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Public Lectures

Sino-Vatican Relations in the Past Thirty Years (1 November 2012)

LEWI was honoured to invite Dr. Anthony Lam, Senior Researcher of Holy Spirit Study Center, to give a public lecture on “Sino-Vatican Relations in the Past Thirty Years” on 1 November 2012.

Dr. Lam’s lecture focused on Sino-Vatican diplomatic relations. Key points of his presentation included: 1) background of Sino-Vatican relations; 2) formation of unequal relationship; 3) impact of the Lateran Treaty; 4) the revolutions in eastern Europe in the 20th century; 5) cross-strait relations and Sino-Vatican relations; and 6) the current situation and the way out.



Constructing Place and National Identity through Architecture: Comparison between Contemporary China and Greece (16 July 2012)

Prof. Ho Hon Leung, Associate Professor, State University of New York College at Oneonta, delivered an interesting lecture on “Constructing Place and National Identity through Architecture: Comparison between Contemporary China and Greece” on 16 July 2012. Below is the abstract of his lecture:

Half of the world construction sites take place in China. The postmodern architecture in Beijing and Shanghai grows like wild flowers at the expense of many important antiquities. However, the landscape in Greece seems to be timeless and eternal. From time to time, Greeks stage protests against any high-rises and postmodern

architecture. In spite of the fact that there are many similarities between the two ancient civilizations: China and Greece, both of which had conquered and been conquered, were engaged in two world wars, civil wars, ruled by dictatorship in modern history, and started modernization but did not “take off” until early 80s, why is there a huge difference in ways of de/re/constructing these architectural pieces that signify their contemporary national identities? The purpose of this presentation attempts to explore the intertwining relationship between the construction of place and national identity and architecture in the contemporary China and Greece.



LEWI Talks

Aung San Suu Kyi & The Burma/Myanmar Exploration Tour (16 October 2012)

In AY2012-2013, LEWI launches a new talk series on “Women and the World”. Some of the topics in the Series include: Women and Education, Women and Chinese Opera, Women and Diplomacy, Women and Literature, Women and Democracy, and Women and Music. Unlike public lectures and seminars, the format of LEWI Talks would be more informal. This is to provide a relaxing atmosphere for the exchange of ideas of people of different fields of interest.

On 16 October 2012, Prof. Cindy Chu, Associate Director of LEWI, gave the first talk in the series on Aung San Suu Kyi, Burmese opposition politician and chairperson of the National League for Democracy (NLD) in Burma. In the talk, Prof. Chu introduced to the audience the characteristics of this political leader and the details of the Burma tour organized by LEWI in January 2013.

LEWI Seminar Series

Coordinated Urbanization in China: Rural Autonomy versus Urban Integrity (26 Nov 2012)

Speaker: Prof. Jieming Zhu, Associate Professor, Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore

Abstract:

Kunshan and Nanhai have been two model county-cities very successful in their industrialization and urbanization, measured by the economic growth, jobs created, and household income. However, Kunshan and Nanhai are two models diametrically opposite. Kunshan's development is chiefly coordinated by the urban governments, while Nanhai's growth is mainly led by the rural villages. Autonomous villages have been instrumental in the industrialization of Nanhai, by the institutional design of village land shareholding cooperatives. Villages in Kunshan have been subordinated to townships and the city. However, Nanhai's urbanization is more fragmented and less productive than Kunshan's. The significant and intriguing research question is that, in the setting of high-density and rapid urbanization, how coordinated rural-urban development can be achieved by striking a balance between rural autonomy and urban integrity.



One Country, Two Diseases — Making News about HIV & HBV in China, 1980-2010 (20 Nov 2012)

Speaker: Dr. Dong Dong, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group, David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies

Abstract:

China today has an estimated 700,000 people living with HIV/AIDS and 100,000,000 with Hepatitis B (HBV). News coverage on the two diseases shows different patterns and is made through different routes. Through a longitudinal content analysis of six Chinese newspapers and in-depth interviews with more than 40 journalists and social activists, this research tries to display the concrete, complicated ways in which journalistic practices and news products are caught up in and molded by the social, political and economic powers that feature in a transitional China.



