

OYCF 8th Annual Meeting Program

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Social Classes in Transitional China

China has undergone a major social transformation in the past two and a half decades. New social groupings, from rural migrant labor to the urban middle class to new state technocrats, have emerged and they increasingly define the pattern of socio-economic and political change in China. Their emergence reflects changes to the existing order of stratification and it catalyzes the formation of new social classes in China. How can we theoretically approach new social formations in China? What is the historical significance of their emergence? How will the new politics of "class" shape the future of the Chinese state? Why does class consciousness matter in shaping social conflict? The 8th annual OYCF conference, co-sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies, University of California, Irvine, intends to address these questions by convening a number of panels examining the empirical realities, as well as the historical and theoretical significance, of class formations in China.

Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA
May 26-28, 2006

Friday, May 26, 2006

6:00 pm: Registration, Check-in (Catalina Hall, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, California 92626, soft beverage and snacks provided by OYCF)

**Saturday, May 27, 2006
Morning Sessions**

7:30 am: Breakfast

8:15 am: Opening Remarks

- MA Junling (马俊陵), Board member, OYCF
- Dorothy SOLINGER, Professor of Political Science, UC Irvine & Co-Director, Center for Asian Studies, UCI

8:25 am: Panel Overview

- GUANG Lei (光磊), Associate Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University

8:30 am – 10:00 am:

Special Lecture One: Theoretical Overview: Class and Class Structure in Transitional China

Honored Speaker:

- ZHAO Dingxin (赵鼎新), Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago

Chair/Discussants:

- WANG Feng (王丰), Professor of Sociology, UC Irvine

10:00 am-10:15 am: Coffee Break

10:15 am-11:45 am:

Panel 1: Culture, Ethnicity and Class in China

Speakers:

- YAN Yunxiang (阎云翔), Professor of Anthropology, UCLA, "Cha Xu Ge Ju' and the Notion of Hierarchy in Chinese Culture" ("差序格局与中国文化的等级观念").
- JING Yuejin (景跃进), Professor of Political Science, Renmin University, "Changes in the Discourse on Class Consciousness."
- HU Xiaojiang (胡晓江), Post-doctoral fellow, Sociology, UC Berkeley, "Class Divide and Ethnic Divide in Tibet."

Chair/Discussants:

- QI Dongtao (祁冬涛), Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, Stanford University
- ZHAN Mei, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, UCI

Saturday, May 27, 2006
Afternoon Sessions

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch (Editors Meeting)

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm:

Panel 2: Urban Labor Market and Labor Disputes

Speakers:

- CHEN Yiu Por, Assistant Professor of Economics, DePaul University, “When Did Peasants Become Migrant Workers? A Property Rights Analysis of China’s Urban Labor Market Deregulation in 1980s.”
- KIM Myoung-Shik, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, “Working-Class Consciousness and the Impact on Labor Disputes in China.”

Chair/Discussants:

- SHAN Wei (单伟), Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Texas A&M University
- Wai Kit CHOI, Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, UC Irvine

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Coffee Break

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm:

Panel 3: The Emergence of Urban Underclass

Speakers:

- SOLINGER Dorothy, Professor of Political Science, UC Irvine. Co-Director, Center for Asian Studies, UCI, "The Creation of an Urban Underclass in China."
- CHO Mun Young, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, “When does poverty matter? the production of ‘urban poor’ in post-Mao China.”
- FU Diana, M.Phil student in Development Studies, Oxford University (2006 Rhodes Scholar), “A Cage of Voices: Producing the Dagongmei in Contemporary China.”

Chair/Discussants:

- GUANG Lei (光磊), Associate Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University
- Titus CHEN, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, UC Irvine

Saturday, May 27, 2006
Evening Events

6:00 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm: State of OYCF Report by the OYCF Board
 OYCF Annual Election

Sunday, May 28, 2006
Morning Sessions

7:30 am: Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15 am:

Special Lecture Two: Market Transition and Stratification in China

Honored Speaker:

- CAO Yang, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UNC at Charlotte

Chair/Discussants:

- SU Yang (苏阳), Assistant Professor of Sociology, UC Irvine

9:15 am – 10:45 am:

Panel 4. Class Structure and Politics

Speakers:

- ZHANG Jing (张静), Professor of Sociology, Peking University, “Class Politics and Danwei Politics.”
- HE Qinglian (何清涟), Senior Researcher, Human Rights in China, Author of *Quagmire of China's Modernization* 《中国现代化的陷阱》, “China's Social Structure and the Political Orientation of Its Middle Class.”
- LI Yi (李毅), Ph.D., Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, “Transformation of China's Class Structure since 1949.”

Chair/Discussants:

- HAN Chunping (韩春萍), Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, Harvard University
- JIN Hehui (金河辉), Ph.D., Economist, Quantifi Solutions, NJ

10:45 am – 11:00 am: Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm:

Panel 5: Land and Class in Rural Areas

Speakers:

- FENG Shizheng (冯仕政), Associate Professor of Sociology, Renmin University, “Class Structure in ‘Communist Village’” (Coauthored with SU Yang, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UC Irvine).
- ZHOU Feizhou (周飞舟), Associate Professor of Sociology, Peking University, “Who Gets What from Land Conversion? Local Government and Farmers in the Wake of State Land Seizures.”
- LOU Peimin (楼培敏), Research Fellow, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, “An Empirical Analysis on the Income and Employment of the Peasants Affected by Land Requisition.”

Chair/Discussants:

- ZHENG Lu (郑路), Ph.D Candidate, Sociology, Stanford University
- WANG Zhen (王桢), Ph.D Candidate, Political Science, University of Minnesota

Sunday, May 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm: Lunch

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm:

Panel 6: The Emerging Middle Class, Professionals and Newly Rich

Speakers:

- WANG Xin, Assistant Professor of Chinese Studies, Baylor University, “The Newly Emerging Middle-income Stratum.”
- LIU Sida (刘思达), Ph. D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Chicago, “Constructing Boundaries of Professional Competition: Lawyers and Legal Workers in China’s Market for Legal Services” (Coauthored with MICHLESON Ethan, Assistant Professor of Sociology & East Asian Studies, Indiana University at Bloomington).
- POW Choon Piew (鲍存彪), Ph.D Candidate in Geography, UCLA, “Landscapes of Privilege: ‘Gated Communities’ and the New Middle-Class in Shanghai”

Chair/Discussants:

- Li Yan (李艳), Ph.D Candidate, Sociology, Stanford University
- HOU Xiaoshuo (侯小硕), Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, Boston University

3:45 pm – 3:50 pm: Concluding Remarks

Sunday, May 28, 2006
Evening Events

4:15 pm – 6:15 pm: Volleyball tournament (OYCF’s Philadelphia Cup)

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm: Dinner & Celebration Party

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