

# China Geography Special Group, AAG Spring 2021 Newsletter 中国地理学组通讯

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Dear China Specialty Group Members and Friends,

Another spring is in the air! Hope you are enjoying it wherever you are. In all different cultures, spring is always associated with hope, new beginnings, and inspiration. Although the long and dark days of Covid-19 are not yet over, further worsened by Anti-Asian Racism and Violence, we shall keep our faith in the solidarity and determination of people across the globe to fight against any form of racism, hegemony, xenophobia, violence, and hate in any context.

It a big shame that many of us will have to miss this year's AAG annual meeting, the cherry blossoms and coffee shops in the Emerald City, Seattle. For those of you who will join the meeting virtually, please do diarize the CGSG Keynote Session entitled An Alternative "Global" Urban Studies: Chinese Cities' *Comparative* Engagement with "Elsewhere" featuring a trilogy by three key protagonists in the scholarship of comparative urbanism, Professors Jennifer Robinson (UCL), Philip Harrison (Witwatersrand), and Fulong Wu (UCL), scheduled on Thursday April 8th at 8:00 - 9:15 AM (PDT), in Virtual **Room 46**.

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This keynote session will engage in a constructive dialogue on how China studies can inform wider urban studies and how a comparative analysis can bring insights into urban China studies, highlighting Chinese urban studies' cross-fertilization with scholarship from other urban contexts in generating wider conceptualizations of urbanization and urban processes.

Notwithstanding all the difficulties, CGSG colleagues have managed to organize over **20** paper sessions/panels, independently and jointly with other specialty groups, signifying that CGSG continues its legacy of being an active and engaging SG at the AAG annual meetings! A full list of CGSG (co-)sponsored sessions are included in the newsletter. I am sure a whole lot of collaborative opportunities and new research ideas will sparkle in these sessions. The AAG organizers have been very thoughtfully accommodating our requests to arrange sessions fitting into most participants' schedules, although it could still be difficult for some joining these sessions from different time zones.

With the unfailing support from our members, the CGSG Executive Board has been operating quite smoothly over the past two decades, largely based on mutual trust and consensus building. With the growth of the CGSG in terms of size, diversity and influence, there is a rising sentiment that formalization is the way forward. Therefore we would like to invite members to express your ideas on how to formalize and improve the work of the CGSG Executive Board, e.g. forming a nomination committee entrusted by the Board, through engaging in an open dialogue in a constructive and respectful manner. Please do remember to join us at the **China Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting scheduled on Thursday April 9th at 6:15-7:30 PM (PDT)**. We look very much forward to meeting and exchanging ideas with you shortly.

On behalf of the CGSG Executive Committee (Jiang Xu, Jun Zhang, Xinyi Wu and myself) and our hard-working Webmaster Jiang Chang, I would like to thank you for your kind support all along and your great contributions to bring CGSG from strength to strength. Hopefully next year we can meet in a face-to-face setting in New York City to rekindle our academic exchange and refresh our friendship!

Yours truly,

Shenjing He

## **CGSG Member News**

Guo Chen (Michigan State University) In the past two years after returning from a sabbatical and fellowship leave, Guo completed additional fieldwork based in Tsinghua in the Summer 2019, attended two international conferences, has served as an elected faculty representative on the Asian Studies advisory board at MSU and as a faculty member on the founding DEI committee at MSU GEO, and has an invited affiliation with the MSU Asian Pacific American Studies Program (in addition to her joint appointment with Geography and Global Urban Studies, two affiliations with Asian Studies and Environmental Studies and Policy at MSU). While also battling a health issue for two years and overwhelmed by the multiple responsibilities as an instructor, scholar, and care giver since Covid-19, she has been active in community engagement and advocating for APIDA/A scholarship, led webinars on racism and Covid-19, and received Asian Studies faculty awards and an Honors teaching grant 2020-2021. Guo serves on the editorial boards of The Professional Geographer and Journal of Urban Affairs. She is currently editing a Focus Section for the PG on migration, race, ethnicity, and social justice. She is the initiator and leading organizer of two panel discussions this year at the virtual meeting of the AAG 2021. Both sessions are cross sponsored by the Asian Geography SG and the China Geography SG as highlighted sessions: (1) Global Perspectives on Migration, Immigration, Race, Ethnicity, and Justice; (2) Racism, Anti-racist praxis, and Covid-19: A conversation with AAAS president, Dr. Jennifer Ho. Guo appreciate the stories that many shared with her in summer (June) 2020 through the CGSG listserv, e-mails, and phone calls, and hopes to include them in an Op-Ed.