Towards Global Convergence: Asian Dynamism and the Elusive Quest for Western Growth from the Fordist to the Financial Crisis and After (3 October 2012)

Speaker: Prof. Mick Dunford, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Sussex

Abstract:

After more than two centuries in which disparities between countries increased

dramatically, the world is starting to become more equal due to the relatively rapid growth of a number of populous countries, the relatively slow growth of the western world and the transformation of international debtor-creditor relations. Inequalities within countries have however often increased, and there are striking differences in the relative performance of emerging economies and remarkable contrasts in the performance of transition economies. If however current trends in comparative national development continue, the disparities opened by the industrial revolution and imperialism will be considerably reduced. The aim of this presentation is to explore some of the reasons for these trends and their likely future evolution paying in particular attention to the impacts in the west of the financial and debt crises, the scope for continuing growth of China and emerging Asian economies and the relationships between growth and inequality.



Japanese Cities in Chinese Perspective: Towards a Contextual, Regional Approach to Comparative Urbanism (27 June 2012)

Speaker: Dr. Paul Waley, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, University of Leeds

In this paper, I use a comparative framework to lift the study of Japanese cities out of the trap of uniqueness into which it has sometimes fallen. I argue here that a regional framework is the most appropriate setting for this comparative endeavour. The paper sets out a three-layered paradigm for comparative work on cities and reviews some of the issues arising from work that compares Tokyo with other so-called global cities. It then sets out a temporal framework for comparing Japanese with Chinese cities, and by implication with cities in South Korea and Taiwan. It identifies the rapid change in the urban landscape from horizontality to verticality as a major development in the largest cities of both countries, and assesses the impact on urban populations of such

radical urban restructuring. In doing so, it focuses on the role of the state and of capital. At the heart of this paper is the argument that the regional context is the most appropriate for comparative work on Japanese cities both because of the continued validity of the concept of the developmental state, albeit in neo-liberal guise, and because it is at the regional level that the path dependent nature of urban change can best be appreciated



Incentives of and Barriers to having a Family Doctor in Hong Kong: An in-depth Qualitative Study of the Views, Knowledge, and Attitudes of Chronically Ill patients (8 June 2012)

Speaker: Dr. Judy Siu, Research Assistant Professor, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group , David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies

Abstract:

A health care system generally consists of three levels: primary, secondary, and tertiary. Among these three levels, primary care based management is high on the international healthcare agenda, in particular for patients with long-term conditions (LTCs). Hong Kong has a “mixed economy” healthcare system with both public and private sectors with a range of types of primary care doctors. Recent Hong Kong Government healthcare policy aims to enhance the management of LTCs in primary care based on a “family doctor” model. However, chronically ill patients’ views on this are not well documented in Hong Kong. In view of this, this presentation, in which the data is based on the presenter’s past post-doctoral fellowship study for the Food and Health Bureau of the Hong Kong Government, will examine the views of patients with LTCs on family doctors in Hong Kong. A qualitative approach adopting in-depth semi-structured interviews was conducted with 28 participants with LTCs, and these participants could be identified as coming from two main groups: 1) those

who considered themselves as having a family doctor, and 2) those who considered themselves as not having a family doctor (either with a regular primary care doctor but not a family doctor or with no regular primary care doctor). Important barriers to the adoption of a “family doctor” model of management of LTCs, such as cost, perceived needs, quality, trust, choice, doctor-patient relationship, and the current healthcare system, exist in Hong Kong. Effective policy implementation on encouraging the patients with LTCs with the idea of having a family doctor seems to be going to face many obstacles unless these complex barriers are addressed.



LEWI Executive Committee Meeting

The annual executive committee meeting was held on 14 June 2012. The meeting, attended by representatives from Mercer University, Simon Fraser University and Lanzhou University, was held in the form of a telephone conference. Matters for discussion included: election of the Executive Committee 2012-2014, ways to enhance the Institute’s financial sustainability and future conferences.

Visitorship Program

Prof. Dening Chen, Professor of Department of Resources and Environment, Guangdong University of Business Studies, was LEWI’s visiting scholar from August to December. Prof. Chen’s research interests include: CEPA and economic cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau, bay area value and bay area economy, regional planning and the dynamic mechanism of regional development.

During her visit, Prof. Chen collected materials for her research project on CEPA’s

impact on China's and Hong Kong's economic systems.

