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## PRESIDENT & PROVOST OF UCL



***Dr Michael Spence***

Dr Spence joined UCL during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading the institution through the complexities of reopening and transitioning back to in-person learning following the national lockdowns. Since joining he has led a year-long university-wide consultation to develop the UCL Strategic Plan 2022-27, setting out UCL's priorities and ambitions for that period, and overseen the relaunch of UCL's Grand Challenges programme, supporting the academic community to work together on cross-cutting, multidisciplinary solutions to the world's most complex issues.

During a challenging time for the HE sector, and a wider cost of living crisis, his focus on financial sustainability has enabled UCL to make significant investment to attract and retain world-class talent. During his tenure, UCL's reputation as an academic powerhouse has also grown, with accolades including Sunday Times University of the Year 2024.

He has also overseen the opening of UCL East, UCL's major new campus in East London, building key strategic relationships with local government, businesses and community organisations in that area. Furthermore, through his work with UCL's philanthropic community he has played a direct role in supporting an increase in philanthropic gifts to UCL, with £235.6 million raised in 2023-24.

As a long-standing proponent of universities as crucibles for debate and dialogue, he has established himself as a leading voice within the UK and beyond promoting the art of 'disagreeing well' and is spearheading a new programme of activities at UCL which explore approaches to developing the skill of constructive debate around challenging issues.

## INTRODUCTION

After sustained economic growth and urbanisation, China came to a critical historical moment. In the post-pandemic era, China encountered an economic slowdown, a property market downturn, increasing debts, and intensified geopolitical tensions. Its world factory development regime is under profound challenges. Land-financed infrastructure-led urbanisation can no longer be sustained. Entrepreneurial urban governance is transformed by expanding state intervention. In conjunction with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), China targets ‘carbon peak and carbon neutrality’ and ‘high-quality development’ and pursues ‘Chinese-style modernisation’. It is timely to re-examine China’s urban development and governance in the context of global urban transformation.

Following a series of International Conferences on China’s Urban Development in Hong Kong, Cardiff, Shanghai, London, Glasgow, and Manchester, the conference will return to London in 2025 to place Chinese cities in a changing world and engage with a wider urban studies community. The conference is organised with the project ‘Rethinking China’s Model of Urban Governance’, funded by the European Research Council (ERC Advanced Grant). It provides a forum for dialogue on China’s broad political, economic, social, and environmental challenges and governance. It also welcomes papers focusing on urban development and governance in other regions.

## Conference Organising Team

The conference organiser is China Planning Research Group (CPRG) at Bartlett School of Planning, University College London (UCL).



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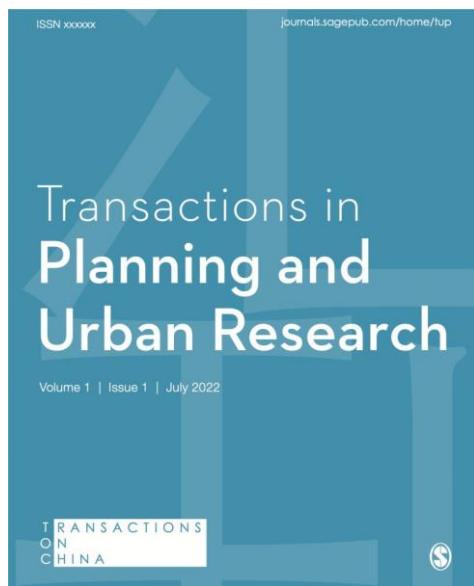


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## Transactions in Planning and Urban Research (TPUR)



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### Journal overview

China's massively accelerated urbanization presents a laboratory for researchers to observe economic, social, and governance changes in the contemporary world. To understand Chinese urbanization requires both contextual and comparative research. Known as "Urban China Research" in Planning and Urban Studies, this research field is growing rapidly. It is situated in the conjuncture of China Studies oriented towards historical, cultural, and political contexts and Planning and Urban Studies treating Chinese urbanization as part of political, economic, and social changes in the globalizing world. *Transactions in Planning and Urban Research* will make an original contribution to academic and policy debate related to the phenomenal urban development of China. In addition to investigating historical and geographical processes of Chinese development, the journal explores urban China in the wider global context and seeks meaningful connection between interpretative analysis and planning policy development. The journal publishes peer-reviewed academic papers of around 8500 words that affect Chinese urban and regional development. The journal will focus on recent developments in China, and their policy implications, while situating the research in comparative perspectives within wider processes as appropriate.

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## CONFERENCE VENUE

### Addresses

The venue for the conference is:

**UCL Institute of Child Health (ICH)**, 30 Guilford St, London WC1N 1EH

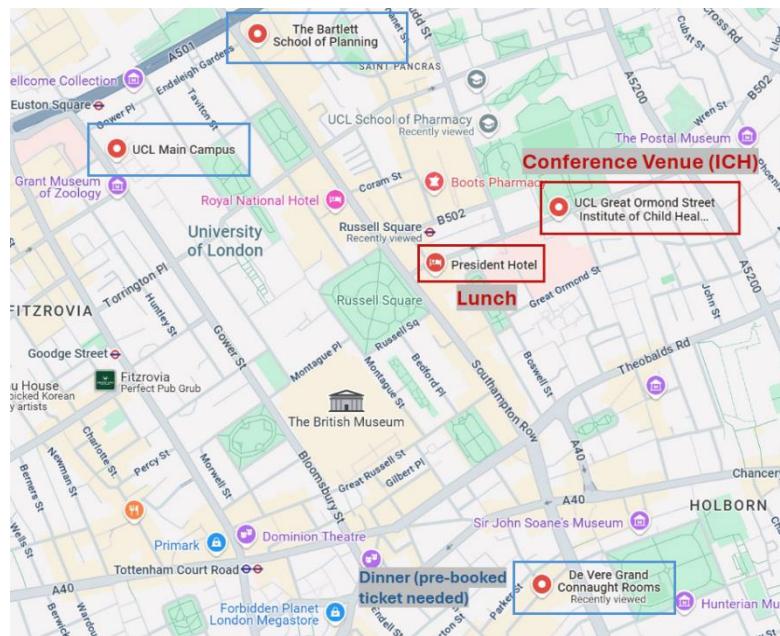
The venue for the working lunch is:

**President Hotel**, 56-60 Guilford St, Russell Sq, London WC1N 1DB

The venue for the dinner (pre-booked ticket needed) is:

**De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms**, 61-65 Great Queen St, London WC2B 5DA

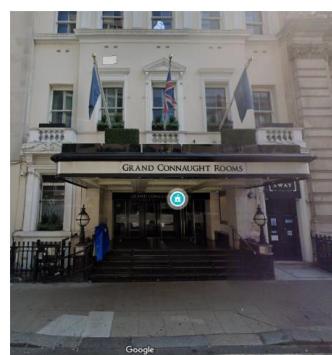
See the following map for the locations of these buildings. UCL main campus is a 17-minute walk away from the conference venue.



Images of the **President Hotel** and **De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms**



President Hotel



De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms

## Rooms and presentation equipment information

Images of the **ICH**, its entrance, and the Balcony and Winter Garden (where registration and coffee breaks take place):



ICH Building



ICH Building entrance



Balcony and Winter Garden

The Introduction, Keynotes, and Plenary Sessions take place in the **Kennedy LT**:



Kennedy LT\_door



Kennedy LT\_inside

PUW Seminar rooms 1-3, June Lloyd room, and Levinsky room are on the **Ground floor**:



PUW Seminar room 1 (G.04)



PUW Seminar room 2 (G.05)



PUW Seminar room 3 (G.06)



June Lloyd room (G.23)

Shown as June Lloyd Seminar Room on the door



Levinsky room (G.03)

shown as Roland Levinsky Seminar Room on the door



Space outside PUW1-

PUW3 and Levinsky room

Lower Ground Seminar room and Leolin Price LT are on the **Lower Ground** floor:



Lower Ground Seminar Room



Leolin Price LT

(shown as Leolin Price Lecture Theatre on the door)

## Equipment

All rooms are equipped with a projector that can display content from either the In-room PC or a personal laptop.

Each seminar room is equipped with an **In-room PC**, with guest login options. The most convenient option may be to bring a **USB drive (U-disk)** and plug it into the seminar room's In-room PC to run your presentation. To ensure your smooth presentation, please upload your PPT before the session starts.

Cables are provided for connecting **personal laptops**. However, the type of available connection varies by room. Some rooms use **Type-C**, others use **HDMI** or **VGA**. If you bring your own laptop for presentation, please bring a multi-function adapter that matches your laptop's port to ensure compatibility with the projector system.

## Additional information

For your convenience, the Brunswick Centre (WC1N 1AE) is a 7-minute walk from the ICH and offers a range of amenities including cafés, restaurants, supermarkets (such as Waitrose, Sainsbury's, and Tiantian, a Chinese supermarket), pharmacies, and other essential shops.



South entrance of the Brunswick Centre (across the street of the Russel Square underground station)

## PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITY RIVER CRUISE

### River cruise between 3pm to 6pm, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The trip will start at the Westminster Pier, to the O2 Millennium Dome, then back to the Westminster Pier. We do not stop at any piers along the route, including the O2. We just head back there.

The trip is free for you to attend. Please finish the following form before 29th June to secure your place.