**Cindy Fan** (UCLA) has published an article entitled "Householding and Split Households: Examples and Stories of Asian Migrants" in Cities and two book reviews in The China Journal and China Review International. She is a Mentor for the Asia Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL) Mentoring Program of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). Last November, Cindy and her team organized the most well attended <u>International Education Week</u> at UCLA, with more than 50 virtual events, to recognize and affirm the value of international research, education and exchange. She also curated a website to celebrate <u>International Women's Day</u> and was featured as a global leader by <u>UCLA</u> <u>Newsroom</u>.

**Shenjing He** (The University of Hong Kong) was awarded a research grant entitled "Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Conservation and Revitalisation in Hing Chun Yeuk Seven Villages, Kuk Po and Fung Hang, Hong Kong" (Project No. EP86/27/24/11-7), funded by the Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme, Environmental Protection Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government. Shenjing was invited to give a keynote speech entitled "The Community Question in the post-pandemic city" at the Opening plenary meeting of the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) 2021 Online Seminars, and a keynote speech entitled "(Re)imagining and governing the post-pandemic city" at the Inaugural Cities Research Cluster Meeting "New Cities in the New Normal" at Singapore Management University. She also gave talks at Chicago University, US, Leicester University, UK, and Wuhan University, China.

# **GGSG Member News, continued**

**George C.S. Lin** (The University of Hong Kong) George had an **Invited Webinar** titled "Muddling on Pathways of Urban Redevelopment: Same Rhyme, Different Tones, and Diverse Trajectories of Chinese Urbanism." MIT/Harvard/BU Urban China Zoom Series, MIT Sustainable Urbanization Lab, February 1, 2021.

**Timothy Oakes** (University of Colorado Boulder) The China Made project that Tim directs (https://chinamadeproject.net/) has been active with several new Briefs and Reviews published. You can check out their Newsletter (https://chinamadeproject.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/chinamade-winter-newsletter-feb.-2021..pdf). They have an upcoming workshop (week of May 17th) co-hosted with the Asia Research Institute at NUS and the Asian Institute at the University of Toronto's Munk School. Since the workshop will be held virtually, anyone is welcome to attend. More information here: https://chinamadeproject.net/third-china-made-workshop/.

**Max D. Woodworth** (Ohio State University) is PI on a new project titled "Asian Futures" funded the Ohio State Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme. The grant will support research, outreach, and curriculum development in Asian Studies at Ohio State University through 2022.

**Jiang Xu** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) has published two papers on scalar politics, urban sustainability and China's mega-city regions. She wrote a book review for Kean Fan Lim's book on China's state rescaling. She gave a talk on scalar politics at the MIT Urban China Event.

# 2020 GGSG Student Awards Results

### 2020 CGSG Student Paper Awards

**Ronghao Jiang** (Hong Kong University) "Placing China's Land Marketization: The State, Market, and Changing Geography of Land Use in Chinese Cities"

### 2020 CGSG Student Travel Awards

**Samuel Kay** (Ohio State University) "Uprooting People, Planting Trees: Environmental Scarcity Politics and the Expulsion of People in Pursuit of a Greener Beijing"

**Jiang Chang** (Michigan State University) "Community Attachment Among Residents Living in Public and Commodity Housing in China"

# 2021 AAG Sessions Organized & Sponsored by CGSG

Since the presenters and other participants are based in various time zones, the timeslots to which these sessions are assigned may fit with the schedule of some of you better than others. We apologize if your presentation is scheduled in your unsocial hours. Nonetheless, we hope that the breadth and depth of insights offered by these sessions would make your participation all the more worthwhile.

### **China Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting**

Day & Start / End Time: 4/9/2021 06:15 PM / 07:30 PM (Pacific Daylight Time) Room: Virtual 6

# China Geography Specialty Group Keynote Session: Chinese cities' comparative engagement with "elsewhere"

**Type:** Virtual Panel **Room:** Virtual 46 **Organizer(s):** Shenjing He **Chairs:** Shenjing He **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/8/2021 8:00 AM / 9:15 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### Global Perspectives on Migration, Immigration, Race, Ethnicity, and Justice

Type: Virtual Panel Room: Virtual 29 Organizers: Guo Chen Chairs: Guo ChenDay & Start / End Time: 4/8/20218:00 AM / 9:15 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### The Techno-politics of the "China Model" of development