Resident Graduate Scholarship Program

New Students in Fall 2012

In Fall 2012, we welcome two new students to LEWI to participate in the Resident Graduate Scholarship (RGS) Program:

Xing Han, Master Candidate, Lanzhou University. Thesis topic: "Environmental Awareness and Behavioral Intentions of Hotel Guests in Hong Kong". Field supervisor at HKBU: Prof. Kara Chan, Department of Communication Studies, HKBU

"My name is Han Xing and I come from Lanzhou University. It is my second year of graduate study and I'm very glad to be able to spend the first half of my second year at Hong Kong Baptist University. My major is Tourism Management, which covers Tourism Management, International Hospitality Management, and Event Management. Under the field supervision of Prof. Kara Chan, Department of Communication Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, I will undertake research on environmental awareness and behavioral intentions of hotel guests in Hong Kong.

As a student coming from Minqin (民勤), which is known for its deteriorating environmental condition in recent years, I have always kept a watchful eye on environmental protection. During my undergraduate years, I focused on the study of green hotel, and I completed my undergraduate thesis on the constructive factors of green hotel. In 2011, I began my graduate studies and continue to focus on the subject of green hotel. Hong Kong provides a decent platform for observing the difference in attitude between mainland and western visitors' on ecological consciousness."

Ding Li, Master Candidate, Tsinghua University. Thesis topic: "A Research on *Kung-chuan Hsiao's* work, *A History of Chinese Political Thought*". Field supervisor at HKBU: Prof. Cindy Yik-yi Chu, Department of History, HKBU

My name is Ding Li. I am a graduate student of Tsinghua University. My master's thesis is on the study of *Kung-chuan Hsiao's* work, *A History of Political Thought*, which involves cross-culture studies, especially the comparative study between Eastern and Western cultures.

My motto is, no pain, no gain. I am easy-going and have a lot of interests, such as

calligraphy, writing, reading, table tennis, badminton, swimming, etc. I would make good use of this opportunity of studying in Hong Kong to understand Hong Kong culture and at the same time, focus on my research.

Outputs of Research Staff

Publications

By directors/working group convenors:

Bailey, A.J. (2012). Migration, recession and an emerging transnational biopolitics across Europe. *Geoforum*.

Chan, K., Ng, Y.L., and Williams, R.B. (2012). What do adolescent girls learn about gender roles from advertising images? *Young Consumers*, 13(4), 357-366.

Chan, K. and Ng, Y.L. (2012). Segmentation of Chinese adolescent girls using gender roles and ideal female images. *Journal of Consumer Marketing*, 29(7), 521-531.

Yip, T., **Chan, K.** and Poon, E. (2012). Attributes of young consumers' favorite retail shops: A qualitative study. *Journal of Consumer Marketing*, 29(7), 545-552.

Chan, K. (2012). The last mile: Revising manuscripts for journal publication. *Asian Journal of Business Research*, 2(2), 87-94.

Chan, K., Leung, V., Tsang, L., and Yip, T. (2012.). Attitudes toward advertising by lawyer's among Hong Kong consumers. *Asian Journal of Business Research*, 2(2), 70-86.

Chan, K. and Cheng, B. (2012). Awareness of outdoor advertising in Hong Kong. *International Journal of Consumer Research*, 1(1), 81-97.

Chu, C. (2012). *The Catholic church in China: 1978 to the present*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Zhu, Y.S., Werner B. & **Li, S.M.** (2012). The changing meaning of neighbourhood attachment in Chinese commodity housing estates: Evidence from Guangzhou. *Urban Studies*, 49 (11).

Song, Y.L., Chiang, N., and Li, S.M. (2012) The Mobility and Attachment of Displaced Residents under Urban Redevelopment Projects in Shanghai”, *Issues and Studies* 48 (3), September 2012, 73-74.

By Research Assistant Professors:

Dong Dong (in press). Legitimizing journalistic authority under the state’s shadow: A case study of the environmental press awards in China. *Chinese Journal of Communication*.

Hui, A. (2012). Things in motion, things in practices: how mobile practice networks facilitate the travel and use of leisure objects. *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 12(2), 195-215.

Hui, A. (2012). Travelling communities: reflections on researching patchwork quilting. *The Quilter*, 131 (20-21).

Lan, S. (in press). Negotiating multiple boundaries: Diaspora Hong Kong identities in the United States. Paper accepted for publication by *Identities Global Studies in Culture and Power*.