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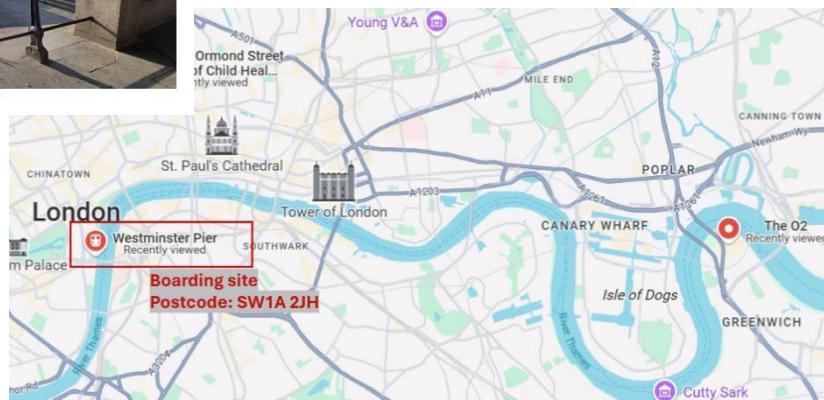
**Boarding time is 14.45-15.00 on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

The boat will leave at 15.00. We will not wait, so please plan your trip and arrive at the boarding site earlier.

**Boarding site:** Westminster Pier, London SW1A 2JH. The Westminster underground station is around the corner, on the Circle, District, and Jubilee lines.



Westminster Pier



We will have **Prof. Peter Rees** from The Bartlett School of Planning to give a commentary on board. Peter was a founder member and director of the British Council for Offices from 1990-2022 and received their President's Award in 2003 for “presiding over one of the most extensive periods of redevelopment in the City’s long history”. See Peter's profile here at <https://profiles.ucl.ac.uk/44398-peter-rees>

There will be a **cash-only bar** for drinks. Please take some cash with you to enjoy the trip. The boat has a maximum capacity. We may only allow the friends of the delegates filling in the registration form earlier.

Please note that the organising committee will not accept any responsibility for accidents to delegates attending the cruise or for damage to or loss of delegates' property.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### Day One: Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

08:00	Registration (ICH Balcony)
09:00-09:30	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> (Kennedy LT), Chair: Prof. Fangzhu Zhang Speakers: Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh, Prof. Mike Raco, Dr Michael Spence
09:30-10:50	<b>Keynotes</b> (Kennedy LT), Chair: Prof. Fulong Wu
	<i>Keynote I:</i> Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh, The University of Hong Kong
	<i>Keynote II:</i> Prof. Jamie Peck, The University of British Columbia
10:50-11:20	Coffee break (ICH Balcony and Winter Gardens)
11:20-13:00	<b>Transactions of Planning and Urban Research (TPUR) Plenary Forum I:</b> Changing Urban Studies and the Future of Urban China Research (Kennedy LT) Chair: Prof. Chris Hamnett Speakers: Prof. Michael Batty, Prof. Cecilia Wong, Prof. David Wilson, Prof. Max Woodworth
13:00-14:00	Working Lunch (President Hotel)
14:00-15:40	<b>Parallel Sessions 1</b>
	1A (Levinski room) Transnational migrants and extra-territorial governance
	1B (Lower ground floor Seminar room) Co-production and community building
	1C (Leolin Price LT) Rural governance
	1D (PUW Seminar room 3) Urban and land development I
	1E (PUW Seminar room 2) Urban regeneration I
	1F (June Lloyd room) City-regional governance I
	1G (Kennedy LT) Travel and transportation
15:40-16:10	Coffee break (ICH Balcony and Winter Gardens)
16:10-17:50	<b>Parallel Sessions 2</b>
	2A (Levinski room) Migrants, neighbourhoods, and well-being I
	2B (Lower ground floor Seminar room) Special Issue session: Gentrification (TPUR)
	2C (Leolin Price LT) Urban regeneration II
	2D (PUW Seminar room 3) Urban and land development II
	2E (PUW Seminar room 2) Environmental governance
	2F (June Lloyd room) City-regional governance II
	2G (Kennedy LT) Computational urban studies
18:00	End of Conference Day 1
19:00-21:00	Conference dinner (De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms, <i>pre-booked ticket needed</i> )

## Day Two: Tuesday, 8th July 2025

08:00	Registration (ICH Balcony)	
09:00-10:40	<b>Parallel Sessions 3</b>	
	3A (Leolin Price LT)	Migrants, neighbourhoods, and well-being II
	3B (PUW Seminar room 3)	Collaboration and participatory planning
	3C (PUW Seminar room 1)	Urban regeneration III
	3D (Levinski Room)	Financing urban development
	3E (June Lloyd room)	Urban ecological spaces
	3F (Kennedy LT)	Regional coordination and global economy
10:40-11:10	Coffee break (ICH Balcony and Winter Gardens)	
11:10-12:50	<b>Parallel Sessions 4</b>	
	4A (Leolin Price LT)	Infrastructure and everyday life: honouring C.P. Pow (1974–2021)
	4B (PUW Seminar room 3)	Lived experience of urban transition
	4C (PUW Seminar room 1)	Public spaces
	4D (Levinski room)	Housing and property
	4E (June Lloyd room)	Low-carbon transition
	4F (Kennedy LT)	Territorial governance
12:50-14:00	Working Lunch (President Hotel)	
14:00-15:40	<b>Parallel Session 5</b>	
	5A (Leolin Price LT)	Identity and citizenship
	5B (PUW Seminar room 3)	Culture and heritage
	5C (PUW Seminar room 1)	Spatial transformation
	5D (Levinski room)	Urban sustainability
	5E (June Lloyd room)	Functional and industrial planning
	5F (Kennedy LT)	Planning and public policy
15:40-16:10	Coffee break (ICH Balcony and Winter Gardens)	
16:10-17:50	<b>Transactions of Planning and Urban Research (TPUR) Plenary Forum II: Critical Debates in China's Urban Governance (Kennedy LT)</b> Chair: Prof. Fangzhu Zhang Speakers: Prof. Shengjing He, Prof. Hyun Bang Shin, Prof. Jiang Xu, Prof. Fulong Wu	
18:00	Close of the conference	

## KEYNOTES AND PANELLISTS

***Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh***



***Chair Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong***

Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh, *FHKIP, FRTP, FPIA, FRICS, FCILT and Hon FHKIS*. Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Hong Kong Academy of Sciences and Fellow of TWAS (The World Academy of Sciences) and Academy of Social Sciences UK is Chan To-Hann Professor in Urban Planning and

Design and Chair Professor of Department of Urban Planning and Design and Director of GIS Research Centre, and former Dean of Graduate School, Director of Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning, Institute of Transport Studies, and Head of Department of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Hong Kong. His main areas of specialisation are in the applications of geographic information systems (GIS) as planning support system in smart city and urban development and planning in Hong Kong, China, and South East Asia. He received the UN-HABITAT Lecture Award in 2008 for his outstanding and sustained contribution to research, thinking and practice in the human settlements field. He has published over 30 books and monographs and over 180 international journal papers and book chapters. He also serves as editorial board members in major international journals and honorary professors and external examiners of a number of universities and research institutes in China and S.E. Asia. He has been President of Asia GIS Association, Founding Secretary-General of the Asian Planning Schools Association and Asia GIS Association, Founding President of the Hong Kong GIS Association, Chairman of the Hong Kong Geographical Association, Vice-President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners, Vice-President of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, and Chairman of the Geographic Information Science Commission of the International Geographic Union (IGU).

### **Abstract for The Opening Keynote Presentation**

#### **Smart Technology and Urban Governance**

Recent big advancement in smart technologies, such as sensors, digital twin, and generative AI, has great impacts on urban governance. Urban government has evolved from e-government in the 2000s to the present smart digital-government. Smart technologies have made cities to be more sustainable, efficient and convenient and much safer. However, can it resolve the fundamental problems of resource allocation and citizens in conflicts in urban governance?



**Prof. Jamie Peck**

**University Killam Professor, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Canada**

Jamie Peck, FRSC, FBA, FAcSS is University Killam Professor, Distinguished University Scholar and Professor of Geography at the University of British Columbia, Canada. With long-term research interests in economic geography, urban and regional studies, and institutional political economy, he is the author most recently of *Variegated economies* (2023, Oxford). *Jamie Peck* is the Managing Editor of the journal *EPA: Economy & Space* and the founder of the Summer Institute in Economic Geography.

**Abstract for The Opening Keynote Presentation**

**Party-state capitalism on the edge**

Usually indexed exclusively to China, the concept of party-state capitalism has been gaining currency of late, both among heterodox think tanks and in academic circles, and for the most part in the West. The presentation will explore what it means to engage and problematise the concept of party-state capitalism, not as a regime type, “variety” or proxy for the “China model,” but as an open theoretical and methodological question. To do so involves making the case for, while also confronting challenges to, reworked approaches to conjunctural analysis, which have potentially significant roles to play in urban and regional studies.



**Prof. Michael Batty**

**Emeritus Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London and Chair of the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA)**

Michael Batty, CBE, FRS, FBA, FAcSS is Emeritus Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London and Chair of the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA). He is a graduate of the University of Manchester in Town and Country Planning and of the University of Wales Institute of Science

and Technology in Architecture where he was Professor of Town Planning in the 1980s. He was Director of the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA) at SUNY-Buffalo from 1990 to 1995 before he set up CASA at UCL. He is a Fellow of the British Academy (FBA), Royal Society (FRS), Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS), Royal Town Planning Institute (FRTP), Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (FCILT), Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), and the Royal Geographical Society (FRGS).

He has worked on data analysis and computer models of cities and their visualisation since the 1970s. His recent publications are ***Cities and Complexity*** (2005), ***The New Science of Cities*** (2013), ***Inventing Future Cities*** (2018), and ***The Computable City*** (2024), all from The MIT Press. His edited book ***Urban Informatics*** (Springer 2021) reflects his focus on the applications of digital and geospatial technologies to urban planning. He also co-authored ***A Digital Future for Planning***, <https://digital4planning.com>, the Report on Digital Taskforce for Planning (2022). He is one of the most highly cited urban planners (Google H=120).

