

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

KETNOTE SPEAKER

Deborah Davis (Yale University)

Deborah Davis is a Professor of Sociology at Yale University and a visiting faculty at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University. A graduate of Wellesley College, Davis received a Master's degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard, a Ph.D. in Sociology from Boston University and has held post-doctoral research grants from ACLS, SSRC, the National Academy of Sciences, NIA, and the Luce, Rockefeller, and Templeton Foundations. At Yale Davis has been Director of Academic Programs at the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Chair of the Council of East Asian Studies, and Co-chair of the Women Faculty Forum. In 2013, she was awarded the Yale College Lex Hixon '63 Teaching Prize for Excellence in the Social Sciences. Currently, Davis serves as a Trustee of the Yale China Association, Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Universities Service Center for Chinese Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and on the Editorial Boards of *The China Quarterly* and *The China Review*.

Professor Davis began her teaching career in 1967 as a Wellesley-Yenching fellow assigned to the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Chung Chi College 崇基學院. She returned to Hong Kong in 1975-76 to collect data for her Ph.D. thesis, working at the Universities Service Center, then located on Argyle Road. Since 1992, when she partnered with Professor Wang Shaoguang, Professor Davis has co-taught twelve summer workshops at CUHK for Yale and CUHK students. In summer 2018, she will join Professor Pierre Landry from GPA for a workshop at the USC library focused on analysis of spatial inequality.

Past publications have analyzed the politics of the Cultural Revolution, Chinese family life, social welfare policy, consumer culture, property rights, social stratification, occupational mobility, and impact of rapid urbanization and migration on health and happiness. In 2009, Stanford University Press published *Creating Wealth and Poverty in Post-Socialist China*, co-edited with Wang Feng, and in 2014, *Wives, Husbands and Lovers: Marriage and Sexuality in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Urban China*, co-edited with Sara Friedman. Currently she is completing a book entitled *His, Her and Their Marriages* that analyzes the social consequences of the one child policy and market reforms on marriage and urban kinship.

CONFERENCE COORDINATORS AND MODERATORS

Ching Kwan Lee (The University of California, Los Angeles)

Ching Kwan Lee is a Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her research interests focus on labor, political sociology, development of China and global south, and comparative ethnography. Lee is currently studying the rise of the platform economy in China as well as China's internal colonization of Hong Kong. Her monographs include: *Gender and the South China Miracle: Two Worlds of Factory Women* (1998), *Against the Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt* (2007), and *The Specter of Global China: Politics, Labor and Foreign Investment in Africa* (2017).

Kin-man Chan (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Kin-man Chan received his PhD from Yale University and is currently Associate Professor of Sociology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is the former Director of the Universities Service Centre for China Studies and the founder of the Centre for Civil Society Studies at the same university. Chan serves on the Editorial Boards of *Journal of Civil Society* (US), *China Non-Profit Review* (Beijing) and *Third Sector Review* (Taiwan). He is the co-author of *Stories and Theories of Democracy* (with Choy Chi-keung), *Contentious Views: Nine Debates that Changed Hong Kong* (with Ng Shu-yui), *One Country Two Systems* (with Tsui Sing-yan), *Trade Association and Social Capital* (with Qiu Haixiong), and the author of *Towards Civil Society and Civil Society Perspective: Towards Good Governance*. Professor Chan is active in the democracy movement in Hong Kong and was one of the major organizers of the Umbrella Movement in 2014.

SESSION 1: URBANIZATION AND MIGRATION (In speaking order)

Juan Chen (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

Dr. Juan Chen is Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She received her BA and MA (in Political Science) from Peking University, and her MSW and PhD (in Social Work and Political Science) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Her research interests center around migration and urbanization, health and mental health, and help-seeking and service use in the United States, Mainland China, and Hong Kong. Her work has appeared in *Social Service Review*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *China Quarterly*, *Habitat International*, *Cities*, among others. She has completed a number of research projects on migration dynamics and migrant integration in Mainland China, mental health and help-seeking in Mainland China and Hong Kong in recent years. Her current research interests focus on the impact of local government policies and practices on the 'in-situ' urbanization process, which affects the general well-being of formerly rural residents as well as their integration into the various facets of urban life.

Pierre Landry (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Pierre Landry is a Professor of Government and Public Administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as a Research Fellow with the Research Center for the Study of Contemporary China at Peking University and an Affiliate with the Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg.

