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First, let me say how delighted I am to serve as Chair of the AGSG over the next two years. I look forward to promoting our Group as widely as possible, and working with our members and Officers to develop Panel Sessions for the next AAG Meeting in New Orleans in March 2003. A general 'Call for Papers' is enclosed in this edition of the Bulletin of Asian Geography.

Second, many thanks are due to those members and officers of our

Group who have worked hard to advance our interests so well over the last few years. In particular, Nanda Shrestha has done yeoman's service as Chair for 3 years from 1998-2001. So has Bimal K. Paul as the Bulletin's editor for the years 1998-2000. I must now also congratulate Todd Stradford for his willingness to take on the editorship of our Bulletin. I am sure he would like you to make a contribution to the next edition, so please take some time after you



David Edgington, New Chair of the AGSG

read this to let him know of your summer research plans, recent publications, attendance at conference meetings and other news. It's a great

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Asian Geography Specialty Group (AGSG) Business Meeting

Thursday, 21 March 2002, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, 7.00pm (60 members attended)

1. Chair's Report, 2001

(report by Nanda Shrestha, outgoing AGSG Chair, Florida A and M University)

Nanda Shrestha introduced the new Executive Committee and gave thanks to the outgoing Area Directors. He noted that due to the

work of Dennis Wei (Area Director for East Asia) the AGSG and the China Specialty Group are growing closer. He hoped that in the future all Asia-related groups within the AAG could be united to avoid further marginalization.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report, 2001-2

(David Edgington, UBC)

David Edgington reported on the AAG Specialty Group Chairs Meeting held in LA this week. There are now 58 Specialty Groups.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

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way for us all to keep in touch.

I am pleased to report that interest in Asian Geography remains high. Our Group sponsored 16 sessions at the AAG Meeting in Los Angeles this year (see page pp 7-9) with approximately 65 paper presenters or panelists. I also note that the Final Program from the AAG Meeting recorded 105 panels re-

lated in some way to Asian topics. Yet another encouraging sign concerns the birth of an Asian Specialty Group up here in Canada this year, part of the Canadian Association of Geographers (see special notice in this [Bulletin](#)).

Our course we cannot rest on our laurels. Maintaining and improving our visibility is vital. In this regard I would be interested in hearing

from members who have ideas for panel themes that are common to our four area specialties (East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Southwest Asia). These could include: (1) Teaching Asian Geography; (2) Asia On the Move: Migration Issues; (3) Environmental and Physical Geography Themes; (4) Conducting Field Work in Asia.

Please encourage your

colleagues and students with an interest in Asian Geography to join our Group, and above all else please encourage your students to come to New Orleans next year, to enjoy both the Mardi Gras and also to present papers on Asian Geography! Details of the AGSG Student Award are included in this [Bulletin](#).

(AGSG) Business Meeting

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The AGSG has approximately 150 financial members and so we are ranked 25th in size. Three issues arose from this meeting. First, book early for next year's AAG in New Orleans, because it coincides with Mardi Gras. Second, the Editor of the AAG Annals, invites submissions and is considering 5-6 editions every year. Third, notices sent out to AAG member for the payment of dues will now be staggered through 2002-3. Fourth, a '2004 Project' has been initiated by the AAG to collect an institutional history of the Association. D. Edgington/H. Amery will submit material from the AGSG archives to the AAG.

The Financial Statement of the AGSG (2001-2) was submitted by D. Edgington (see Attachment 1). We

have a current account surplus of \$5,072/18, held at AAG headquarters.

Paul Karan (U of Kentucky) moved to accept the S/T Report. Seconded Chris Drake. Unanimously approved.

3. AGSG Newsletter (report by D. Edgington/N. Shrestha).

Due to logistical problems, no 'Bulletin of Asian Geography' was produced in the last 12 months. Bimal Paul (Kansas State U.) was thanked for his work on the AGSG Newsletter for the last 5 years. Todd Stradford (U. Wisconsin, Plattsville) will take over this role and produce a website version of the Bulletin. Todd will also represent our group on the AAG "Places-on-Line" Committee.