He was awarded the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2004, the Lauréat Prix International de Géographie Vautrin Lud ('Nobel de Géographie') in 2013, the Gold Medal of the Royal Geographical Society in 2015, and the Gold Medal of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 2016. He has honorary doctorate degrees from SUNY-Buffalo, the University of Leicester, the Baptist University of Hong Kong, and the City University of Macau. In 2022 was elected as a Fellow of the Geographical Society of China and as a foreign Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2023. He has had extensive experience of geospatial technologies from his directorships of the NSF NCGIA and then the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis at UCL. He was a member of the Computer Board, the ESRC and EPSRC Research Boards, Chair of the ESRC-JISC Census Advisory Committee (2001-2011), a member of the Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information (APPSI Ministry of Justice 2003-2010), a Fellow of the Alan Turing Institute (2019-2024), and a member of the STFC DAFNI Strategy Board.



Designing Future Cities Using Artificial Intelligence

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9789811589829>

### Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum I

#### **Cities of the Future in an Artificially Intelligent World**

Cities are very largely the product of our own creative efforts at organising production and consumption in ways that are designed to accelerate our collective prosperity. From classical times if not before, cities have been largely physical in conception providing frameworks for allocating resources to different human activities but until the industrial revolution which began in western Europe in about 1740, most human activity involved manual construction whose automation was primitive compared to what has happened since (Batty, 2024)<sup>1</sup>. Mechanical technologies first appeared leading to new forms of mobility based on conventional energies, but these were quickly supplemented by electrical then digital increasingly based on communicating information and data across a massive proliferation of network cultures (Meier, 1962)<sup>2</sup>. The urban world is rapidly becoming virtual as physical communications merge with digital, and as human activities are no longer generated in traditional mechanistic ways. Here we will sketch out how we see this future by painting a picture of how we will communicate in the future using various forms of AI and how cities will become ever more automated, if not in physical terms, in terms of the software used to supplement and complement urban life.

M. Batty (2024)<sup>1</sup> *The Computable City*, The MIT Press, Cambridge MA; R. Meier (1962)<sup>2</sup> *A Communications Theory of Urban Growth*, The MIT Press, Cambridge MA.



**Prof. Cecilia Wong**

**Professor of Spatial Planning, Co-Director of Policy@Manchester, Director of Spatial Policy & Analysis Lab and Research Director of Planning, Property and Environmental Management Department at The University of Manchester**

Cecilia is Professor of Spatial Planning, Co-Director of Policy@Manchester, Director of Spatial Policy & Analysis Lab and Research Director of Planning, Property and Environmental Management Department at the University of Manchester. She is a Fellow of the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Academy of Social Sciences. Cecilia has recently taken up the role as the Chair of the UK2070 Commission to promote regional and spatial equality across the UK and a Member of the UK Economic and Social Research Council. Her research expertise includes strategic planning, spatial policy monitoring and analysis, urban and regional development, and housing and infrastructure planning. She has recently completed a five-year consortium project on 'Tackling root causes upstream of unhealthy urban development' funded by the UK Prevention Research Partnership.

### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum I**

#### **Challenges of spatial planning in uncertain times**

The presentation will reflect on the recent whirlwind of planning and infrastructure reforms and the renewal of interest in some old planning ideas of building new towns and having strategic planning in Britain. These radical reforms are proposed at a time of uncertainties when the UK has been undergoing major economic pressure and the impacts brought by global political events. This then raises some interesting questions over how academics should frame their research questions and adopt different methodological approaches to understand the dynamic and fluid changes to our people and places. By drawing out the emerging trends and observations in the British context, the presentation aims to share some ideas and compare them with the directions of travel of Chinese urban planning research.



**Prof. David Wilson**

**Professor of Geography, Department of Geography,  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA**

David Wilson is Professor of Geography, Urban Planning and the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA. His recent work on cities of the global north and global south has examined new forms of governance and their impacts on cities, the relations between urban politics and the growth of slums and ghettos, and new modes of urban redevelopment. His most recent books are *Toward a Dracula Urbanism: Smart Cities and Urban Change in the Twenty-First Century* (with Elvin Wyly, London, Routledge) 2025, in press; *Chicago's New Racial Redevelopment Machine and South Side Blues Clubs* (New York: Palgrave-MacMillan) 2018; and *The Handbook on Spaces of Urban Politics* (with K. Ward, A. Jonas, and B. Miller, London, Routledge) 2018.

### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum I**

#### **Dracula Urbanism and Chinese City Change: A Prognosis**

Chinese cities, from Shanghai to Beijing to Wuhan to Chengdu, currently find themselves in an emergent reality of fast capitalist processes, exploding growth, growing private sector political influence, smart city ascendancy, and rising public-private partnerships. These always developing cities, not surprisingly, experience the likes of growing gulfs between rich and poor, accelerating residential dislocation of the politically vulnerable, and increased investment in downtowns to the exclusion of other city parts. This paper examines the relevance of the recent Dracula urbanism hypothesis for understanding the ongoing development of Chinese cities. Initially, four central tenets of Dracula urbanism are outlined: social exclusions and social-kick-offs of the poor accelerate, development governance is increasingly parasitic in forging alliances to facilitate development, decline emerges as a key resource to drive development, and development operations are increasingly planetary in reach and constitution. Then, the relevance of these points for understanding current Chinese urbanism is explored. The results suggest that numerous Chinese cities can be seen to be following a Dracula-esque pattern of development. This seeming development paradigm has relevance especially for large, global-reaching and global-aspiring cities in China. Also shown: Dracula urbanism, applying a monster metaphor to comprehend the specifics of urban processes, is a complicated epistemological template that imposes key silences and omissions as well as illuminates key insights about current city development in China. Of particular concern here: such “monstrous” abstractions can foster a kind of suppression, imposing the wholes of monster “units” which cast away nuances, complexities, and important heterogeneities. All in all, I conclude, more conceptual and empirical work needs to be done to forge definitive conclusions about Dracula urbanism’s applicability to Chinese urbanisation.



**Prof. Max D. Woodworth**

**Associate Professor, Research Associate  
Mershon Center for International Security  
Studies, Department of Geography, The Ohio  
State University**

Max D. Woodworth is a geographer who works at the intersections of city development, cultural studies, energy, and geopolitics. His research, to date, has focused on the politics of city-making projects in China, energy boomtowns around the world, and master-planned new cities. He is currently researching Cold War military enclaves in Taiwan and U.S. President Trump's still-forming plans to construct chartered "Freedom Cities."

#### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum I**

##### **Who Speaks for China Urban Studies?**

Global urban studies has been roiled by a lively debate over urban theory and its connections to cities in the Global North and Global South. At stake are questions of epistemology, method, inclusion, and representation. But, more important, ongoing debates about urban theory are about power–power in knowledge production, power in the channels of knowledge exchange, power in the locations of research funding and institutional support, power in the deep legacies of uneven political relations that spill into scholarly realms. Recent debates in TPUR have helped to raise these issues in relation to China urban studies. These propose a set of methodological propositions aimed at “building theory in and through urban China.” We are hearing about comparative urbanism, theory from the South, a worlding of cities, and a decolonisation of knowledge. What are the prospects for these dynamics in China urban studies? Where would changes in the field take us? How can the field be imagined differently? In this paper, I frame a review of the field’s knowledge-production trajectory by centering the problem of power in its new and old guises.



**Prof. Shenjing He**

**Lady Edith Kotewall Professor in the Built Environment, Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong**

Shenjing He is Lady Edith Kotewall Professor in the Built Environment, Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, and Founding Director of the Social Infrastructure for Equity and Well-being (SIEW Lab) at the University of Hong Kong. She has published widely on topics of urban redevelopment/ gentrification, urban and regional governance, urban-rural interface, housing and well-being, and healthy cities. Since 2023, she has served as Co-Editor-in-Chief for *Area Development and Policy*, and from 2012 to 2024 as an editor for *Urban Studies*. At SIEW Lab, she leads multiple research projects on urban and regional governance in the Greater Bay Area, education-featured gated communities, multi-dimensional housing inequalities in megacities, rural revitalization and conservation in Hong Kong.

### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum II**

#### **Towards co-governance? Emergent norms and forms of neighbourhood governance in urban China**

Portrayed as the ‘last mile’ and ‘basic unit’ of social governance in Chinese official discourses, the neighbourhood has recently gained unprecedented importance in Chinese cities. Active neighbourhood participation and multi-actor collaboration, known as ‘neighbourhood co-governance’, become the new norm in both discourse and practice. In the past decade, three major forms of neighbourhood co-governance have emerged: state-led co-creation, professional-led place-making, and enterprise-party co-development, led by the local state, societal actors, and market actors respectively. Not only the leading actors in each type of co-governance matter, but also the configuration of the governing structure, i.e., the roles of key stakeholders and their power relations, is essential to understanding the variegated forms of neighbourhood co-governance. This research brings together multiple theoretical lenses, namely the state project of crisis management, state infrastructural power, and state entrepreneurialism, to scrutinize the emerging norms and forms of neighbourhood governance. The rise of neighbourhood co-governance in Chinese cities can be conceptualized as an enactment of a distinctive entrepreneurial state project that serves the purpose of crisis management through consolidating state infrastructure power, delivering governance goals, and practicing entrepreneurial governance at the neighbourhood level.



**Prof. Hyun Bang Shin**

**Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Head of the Department of Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science.**

Hyun Bang Shin is Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Head of the Department of

Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in the UK, Professor Shin has contributed to reshaping the understanding of contemporary urban transformation, emphasising the socio-political dynamics of cities in rapidly developing regions, particularly in East and Southeast Asia. From 2018 to 2023, he served as Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre at LSE, fostering interdisciplinary research on Asia. He was the Editor of the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research from 2021 to 2024 and a trustee of the Urban Studies Foundation from 2016 to 2023, contributing to global urban scholarship and mentorship. Since 2009, he has co-organised The Urban Salon, a London-based forum for architecture, cities, and international urbanism.

### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum II**

#### **Entrepreneurial Neo-managerialism: Revisiting Urban Governance in China**

Recently, China's central government initiated a series of social policies to alleviate social disparities, providing opportunities to revisit state entrepreneurialism, which is known to have long prevailed in China's urban governance since the economic reform. The talk asserts the importance of considering state entrepreneurialism in relation to the state's managerial pursuit. That is, an actually existing mode of urban governance may be characterised by the shifting dynamics between a managerial and entrepreneurial endeavour of the local state. In the context of a shrinking discretionary space under the power recentralisation of the central state that strives to avoid its legitimacy crisis, the local state, while still under the influence of its entrepreneurial logic of land-based accumulation, enhances its managerial role to respond to the top-down demands of social redistribution from the central state, devising a sophisticated redistributive mechanism of resource allocation.



**Prof. Jiang Xu**

***Professor and Head, Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong***

Jiang Xu serves as the Chair and Professor in the Department of Geography and Resource Management at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Previously, she worked as a practitioner in an international consulting firm, gaining valuable experience in both China and

Canada. Driven by a desire for a more intellectually stimulating career, she transitioned back to academia. Her primary research interests lie in critical urban and regional studies, particularly focusing on China's inland region and the Greater Bay Area. Recognized for her contributions, she has received numerous research awards and has widely published in leading international journals. In her recent works, Jiang Xu integrates the political economy tradition with a post-structuralist approach, offering a unique perspective on how emerging industries such as big data have influenced China's urban and regional transformation.

### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum II**

#### **Reconceptualizing Land Development in China: A Strategic Discursive-Material Nexus Approach**

China's land development is often perceived as a state-led model. This paper aims to deepen this understanding by examining it through the lens of a strategic discursive-material nexus, which integrates both the material processes of land development and the discursive processes of justification that highlight the diverse utilizations of land. We develop two key arguments by cross-fertilizing the economic sociology of land and cultural political economy. Firstly, the state strategically adjusts local land use and regimes to meet evolving geopolitical and political-economic imperatives. Secondly, due to the multiple affordances of land, various competing imaginations and interests have emerged, potentially hindering land (regime) change. Consequently, the state selectively represents land from a range of epistemological claims to justify institutional transformations and (re)development. These arguments are substantiated through an analysis of a big data economy-themed land development in China's Big Data Valley in Guizhou, the first national big data pilot zone.



**Prof. Fulong Wu**

**Bartlett Professor of Planning, The Bartlett School of Planning, University College London**

Professor Fulong Wu is a distinguished scholar in urban studies, currently serving as the Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London. Before joining UCL in 2011, he held academic positions at the University of Southampton and Cardiff University.

Professor Wu's research focuses on urban development in China, addressing social and sustainability challenges. His notable publications include *Planning for Growth: Urban and Regional Planning in China* (2015), *Creating Chinese Urbanism: Urban Revolution and Governance Changes* (2022), and *Governing Urban Development in China: Critical Urban Studies* (2025), co-authored with Professor Fangzhu Zhang.

In 2013, he was awarded the Outstanding International Impact Prize by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). He was also featured in Clarivate's 1% Highly Cited Researchers List in social science in 2023 and 2024 and Stanford University's top 2% Scientists list (2020-24), highlighting his influential research.

He has secured £4.9 million in funding as Principal Investigator across 32 research projects to date. He currently leads an ERC Advanced Grant project, Rethinking China's Model of Urban Governance, reflecting his ongoing commitment to advancing scholarship on urbanisation and governance in China.

### **Abstract for The TPUR Plenary Forum II**

#### **From entrepreneurial to managerial statecraft: New trends of urban governance transformation in post-pandemic China**

The global financial crisis started a new context of late capitalism and austerity urbanism. Instead of a unidirectional governance transformation towards entrepreneurialism, rising finance and financialisation, pervasive state roles in

state capitalism and post-growth municipal radicalism are competing trends. Previously, China witnessed private entrepreneurship, economic devolution, and housing commodification at the turn of the millennium. They have been portrayed as urban or state entrepreneurialism. These governance features were transformed as China entered Xi Jinping's new era. This paper revisits the transformations in post-pandemic China and finds that rising state capital, re-centralisation of spatial governance and party-state co-governance represent the shift from entrepreneurial to managerial statecraft. The new trends broadly echo changing capital-state-society relationships in the world today. Beyond market rationality, the state mobilises capital and society to pursue strategic intentionality. The transformation has been exacerbated by pandemic urgency, post-pandemic economic downturn and greater geopolitical tension.

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Chris Hamnett is Emeritus professor of geography at King's College London. He has held numerous visiting positions including the University of British Columbia, George Washington University Australian National University, Sciences Po, Paris; Nuffield College Oxford and Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies, USTC Chengdu. He is currently visiting professor at Renmin UC, Beijing.

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He has authored or co-authored books including Cities, Housing and Profits (1989), Shrinking the State: the political underpinnings of privatization (1998), Winners and Losers: home ownership in modern Britain (1999), Unequal City: London in the global arena (2003) and with Tim Butler Ethnicity, Class and Aspiration: remaking London's New East End (2011). His latest book is 'Gentrification: An advanced introduction' (2021) Edward Elgar.



**Prof. Zhigang Li**

**Professor, Dean of the School of Urban Design, Wuhan University**

Zhigang Li is a professor of urban studies and planning at the School of Urban Design at Wuhan University, China. He is a fellow of Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS). He works on China's urban transformation, focusing on topics such as neighborhoods, migration, and planning. His recent work concentrates on urban redevelopment, resilient cities, and related governance issues for megacities such as Wuhan, Guangzhou, and Shanghai.



**Prof. Fangzhu Zhang**

**Professor of China Planning, The Bartlett  
School of Planning, University College London**

Fangzhu Zhang is a professor of China planning and a joint coordinator for the China Planning Research Group at the Bartlett School of Planning, University College London (UCL), UK. Her main research interests focus on innovation and governance; environmental planning and eco-city development; urban financialisation; and urban village redevelopment and migrant integration in China. She has published articles extensively in leading international journals and is a guest editor for special issues of several journals such as *Town Planning Review* (2008); *Urban Studies* (2020); *Land Use Policy* (2021); *TPUR* (2023,2024). She is also co-editor of the book “*Handbook on China’s Urban Environmental Governance*” (Edward Elgar, 2023) and co-author of the book “*Governing Urban Development in China: Critical Urban Studies*” (Routledge, 2025). She has been involved in several research projects funded by the British Academy, ESRC (UK) and the EU. She is the founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal entitled “*Transactions in Planning and Urban Research*” (*TPUR*). Currently, she is working on the ERC Advanced Grant research project, Rethinking China’s Urban Governance (ChinaUrban, 2020-2026).



**Prof. Yang Xiao**

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**Lecturer in Sustainable Cities, Department of Geography, King's College London**

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## KEYNOTE AND PLENARY SESSIONS (ICH Kennedy LT)

### Day One: Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**09:00** **Introduction and Welcome** (Chair: Prof. Fangzhu Zhang, UCL)  
Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh, Chair Professor, the University of Hong Kong  
Prof Mike Raco, Head of School, the Bartlett School of Planning, UCL  
Dr Michael Spence, President & Provost of UCL

**09:30** **Keynotes** (Chair: Prof. Fulong Wu, UCL)  
Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh  
*Chair Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong*  
**Smart Technology and Urban Governance**

Prof. Jamie Peck  
*University Killam Professor, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Canada*  
**Party-state capitalism on the edge**

**11:20** **Transactions of Planning and Urban Research (TPUR) Plenary Forum I: Changing Urban Studies and the Future of Urban China Research**  
(Chair: Prof. Chris Hamnett, Emeritus Professor of Kings College London)  
5 min introduction + 20 min for each speaker + 15 min Q&A at the end of the session

Prof. Michael Batty  
*Emeritus Bartlett Professor of Planning at UCL and Chair of the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA)*  
**Cities of the Future in an Artificially Intelligent World**

Prof. Cecilia Wong  
*Professor of Spatial Planning, Co-Director of Policy@Manchester, Director of Spatial Policy & Analysis Lab and Research Director of Planning, Property and Environmental Management Department at The University of Manchester*  
**Challenges of spatial planning in uncertain times**

Prof. David Wilson  
*Professor of Geography, Department of Geography, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA*  
**Dracula Urbanism and Chinese City Change: A Prognosis**

Prof. Max Woodworth  
*Associate Professor, Research Associate Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University*  
**Who Speaks for China Urban Studies?**

## Day Two: Tuesday, 8th July 2025

**16:10 TPUR Plenary Forum II: Critical Debates in China's Urban Governance**  
(Chair: Prof. Fangzhu Zhang, UCL)  
5 min introduction + 20 min for each speaker + 15 min Q&A at the end of the session

*Speakers:*

Prof. Shenjing He  
*Lady Edith Kotewall Professor in the Built Environment, Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong*  
**Towards co-governance? Emergent norms and forms of neighbourhood governance in urban China**

Prof. Hyun Bang Shin  
*Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Head of the Department of Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science*  
**Entrepreneurial Neo-managerialism: Revisiting Urban Governance in China**

Prof. Jiang Xu  
*Chair and Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong*  
**Reconceptualizing Land Development in China: A Strategic Discursive-Material Nexus Approach**

Prof. Fulong Wu  
*Bartlett Professor of Planning, UCL*  
**From entrepreneurial to managerial statecraft: New trends of urban governance transformation in post-pandemic China**

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

Each delegate has **15** minutes for presentation and **5** minutes for Q&A.  
(\* indicates the presenting author)

**Day One: Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### **Parallel Session 1: Monday 7th July 2025, 14:00-15:40**

#### **1A Transnational migrants and extra-territorial governance (Levinski room)**

Chair: Jie Shen (Fudan University)

14:00 Meiyun Meng\* (University College Cork), Adrian Favell (University College Cork)

State, Society, and Transnational Migration: Chinese Women's Changing Aspirations in a Transforming Post-Pandemic China

14:20 Teresa Irigoyen-Lopez\* (University of Oxford)