Landry's undergraduate training was in Economics and Law at Sciences-Po in Paris. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Michigan and is an alumnus of the University of Virginia (MA in Foreign Affairs) and the Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University program at the Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing.

Landry research interests focus on Asian and Chinese politics, comparative local government, quantitative comparative analysis, and survey research. He has written on governance and the political management of officials in China. Besides articles and book chapters in comparative politics and political methodology, Landry is the author of *Decentralized Authoritarianism in China* with Cambridge University Press (2008). He is also the co-investigator of the Barometer on China's Development (BOCD) at the Universities Service Centre for China Studies, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and also serves on the International Advisory Committee of the Centre.

Landry also collaborates with the Project on Governance and Local Development (Yale University and the University of Gothenburg) as well as the United Nations Development Program – UNDP and the World Bank on developing indicators of the variability of local governance in a variety of countries, particularly in China, Vietnam, Tunisia, and Malawi, inter alia.

Helen Siu (Yale University)

Helen F. Siu (PhD Stanford) is a Professor of Anthropology at Yale University. Since the 1970s, Siu has conducted fieldworks in South China and Hong Kong, exploring agrarian change, state and development, regional identities, Asian cities and global mobility. Lately, she explores rural-urban interface in China, inter-Asian connections, and China-Africa encounters. Her publications are available at www.yale.edu/anthropology.

Siu has assumed diverse administrative roles at Yale University, including Chair of the Council on East Asian Studies, Director of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies for Anthropology, and member of the Social Science Divisional Committee in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

She has served numerous funding and research assessment committees in the United States (CSCC, IIE/Fulbright, Wenner-Gren, SSRC) and in Europe, which include chairing the International Advisory Board of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany. She also advises the Ministry of Education in Singapore on humanities and social science research.

In Hong Kong, Siu was an overseas member of the University Grants Committee (1992-2001) and the Research Grant's Council (1996-2001). She also established the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong in 2001. It highlights cross-disciplinary, inter-regional research and promotes global collaborations (www.hkihss.hku.hk).

Her recent publications include *Asia Inside Out: Changing Times, Asia Inside Out: Connected Places* (co-editors Eric Tagliacozzo, Peter Perdue, Harvard U Press, 2015), and *Tracing China: A Forty Year Ethnographic Journey* (Hong Kong University Press, 2016).

Susanne Choi (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Susanne Choi Yuk Ping (D.Phil. in Sociology, Nuffield College, University of Oxford) is Professor of Sociology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She was a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University in 2013. Her research interests include gender, family, health, migration, work and sexuality. She has written extensively on issues such as migrant labour, cross-border marriages, violence against women, and sex work. She currently serves as an Associate Editor for the Oxford Encyclopedia of International Criminology. Her book *Masculine Compromise: Migration, Family and Gender in China* was published by University of California Press in 2016 (co-authored with Professor Peng Yinni). Her other works were published in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *International Migration Review*, *The China Quarterly*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *Human Relations*, *Work, Employment and Society*, and *British Journal of Sociology* etc. In addition to her research works, Susanne is a dedicated teacher who received the Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award 2016. She is also a public sociologist who has advocated and campaigned for gender equality and equal rights for sexual minorities in Hong Kong. She was appointed a Board Member of the Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission in 2015 and was elected the Convenor of its Research, Policy and Training section and the Convenor of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Group. She also frequently appears in major local and international media outlets such as the RTHK, Cable TV, BBC World, Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, and Chinese News Services etc. to discuss local and regional gender, family and migration issues.

SESSION 2: CONSUMPTION AND CIVIC CULTURE (In speaking order)

Hanlong Lu (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences)

Professor Hanlong Lu is a Senior Research Fellow at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and an Academic Council Member at the Chinese Sociological Association. He is the former Director of the Institute of Sociology at SASS (1994-2009). Lu is specialized in applied sociology and public policy. Since 1980s, Lu has served as visiting scholar for a number of internationally renowned universities and forged partnerships between China and the world's leading research institutions. He has played a critical role in helping China rebuild

sociology as an academic field and bringing international perspectives and research standards to Sociology in China. In 1995, Lu has begun to collaborate with Professor Deborah Davis on research projects in China's consumer culture, residential housing market, and marriage. Together they organized exchange programs and workshops for young generation scholars from Yale University, Shanghai and Hong Kong. His recent major publications included *Reclaiming Sociology in China* (Shanghai People Press, 2016).

