

Research Crossroads: Cutting-Edge and Traditional Approaches to China's Development and Governance

The 12th China Development and Governance Workshop

Organizers:

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Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Form: Online & In-person

Location: Harvard Campus, 60 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Schedule

Opening Remark

8:00-8:15am (EST)/ 8:00-8:15pm (Beijing Time)

Dr. Chunying Yue (Harvard University)

Session I

8:15-9:30am (EST)/ 8:15-9:30pm (Beijing Time)

From Government Responsiveness to Social Insurance: Exploring the Social Functions of Public Policy in China

Chair: Ruozhu Li (City University of Hong Kong)

Individual Presentations

Interagency Collaboration, Broker Organization, and Bureaucratic Responsiveness: How Public Agencies Fix Complex Citizen Requests on Digital Platforms

Yao Liu, Wenting Yang (Nankai University)

Discussant: Jun Wang (Chinese Academy of Social Science)

Swings and Roundabouts: How Multitasking Local Officials Respond to Environmental Regulation

Chuanyong Zhang (Harvard University & Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Li Zhang (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

Daxuan Zhao (Renmin University of China)

Discussant: Jin Zhang (Peking University)

The Health Effects of Social Pension Insurance on Flexible Employment Groups

Yu Luo & Baozhong Su (China Agricultural University)

Discussant: Yuming Cui (Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen)

Roundtable:

09:30-10:30 am(EST)/ 09:30-10:30pm (Beijing Time)

China Development and Governance: Past, Present and Future Trends

Moderator: Jing Ge (Florida International University)

Panelists:

Reysheng He (Harvard University & Tzu Chi University)

Zhanjie Si (Southern Connecticut State University)

Wenjuan Zhang (Senior Counsel, Beijing Zhicheng Law Firm; Founding Director, Center for India-China Studies, O.P. Jindal Global University)

Chunying Yue (Harvard University)

Coffee Break

10:30-10:40am

Session II:

10:40-11:55am (EST)/ 10:40-11:55pm (Beijing Time)

Panel Title: Public Opinion, Public Policy and Political Thoughts in China

Chair: Qi Jing (University of California, Los Angeles)

Individual Presentations

Infrastructure and National Identity in China's Frontier: Based on a Survey on Sichuan-TAR Railway

Weimin Xie (Harvard University & Xi Zang University)

Discussant: Ruozhu Li (City University of Hong Kong)

Stigma in Language and Law: Structural Violence through Discourse and Policy

Zhanjie Si (Southern Connecticut State University)

Discussant: Kunling Zhang (Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai)

Towards a Cosmopolitan State

Qi Jing (University of California, Los Angeles)

Discussant: Reysheng He (Harvard University & Tzu Chi University)

Lunch Break:

11:55-13:00pm

Session III:

1:00-2:55pm (EST)

Panel Title: International Relations, (Inter)national Education, and Artificial Intelligence:

Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in China

Chair: Xiaopeng Xue (University of Pennsylvania & Dalian University of Foreign Languages)

Individual Presentations

China's Global Dynamics: Power Transition, Policy Shifts, and the Challenges of Hegemony

Jing Ge (Florida International University)

Discussant: Tanjia Schweinberger (University of Groningen)

From Technology Assistance to Norm Guidance: China's Role Transformation in International Meteorological Governance

Xiaopeng Xue (University of Pennsylvania & Dalian University of Foreign Languages)

Discussant: Jing Ge (Florida International University)

Higher Education and Talent Development in the Age of AI: A China-U.S. University Comparison

Yuanyuan Song (Harvard University & Tsing Hua University)

Discussant: Zhenling Liu (Peking University & Harvard University)

Artificial Intelligence Literacy in Academic Libraries: Empirical Evidences from China and the United States

Zhenling Liu (Peking University & Harvard University)

Discussant: Yuanyuan Song (Harvard University & Tsing Hua University)

Narratives of Meaning and Agency: An Exploratory Study of Chinese Adolescents in International Education Contexts

Xi Wang (Harvard University)

Discussant: Chunying Yue (Harvard University)

Coffee Break

2:55-3:05pm

Feature lecture: 3:05-3:45pm (EST)

Art in Action: Murals as Agents of Cultural Continuity in Asian Communities.

Presenter: Chenlin Cai (Independent Artist & Adjunct Professor, Delaware County Community College of Pennsylvania)

Discussant: Chunying Yue (Harvard University)

Concluding Remark:

3:45-4:00pm (EST)

Mr. Dapeng Wang (Peking University)

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