Vertical Qiaoxiang and Transborder Infrastructure: Navigating Migratory Affects from the Elevator

14:40 Weibo Mi\* (Politecnico Di Milano)

Reexamine Contextualized Disparities of Expectations in the Belt and Road Initiative: Infrastructure, Inequality and Power

15:00 Chao Yao\* (Nanyang Technological University)

Revisiting extra-territorialisation: flexible territorialising special economic zones in Cambodia

15:20 Jie Shen\* (Fudan University)

Governing International Communities amidst the Global Geopolitical Shift

#### **1B Co-production and community building (Lower ground floor Seminar room)**

Chair: Sainan Lin (Wuhan University)

14:00 Hongmei Lu\* (Utrecht University), Yanliu Lin (Utrecht University), Yuelai Liu (Tongji University)

Community garden co-production under collectivism

14:20 Colleen Chiu-Shee\* (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Yulin Chen (Tsinghua University)

Empowering Community Voices: Facilitating Ecological Urban Renewal in a Changing China

14:40 Ying Wang\* (University of Sheffield), Fulong Wu (UCL)  
 Towards co-produced entrepreneurial urbanism? The rise of community entrepreneurs and their place-making experiments in Shanghai

15:00 Sainan Lin\* (Wuhan University)  
 Urban Entrepreneurialism and Co-production in a Relocated Neighborhood: A Case of Jianghanli Community in Wuhan, China

15:20 Dan Liu\* (Utrecht University), Femke van Noorloos (Utrecht University), Ajay Bailey (Utrecht University), Maggi Leung (University of Amsterdam)  
 Everyday Resistance to Gentrification: Dynamic repertoires in Beijing's historical neighbourhoods

**1C Rural governance (Leolin Price LT)**

Chair: Junxi Qian (The University of Hong Kong)

14:00 Dongjin Zhou\*, Yu Chen, Jiarong Xu (Shenzhen University)  
 Spatiotemporal Characteristics and Impact Mechanisms of China's Rural Cultural Industries: An Explainable Machine Learning Approach

14:20 Shengxi Xin\* (Tongji University; Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning & Design Institute)  
 Conceptualizing China's Rural Revitalization: Neo-exogenous Development and State Entrepreneurism

14:40 Shize Zhang\* (University of Bristol)  
 Learning from a Chinese Village: Rurality, Agency and Planetary Thinking

15:00 Yiyong Chen\* (Shenzhen University)  
 Evaluation of Rural Comprehensive Development Level and Obstacle Factors in Various Countries around the World

15:20 Ruotong Tang\* (The University of Manchester)  
 Building Community Well-Being in Relocated Ethnic Villages in the Southwest Region of China: The Case of Lushi

**1D Urban and land development I (PUW Seminar room 3)**

Chair: Roger C.K. Chan (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

14:00 Xiaoxia Zhang\*, Reinout Kleinhans, Lei Qu  
(Delft University of Technology)  
Rethinking China's Post-Reform Urban Governance: An Assemblage Approach to State Entrepreneurialism

14:20 Yunpeng Zhang\* (University College Dublin)  
Techniques of Time in Urban-Centric Development in China

14:40 Roger C.K. Chan\* (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)  
Land Development in Yong Qing Fang, Guangzhou, China

15:00 David Shaw<sup>12</sup>, Hongyang Wang<sup>1</sup>, Xiaolong Luo<sup>1</sup>, Jingxiang Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Yang Zhou<sup>1</sup> (1 - Nanjing University; 2 – University of Liverpool)  
Where have all the planners gone? Revisiting the role of planning in the light of Chinese modernisation and the slowing down of urbanisation

15:20 Sumu Lin\* (UCL)  
Exploring model of urban development in China on the perspective of financing, taking Jiangbei New Area, Nanjing

## **1E Urban regeneration I (PUW Seminar room 2)**

Chair: Eric Heikkila (University of Southern California)

14:00 Xueying Chen\* (Zhejiang University of Technology)  
Beyond global-local interactions: the evolving urban regeneration policy in Zhejiang, China

14:20 Yifan Li (Peking University), Simon (Fengyuan) Han\* (University of Cambridge), Yihao Wu (Harvard University)  
Unplanned Spaces, Planned Policies? How Bottom-Up and Top-Down Regenerations Interpret Social Infrastructure in Chinese and British Policy Context

14:40 Hangjun Hu\* (Nanjing University)  
From State-led to Collective Action: A Case Study of the Transformation of Urban Regeneration Governance in Qinhuai, Nanjing

15:00 Zhe Gao\*, Wenjie Liu  
(Central China Normal University)  
The process, mechanism and gentrification effects of self-renewal of ecologically restricted urban villages in China——Taking Wuhan East Lake and its surrounding villages as an example

15:20 Siyuan Cao\* (Chongqing University)

Analysis and Implications of Urban Renewal Coordination Game Based on Multi-stakeholder Perspective: An example of Wanlong Small Commodity Wholesale Market, Chongqing

**1F City-regional governance I (June Lloyd room)**

Chair: Wen Chen (Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology)

14:00 Linlin Dai (Peking University), Jie Luo\* (Peking University)

Spatial Governance of Land Allocation and Industrial Coordination in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Border Areas

14:20 Wen Chen\* (Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology)

The centripetal and centrifugal dynamic mechanism of the convergence and dispersion of multi-city cluster cooperation: A case study of the Jiangyin-Zhangjiagang-Jingjiang (CZJ) cluster in Jiangsu province

14:40 Outi Luova\* (University of Turku)

Local Conditions” in the Chengdu-Chongqing Twin City Region Under the Concept of “New Quality Productive Forces According to Local Conditions

15:00 Yongshen Liu\* (Sun Yat-sen University), Shenjing He (The University of Hong Kong)

From the Pearl River Delta to the Greater Bay Area: State entrepreneurialism in China’s city-region governance

15:20 Dongxin Lian\* (South China University of Technology; Loughborough University)

Spatial Policy-Driven or Trapped: Development Dilemma of Nansha Cross-boundary cooperation zone under decentralization

**1G Travel and transportation (Kennedy LT)**

Chair: Mengqiu Cao (UCL)

14:00 Jingrong Zhu\* (Northeast Forestry University), Lu Di (China International Engineering Consulting Corporation), Jie Liu (Northeast Forestry University)

Research on Spatial Equity of Public Transportation Service and Its Influencing Factors: A Case Study of the Pearl River Delta

14:20 Ping Huang\* (Peking University)

The Effects of Transitioning to Affordable Housing on Residents' Activity-Travel Behavior in Shenzhen, China

14:40 Weiye Xiao\* (Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology)  
Two-month Lockdown and Mobility in Shanghai: Lockdown and Reopening Policy, Destination Accessibility, and Social Disparity

15:00 Milan Deng\* (Chongqing University of Science and Technology)  
Research on the Effects and Mechanisms of Digital Intelligence Technologies on Enhancing Disaster Resilience in Urban Road Systems

15:20 Yingbo Ma\* (Chongqing University)  
Research on the Optimization of Urban Pedestrian Networks Based on the Ant Colony Algorithm

**Parallel Session 2: Monday 7th July 2025, 16:10-17:50**

**2A Migrants, neighbourhoods, and well-being I (Levinski room)**  
Chair: David Shaw (Nanjing University; University of Liverpool)

16:10 Li Tao\*, Xingying Xie, Caiwei Wu  
(Shanghai University)  
Housing Pathways of Migrant Workers in Shanghai: A Multi-Dimension Perspective

16:30 Siyao Liu\* (Minzu University of China), Jie Shen (Fudan University), Manqi Wang (UCL), Ziyu Zhan (Minzu University of China), Fulong Wu (UCL)  
From Development to Governance of a Cross-Border Migrant Enclave: State Entrepreneurialism in the Transformation of Yanjiao Town

16:50 Meiling Wu\* (Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Xing Gao (Beijing Institute of Technology)  
Seasonal Residents: A Neglected Group of Floating Populations in Urban Villages and Their Impacts from a Relational Perspective

17:10 Xinyao Song<sup>\*12</sup>, Enrica Papa<sup>2</sup>, Yang Fang<sup>2</sup>, Mengqiu Cao<sup>1</sup>  
1 - UCL; 2 - University of Westminster  
Retired Migrant Older Adults' Preferences for Urban Greenway Design – A Case Study of Sanya

17:30 Rong Cai\* (Sun Yat-sen University)  
Resettlement beyond displacement: The governance of commodity-resettlements mixed communities

**2B Special Issue session: Gentrification (TPUR) (Lower ground floor Seminar room)**

Chair: Yang Xiao (Tongji University)

16:10 Cheng Liu\* (China University of Geosciences; State Key Laboratory of Resources and Environmental Information System)  
The Influence of Chinese governments on the evolution of urban regeneration

16:30 Qing Liu\*, Fangyuan Zhong, Mengbing Du, Zhigang Li (Wuhan University)  
Urban Renewal Pilot Policy and Local Governments' Prioritization of Conflicting Goals

16:50 Ling Li\*, Shujin Yu, Jianming Liang (Peking University)  
Measuring mass displacement of urban renewal: Evidence from Shenzhen

17:10 Zheng Wang\* (King's College London)  
Bargaining state-society relationships under state entrepreneurialism: community engagement beyond the resettlement process in Shanghai

17:30 Yang Xiao\* (Tongji University)  
The more parks the less equitable? Insights from a Longitudinal study on Shanghai (2000-2020)

**2C Urban regeneration II (Leolin Price LT)**

Chair: Maurizio Marinelli (UCL)

16:10 Jingyi Qin\* (UCL)  
Youth-led Urban Regeneration in Shanghai, China: Producing Consumption Spaces in the Digital Age

16:30 Yi Kuang\* (The University of Hong Kong)  
Digital Platforms and Grassroots Movements: Transforming Urban Governance Through Shequyingzao

