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Harvard-Yenching Institute's  
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the Humanities &  
Social Sciences in Asia

Harvard University, June 2-4, 2006

# *Conference Schedule*





Friday, June 2, 2006  
**Opening Session and Reception**

**Tsai Auditorium**  
**CGIS South Building, 1730 Cambridge Street**  
**4:00-6:30 PM**

4:00-4:30

*Registration*

4:30-4:45

*Welcoming Speech*

*Prof. William Kirby, Dean of FAS, Harvard University*  
*Chair of Board of Trustees, Harvard-Yenching Institute*



4:45-5:00

*Visiting Scholars Program: An Overview*  
*Dr. LI Ruohong*

5:00-5:15

*Doctoral Scholars Program: An Overview*  
*Dr. NGUYEN Nam*

5:15-6:30

*Reception*





Saturday, June 3, 2006

**General Schedule**

**CGIS South Building, 1730 Cambridge Street**

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- 8:15-9:00      *Breakfast*  
*CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge Street*
- 9:00-12:00    *Panel Presentations and Discussions*  
*(Detailed schedules of the six panels attached)*  
**Panel 1:** *Anthropological Understanding of Social Changes*  
**Panel 2:** *Deepening the Understanding of Chinese Religions – A Confluence of Anthropological and Historical Studies*  
**Panel 3:** *Changes and Transitions in Middle and Late Imperial China*  
**Panel 4:** *China Studies in the United States*  
**Panel 5:** *Socio-economic and Legal Issues of East and Southeast Asia*
- 12:00-1:00    *Lunch*
- 1:00-5:00     *Panel Presentations and Discussions*  
**Panels 1-5** *to continue*  
**Panels 6:** *Current State of Literature Research: Achievements, Resources, and Challenges with Interdisciplinary Approaches*
- 6:30-8:30     *Dinner at Royal East*  
*(A coach will be at the main entrance of CGIS to pick up dinner guests to the restaurant – 792 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, 617-661-1660)*





PANEL 1

**Anthropological Understanding of Social Changes**

CGIS N107

9:30 – 2:15

**Introductory Remarks**

**Session 1 (9:30 – 10:30): Anthropology and Urban-Rural Changes in Vietnam and China**

Chair: DAO The Duc (University of Washington & Harvard-Yenching Institute)

Discussant: Hy Van LUONG (University of Toronto)

PAN Tianshu (Fudan University)

“Housing Marketization, Neighborhood Gentrification, and the Plight of the Owners' Associations in Shanghai's Gated Communities”

TRUONG Huyen Chi (Harvard-Yenching Institute)

“*We just go to the marketplace; how can we become business people?* The contradictions of market socialism: an ethnographic study of changing social reproduction in the northern Vietnamese countryside”

**Discussion**

10:10 – 10:30

**Coffee Break**

10:30 – 10:45

**Session 2 (10:45 – 12:00): Understanding Linguistic Changes in Vietnam**

Chair: TRUONG Huyen Chi

Discussant: Hy Van LUONG (University of Toronto)

VU Thi Thanh Huong (Institute of Linguistics, VASS)

“Language Attitudes and Linguistic Behavior: A Sociolinguistic Study of a Vietnamese Speech Community”

NGUYEN Thi Thanh Binh (Institute of Linguistics, VASS)

“Introducing Agency to the Research of Multilingualism in Contemporary Vietnam”

**Discussion**

11:25 – 12:00

**Lunch**

12:00 – 1:00

**Session 3 (1:00-2:15): Religions return? Anthropological Approaches to the revivification of rituals and religions in Vietnam**

Chair: VU Thi Thanh Huong (Institute of Linguistics, VASS)

Discussant: Hue-Tam Ho TAI (Harvard University)

PHAM Quynh Phuong (Institute of Cultural Studies, VASS)

“Hero and Deity – The Construction of a Historical, Cultural and Religious Phenomenon in Vietnamese Society”

DAO The Duc (University of Washington & Harvard-Yenching Institute)

“Organizations of Buddhist Laywomen in Hanoi: Some Anthropological Approaches”

**Discussion**





PANEL 2

**Deepening the Understanding of Chinese Religions:  
A Confluence of Anthropological and Historical Studies**

CGIS N108

9:00-5:40

**Introductory Remarks**

Time: 9:00-9:10

Wei-ping Lin

**Session I: Anthropology, History and Religion**

Time: 9:10-10:20

Moderator: Michael Puett (Dept. of EALC, Harvard University)

Discussant: Eric Mueggler (Dept of Anthropology, Michigan University)