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 46 **Organizer(s):** Tim Oakes **Chairs:** Tim Oakes **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/8/2021 11:00 AM / 12:25 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### **Forest Policy and Forest-Dependent Livelihoods**

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 45 **Organizer(s):** Conghe Song **Chairs:** Qi Zhang **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/8/2021 04:40 AM / 05:55 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# **Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (5): The Role of Real Estate Developers in Urban Development**

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 38 **Organizer(s):** Anthony Boanada-Fuchs **Chairs:** Anthony Boanada-Fuchs

Day & Start / End Time: 4/9/2021 06:25 AM / 07:40 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# Researching States, Markets and Societies from a Geographical Perspective 1: State Centrality in Development

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 16 **Organizer(s):** Calvin Chung, Jiang Xu **Chairs:** Jiang Xu **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/9/2021 04:50 AM / 06:05 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# Researching States, Markets and Societies from a Geographical Perspective 2: High-tech and Knowledge Intensive Industries

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 16 **Organizer(s):** Calvin Chung, Jiang Xu **Chairs:** Jiang Xu **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/9/2021 06:25 AM / 07:40 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### **Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (1): The Housing Financialization/Affordability** Nexus

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 38 **Organizer(s):** Manuel Aalbers **Chairs:** Manuel Aalbers **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/9/2021 08:00 AM / 09:15 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### **Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (2): The Housing Financialization/Affordability Nexus**

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 38 **Organizer(s):** Manuel Aalbers **Chairs:** Manuel Aalbers **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/9/2021 09:35 AM / 10:50 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### **Real Estate, Finance, and Urban Development 3: The Geographies of Real Estate Investment Trusts**

**Type**: Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 38 **Organizers**: Taylor Hafley **Chairs**: Taylor Hafley **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/9/2021 11:10 AM / 12:25 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### Business Geography Keynote: The impact of Chinese FDI in Africa

Type: Virtual Paper Room: Virtual 5 Organizers: Hao Huang Chairs: Hao HuangDay & Start / End Time: 4/9/20211:30 PM / 2:45 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### Racism, Anti-racist praxis, and Covid-19: A conversation with AAAS president, Dr. Jennifer Ho

Type: Virtual Panel Room: Virtual 12 Organizers: Guo Chen Chairs: Guo ChenDay & Start / End Time: 4/9/2021 1:30 PM / 2:45 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# **Real Estate, Finance, and Urban Development 4: The Geographies of Real Estate Investment Trusts II**

**Type**: Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 38 **Organizers**: Taylor Hafley **Chairs**: Taylor Hafley **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/9/2021 1:30 PM / 2:45 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# **Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (6): The Role of Real Estate Developers in Urban Development**

**Type**: Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 38 **Organizers**: Anthony Boanada-Fuchs **Chairs**: Anthony Boanada-Fuchs

Day & Start / End Time: 4/9/2021 4:40 PM / 5:55 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# Researching States, Markets and Societies from a Geographical Perspective 3: State-Society Relations

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 16 **Organizer(s):** Calvin Chung, Jiang Xu **Chairs:** Jiang Xu **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/10/2021 04:50 AM / 06:05 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

Researching States, Markets and Societies from a Geographical Perspective 4: New State Spaces Type: Virtual Paper Room: Virtual 16 Organizer(s): Calvin Chung, Jiang Xu Chairs: Jiang Xu Day & Start / End Time: 4/10/2021 06:25 AM / 07:40 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (7): New norms and forms of urban governance under financialization-I

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 36 **Organizer(s):** Shenjing He, Fulong Wu **Chairs:** Shenjing He **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/10/2021 06:25 AM / 07:40 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (8): New norms and forms of urban governance under financialization-II

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 36 **Organizer(s):** Shenjing He, Fulong Wu **Chairs:** Fulong Wu **Day & Start / End Time:** 4/10/2021 08:00 AM / 09:15 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

### Health, Sustainability, and the Future of Asian Cities 1: Discursive and Material Construction

**Type**: Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 16 **Organizers**: Calvin Chung, I-Chun Catherine Chang **Chairs**: Calvin Chung

Day & Start / End Time: 4/11/2021 4:50 AM / 6:05 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# Health, Sustainability, and the Future of Asian Cities 2: People, Power, and the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Type**: Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 16 **Organizers**: Calvin Chung, I-Chun Catherine Chang **Chairs**: Calvin Chung

Day & Start / End Time: 4/11/2021 6:25 AM / 7:40 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