16:50 Maurizio Marinelli\* (UCL)  
Governance of Urban Land Redevelopment in Hong Kong: The Role of Community Engagement in Socio-spatial Reconfiguration

17:10 Jiemei Luo\* (Harbin Institute of Technology)

Social organization as branding engine: Governing neighbourhood aesthetics under state entrepreneurialism in China

17:30 Ying Liu\* (Sciences Po)

Community as A Way of Economic, Political and Cultural Governance in Urban Regeneration: The Chengdu Model

**2D Urban and land development II (PUW Seminar room 3)**

Chair: Jingxiang Zhang (Nanjing University)

16:10 Xuefeng Wang\* (Xi'an Jiaotong – Liverpool University), Lei Sun (Natural Resources and Planning Bureau, Gusu District, Suzhou), Yiwen Wang (Xi'an Jiaotong – Liverpool University)

From pro-growth coalition to post-state entrepreneurialism and back? The new trend of urban (re)development in China

16:30 Jingxiang Zhang\* (Nanjing University)

How to Understand and Respond to Urban Shrinkage in China

16:50 Kai Zhou\* (Hunan University)

The Governance of Urban Shrinkage in China: Theoretical Models, International Comparisons and Key Planning Issues

17:10 Yi Feng\* (Nanjing University), Fulong Wu (UCL), Fangzhu Zhang (UCL)

State wrestling with entrepreneurialism: The failure of entrepreneurial governance in a small Chinese city

17:30 Yue Che\* (University of Leeds)

Exploring Entrepreneurial Governance in a Small Industrial City: Urban Renewal in a State-owned Enterprise Community

**2E Environmental governance (PUW Seminar room 2)**

Chair: Calvin King Lam Chung (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

16:10 Yuchen Yang\* (UCL), Will McDowall (UCL), Fangzhu Zhang (UCL)

China's environmental governance transition: a new paradigm for waste management

16:30 Calvin King Lam Chung\* (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Locating spaces of change: A spatialised sociotechnical analysis of Shenzhen's waste management transition

16:50 Zheng Liu<sup>\*12</sup>, Qianru Li<sup>1</sup>, Yinjian Li<sup>1</sup>  
 1- South China University of Technology; 2 - State Key Laboratory of Subtropical Building and Urban Science  
 The Emerging E-governance of Environmental NGOs in China

17:10 Xiaomeng Zhou\* (Utrecht University)  
 Institutional design for collaborative governance in urban regeneration and water governance in China

17:30 Kun Tian<sup>\*1</sup>, Morten Holm<sup>12</sup>, Junxiang He<sup>1</sup>  
 1 - Archiland (Tianjin) Architectural Design Co.Ltd; 2 - FunFarmFam eco-farmland  
 Rethinking Urban Fringe Development: A Doughnut Economics Approach in Tianjin's Outer Ring Area

**2F City-regional governance II (June Lloyd room)**

Chair: David R. Meyer (Washington University in St. Louis; Brown University)

16:10 Siyi Huang\* (University of Cambridge)  
 Regionalisation of the Greater Bay Area, construction of spatial imagery and its influence on youth's experiences in the job market

16:30 Kevin Wang\* (University of Oxford)  
 Governing an Urban Future, 'Attracting' citizens to a new city: the case of Xiong'an

16:50 Chuyang Lin\*, Shuying Chen, Qianli Ma, Yibo Zhang, Runnan Wu, Dongming Li  
 (Guangzhou Urban Planning & Design Survey Research Institute)  
 Cognitive Renewal and Planning Strategies for New Town Construction—Reflections Based on the Planning Practice of Nansha

17:10 David R. Meyer\* (Washington University in St. Louis; Brown University)  
 Governance of Hong Kong after the National Security Law

17:30 Yizhao Du<sup>\*12</sup>, Rodrigo V Cardoso<sup>1</sup>, Roberto Rocco<sup>1</sup>  
 1 - Delft University of Technology; 2 - University of Cambridge  
 Surviving mega-regionalization: spatialization pathways and practical obstacles of Chinese secondary city towards regional integration

**2G Computational urban studies (Kennedy LT)**

Chair: Donggen Wang (Hong Kong Baptist University)

16:10 Yihang Bai (University of Leeds), Ruoyu Wang (University of Essex), Linchuan Yang (Southwest Jiaotong University), Yantao Ling (Chongqing University of Technology), Mengqiu Cao\* (UCL)

The Influence of Visible Green Spaces on University Students' Mental Well-Being: Using Deep Learning and Multilevel Linear Approaches

16:30 Yiming Wang\* (UCL), Wenbin Zhang (University of Southampton), Weixuan Fang (University of Bristol)

Improving jobs-housing balance by assessing local commuting behaviour: the case of Yangzhong, China

16:50 Yifu Ou (Hong Kong Baptist University), Yuan Liang (Hong Kong Baptist University), Donggen Wang\* (Hong Kong Baptist University)

Invisible Barriers: Uncovering Air Pollution Impacts on Urban Mobility in China

17:10 Eric Heikkila\* (University of Southern California), Ling ZHU (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Ying XU (Hunan University), Xuanlong QIN (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Runhui TIAN (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Using natural language processing models to analyze the five-year plans of Chinese cities

## Day Two: Tuesday, 8th July 2025

### **Parallel Session 3: Tuesday 8th July 2025, 09:00-10:40**

#### **3A Migrants, neighbourhoods, and well-being II (Leolin Price LT)**

Chair: Zheng Wang (King's College London)

09:00 Katia Attuyer\* (University of Birmingham), Jing Lu (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid)

Ageing in a gentrifying neighbourhood: Lived experience of older adults in Suzhou Historical District, China

09:20 Xiang Yan\* (Sichuan University), Shenjing He (The University of Hong Kong)

Infrastructuring healthcare accessibility: Complexities, power dynamics, and governance challenges in HK Residents' cross-border healthcare utilization in the Greater Bay Area, China

09:40 Jiewen Li\* (University of Liverpool)

Planning for Child-Friendly Cities in China: Framework and Policy Evaluation

10:00 Mengran Xu\* (King's College London)

The role of neighbourhood in the development of migrant's intergroup relations in China

10:20 Siyuan Liang\*, Shijia Lv, Shuwen Lin, Xi Wang (Zhengzhou University)

Evaluation and Analysis of Urban Livability Based on the Concept of People's City: A Case Study of Henan Province

#### **3B Collaboration and participatory planning (PUW Seminar room 3)**

Chair: Yanliu Lin (Utrecht University)

09:00 Gaoli Xiao\*, Laura Henneke, Lukas Pappert (Technische Universität Berlin)

Visioning Urban-Rural Futures: Audio-Visual Tools for Participatory Planning in the Chinese Context

09:20 Yanliu Lin\* (Utrecht University)

Conceptualizing Collaborative Planning in China

09:40 Manqi Wang\* (University College London)

Participatory planning in China: A case study of inner-city neighbourhoods in Guangzhou

10:00 Yirui Xie\* (Chongqing University)

Research on the Collaborative Development Strategy of Urban Villages and Public Housing in the Stock Era: A Case Study of Shuiwei Village, Shenzhen

10:20 Yuhong Wang\*, Antoine Vernet, Tse-Hui Teh, Irene Pluchinotta, Nici Zimmermann (UCL)

Navigating collaboration dynamics in urban China: addressing stakeholder challenges in greenspace regeneration

**3C Urban regeneration III (PUW Seminar room 1)**

Chair: Yiming Wang (UCL)

09:00 Youhua Chen\*, Sara Gonzalez, Asa Roast (University of Leeds)

One vision, many interpretations: intra-state policy interpretation in the West Bund Urban Regeneration Project, Shanghai

09:20 Yuxi Xiong\* (University of Cambridge)

People's City Built by Whom? Understanding the Municipal Level of Statecraft in China's Urban Regeneration

09:40 Hubin Wei\* (University of Bristol; Chinese Academy of Sciences)

Governance Gaps and Spatio-Temporal Change: Land Use Transition in Informal Settlements of Beijing, 2016–2025

10:00 Lin Wang\*, Yanhan Chen (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Organic Growth of Urban Regeneration and Preservation: Rethinking Shanghai Practice

10:20 Xinrui Gao\*, Sun Sheng Han (The University of Melbourne)

What rights and whose rights count? Grassroots activism in urban redevelopment in Shenzhen

**3D Financing urban development (Levinski room)**

Chair: Zhen Ye (Peter) (UCL)

09:00 Yi Sun\* (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)  
 Financialization as a Leverage to State Entrepreneurialism: A Case Study of China's Pilot Development Zone Qianhai (Shenzhen) and Its First Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

09:20 Bo Li\* (Freie Universität Berlin), Manuel B. Aalbers (KU Leuven), Jie Chen (Shanghai Jiao Tong University), Sebastian Kohl (Freie Universität Berlin)  
 Managing Overaccumulation: China's New Affordable Rental Housing Program and Its Financialization through REITs

09:40 Zhen Ye (Peter)\* (UCL), Haojun Xu (UCL)  
 The Financialization of China's Infrastructure Through REITs: Does Institutional Capital Matter?