Mak, M.W.G. (2012). Wylie, A., Brief Introduction to Shanghai Serial, vol. 1, no. 1. (original work published 1857) (Mak, G. Tran.). In Elshakry M. & Sivasundaram, S. (Eds.), *Science, Race, and Imperialism* (pp. 117-121). London: Pickering and Chatto.

Siu J.Y.M. (in press). The cultural perceptions, folk taxonomies, and the relationship with alternative medicine practices among Hong Kong people. *Alternative Medicine*.

Wang, J. (2012). The developmental state in the global hegemony of neoliberalism: A new strategy for public housing in Singapore. *Cities*, 29 (369-378).

Wang, J. (2012). Evolution of cultural clusters in China: Comparative study of Beijing and Shanghai. *Architectoni.ca: Journal of Canadian Centre of Academic Art and Science*, 2 (148-159).

Wang, J. (in press). Preserving social capital in urban regeneration: A review of conceptual debates. In Christiaanse, K. & Baum, M. (eds.) *City as Loft*. Zurich: ETH University Press.

Presentations

By Prof. Si-ming Li, Chair Professor of Geography and LEWI Director

《房地產泡沫與金融危機：香港的案例》 (Housing bubbles and financial crisis: The case of Hong Kong). A paper presented at the Forum on the Strategies for the Internationalization of Ningbo City, Ningbo, 17-19 September 2012.

By Prof. Cindy Chu, Associate Director of LEWI and Convenor, Cross-Cultural Studies Working Group

History of contemporary China with particular references to the post-1978 period. A paper presented at the 2012 EWC/EWCA International Conference on “Community Building and Leadership in Asia Pacific”, Peking University, China, 1-3 September 2012.

If the pope had gone to Beijing: What would have happened? A paper presented at the 18th International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS) Conference, Yuan Ze University, Chung-Li, Taiwan, 8-11 June 2012.

By Prof. Kara Chan, Head, Department of Communication Studies and Convenor of Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

Young girls and media images in Hong Kong. A paper presented at the pre-conference Workshop, International Conference of Behavioral and Social Science Research, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia, 1 November 2012.

By Dr. Perry Johannson, Research Assistant Professor, Cross-Cultural Studies Working Group

China between the geopolitical imaginary and the symbolic. A paper presented at the Conference on The Nations Two Bodies: Aesthetic Figurations of the Political, Luxembourg University, 15-17 July 2012.

Bringing the modern humanities to China: A reinterpretation. A paper presented at the Humanities III Conference, Royal Netherlands Institute Rome, 1-3 November 2012.

Dr. Shanshan Lan, Research Assistant Professor, Urbanization and Mobility Working Group

Unraveling the “sanfei” question among African migrants in Guangzhou: A policy analysis. A paper presented at the Workshop on “Transformations and Trajectories in the Pearl River Delta: Reform and the Future in South China”, University of Technology Sydney, 17-19 October 2012.

The shifting meanings of race: African diaspora communities in China. A paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, U.S. A., 14-18 November 2012.

Dr. Judy Siu, Research Assistant Professor, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

Disincentives of receiving influenza A (H1N1) vaccines among chronic renal disease patients in Hong Kong. A paper presented at the 2nd International Public Health Conference & 19th National Public Health Colloquium, Lumpur, Malaysia, 3-4 October 2012.

By Dr. Dong Dong, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Environment, Health and Sustainability Working Group

(with Huang, Q.Y., Shen, Z.W., Tang, L.Y. & Wang, C.Y.) *Covering news with provincial characteristics? Comparing health news coverage in China’s Guangdong and Henan provinces.* A paper presented at the Association for Education and Journalism Mass Communication Conference 2012, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., 9-12 August 2012.

By Dr. Allison Hui, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Urbanization and Mobility Working Group

Art machines, cultural probes and academic practices. A paper presented at the International Conference on Research Creativity: Praxis, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 21-23 November 2012.

Others

End of Semester Staff Retreat (19 June 2012)

The staff retreat was dedicated to fun and travel. LEWI staff, together with faculty from the Geography Department, took a tour boat to Sai Kung, Hong Kong's most popular geological sites. After admiring nature's exquisite works, staff members enjoyed a seafood lunch before they engaged in swimming and other water sports in the afternoon. A donation from Prof. Li funded this activity.