## **Real Estate, Finance and Urban Development (9): Financialization and Multi-dimensional Housing Inequalities amidst Covid-19**

**Type:** Virtual Paper **Room:** Virtual 29 **Organizer(s):** Shenjing He, Manuel Aalbers **Chairs:** Manuel Aalbers

Start / End Time: 4/11/2021 08:00 AM / 09:15 AM (Pacific Daylight Time)

# **Members' Recent or Forthcoming Publications**

- Cai, R., and **He**, **S.** 2021. Governing homeowner associations in China's gated communities: the extension of state infrastructural power and its uneven reach. Urban Geography, 1-23. DOI: <u>10.1080/02723638.2021.1878429</u>
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- Chung, K.L. and Xu, J. 2021. Scalar politics of urban sustainability: Governing the Chinese city in the era of ecological civilisation. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, <u>https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12436</u>
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- Hou, X., G. Chen, and G. Wu. 2020. "Exploring differences within the low-income population in urban China: A case study in Kunming, Yunnan province." Area.
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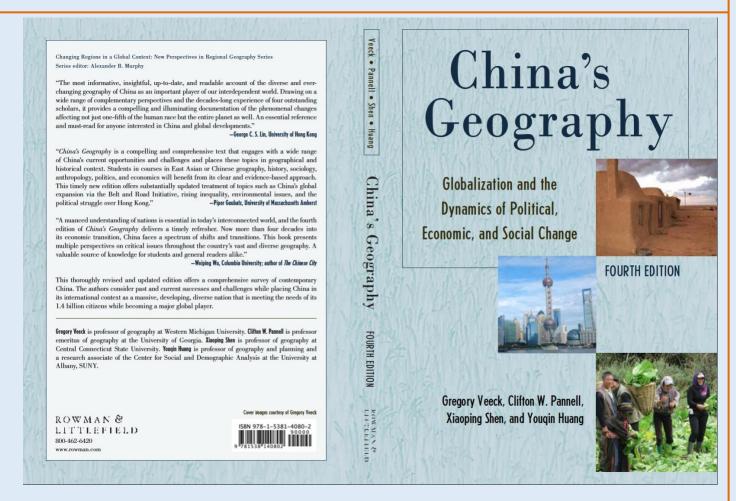
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# **CGSG Members' New Books**

FOURTH Edition! *China's Geography: Globalization and the Dynamics of Political, Economic, and Social Change*, by Gregory Veeck, Clifton Pannell, Xiaoping Shen and Youqin Huang

The authors are pleased to announce the publication of the fourth edition of China's Geography, which will be available for review during the spring of 2021. Given the very significant substantive differences from the last edition readers, both students and faculty might well consider it to be a new book. In contrast to many recent specialized contributions to China studies, the volume takes a broad and balanced view from a historical-geographic perspective focusing on important variations in conditions and resources across China's diverse provinces and regions. Foundational chapters still cover China's physical, historical, political, urban, and economic geographies circa 2020, but there are also new or significantly revised chapters on environment, trade, transportation and social equity.

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Given all the changes that have occurred in China, and throughout the world, a significant amount of new material has been added to all chapters. The book now incorporates more than 160 maps, figures, tables, and photographs. Informed by decades of research and hundreds of trips throughout China, the 14 chapters-- including special chapters for Taiwan and Hong Kong and Macao-- offer engaging and comprehensive assessments of many aspects of contemporary China. In addition to ten chapters co-written by Veeck and Pannell, economic geographer Xiaoping Shen of Central Connecticut State University has joined the project and Youqin Huang (Geography and the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA) at State University of New York, Albany) remains a strong voice for urban challenges and social equity in China.

The book will have an associated website hosted by Rowman & Littlefield providing a wealth of additional materials including color versions of all the graphics, data files for student projects in Excel, public domain maps for use in graphic packages such as paint, paint 3D, Adobe Photoshop, and Arc Map, lists of website suggestions for information on a variety of topics and a file of favorite videos, including those from YouTube and other platforms.

# **Our Website and Listserv**

The specialty group now has a new website: http://cgsg.geo.msu.edu

Please consider subscribing to the CGSG mailing list: http://listserv.uleth.ca/mailman/listinfo/cgsg-l.

AAG Knowledge Communities – China:

http://community.aag.org/AAG/Communities/ViewCommunities/GroupDetails/?CommunityKey=41360cc8d0dc-4e17-9dd2-df94bc859fd2

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