10:00 Weikai Wang\* (University of Liverpool)  
 How Chinese states manoeuvre infrastructure privatisation? The political economy of public-private partnership in governing Hangzhou-Shaoxing-Taizhou Intercity Railway

10:20 Tianzi Li\* (King's College London)  
 Suspended Skylines: From Speculative Growth to Crisis Governance in Unfinished Housing Projects

**3E Urban ecological spaces (June Lloyd room)**

Chair: Michela Bonato (Ca' Foscari University)

09:00 Lin Yuan\* (Tsinghua University)  
 Living Space for Wildness in Metropolitan Regions in China: Trends and Prospects

09:20 Ailin Xu\* (Southern University of Science and Technology), Raymond Yu Wang (University of East Anglia)  
 Urban Waterscapes in Transition: Evolving Central-Local Dynamics in Shenzhen's "Blue Belt" Project under Ecological Civilization

09:40 Michela Bonato\* (Ca' Foscari University)  
 Waterscapes and modern citizenship: Green narrative and performative diversions of Chinese ecological urban planning

10:00 Yiqiu Liu\* (ETH Zurich)  
 Green Mask Urbanization: Politics, Practices, and Pitfalls of Greening Governance in Beijing

10:20 Shizhi Zhang\*, Linda Westman  
(The University of Sheffield)  
Environmental (in)justice in ecological civilisation: a local government perspective

**3F Regional coordination and global economy (Kennedy LT)**  
Chair: Ling Li (Peking University)

09:00 Zhaojin Chen<sup>1</sup>, Fang Wang<sup>2</sup>, Ying Wang<sup>2</sup>, Huiming Zong\*<sup>1</sup>  
1 - Southwest University  
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A Diagnosis of Border Effects of an Inter-provincial Metropolitan Area Based on Passenger and Freight Flow Data and Analysis of Its Obstacle Indicators: A Case Study of Chongqing Metropolitan Area

09:20 Jiaying Xue\*, John Harrison, Michael Hoyler  
(Loughborough University)  
In what sense a polycentric urban region? Anchoring and mobility in China's Greater Bay Area innovation landscape

09:40 Fan Zhang\*, Li Li  
(Shanghai Normal University)  
The divergent roles of the Yangtze River Delta cities participating in the 'dual circulation' economy: empirical evidence based on global automobile industry network

10:00 Yujie Fan\*, Linlin Dai, Jianqun Chu  
(Peking university)  
Is Urban Development More Sustainable or Rural Development? Emission and Decoupling in Fengtai, Beijing

10:20 Peng Gao, Shu Zhang\*, Fan Zhang  
(Shanghai Normal University)  
Dynamics and its Related Factors of Global Investment Connectivity in the Yangtze River Delta City-Region

**Parallel Session 4: Tuesday 8th July 2025, 11:10-12:50**

**4A Infrastructure and everyday life: honouring C.P. Pow (1974–2021) (Leolin Price LT)**

Chair: Deljana Iossifova (University of Manchester)

11:10 Qiong He\* (University of St Andrews), Shenjing He (The University of Hong Kong)  
Infrastructuring mobility via state-led school franchising: Leveraging public educational resources to facilitate middle-class residential mobility

11:30 Jiaqian Li\* (Hong Kong Baptist University)  
The job mobility of food delivery workers in Shanghai

11:50 Mengqi Wang\* (Duke Kunshan University)  
Xiaoqu in Motion: Gated Housing Compounds and the Infrastructure of China's Urban Biopolitics

12:10 Ziqiu Ren\* (University of Manchester)  
The Politics of Incompletion: State Strategies and Food Market Infrastructure in China

12:30 Deljana Iossifova\* (University of Manchester)  
Honouring C.P. Pow (1974–2021)

**4B Lived experience of urban transition (PUW Seminar room 3)**

Chair: Zhu Qian (University of Waterloo)

11:10 Qiwei Peng\* (University of Manchester)  
Living with the Vertical Uncertainty: How the practices of commoning respond to resource and spatial reshuffling of flyover Geographies in Chongqing

11:30 Hanxi Wang\* (UCL)  
Digging Up the City: Practices of Ruralisation within the Spaces of China's Urban Expansion

11:50 Judith Audin\* (CNRS)  
Minescapes of intensification, heritagization, and ruination: Mapping out the local complexity of China's coal transition

12:10 Lauren Restrepo\* (Bryn Mawr College)

The City as Chess Eye: Assessing the Role of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps in the Production of Urban Space during Xinjiang's Totalitarian Turn

12:30 Zhu Qian\* (University of Waterloo), Chen Yang (Northwestern Polytechnical University)

Formalization, informality, and credibility in poverty-alleviation resettlement communities in Qianxi County, Guizhou Province

**4C Public spaces (PUW Seminar room 1)**

Chair: Yunpeng Zhang (University College Dublin)

11:10 Yiming Wang\* (Tongji University)

Beyond de-publicisation/publicisation: the socio-spatial impacts of public open spaces in Shanghai's for-profit shopping malls and policy implications for better governing private provision of public goods in Chinese cities

11:30 Yue Li\* (University of Amsterdam)

The Role of Spatial-Temporal Regularity and Openness in Neighbourhood Public Spaces: Understanding Residents Participation in Deliberative Politics in Urban Regeneration in Shanghai

11:50 Yanhan Chen\* (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Innovative Evaluation System and Governance Strategies for Public Space Regeneration: A Case Study of Shanghai's Central Activities Zones

12:10 Menglei Zhang\* (UCL)

Exploring the role of temporary urbanism in urban regeneration within the context of China's urban transformation: improving efficiency and quality of urban space

12:30 Ziming Li\* (Wuhan University), Xiangming Chen (Trinity College)

Stimulating and sustaining "urban flair": A comparative study of three commercial streets in Wuhan, China

**4D Housing and property (Levinski room)**

Chair: Yi Sun (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

11:10 Yihao Wu\* (Harvard University), Fengyuan Han (University of Cambridge)

Housing Markets with Informal Density: Evidence from Urban Villages in China

11:30 Ziqi Zhou\* (Hainan University)  
 The Evolution of Informal Housing in China's Urban Villages: A Case Study of Dali Village, Wuhan

11:50 Jie Chen\* (Tongji University)  
 Ambiguous property rights as the good and the bad: Evidence from Shanghai's urban regeneration

12:10 Qianyu Lu\*, Gemma Burgess (University of Cambridge)  
 The State-Market Nexus: Institutional Arrangements and Their Impact on Delivering Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) in China

12:30 Haitong Mo\* (The University of Hong Kong)  
 Marital Homeownership in China's Megacity: Decoding the (Trans-)Formation of Reflexive Habitus under the Specters of Financialization

**4E Low-carbon transition (June Lloyd room)**

Chair: Cassandra Chen Wang (Zhejiang University)

11:10 Fabienne Wallenwein\* (Kiel University)  
 Climate Adaptation-Induced Urban Transformations in Chinese Cities: Triggering "Climate Gentrification"?

11:30 Yawei Chen\* (Delft University of Technology)  
 Who should pay for the bill? Co-define responsibility for governing and financing climate risks in Chinese cities

11:50 Zihua Chen, Bingzhi Liu\*, Xiaowei Li, Xiao Li, Jiaxin Li, Zhenbo Wang (Chinese Academy of Science)  
 Disparities in Public Transport Accessibility in Rural Areas of Major Chinese Cities: The Hidden Inequities of SDG Achievement

12:10 Cassandra Chen Wang\* (Zhejiang University)  
 Urban–rural differences in residents' low-carbon behavioral drive: An empirical study based on an extended theory of planned behavior

12:30 Yuxi Wang\*, Ziyu Li, Yunyun Wang (Shanghai Normal University)  
 Oil Price Uncertainty and Corporate Greenwashing: The Moderating Roles of Market Competition, Environmental Regulation, and Media Attention

**4F Territorial governance (Kennedy LT)**

Chair: Karita Kan (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

11:10 Mingqi Zhao\*, Nannan Dong, Weixuan Wei  
(Tongji University)

Identification and Evaluation of Integrated Ecological Functions in Rural Spaces of the Shanghai Metropolitan Area

11:30 Xiumei Hu\*, Jiang Xu, Calvin King Lam Chung  
(The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

State restructuring and governance technique in China's new spatial planning: A case study of Dongguan city

11:50 Lingyun Fan\* (Suzhou University of Science and Technology), Cheng Le  
(Nanjing University)

Examining the Interests of Stakeholders in the Process of Spatial Reconfiguration of Rural Residential Spaces in Suzhou

12:10 Karita Kan\* (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

Rural futures in urban China: Territorial-spatial governance and emerging forms of agrarian urbanism

12:30 Xiaoyang Liu\*, Jian Lu, Sen Zhang, Zhigang Li  
(Wuhan University)

Multi-objective optimization of land use Based on "Ecological Cost-Economic Benefit" Analysis: A Case Study of Wuhan City, China

**Parallel Session 5: Tuesday 8th July 2025, 14:00-15:40****5A Identity and citizenship (Leolin Price LT)**

Chair: Adrian Favell (University College Cork)

14:00 Canyang Cheng\* (UCL)

MISALIGNED NARRATIVES: A Dialogue Between Formed City and Manufactured Identity

14:20 Nellie Chu\* (Duke Kunshan University)

The Shadows of Bosthood: Surveillance and Regulation in the Shenfen Economy

14:40 Joseph Hongsheng Zhao\* (University of the West of Scotland)

‘Still never a Local without a Local Hukou’: Rural-Urban Migrants’  
Perceptions on Hukou Reform in the Chinese Greater Bay Area

15:00 Zhiwei Huang\* (UCL), Cuiying Huang (Sun Yat-Sen University)  
Rethinking the Urban Citizenship of Rural Migrant Workers in China’s Pearl River Delta Region: Institutional Inertia and Ambivalence

15:20 Xinyan Chen\*, Domenico Chizzoniti, Tommaso Lolli  
(Politecnico di Milano)  
Architectural and Urban Identities: The Case of Hangzhou City

**5B Culture and heritage (PUW Seminar room 3)**

Chair: Yawei Chen (Delft University of Technology)

14:00 Zhen Li\* (Utrecht University)  
Power Dynamics Analysis of Collaborative Governance of Heritage in the Digital Era in China

14:20 Qianqian Liu\* (UCL)  
Becoming a Living Heritage Zone - the Urban Regeneration of Beijing Moshikou

14:40 Xin Jiang\* (Nanjing Agricultural University), Mingrui Wang (Tsinghua University), Yuhong Wang (UCL)  
Real or Remake Real? Authenticity Preservation and Sustainable Renewal of China’s Grand Canal Heritage Communities during Urban regeneration

