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Humanistic Scholarship and the Anthropocene

Approaching China from a Sustainability Paradigm

International Workshop, Zurich, May 15–17, 2015

Day 1 Friday, May 15, 2015

- Location** University of Zurich, Room ZUB 416, Zürichbergstrasse 4, 8032 Zurich
- 15:00** **Andrea Riemenschmitter, Vice Director, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies**
Welcome Address
- 15:15–17:30** **Panel 1: Art, Performance and the Anthropocene**
Chair: David Strand, Dickinson College
- Sheldon H. Lu, University of California at Davies**
Eco-Cinema and Chinese-language Documentary Films
- Meng Yue, University of Toronto**
Encountering the Substance of the Anthropocene: Writing (Post) industrial Materiality in China
- Andrea Riemenschmitter, University of Zurich**
Shanshui Aesthetics and the Chinese Dream
- 18:00–19:30** **Evening Key Lecture: Haiyan Lee, Stanford University**
From Here to Eternity: A Sino-Jewish Encounter
- 20:00** **Dinner (invited guests only)**

Day 2 Saturday, May 16, 2015

- Location** Cabaret Voltaire, Spiegelgasse 1, 8001 Zurich
- 10:00–11:30** **Roundtable and Podium Discussion: “Social Change and the Humanities in the Anthropocene”**
Podium: Kenneth Dean, Prasenjit Duara, Haiyan Lee, Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik; Moderator: Mike Douglass
- 12:00** **Lunch (invited guests only)**

Location ZHdK, Toni-Areal, Pfingstweidstrasse 96, 8031 Zurich

14:00– 16:00 Panel 2: Sustainable Cities

Chair: Haiyan Lee, Stanford University

Mike Douglass, National University of Singapore

Asia's Urban Transition – The Spatiality of Human and Planetary
Flourishing in the Anthropocene

David Strand, Dickinson College

Graying, Rusting, Greening and Innovating: Endless Growth Meets
Limited Space in the Development of Asian and Chinese Parks and
Green Space

16:15–17:30 Panel 3: Grass Roots Movements and Environmental Governance

Chair: Jessica Imbach, University of Zurich

Simona Grano & Yuheng Zhang, University of Zurich

Newly-Born Tree-Huggers' Movements in China and Taiwan:
The Emergence of Rules-Based Participatory Approaches

Mike Schäfer, University of Zurich

Media Communication about Climate Change: Comparative
Perspectives and the Case of China

Guided Tour

18:30 Music Performance ZHdK

20:00 Conference Dinner (invited guest only)



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Day 3 Sunday, May 17, 2015

9:00–10:30 Guided City Tour

Location University of Zurich, Room ZUB 416, Zürichbergstrasse 4, 8032 Zurich

11:00–12:30 **Panel 4: Eco-Humanities? Post-secular Approaches to an Environmental Ethics**

Chair: Raji C. Steineck, University of Zurich

Prasenjit Duara, National University of Singapore

Re-sacralizing the Landscape: Global Asian Circulations in the Anthropocene

Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore

Three Ecologies of Chinese Popular Religion: Singular Subjectivities, Cultural Resilience and Ecological Sustainability

12:45 Lunch (invited guests only)

14:00–15:30 **Cont. Panel 4**

Justyna Jaguscik, University of Zurich

Green Language of Plants and Toxic Waste: Ecological Wounds in Zheng Xiaoqiong's Poetry

Haiyan Lee, Stanford University

The Silence of Animals: Writing on the Edge of Anthropomorphism in Contemporary Chinese Literature

16:00 Lecture Performance ZHdK

16:30 **Panel 5: Closing Discussion
Transdisciplinary Scholarship in the Anthropocene: Traditions and Perspectives**

Chair: Andrea Riemenschnitter, University of Zurich

19:00 Closing Dinner (invited guests only)