hyatt, West Tower, Gold Level

5151 Issues in Transport and Mobility in China
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Stetson A, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

5153 Rural and Minority Populations in China
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Stetson D, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

5156 Global Urban Observation VI: Urbanization Monitoring, Modeling, and Prediction from Local to Global Scales (1)
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Stetson G, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

5161 Migration in China (I): The Social and Cultural Impact
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Horner, Hyatt, West Tower, Silver Level

5251 Regional Development Trends in China
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Stetson A, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

5253 Issues in Environmental Planning in China
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Stetson D, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level
5256 Global Urban Observation VII: Urbanization Monitoring, Modeling, and Prediction from Local to Global Scales (2)
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Stetson G, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level
5261 Migration in China (II): Housing and Living Experience in the City
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Horner, Hyatt, West Tower, Silver Level
5453 Universities, technology, start ups and industrial change in China
2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Stetson D, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level
5553 The Economic Geography of China
4:00 PM - 5:40 PM in Stetson D, Hyatt, West Tower, Purple Level

Member News

Natacha Aveline (CNRS-Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne) has been recently granted two new research grants: 1) PI of the project MEDIUM funded by the program EuropeAid (EU). Entitled "New pathways for sustainable urban development in China's medium-sized cities", the MEDIUM project seeks to address the institutional and socio-economic issues of urban sustainability in China's medium-sized cities, building on the assumption that these dimensions are an integral part of the 'green' scientific challenge. The project is led by the French National Research Center/university Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (Géographie-Cités), in partnership with Hangzhou Normal University (The Institute for Urban Studies) , Science Po Aix, University Ca' Foscari Venezia, Neuchâtel and Lausanne universities. 2) WP leader of the ODESSA project, funded by the Euro-China UPC. As part of the ODESSA project ("Optimizing care Delivery modelS to Support Ageing-in-place: towards autonomy, affordability and financial sustainability") WP5 aims at exploring innovative financial channels that provide serviced-homes (healthcare REITs of PE) or secure ageing-in-place (viager/reverse mortgage). The project is led by university Paris-Dauphine and involves university Tsinghua (Institute or Real Estate Studies), CNRS/university Paris I (Géographie-Cités) , university Central Lancashire (UK). Furthermore, as part of the FINURBASIE project (funded by the French National Agency) I am co-organizing a India-China conference at the French Institute of Pondicherry in July 16-17 ('Urban land and property dynamics : India and China perspectives').

David W. Edgington (University of British Columbia) conducted field research in Shanghai during November-December last year. He conducted interviews with Panasonic's Lifestyle Research Institute, as well as the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy Fan (UCLA) was recently invited to speak at the "China Development Forum" of the London School of Economics and at a Presidential Panel for the "International Education Business Summit" organized by City Club Los Angeles. She also joined Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's first Asia Trade Mission and led a UCLA delegation to India. Cindy attended the Boao Forum in Hainan where President Xi Jinping will give a keynote, speak at the University of California Education Abroad Program's 50th Anniversary in Hong Kong, participate in a Deans/Provosts Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the Language Flagship in Oklahoma, and attend the Doha Forum in Qatar.

Rudi Hartman (University of Colorado, Denver) and **Jing'ai Wang** (Beijing Normal University) will participate in the 2015 National Conference on Geography Education in Washington, D.C. August 6 -9, 2015 hosted by the National Council of Geographic Education. They will respectively present papers titled "A Comparative Geography of China and the U.S." and "Facing Globalization: General Education Course Construction Image for *A Comparative Geography of China and the U.S.*". Rudi and Professor **Dietrich Soyez** (Geographisches Institut der Universität zu Köln) are

organizers of a special session "Tourism to Destinations with a Controversial Past: issues and Problems in the Management of Dark Heritage Sites" at the CAG (Canadian Association of Geographers) Conference in Vancouver, B.C., June 1 – 5, 2015.

Qihao Weng (Indiana State University) has been selected to receive the **2015 AAG Willard and Ruby S. Miller Award**. "Dr. Weng's outstanding record of teaching and research encapsulates the award's intent to honor Association members who have made truly outstanding contributions to the geographic field due to their special competence in teaching or research. As Professor of Geography at Indiana State University, Dr. Weng has made significant and pioneering contributions in the field of urban remote sensing. His extensive publication record includes articles in prestigious journals, book chapters, and monographs. Dr. Weng is also a dedicated and accomplished teacher, graduate mentor, and leader in the discipline." Congratulations Dr. Weng! At the 2015 AAG Annual meeting in Chicago, he has organized 5 sessions dedicated to global urban observation and 2 paper sessions on time series image analysis. More information about GEO Global Urban Observation (SB-04) Task can be found at (http://www.earthobservations.org/ts.php?id=158). With Drs. Mattia Marconcini (Germany), Iphigenia Keramitsoglou (Greece), and Hongsheng Zhang (China), Dr. Weng jointly leads an international research team with several other GEO Global Urban Observation (SB-04) team members in Europe, Asia and North America, which was recently awarded for a project titled "Earth Observation for Urbanization" (EO4U)", by the ESA Invitation To Tender (ITT) AO/1-7829/14/I-NB DUE – Innovators III program, 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2016.