15:00 Ye Liu\* (Sun Yat-sen University)  
Social ties and settlement intentions of older migrants in China: The mediating role of social participation and place attachment

15:20 Xi Zhang\* (Tianjin University of Technology)  
The Study on the Spatiotemporal Characteristics and Protection of Historical Towns along the Canal from the Perspective of Temporal and Spatial Integrity: A Case Study of the Beijing-Linqing Section of the Grand Canal

**5C Spatial transformation (PUW Seminar room 1)**

Chair: Kai Zhou (Hunan University)

14:00 Xiaolong Luo\* (Nanjing University)  
Regionalization and Changing Regional Governance in China's Yangtze River Delta Region

14:20 Lei Jiang\* (Architectural Association School of Architecture)  
Rethinking Housing Community and Its Regeneration in Contemporary China: A Case of Changzhou in Sunan Model

14:40 Wanke Liu\* (Beijing Forestry University; University of Nottingham)  
Spatial Characteristics and Resilience Mechanism of Water Network in Riverine Cities: A Case Study of Kunshan City, China

15:00 Tiancheng Ren\*, Minki Sung (Newcastle University)  
A Pioneering Approach of Shenzhen to Chinese Urbanisation During Reform and Opening Up

15:20 Alp Arda\*, Edoardo Bruno (Politecnico di Torino)  
Beijing Unfinished Metropolis: Backdoors entry points to detect the multi-scalar perspective of the upcoming Chinese urban spaces.

**5D Urban sustainability (Levinski room)**

Chair: Alana Boland (University of Toronto)

14:00 Alana Boland\* (University of Toronto)  
Governing China's Eco-Urbanism: From pilots to models?

14:20 Lingyue Li\* (Tongji University)  
Mega-event planning and sustainability challenges: A multi-layered analytical perspective

14:40 Junxi Qian\* (The University of Hong Kong)  
Experimenting with sustainable urban spaces and lifestyles in Shenzhen

15:00 Jiayi Zhu\* (Trinity College Dublin)  
Convergence and Divergence in Asian urban policy mobilities: A Case Study of the 15-Minute Life Circle Policy in Chengdu, China

15:20 Yining Liu\* (UCL), Fangzhu Zhang (UCL)  
Reshaping state-society relations in China: Community Garden Initiative in Shanghai, China

**5E Functional and industrial planning (June Lloyd room)**

Chair: Wei (Helen) Zheng (The University of Manchester)

14:00 Xixi Jiang\* (University of California, Berkeley)  
 Planning market reforms: considering China's governmentality through its electricity sector

14:20 Yuhao Wei\*, Tao Yu, Handong Wang (Nanjing University)  
 Research on Spatial Supply and Governance Mechanism of Low-Altitude Economic Industrial Development: A Case Study of Pukou Hi-Tech Zone in Nanjing, China

14:40 Junxian Piao\* (University of Cambridge; East China Normal University)  
 Conceptualising “neo-endogenous” and “neo-exogenous” knowledge spillover in district innovation system: A comparative case study between British and Chinese maker space

15:00 Lei Wang\*, Xiaoran Zhang, Hui Zou, Xuejun Duan  
 (Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences)  
 Functional development and variations of High-Speed Rail Station Areas in the Yangtze River Delta, China

15:20 Wei (Helen) Zheng\* (The University of Manchester)  
 High speed rail station area development dynamics: a ‘node-place-network-city’ framework analysis

**5F Planning and public policy (Kennedy LT)**

Chair: Hongyang Wang (Nanjing University)

14:00 Zhao Chen\* (Nanjing University)  
 Dilemma of Current Global Agenda for Planning and Its Logic Reconstruction: Reflections on the Implementation Progress of New urban Agenda

14:20 Lizhen Wei\* (Huaqiao University), Yuanyuan Huang (Chongqing University)  
 The Mechanism of Urban Renewal Policy Transfer and the Path of Effect Enhancement -- An Empirical Analysis Based on the Synthetic Control Approach

14:40 Yue Li\* (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)  
 Beyond Local State Corporatism: The Implications of Growth Coalitions on Urban Form Transformation in Residential New Development

15:00 Hongyang Wang\*, Jianxi Feng, Shan Yang, Yi Feng, Zhao Chen  
 (Nanjing University)

Bottleneck & Breakthrough of Fundamental Theory Innovation of Planning  
for Chinese Model of Modernization

15:20 Jing Zou\* (Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics; Hangzhou International Urbanology Research Center and Center For Urban Governance Studies), Qiang Kang (Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics), Liming Yao (Sheffield Hallam University), Xiaojun Deng (Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics)

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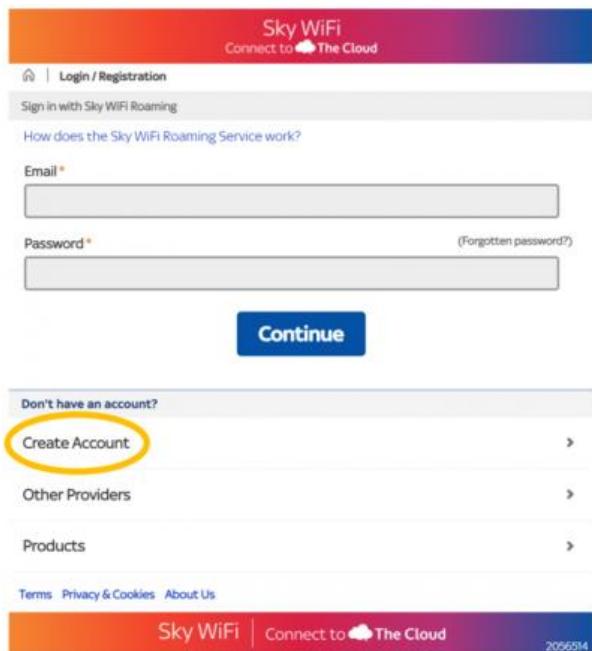
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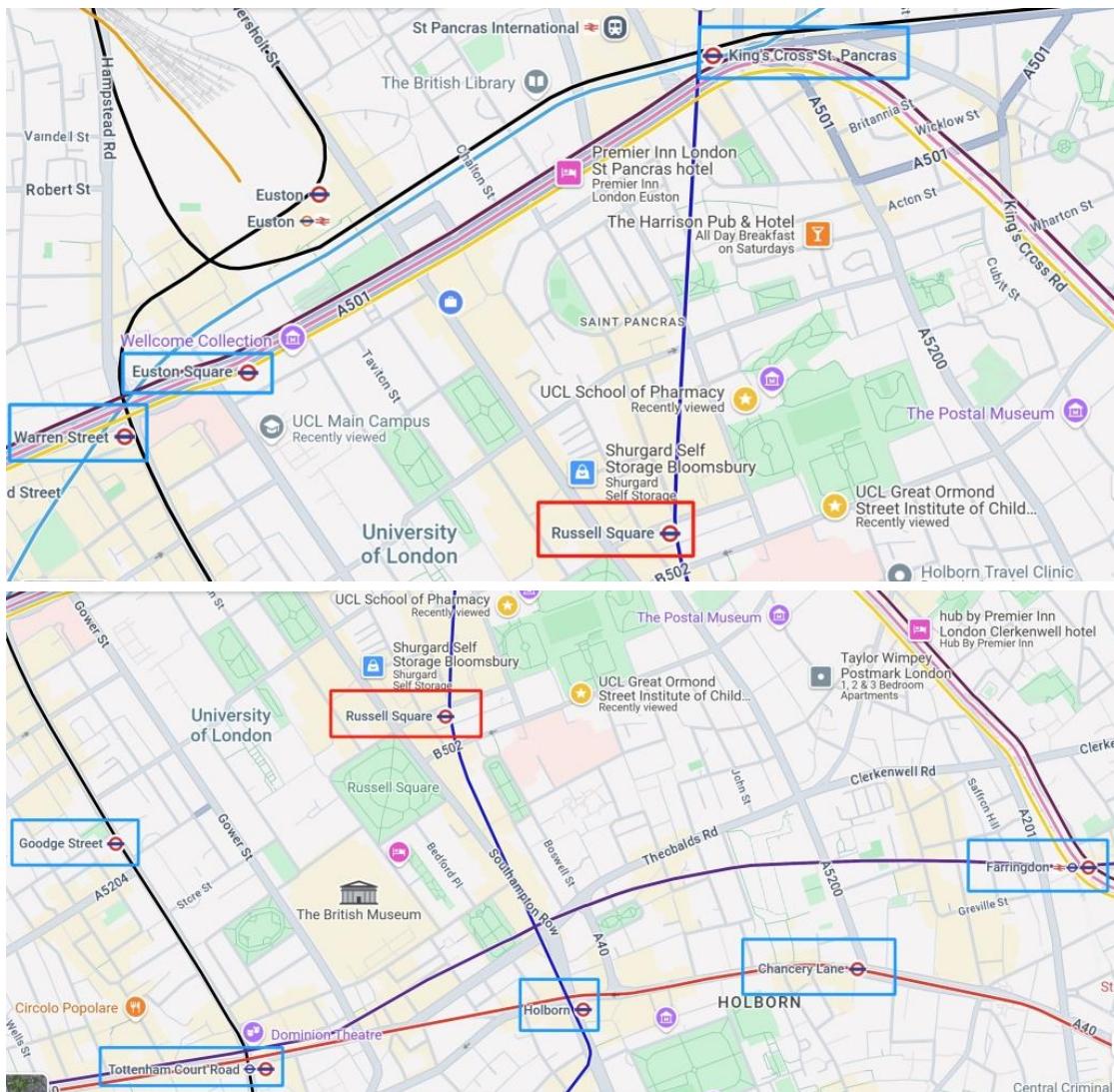
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