4. Area Directors' Reports, 2001-2.

Reports were given by the existing Area Directors: Hussein Amery (Southwest Asia); Jayati Ghosh (South Asia); Dennis Wei (East Asia); Jayati Ghosh (South Asia); and Rachael Silvey (Southeast Asia). Formal thanks were again given to the outgoing Area Directors for their work by Nanda Shrestha

5. AGSG 2002 Election Results

(report by D. Edgington)

Election ballots were mailed to all financial members in February 2002. The AGSG 2002 Election Results were as follows:

Secretary-Treasurer (2002-4): **Hussein Amery** (Liberal Arts and Interna-

tional Studies, Colorado School of Mines.

Southwest Asia Area Director (2002-4): **Ghazi Falah** (Department of Geography and Planning, University of Akron)

South Asia Director (2002-4): **Elizabeth Chacko** (Department of Geography, George Washington University)

Southeast Asia Director (2002-4) **James A. Tyner** (Department of Geography, Kent State University)



Annual Report: 2001

(Prepared by Nanda Shrestha)

Officers

Nanda R. Shrestha
Chair
Florida A&M University

David Edgington
Secretary-Treasurer
University of British Columbia

Yehua Dennis Wei
East Asia Director
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Rachel Silvey
Southeast Asia Director
University of Colorado, Boulder

Jayati Ghosh
South Asia Director
University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Hussein Amery
Southwest Asia Director
Colorado School of Mines

Todd Stradford
Newsletter Editor
University of Wisconsin, Platteville

Activities

- AGSG sponsored and cosponsored over 30 sessions at the 2001 AAG Annual Meeting in NY.
- Held student papers competition in collaboration with the Regional Planning group and awarded 3 participants
- Gave Outstanding Service awards to Drs. Tom Leinbach and Bimal Paul for their service and scholarly contributions to AGSG and to Asian Geography in general.
- Completed "Status of Asian Geography in America, 1988-2000", a chapter for *Geography in America at the Dawn of the 21st Century* edited for Gary Gaile and Cort Wilmott (forthcoming). The chapter was co-authored by Nanda Shrestha, Martin Lewis, Shaul Cohen, and Mary McDonald.
- Transferred AGSG's bank account to AAG. From now on AAG will process the AGSG account.
- Appointed Dr. H. Todd Stradford (Japan expert) of the Department of Geography at University of Wisconsin, Platteville to serve as *Asian Geography Newsletter* editor and to represent AGSG on AAGs APlacesOnLine@ committee headed by Dr. Curtis Roseman.

Elections

David Edgington, elected Secretary-Treasurer

Yehua Dennis Wei, elected East Asia Director

Because Dr. **Robert Huke** decided not to assume chairship in 2001 due to health reasons, **Nanda Shrestha** was asked during the AGSG Business Meeting to continue to serve as chair for one more year (until the 2002 AAG meeting in Los Angeles; following the meeting **David Edgington** will assume his role as AGSG chair).

Financial Report

Income		Expenses	
Balance from 2000	4,566.83	Newsletter	127.70
Subscription	30.00	Award Plaques	96.20
AGSG Dues	585.00	Student Paper Awards	250
		Website Service	127.50
	5181.83		601.4
BALANCE			4,580.43



AGSG Distinguished Services Awards, 2002

(report by D. Edgington)

1. P.P. Karan
University of Kentucky –
Lexington

"A waking encyclopedia of Asian geography, Paul is a true Asianist in every sense of the word. He has made unparalleled contributions to the Asian Geography Specialty Group both through his unyielding service and scholarship. He has published many books on Nepal, Bhutan and Japanese cities and landscape. What he has done to elevate and promote Asian geography in America is timeless and truly memorable"

2. Ron Knapp, SUNY-
New Paltz

"A China specialist in terms of his regional focus. Ron has contributed much to

Asian geography and its promotion, both through his service and scholarship. His most recent pedagogical and scholarly contributions include a special issues on 'Teaching Asian Geography in America' which he guest-edited for **Education About Asia** (one of the journals of the Association of Asian Studies) and an edited volume on Asia's dwellings (to be published by the Oxford University Press later in 2002)."

