

# **York University – Chinese Academy of Social Sciences**

## **Joint Workshop On**

### ***Youth, Diversity and Social Development in the Multicultural Metropolis***

**May 27-28, 2015, 519 Kaneff Tower, York University**

Cities are sites of intense social, economic and cultural change, and young people are at the forefront of these transformations. This workshop addresses some of these processes through the juxtaposition of Canadian and Chinese contexts.

Some of the same challenges exist in both countries, from maintaining a sense of social belonging in rapidly changing times, to accommodating various forms of diversity, to shaping educational and labour market institutions in ways that allow social mobility, inclusivity and equality. At the same time, there are clearly profound differences, including economic and political systems, forms of social diversity, demographic structures and scale.

There are also differences in how social scientists in Canada and China have sought to conceptualize and study these common challenges in their respective contexts. These including diverse theoretical frameworks, different methodological approaches, and distinct ways of integrating researchers, research subjects, community organizations and government policy makers into the research process.

The aim of this workshop is to juxtapose Canadian and Chinese research and thereby develop some comparative insights into our respective ways of defining problems, posing questions and conducting research into questions of youth, diversity and social development in urban settings.

While the papers presented in the workshop focus on either Chinese or Canadian contexts, the final panel will reflect on frameworks for conducting research on the connections *between* China and Canada in various spheres.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**9.00-9.05**

**Welcome**

Philip Kelly (York Centre for Asian Research)

**9.05-9.15**

**Welcome Remarks**

Dean Martin Singer (Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University)

Director General Chen Guangjin (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

**9.15-9.30**

**Overview and Conceptualization of the Workshop**

Philip Kelly (Director, York Centre for Asian Research)

**9.30-9.45**

**Introductions of Participants**

**9.45-10.00**

**Photo and Coffee**

**Session 1 - Educational Pathways for Youth**

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: Director General Chen Guangjin, Institute of Sociology CASS

10.00-10.20

**Differentiation of Higher Education and the Potential Consequences in China**

**Tian** Feng, Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, CASS

10.20-10.40

**Educational Mobility of Chinese Youth: An Empirical Study in the Era of Booming Population Migration**

**Niu** Jianlin, Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Population and Labor Economics, CASS

10.40-11.00

**The Toronto District School Board's Grade 9 Cohort and Postsecondary Pathways**

Paul **Anisef**, Department of Sociology, York University;

Robert S. **Brown**, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Education York University; and Research and Information Services, Toronto District School Board (TDSB)

11.00– 11.30 - DISCUSSION

**11.30 – 11.50 – Break**

## **Session 2 - Minority Youth Identities in China**

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: Susan Henders, Department of Political Science, York University

11.50-12.10

### **Grassland Policy in Contemporary Inner Mongolia and the Responses of Mongol Herdsmen: Cases of Two Young Men**

**Zheng** Shaoxiong, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, CASS

12.10-12.30

### **Daily Encounters between Young Hans and Uyghurs in Urumqi, Xinjiang**

Elena **Caprioni**, Director of Training, Asian Business and Management Programme; Research Associate, York Centre for Asian Research

12.30-1.00 - DISCUSSION

**1.00 - 2.00 - LUNCH**

## **Session 3 - Social and Political Engagement Among Youth**

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: Lucia Lo, Department of Geography, York University

2.00-2.20

### **Social Attitudes and Their Impact Factors of Youth in Contemporary China: Analysis Based on CSS Data**

**Chen** Guangjin, Research Fellow and Director General, Institute of Sociology, CASS

2.20-2.40

### **Political Engagement and Asian-Canadian Youth: Boycotting "Too Asian"**

Ann H. **Kim**, Department of Sociology, York University

Elena **Chou**, PhD Candidate, Graduate Programme in Sociology, York University

2.40-3.00

### **Internet Behaviors and Trust on Charity Organizations of Chinese College Students**

**Lu** Peng, Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, CASS

3.00-3.30 - DISCUSSION

**Session 4 - Constructions of Youth Identity in Canada**

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: Kabita Chakraborty, Children's Studies Programme, York University

9.00-9.20

**Case Studies on Dual Identities Constructing among Chinese Newcomers in Canada**

Du Qianping, Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Anthropology and Ethnology, CASS

9.20-9.40

**Transnational Knowledge, the Second Generation and Social Mobility in the Diaspora**

Philip Kelly, Professor, Department of Geography, York University

9.40 - 10.00

**"Make it More Chinese": Kung Fu, Culture, and Youth Identity in Toronto**

Colin McGuire, PhD, Ethnomusicology, York University

10.00- 10.30- DISCUSSION

**10.30 - 10.50 - BREAK**

10.50-12.00

**Session 5 - PANEL DISCUSSION: Researching Canada-China Connections**

CHAIR: Lorna Wright, Associate Professor of International Business and Organization Studies, Schulich School of Business, York University

PANEL: Gregory Chin (Political Science), M. Bernie Frolic (Asia Business and Management Programme), Susan J. Henders (Political Science), Guida Man (Sociology)

12.00-12.30

**Closing Remarks**

Marilyn Lambert-Drache, Associate Vice-President International, York University

Chen Guangjin, Director General, Institute of Sociology, CASS

12.45-2.00

**LUNCH**

**Schulich Dining Room**