Paper: Anthropology of Religion and Histories of the Present

Mayfair Yang (Director of East Asia Center, UC Santa Barbara)

**Break: 10:20-10:30**

**Session II:**

**The Soul after Death: the Interaction between the State and Local Society**

Time: 10:30-1:00

Moderator: Kristofer Schipper (Fuzhou University)

Discussant: Stephen Teiser (Dept. of Religion, Princeton University)

Papers:

1. Violent Death and the Dispelling of Fear: Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism in Chinese Popular Religion
  - a. Three Case Studies from Taiwan  
Feng-mao Lee (Academia Sinica)
  - b. Maiden Cults in Anomaly Tales during the Six Dynasties  
Yuan-ju Liu (Academia Sinica)

**Break: 11:40-11:50**

2. Cults, Communities, and Chinese Geopolitics: Popular Religion in Twentieth-century Jinmen

Michael Szonyi (Harvard University)

**Lunch: 1:00-2:00**

**Session III: Religion or Cosmology?**

Time: 2:00-4:20

Moderator: Eric Mueggler (Dept of Anthropology, Michigan University)

Discussant: David Ownby (Dept. of History, University of Montreal)

Papers:

1. Cosmic Imitation: Basic Ideas of Chinese *Shushu*

Chang-long Guan (Zhejiang University)

2. The Conceptualization of God through Icon in Taiwan: Personification and  
Localization

Wei-ping Lin (National Taiwan University)

**Break: 4:30-4:40**

**Round Table Discussion**

Time: 4:40-5:40





PANEL 3

**Changes and Transitions  
in Middle and Late Imperial China**

CGIS N050

9:00-5:00

**Introductory Remarks**

**Session 1 (9:00-10:30): The Foundation of Economic Growth in Pre-industrial China**

Chair and Discussant: Dwight H. Perkins, Harvard University

LIU Guanglin William

“Long-term Changes in Prices, Wages and the Size of the Monetary Economy in Pre-industrial China, 1000-1770”

WEN Guanzhong James

“Changes in China's Territory and its Impulse to Come out of the Agrarian Trap: An Economic Geographic Approach to the Needham Puzzle”

XUE Yong

“The Making of Paddies--From the Tang-Song Transition to Ming-Qing Stagnancy”

**Coffee Break**

10:30-10:45

**Session 2 (10:45-12:00): Institutional Evolution: Motivation, Condition and Comparison**

Chair and Discussant: Peter K. Bol, Harvard University

Billy K. L. So

“Institutions in Coastal Chinese Market Economies, Song to Qing”

Angela Schottenhammer

“China’s Administration of Maritime Trade during the Qing Dynasty”

LONG Denggao

“The Cost of a Matured and Stable Economic System: Why There Was No Institutional Changes in Qing Dynasty”

**Lunch**

12:00-1:30



**Session 3 (2:00-3:30): Changes in Foreign Trade and International Relationship**

Chair and Discussant: Philip Kuhn, Harvard University

Leonard Blussé (Leiden University)

“Rescuing China’s maritime past from the tribute system: Zheng He and the ‘peaceful development’ of modern China”

Eva Hongyi Shi

“Why the Ming Empire Stopped the Zhenhe Voyage? A Modeling Analysis of Ming China’s Isolationist Policies”

Thomas H. C. Lee

“How Big Were Those Ships? Chinese Ways of Assessing the Weight of Ships, and the Related Problems of the Measuring Unit “*Liao*”

**Coffee Break**

3:30-3:40

**Session 4 (3:40-5:00): Government, Merchants and Social Change**

Co-Chair and Discussant: Billy K. L. So, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

HE, Ming

“From Weak Control to Strong Control: The Comparison of Tang-Song with Ming-Qing in Models of Management of Economy and Society”

Ellen Cong Zhang

“The Culture of Building and Naming: A Study of Song Government Office Compound”

Karl Metzner,

“Jinshi Trends in Southern Song Fuzhou and Changxi’s Shift from Periphery to Center”

LIN Yu-ju

“The Management Strategies of Junk Trading between Lukang Guild and Mainland China's Merchants in Qing Dynasty: A Case of Shu Household in Kenho Company”





PANEL 4  
**China Studies in the USA**  
CGIS S001  
9:30-5:30

**Section 1 (9:30 am-12:30 pm)**

**Chair: Paul Cohen**

**WANG Qingjia** (Rowan University)

“Is Chinese Civilization Historical? -- The Changing Image of China and the Development of China Study Field in the U.S.”