3. David Zurick,
Eastern Kentucky University

"David is a Nepal specialist who has done extensive fieldwork and travel throughout the country and beyond. He has played a key role in promoting both the Asian Geography Spe-

cialty Group and Asian geography in general through his service and scholarship. He has published many articles on Nepal and recently a highly acclaimed, comprehensive book on the Himalaya (John Hopkins Press 1999). The book was co-authored with P.P. Karan."

AGSG Student Essay Award, 2002 (report by D. Edgington)

This year's award goes to **Gwen Gustafson Scott**, a MA student at the Department of Geography, University of Oregon, for her paper entitled "Locating Transnationalism through Fijian Transmigration.

"This essay represents a

very careful case study of immigration from the Asia-Pacific region into the USA. It is a study which represents new directions in the geography of Asia".

(Gwen was awarded a certificate and a monetary prize at the AAG Awards Lunch held later in the week in LA).

March 18, 2002

PRESS RELEASE ON PAPER SESSION "THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY", MARCH 20 ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS (AAG) CONFERENCE, LOS ANGELES
http://convention.allacademic.com/aag2002/browse_panel/html?panel_id=755

Obstruction of Academic Freedom

This scholarly session has been under exceptional even unprecedented pressure from certain conservative Jewish and Israeli groups (e.g. the Simson Wiesenthal Center) which do not want to see these papers presented. The Executive Director of the AAG informed them that the session would of course not be cancelled. Openness is fundamental to our discipline and this scientific gathering.

Scholarly freedom of expression, especially at national conferences of social scientists in the states, has to be preserved as a fundamental principle. To try to muzzle scholarship is ugly and undemocratic anywhere, but especially in a place like Los Angeles, the veritable capital of American multiculturalism and respect for diversity. The attempt by these groups to carry the conflict in the Middle East onto the floor of this conference is insidious. We condemn it in no uncertain terms. And are sure that all open-minded Americans will reject interference by lobby groups in scholarly meetings.

Our focus here is on truth, about which scientists can disagree. I'm sure all progressive Israelis will also condemn such interference by misguided fellow Jews in Israel and here in California to silence the voice of scholarship

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Middle East Press Release

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as it examines aspects of government policy, Zionist ideology and practice and how the media may slant presentation in print and on the Internet. Such academic freedom should be considered inviolable here in California as well. It is not only protected by the Constitution, but by everything science is committed to.

We have also declined to agree to a videotaping of this session, likewise unprecedented practice in the AAG. This session does not require special 'surveillance'. The papers presented will appear in print in expanded form in various scholarly journals in the near future.

Professor Ghazi Falah, Department of Geography and Planning, University of Akron, chair of session.

<http://www3.uakron.edu/geography/people/falah/index.htm>

MONOGRAPH:

GLOBAL URBANIZATION: TRENDS, FORM AND DENSITY GRADIENTS - ASHOK K. DUTT

2001 R.N. DUBEY FOUNDATION
ALLAHBAD, INDIA.

(U.S. DISTRIBUTION: Department of Geography University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, 44326, Telephone: 330-942-7620, email: dutt@uakron.com) PRICE \$8.00

In December of 2001, Dr. Ashok K. Dutt delivered a number of lectures as part of the Professor R.N. Dubey Memorial Lecture Series. The goal of the lecture series, named after the renowned Indian geographer R.N. Dubey, serves as means to further the discipline of geography. As part of this series, the Dubey Foundation invited Dr. Dutt of the University of Akron to deliver three lectures, which came to form the basis of the above titled monograph.

From a general standpoint, Dr. Dutt's monograph touches on the concept of "urbanization," which means many things to many people. Some view it as "progress", the natural progression resulting from a global economy. Others see it as either a negative cause of, or the negative result of economic development. However one views urbanization, Dr. Dutt's work serves as a tool for both the student and educator in the study of this somewhat evolving and changing concept. Indeed, a concept that is found throughout the world, yet affects different regions of the world in wholly different manners.

Dr. Dutt's monograph is broken down into three main concepts; 1) Urbanization Characteristics and Process of Urban Development; 2) Urban Structure and Form: International View, and; 3) Urban Density Gradients in Developed and Developing Countries. In dealing with Global Urbanization Trends Dr. Dutt provides a snap shot of urbanization trends, past and present. This section looks at urbanization in developed regions versus undeveloped regions. It studies past urbanization data versus future projections. It compares 19th Century urbanization in the west to that of 20th Century Asia urbanization.