Dennis Wei (University of Utah) has organized five sessions in this year's AAG meeting titled Spatial Inequality, including papers on Asia. He is finishing up editing a spatial issue in *Applied Geography* titled Spatiality of Regional Inequality, and is currently editing two more special issues: Spatial Inequality in Asia in *Geographic Review* and Urban Land and Sustainable Development in *Sustainability*.

Fulong Wu (University College London) wanted to call your attention to a virtual issue on Chinese Cities in IJURR (http://www.ijurr.org/virtual-issues/chinese-cities/). He has organized four "Thinking the Urban from…" sessions for the 2015 AAG Meeting in Chicago, all of which relate to China and are sponsored by the China Specialty Group.

Members' Recent or Forthcoming Publications

Journal articles and book chapters

Chen, G. (2015) "The heterogeneity of housing-tenure choice in urban China: A case study based in Guangzhou" Urban Studies (doi: 10.1177/0042098015571822)

Ye, M., Vojnovic,I., and **Chen, G.** (2014 in press) "The differentiated landscape of gentrification: Exploring the diversity of gentrification processes in Hong Kong, 1986-2006" Urban Geography

Chen, K. and **Chen, G.*** (2014) "The rise of international financial centers in mainland China" Cities (*corresponding author and equal contribution) doi:10.1016/j.cities.2014.11.012

Wu, Q., Cheng, J., **Chen, G.**, Hammel, D. J., and Wu, X. (2014) "Socio-spatial differentiation and residential segregation in the Chinese city based on the 2000 community-level census data: A case study of the inner city of Nanjing" Cities 39: 109–119.

Güneralp, B., A. Perlstein and K.C. Seto (2015) Balancing urban growth and ecological conservation: A challenge for planning and governance in China. *Ambio* (published online first).

Huang, Youqin and Si-ming Li (ed.), 2014. Housing Inequality in Chinese Cities. London and New York: Routledge. 252 pages.

Huang, Youqin and Ran Tao, 2015. Housing Migrants in Chinese Cities: Current Status and Policy Design, Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy. No. 4 (published online first in 2014, doi:10.1068/c12120).

Huang, Youqin and Chengdong Yi, 2014. "Invisible Migrant Enclaves in Chinese Cities: Underground Living in Beijing, China", Urban Studies, published online first in December. DOI: 10.1177/0042098014564535

Yi, Chengdong, and **Youqin Huang**, 2014. Housing Consumption and Housing Inequality in Chinese Cities during the First Decade of the 21st Century. Housing Studies, 29 (2):1-22.

Huang, Youqin, 2015. The Case for Bolstering Inclusionary Housing in Chinese Cities. Paulson Policy Memorandum, Paulson Institute (http://www.paulsoninstitute.org)

Wei, Y.H.D. 2015. Network Linkages and Local Embeddedness of Foreign Ventures in China. *Regional Studies* 49(2): 287-299.

Huang, Z., **Y.H.D. Wei**, C. He and H. Li. 2015. Urban Land Expansion under Economic Transition in China: A Multi-level Modeling Analysis. *Habitat International* 47: 69-82.

Li, H., **Y.H.D. Wei**, F.H. Liao and Z. Huang. 2015. Administrative Hierarchy and Urban Land Expansion in Transitional China. *Applied Geography* 56: 177-186.

Li, H., **Y.H.D. Wei** and Z. Huang. 2015. Urban Land Expansion and Spatial Dynamics in Globalizing Shanghai. *Sustainability* 6: 8856-8875.

Huang, H. and **Y.H.D. Wei**. 2014. Intra-metropolitan Location of Foreign Direct Investment in Wuhan, China: Institution, Urban Structure, and Accessibility. *Applied Geography* 47: 78-88.

Gao, J.L, **Y.H.D. Wei**, W. Chen and J.L Chen. 2014. Economic Transition and Urban Land Expansion in Provincial China. *Habitat International* 44: 461-473.