Discussant: Mark Elliott

**SUN Weiguo** (Nankai University)

“A Survey on China's Responses to China Studies in the USA in the last 20 Years”

Discussant: SUN Jiang

**Discussion**

**Coffee Break**

10:30-10:45

**David Faure** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

“The bare-foot guide to Chinese social history: Chinese civil society seen from the bottom up”

Discussant: WANG Ming-ke

**YUAN Zujie** (Sichuan University)

“Dressing for Power: Rite, Costume, and State Authority in Ming Dynasty China”

Discussant: WANG Di

**Discussion**

**Lunch**

**Section 2 (1:30 pm-5:30 pm)**

**Chair: Mark Elliott** (Harvard University)

**WANG Di** (Texas A&M University)

“Public Space and Popular Culture in the City: A Perspective of Studying Chinese Urban History”

Discussant: David Faure

**LIU Ping** (Shandong University) & **FAN Ying** (Sichuan University)

“Spiritual Outline of Traditional Beijing: Review on Susan Naquin’s *Beijing: Temples and City Life, 1400-1900*”

Discussant: YUAN Zujie

### **Discussion**

### **Coffee Break**

2:30-2:45pm

**SUN Jiang**

“*Yangjiao* or ‘the other’: Christianity and Chinese Society in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century”

Discussant: WANG Qinjia

**ZHANG Haiqing** (Zhongshan University)

“Political-Cultural Identity and the Late Qing Constitutionalism: An Introductory comparison between Liang Qichao and Zhang Jian”

Discussant: Paul Cohen

### **Discussion**





PANEL 5  
**Socio-economic and Legal Issues  
of East and South East Asia**  
CGIS S003  
9:15-3:00

**Introductory Remarks**

**Session 1 (9:25-10:55): Current Burning Issues**

Chair and Discussant: CHO Kuk

PRASIRTSUK Kitti (Thammasat University)

“Some legal aspects on Japan-SE Asia FTAs”

HANG Xing (Fudan University)

“Official Corruption and Chinese Traditional Culture of Officials: An Economic Ethics Analysis”

SRICHAIYARAT Panarairat (Chiang Mai University)

“The Implementation of the Anti-discrimination Doctrine by the Thai Constitutional Court”

**Coffee Break**

10:55-11:10

**Session 2 (11:10-12:00): Recent Social and Legal Reforms**

Chair and Discussant: PRASIRTSUK Kitti (Thammasat University)

RAYANAKORN Kobkun (Chiang Mai University)

“Poverty and Land Reforms in Thailand”

SIRASOONTORN Puree (Thammasat University)

“The political economy of privatization in the Thai electricity industry”

**Lunch**

12:00-1:30

**Session 3 (1:30-3:00): New Rising Issues**

Chair and Discussant: HANG Xing (Fudan University)

FENG Jiehan (Wuhan University)  
“Reproductive rights protection in china”

NGUYEN Kim-Ha (University of Toronto)  
“Recruitment Network of Hiring Domestic Workers in Hanoi, Vietnam under Economic Reforms”

VU T. Kieu-Dzung (Population Council, Vietnam)  
“Tourism and Issues of Cultural Heritage Preservation in Vietnam”





PANEL 6  
**Current State of Literature Research:  
*Achievements, Resources and Challenges  
with Interdisciplinary Approaches***  
CGIS S040  
1:00-5:30

**Introductory Remarks**

**Session 1** (1:00-2:30)

Chair: Stephen Owen

LIU Ying (Sichuan University)

“A Survey of *Wenxin diaolong* Studies in English-speaking World”

CHEN Yinchi (Fudan University)

“The Geographical Expansion of Literary Activity: A Short Review”

K. K. Leonard CHAN (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

“The Conception of Chinese ‘Lyrical Tradition’: Chen Shih-hsiang on Chinese Literature”

**Discussion**

**Coffee Break**

3:10-3:30

**Session 2** (3:30 -5:30)

Chair: TBA

BUI T. Phuong-Lan (Hanoi University of Foreign Studies)

“Approaches in Using American Literary Works in Vietnamese Universities”

YANG Lianfen (Beijing Normal University)

“Female and Revolution”

ZHAO Xifang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

“Post-colonialism Hong Kong”

**Discussion**





Sunday, June 4, 2006

**Plenary Session**

**Tsai Auditorium**

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**9:00-11:30**

8:30-9:00      *Breakfast*

9:00-10:00    *Panel Reports*

10:00-11:20   *Open Forum "Reviewing the Past, Projecting the Future"*

11:20-11:30   *Concluding Remarks*

*Mr. Peter L. Kelley, Executive Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute*