Dr. Dutt's data leads to one conclusion. The conclusion is not that the west will someday be out shined or swallowed up by the east, but that developing regions will soon encompass the largest, fastest growing and the highest number of super cities on the planet. This is a fact. We as Americans must be prepared to deal with this and Dr. Dutt's lecture and subsequent writing on this issue provides a clear map of where things were and where they are going. From an urbanization perspective.

In the second section of this monograph, Dr. Dutt looks at urban structure and form, from an international perspective. This was the most interesting section of the book and one that can be enjoyed by academics and laypersons alike. Dr. Dutt looks at the evolution of a city in six different phases, from a lineal standpoint. Again, a picture of where urbanization is and where it is going when one reads this section, one cannot help but to wonder, "where is my city now and where will it be twenty five years from now."

This section further gives the reader a fascinating look at "colonial" China and its Concession Cities: colonial based

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Indian cities and Traditional cities of India and china. As someone new this to discipline, I was intrigued at the various models of the city plan presented in this section. Moreover, a subsection of this discussion looks specifically at six different kinds of development paths. This section can serve as an excellent starting point for more research. Especially interesting was Dr. Dutt's conclusion regarding the Eastern European Path, i.e. that the footprint of communism will continue to mark their cities for "a long time to come."

Finally, Dr. Dutt's monograph looks at Urban Density Gradients in Developed and Developing Countries. In plain terms, this section studies the density or population of the city in developed countries versus that of developing countries. Again, another interesting look at a unique subject. The more developed a country, the more spread out its cities' populations will be. This is because in part, the developed countries would tend to have more transportation and more economic development. In contrast developing countries will tend to have centrally located retail and commerce. Therefore, that is where people have to live. Dr, Dutt looks at different models from around the world, and then brings the point home locally by looking at Cleveland, Ohio. He proposed a new model for the density gradients of Indian colonial and western postindustrial cities.

The monograph is an academic work. That is where its value can be found. The work is well written and well thought out. It is written on a global spectrum, not merely applying to one particular region. This work can be useful to all students and educators interested in urban studies. Specifically those students and educators who want a full and well-rounded grasp of urbanization as it relates to planning.

How does this work translate to the local planner? Perhaps it was not meant to, but perhaps it should. This reviewer would like to have seen Dr. Dutt draw a few more conclusions as to how this information could be applied to every day planning. However, on the other hand, it does challenge the reader to draw his or her own conclusions.

Again this work can be useful to students and educators in the field of geography, Moreover, a historian would also find this work useful. Obviously it is not written for the person looking for a "light read." But for the rest of us, that is those interested in this subject matter, the monograph is relevant, informative and interesting.

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Upcoming Conferences

SALA: South Asian Language Analysis Roundtable

21-23 June 2002

University of Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa, USA

Romantic Orientalism - CFP

12-15 July, 2002

Gregynog, Powys, Wales

Asian Contributions to the Formation of Modern Science:

The Emergence of Artificial Languages

20-21 September, 2002

International Institute for Asian Studies

Leiden, The Netherlands

51st Annual Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs

27-29 September, 2002

Wittenberg University

Springfield, Ohio, USA

Workshop on Relations Between Sri Lanka and South-east Asia (ASIS)

10 October, 2002

University of Wisconsin

Madison, Wisconsin, USA

31st Annual Conference on South Asia

October 10-13, 2002

Lowell Hall and Pyle Center

UW Madison Campus

Madison, WI

<http://www.wisc.edu/southasia/conf/index.html>

Email: Conference Coordinator

The 7th Asian Urbanization Conference,

March 1-3, 2003

Department of Geography

University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

For further details contact Dr. Cliff Pannell at:

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12th World Sanskrit Conference

14-19 July, 2003

Institute for Asian and African Studies

University of Helsinki, FINLAND



2002 AAG Meeting AGSG Sponsored Sessions:

Sessions at the AAG 98th Annual Meeting 19-23 March 2002 Los Angeles, CA which were sponsored by the AGSG

