Creating Wealth and Poverty in Contemporary China

Workshop to be held at Yale University

Room 203, Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT

JANUARY 6 - 8, 2006

Friday, January 6
8:00 - 9:30 PM

PANEL #1  Creating Poverty and Wealth: Structural Overview

Deborah S. Davis (Yale University) and Wang Feng (University of California-Irvine)

Poverty and Wealth in Contemporary China: Trends and Explanations

Carl Riskin (Columbia University) and Gao Qin (Fordham University)

Nature vs. Nurture in Explaining China's Changing Inequality

Cai Yong (University of Washington)

Regional Variation of Life Expectancy and Socioeconomic Inequality in China

Discussants: Dalton Conley (New York University) and John Logan (Brown University)

Saturday, January 7
9:00 - 10:30 AM

PANEL #2  Creating Poverty and Wealth: In the Workplace

Philip Cohen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Wang Feng (University of California – Irvine)

Contextualizing Gender Income Inequality in Post-Reform Urban China

Eileen Otis (State University of New York at Stony Brook)

The Two Faces of Luxury: Gender and Generational Inequality in a Beijing Luxury Service Workplace

Discussants: Jesper Sorensen (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Dalton Conley (New York University)
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

PANEL #3    Creating Poverty and Wealth: Role of Property

PAPERS IN CHINESE

Zhe Xiaoye (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

What are Property Rights?

Zhang Jing (Peking University)

Disputes of Land Rights and Social Status Inequality

Discussants: Sarah Cook (University of Sussex) and Zhou Xueguang (Duke University)

1:30 - 3:30 PM

PANEL #4    Creating Poverty and Wealth: Institutional and Organizational Parameters

Emily Hannum (University of Pennsylvania)

Structuring Inequality in Rural Chinese Communities: Schooling Environment and Subsequent Enrollment

Zhou Xueguang (Duke University)

Rethinking Corporatist Bases of Stratification in Rural China: Observations and Reflections from Villages

Bian Yanjie (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

The Role of Social Capital in Occupational Mobility: Preliminary Findings from the China General Social Survey

Discussants: Bonnie Erickson (University of Toronto) and John Logan (Brown University)
4:00 - 6:00 PM

PANEL #5  Perceptions and Explanations of Inequality

C.K. Lee (University of Michigan)

From Inequality to Inequity: Popular Conceptions of Social (In)justice in China

Martin K. Whyte (Harvard University) and Chunping Han (Harvard University)

Popular Perceptions of Distributive Injustice: Local and Regional Variations

Liu Xin (Fudan University)

A Theory of Power Generation: Understanding the Mechanism of Social Stratification in Contemporary China

Discussants:  Ivan Szelenyi (Yale University) and Sarah Cook (University of Sussex)

Sunday, January 8

9:00 – 11:00 AM

PANEL #6  Comparative and Historical Perspectives and Concluding Thoughts

Peter Evans (University of California-Berkeley)

Late 20th Century Industrialization and Changing Employment Structures in the Global South

James Lee (University of Michigan)

Social Stratification in China in Historical Perspective at the National and Regional Level

R. Bin Wong (University of California-Los Angeles)

Economic Development and Social Stratification in Late Imperial and Modern China

Discussants:  Deborah Davis (Yale University) and Wang Feng (University of California-Irvine)