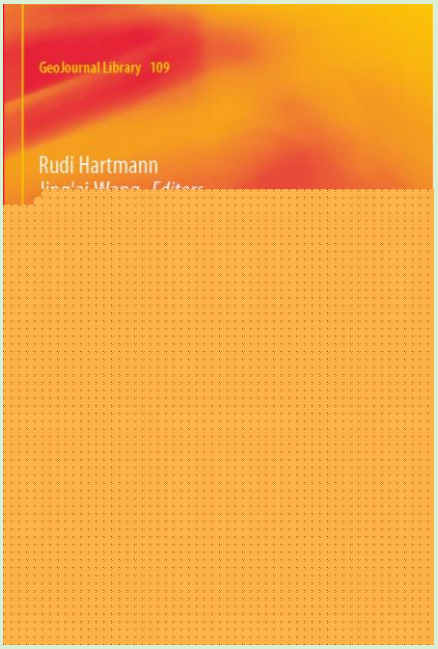
Yan Y. 2014. *Spatial Modeling of Sediment Quality in Lake Okeechobee, Florida – Optimal Approaches to Map Spatial-temporal Changes*. Scholar's Press. Pages 209.

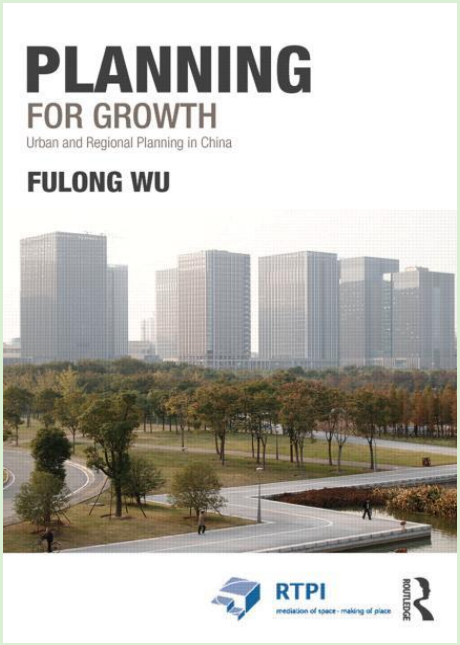
Yan Y., R. Thomas James, Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm and Walter Tang. 2014. Geographically weighted spatial modelling of sediment quality in Lake Okeechobee, Florida. *GIScience & Remote Sensing* 51 (4): 366 - 389.

Books

Dunford, Michael, and **Weidong Liu** (eds.). 2014. *The Geographical Transformation of China*. Routledge, 372 pp.

The aim of this book is to present an account and interpretation of the transformation of the geography of China in the years since the start of China's policy of reform and opening-up as seen through the eyes of Chinese geographers. It deals in a systematic way mainly with aspects of the socioeconomic geography of China's transformation including its changing relations with the rest of the world. Chapters 1 and 2 deal, respectively, with the economic and the political and cultural foundations of the Chinese development model. Subsequent chapters examine respectively the evolution of regional disparities, rural change, manufacturing, urbanization, the provision of rural public services, urban housing, the floating population, transport and ecosystem change.





Rudi Hartmann, Jing'ai Wang and Tao Ye (eds.). 2014. *A Comparative Geography of China and the U.S.,* GeoJournal Library Volume 109, Dordrecht, NL: Springer, 387 pp. (The book is also available as an e-book: http://www.springer.com/earth+sciences+and+geography/geography/geography/book/978-94-017-8791-8)

Fulong Wu. 2015. Planning for Growth: Urban and Regional Planning in China. Routledge, 252pp.

In contrast to the popular imagination of being procedural or even the 'enemy of business' under neoliberal attack in the West, planning in China was resurrected after economic reform and is becoming a key driver for fast urbanization and economic growth. This book traces the origin of Chinese modern planning in the Republican and Socialist eras and offers an accessible text on its complicated planning system. Broadly speaking, planning activities in China include three different types, respectively under the directory of construction, land administration, and development and reform commissions. This complicated institutional set-up reflects the tension between promoting growth and implementing development control. The book provides three explanations for why the Chinese planning profession has experienced a boom during market transition. First, planning has been commoditized and has adapted well to market development; second, planning has been transformed to cope with the crisis brought about by marketization; and third, planning has created legitimacy for growth and strengthened the role of the state during market transition, which has in turn enhanced its own position. The legacies of planning as modernization and development visualization laid down the foundation of a proactive planning approach. The book examines planning practices under urban entrepreneurialism and recent attempts to coordinate development through national and regional planning. Fascinating examples of new towns and eco-cities planning are illustrated with a close look at their planning and development processes. The book gives a historical and panoramic overview of developments and changes in urban and regional planning in China. With a 'comparative gesture,' it complements its classic counterpart on Western Europe and North America.
Publisher website: http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415814423/