1. Regional Development and Environmental Conservation

Organizer: **Unryu Suganuma**, Hokuriku University

Chair: **P.P. Karan**, University of Kentucky

Presenters:

Kenji Ito, Meijo University, The changing office location in the Japanese metropolis

Hemuth Topfer, University of Bonn, The Regional Development Potential in Central Japan

Kenji Yamazaki, Meiji University, Historical Approach of Administration and Flood in Japan

Johnathon S. Taylor, California State University Fullerton, Understanding Okinawa's Imperiled Environment

Unryu Suganuma, Hokuriku University, The Local Environment Movement in Okinawa: Case of Airport Construction at the Ishigaki Islands

Discussants: **David W. Edgington**, University of British Columbia; **C. R. Jaspardo**, APCSS

2. Contemporary Issues in India I: Demographic, Environmental, and Economic Perspectives

Organizer: **Jayati Ghosh**, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Chair: **George Pomeroy**, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Presenters:

Sujata Ramachandran, Queen's University, 'Infiltrators of India': Undocumented Bangladeshis and 'Thin' Hegemony of Hindu Nationalism

Monica V. Ogra, University of Colorado, The Gendered Spaces of Forest Management in India

Yeong-Hyun Kim, Ohio University, In between globalization and localization: Foreign expatriates in India

Jayati Ghosh, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, HIV/AIDS in India: Geographical Perspectives

3. Contemporary Issues in India II: Planning, Poverty, and Crime

Organizers, George Pomeroy, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; **Jayati Ghosh**, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Chair: **Christopher Cusack**, Keene State College

Presenters:

Debneth Mookherjee, Western Washington University, The Occupational Structure of Million-Cities of South Asia

Sudhir K. Thakur, The Ohio State University; Alan T. Murray, The Ohio State University; Randall W. Jackson, The Ohio State University, Evaluating the Spatial Distribution of Research and Development Facilities in India

Rajrani Kalra, The University of Akron, Urban Encroachment on Agricultural Land and Occupational Transformation in National Capital Territory of Delhi

Raju J. Das, University of Dundee, Technology and Poverty: A Theoretical and Empirical Examination of the Relation Between the Green Revolution and Poverty

Vandana Wadwha, The University of Akron, The Study of Crime in India: Selected Contributions of Indian Scholars

4. Asian Vernacular Architecture

Organizer: **Allen G. Noble**, University of Akron

Chair: **Ronald G. Knapp**, State University of New York at New Paltz

Presenters:

Bimal Kanti Paul, Kansas State University, Dwellings of South Asia: Bangladesh

David N. Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University:

Nanda R. Shrestha, Florida A and M University, Himalayan Dwellings: An Environmental, Cultural and Class Manifestation

Allen G. Noble, University of Akron, Orientation, Ceremony and Decoration: Elements of Indian Vernacular Architecture

Ronald G. Knapp, State University of New York at New Paltz, In Search of the Elusive Chinese House

5. Spatial Restructuring in China

Organizer: **Yehua Dennis Wei**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Chair: **Xiaoping Shen**, Central Connecticut-State University

Presenters:

Danlin Yu, University of Wisconsin-Madison; **Yehua Dennis Wei**, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Modeling Regional Inequality in China in a GIS Environment

Xiaoping Shen, Central Connecticut State University

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city, Regional Analysis of Rural Industrial Restructuring in China

Xinyue Ye, UW-Milwaukee; **Yehua Wei**, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Intraprovincial Inequality in China: A Case Study of Zhejiang

Linda Q. Wang, University of South Carolina Aiken, Emergence and Expansion of Private Business in Xian, China

Jianto Lu, UCLA, Global- and Kinship-based Development: a Comparative Analysis of Overseas Chinese and Overseas Non-Chinese Investment in China

6. Economic Geographies of Asia 1: International Production, Trade, and Investment

Organizers: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore. Chair: **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore.