Richard Madsen (University of California, San Diego)

Richard Madsen is Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Adjunct Professor of the Graduate School of Global Policy and Strategy, and Director of the Fudan-UC Center for Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of California, San Diego. He is a co-author (with Robert Bellah et al.) of *The Good Society and Habits of the Heart* which received the Los Angeles Times Book Award and was jury nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He has authored or co-authored seven books on China, including *Morality and Power in a Chinese Village* for which he received the C. Wright Mills Award; *China's Catholics: Tragedy and Hope in an Emerging Civil Society*; and *China and the American Dream*. His latest single-authored book is *Democracy's Dharma: Religious Renaissance and Political Development in Taiwan*.

David Palmer (The University of Hong Kong)

David A. Palmer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and in the Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Hong Kong. A graduate of McGill University, Palmer completed his PhD at the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris, and was the Eileen Barker Fellow in Religion and Contemporary Society at the London School of Economics and Political Science. From 2004 to 2008, he was the Director of the Hong Kong Centre of the French School of Asian Studies (Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient), located at the Institute for Chinese Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His books include the award-winning *Qigong Fever: Body, Science and Utopia in China* (Columbia University Press, 2007); *The Religious Question in Modern China* (University of Chicago Press, co-authored with Vincent Goossaert, 2011; awarded the Levenson Book Prize of the Association for Asian Studies); and *Dream Trippers: Global Daoism and the Predicament of Modern Spirituality* (University of Chicago Press, co-authored with Elijah Siegler, 2017).

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Perspective: Towards Good Governance. Professor Chan is active in the democracy movement in Hong Kong and was one of the major organizers of the Umbrella Movement in 2014.

SESSION 3: INEQUALITY (In speaking order)

Yanjie Bian (University of Minnesota)

Yanjie Bian is Professor of Sociology at University of Minnesota, USA. Concurrently, he is Director of the Institute for Empirical Social Science Research at Xi'an Jiaotong University, China. Dr. Bian is a co-founder (with Professor Li Lulu) of the Chinese General Social Survey, which is a public data archive available to domestic and international scholars. Author of 13 books and more than 130 research articles on topics of China's social stratification, social networks, and institutional change, his current projects include the development of the sociology of guanxi, a panel study about networks and jobs in Chinese cities, and East Asian social networks. He was recognized as one of the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Elsevier most-cited Chinese researchers in social science. A long-time friend of Professor Deborah Davis, they were collaborators (with Shaoguang Wang) on a 1997-2000 Henry Luce Foundation project on "Urban Consumers and Material Culture in Four Metropolitan Regions of China". Their coauthored research articles were published in *Modern China*, *Social Forces*, *Social Transformation in Chinese Societies*, and *Social Change in Contemporary China*.

Xin Liu (Fudan University)

LIU Xin (Ph.D., CUHK), is Professor of Sociology, Dean of The School of Social Development and Public Policy at Fudan University, Vice President of Chinese Sociological Association(CSA), and Director of Research Committee of Social Stratification and Mobility of CSA. He also served as Chair of Department of Sociology at Fudan University in 2006-2017. His research interests include social stratification, distributive justice, social capital, political sociology, and community study. He has developed a neo-institutionalist class schema to capture the stratification structure and reveal the stratification mechanisms in transitional China. His publications appear in *Social Sciences in China*, *Sociological Studies*, *Social Networks*, and others. Liu is the recipient of several distinguished national rewards, including New Century Excellent Talent from Chinese Ministry of Education, National Leading Talent of Philosophy and Social Science as well as the recipient of Special Government Allowance from the State Council of China.

Feng Wang (University of California, Irvine)

Wang Feng is Professor of sociology at the University of California, Irvine and Professor of Sociology and Demography at Fudan University in China. His main research interests include global social and demographic changes, comparative population and social history, and social inequality, with a focus on China. Professor Wang is a co-author of the book *One Quarter of Humanity: Malthusian Mythology and Chinese Realities, 1700-*

2000 (Harvard University Press, 1999) and of *Prudence and Pressure: Reproduction and Human Agency in Europe and Asia, 1700-1900* (MIT Press 2010). His recent work on social inequality in China includes *Boundaries and Categories, Rising Inequality in Post-Socialist Urban China* (Stanford University Press, 2008), *Creating Wealth and Poverty in Post-Socialist China* (co-edited with Deborah Davis, Stanford University Press, 2009), and *China Faces Inequality: Studies in Income Distribution* (co-edited, Social Sciences Academic Press of China, 2013). Wang's research articles have been published in venues including *Population and Development Review*, *Demography*, *Science*, *The Journal of the Economics of Aging*, and *International Migration Review*. His work and views have also been covered by many media outlets, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Financial Times, The Guardian, Economist, NPR, CNN, BBC, and others.