Presenters:

David W. Edgington, University of British Columbia; **Roger Hayter**, Simon Fraser University, Between the Global and the Local: Japanese Regional Management Centres in Hong Kong and Singapore

Canfei He, The University of Memphis, Country of Origin Effects in the Locational Choices of Foreign Manufacturing Enterprises in China

Bae-gyoon Park, National University of Singapore, Politics of Scale and the Globalization of the Korean Automobile Industry

Jessie Poon, SUNY at Buffalo, City Advantage and Regional Headquarters in the Asia Pacific

Chi Kin Leung, California State University, Fresno; **Yehua Wei**, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Typology and Structure of Foreign Investment Zones in Yangzi Delta Region, China

7. Economic Geographies of Asia II: Clusters and Technological Change

Organizers: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore.

Chair: **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore.

Presenters:

Cindy Fan, UCLA: Allen J. Scott, UCLA, Industrial Clusters in East Asia

Jinn-Yuh Hsu, National Taiwan Normal University,

Silicon Valley-Hinichu-Shanghai Connection: The Emergence of Interface Region in the Global High-technology Production Networks

Hong Wen, The University of Hong Kong, Assessment of Business Environment for High-tech Industrial Development in Shanghai: Implications for Planning

Yong-Sook Lee, National University of Singapore, an Actor-Centred Theory of Location

8. Economic Geographies of Asia III: High Tech Clusters in China

Organizers: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore.

Chair: **Susan M. Walcott**, Georgia State University.

Presenters:

Ya Zhou, Vassar College, Between the State and Multinationals – Chinese High Tech Clusters in Beijing

Yifei Sun, California State University, Northridge, Foreign-affiliated Research and Development (R and D) Activities in China

Tong Xin, Peking University; **Jici Wang**, Peking University, Globalization vs Statism: Insights into the Locational Dynamics of Electronics Industry in China

Xiaopei Yan, Zhongshan University, Development, Location and Factors of High-Tech Parks of Guangdong Province, China

Susan M. Walcott, Georgia State University, Shanghai Intersections: High Technology Habitats

9. Economic Geographies of Asia IV: Social and Environmental Impact of Economic Development

Organizer: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore.

Chair: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong

Presenters:

Zhongdong Ma, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Social Capital Mobilization and its Income Return: Urban-Rural Migration in China

Fujio Mizuoka, Hitotsubashi University, A New Textbook of Critically-oriented Economic and Social Geography in Japan

Ping Zhang, UCLA, Economic Development and Soil Erosion in Baoan District, Shenzhen

George C.S. Lin, The University of Hong Kong, The

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Political Economy of Land Transactions in China: An Institutional Assessment

10. Economic Geographies of Asia V: Urban and Regional Development I

Organizer: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore. Chair: **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton. Presenters:

Hongmian Gong, Hunter College – CUNY, Sectoral and Spatial Structuring in the Guangzhou Metropolitan Area, China

Andrew M. Martono, Institute of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham, Chinese Theories of Urban and Regional Development: Reconceptualizing Spatial Change in the Lower Yangzi Delta
Weï Xu, University of Lethbridge, Local Labour Market Segmentation in Rural China

Anthony G.O. Yeh, University of Hong Kong, Competitive Advantages of Hong Kong in the Rapidly Changing Pearly River Delta in China

Discussant: **Wing-shing Tang**, Hong Kong Baptist University

11. Economic Geographies of Asia VI: Urban and Regional Development II

Organizer: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore. Chair: **Yehua Dennis Wei**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Presenters:

Alan Smart, University of Calgary, Globalization, Financialization and the Role of Real Estate in Hong Kong's Regime of Accumulation

Nanda R. Shrestha, Florida A&M University; **Dennis Conway**, Indiana University; **Keschav Bhattacharai**, Eastern Kentucky University, Globalization and Urban Growth at the Periphery: A Tale of Kathmandu, Nepal

Thomas R. Leinbach, University of Kentucky; **John T. Bowen**, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh;

Joshua Lepawsky, University of Kentucky, Air Cargo Services and the Electronics Industry in Southeast Asia: Towards a Demand-Based Typology

Yehua Dennis Wei, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Economic Transitions, Ownership Transformation, and Spatial Restructuring in China

12. Economic Geographies of Asia VII: Pacific Rim Urban Settings

Organizers: **Jack F. Williams**, Michigan State University; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton. Chair: **Jack F. Williams**, Michigan State University. Presenters:

Andrew J. Jacobs, University of Cincinnati, Planning for a Vibrant Central City: The Case of Nagoya, Japan
Akihiko Tani, Kanizawa Institute of Technology, Kanizawa: Creating a Livable City Through Historic Preservation

Chi Wing Ho, University of Hong Kong, Against Harbour Reclamation in Hong Kong

Richard A. Watson, Richard Watson and Associates, Inc.; **Manuel Perez**, Urban Art and Development Consultants, The Long Beach Story: A California City Repositions Itself.

13. Economic Geographies of Asia VIII: Asian High Tech Clusters

Organizer: **George C.S. Lin**, The University of Hong Kong; **Fulong Wu**, University of Southampton; **Henry WC Yeung**, National University of Singapore. Chair: **Yu Zhou**, Vassar College. Presenters:

Kavita Pandit, University of Georgia, Indian Technology Workers in the United States: Elite Migrants or Indentured Servants?

Shi Okuno, University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences, Policy and Legislation of Industrial Park Development in Japan: Retrospect, New Paradigms and Prospects

Balaji Parthasarathy, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Agglomeration and Innovation in the Computer Software Industry in Bangalore, India
Sam Ock Park, Seoul National University, Korean Industry in a Networked World: Formation of Learning Regions and Innovation Processes

Jong-Ho Lee, University of Durham, Firm Competences, Learning and Proximity: the Case of Korea's Largest Electronics Firms.

14. HIV/AIDS: Diffusion, Intervention and Empowerment

Organizer: **Jayati Ghosh**, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

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Chair: **Hiran Dutta**, Kent State University
Panelists: **Ashkok K. Dutt**, University of Akron;
Susan L. Craddock, University of Minnesota; **Bimal Kanti Paul**, Kansas State University; **Joseph R. Oppong**, University of North Texas.

15. Southeast Asian Development in Transnational Perspective

Organizers: **Rachel Silvey**, University of Colorado; **Jim Glassman**, Syracuse University.
Chairs: **Jim Glassman**, Syracuse University; **Rachel Silvey**, University of Colorado.
Panelists: **Jim Glassman**, Syracuse University; **Jessie Poon**, University at Buffalo-SUNY; **Leonara C. Angeles**, University of British Columbia; **Rachael Silvey**, University of Colorado; **Philip F. Kelly**, York University.

16. Positive Prospects: The Role of Individual Agency in Development Processes

Organizer: **Jennifer L. Mandel**, University of Miami.
Chair: **Jennifer L. Mandel**, University of Miami
Presenters:

Teresa H. Hutchinson, The Ohio State University, From Fisher to Tour Boats, Changing Livelihoods of the Cabo Rojo Fishers

Edward L. Jackiewicz, California State University-Northridge, The Ties that Bind, or Not? Brazilian Migrants in South Florida

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Through the Grapevine:

Activities, Trips, Conferences that we've heard about.

Elizabeth Chacko

- I was supposed to be in India for 6 months starting this July, directing SITA (South India Term Abroad), a study abroad program that is based in Madurai in South India. SITA is an immersion program that is run by a consortium of 8 American universities and colleges - mine being one - that includes classes, tours and independent research. However, because of the travel warning issued by the US State Department we are currently on hold and may have to cancel or postpone the program until the Spring.

study Japanese trade and investment with China (in collaboration with Roger Hayter, Simon Fraser University). He travels to Japan this summer to collect information from the head offices of major Japanese electronics firms (e.g. Sony, Sharp and Toshiba). These companies have all transferred substantial manufacturing capacity to mainland China in the past 10 years in order to maintain their global competitiveness.

Bheru Sukwahl

- Bheru was shanghaied into teaching another semester of geography at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, but has retired and is looking forward to meeting everyone at the South Asia Conference.

P.P. Karan

- Dr. Karan went to Japan for a week (March 10-16) and gave lectures and seminars at Tokyo University. "I missed the cherry blossoms by a week. The economy class seats on Northwest seem to be getting smaller even for a person like me." He also ended up in China and Tibet for 3 weeks in May.

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