Hung Wong (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Dr. Wong Hung is an Associate Professor of the Department of Social Work. He was granted MA and PhD in Sociology by the University of Warwick. Dr. Wong is the Director of the Centre for Quality of Life and the Co-Director of the Centre for Social Innovation Studies, the Hong Kong Institute for Asia-Pacific Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also the Director of the newly established Yunus Social Business Centre@CUHK, who has been involving in facilitating student social and civic participation by community research, service learning and social enterprise set-up.

Dr. Wong research interests include poverty, social security and labour issues. He has also conducted research on marginal workers, unemployed youth, homeless people, and poor residents in old urban areas. Hung has actively advocated for the Community Economic Development and the setting up of a universal pension scheme in Hong Kong. He is also the Vice-Chair of the Oxfam Hong Kong. He was a Co-op member of the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of the Commission on Poverty. He has published more than 40 papers in internationally referred journals and serves as reviewers for journal like *British Journal of Social Work*, *Social Indicators Research* and *International Journal of Social Welfare* etc.

SESSION 4: FAMILY (In speaking order)

Cheris Chan (The University of Hong Kong)

Cheris Shun-ching Chan is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Hong Kong. She received her PhD from Northwestern University and a postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA's International Institute. Her research interests include culture, economic practices, healthcare, globalization, new social movements, and Chinese societies. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Marketing Death: Culture and the Making of a Life Insurance Market in China* (Oxford University Press, 2012). Her writings have also appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Theory and Society*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *China Quarterly*, *International Sociology*, and *Developing World Bioethics*. Chan is currently working on two projects, the doctor-patient relationship in China and the lasting struggle of the Falun Gong.

Sara Friedman (Indiana University)

Sara Friedman is Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies at Indiana University. Friedman received her B.A. in East Asian Studies from Yale University and her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Cornell University. Her research has examined connections between state power and intimate life in Mainland China and Taiwan, with a specific focus on changing marriage practices and laws, marital immigration and gendered citizenship regimes, and alternative family forms and lifestyles emerging among both heterosexual and lesbian and gay parents. She is the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters, as well as several monographs and edited volumes. Her recent publications include *Exceptional States: Chinese Immigrants and Taiwanese Sovereignty* and two co-edited volumes, *Wives, Husbands, and Lovers: Marriage and Sexuality in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Urban China* (with Deborah Davis) and *Migrant Encounters: Intimate Labor, the State, and Mobility Across Asia* (with Pardis Mahdavi).

Felicia Tian (Fudan University)

Felicia F. Tian is Associate Professor of Sociology at Fudan University, China. Her research interests focus on the how social and institutional contexts shape the formation of social ties, and the effect of social ties on individual life course and well-being. Her recent work examined the changes in the patterns of marriage formation and network use in the labor market during the Economic Reform in urban China. Her research has appeared in the *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Chinese Sociological Review*, and *Social Networks*.

Kwok-fai Ting (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Kwok-fai Ting received his bachelor's degree in Sociology from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and completed his PhD at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before joining the Department of Sociology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr. Ting spent a year at the Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development and Education in Berlin as post-doctoral fellow and three years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as research associate. Dr. Ting began his research career in structural equation modelling and social stratification issues. More recently, he has worked on issues related to marriage and family, particularly marital relationships in Hong Kong. Dr. Ting founded the Centre for Chinese Family Studies in 2008 and served as the Director until 2014. He is also an enthusiastic promoter of rigorous research methods, conducting numerous research seminars organized by the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Central Policy Unit and the Vocational Training Council. His publications appear in *Sociological Methodology*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Structural Equation Modeling*, *Multivariate Behavior Research*, *Psychological Methods*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Educational Psychology*, *Research in Higher Education*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, and *Housing Policy Debate*.