

# **The Country and the City:**

## **Connecting People and Their Places in Environmental History**

•**THURSDAY, MAY 29** (Venue: Meeting Room 1, Yifu Conference Center)

3:30-4:00 pm **Opening Ceremony**

Moderator: **Xia Mingfang** - Translator: **Cao Xinyu**

Welcome Addresses by Huang Xingtao, dean of the School of History, RUC, and Christof Mauch, director of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, LMU

Welcome Address by president of Renmin University of China

4:00-6:00 pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** by **William Cronon**

Metropolitan Natures: City and Country in Environmental History

Introduced by Donald Worster and translated by Hou Shen

6:30 pm **WELCOMING DINNER** (Venue: Huixian Restaurant, RUC Campus)

•**FRIDAY, MAY 30** (Venue: Conference room of the Qing Institute)

8:30 am-12 noon **SESSION 1: *Environmental Identities***

Chairs: **Song Yunwei** and **Donald Worster**

**Sun Donghu (Beijing Academy of Social Sciences)**

A Short Environmental History of Beijing

**William Cavert (University of Cambridge)**

Air Pollution as Urban Life in Eighteenth-Century London

**Mei Xueqin (Tsinghua University)**

From Historians to the Friends of Nature: The Ideas and Practices of Nature Conservation of a Chinese and a British Historian in an Urban Age

**Ruth Oldenziel (Eindhoven University of Technology)**

Entangled Histories of Sustainability: Cycling Cities, Suburban Sprawls, and Car Countries

**John Flower and Pamela Leonard (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)**

Contested Landscapes: Cultural Imaginings of Rural and Urban in Dali, Yunnan

12:00 noon-2:00 pm **LUNCH**

2:00-5:30 pm **SESSION 2: *Material Cycles***

Chairs: **Cao Xinyu** and **Agnes Kneitz**

**Wang Lihua (Nankai University)**

The Transformation of Urban Construction Material in Southern China under Environmental Stress

**Jordan Sand (Georgetown University)**

Tokyo Bay as a Productive Landscape

**Emily Brownell (University of Northern Colorado)**

Growing Hungry: The Politics of Food in Post Independence Dar es Salaam

**Cao Mu (Nankai University)**

The Public Toilets of Tianjin in the Republic of China: A Change of Urban Effluent Disposal in the Process of Urbanization

**Alana Boland (University of Toronto)**

From Factory to Field: Managing Water Pollution in China's Early Socialist Cities

**Sarah Hill (Western Michigan University)**

The Country in the City and City in the Country: A Global History of Landfilling

5:30 pm **DINNER**

•**SATURDAY, MAY 31** (Venue: Conference room of the Qing Institute)

9:00 am-12 noon **SESSION 3: *Designing the Country and City***

Chairs: **Hou Shen** and **Christof Mauch**

**Hou Yongjian (Shaanxi Normal University)**

Building Terraces in Gansu's Loess Region: Fifty Years of Terraforming Practice

**David Gobel (Savannah College of Art and Design)**

Town and Country in Theory and Practice in Savannah and Colonial Georgia

**Aliya Ainiwaer (Xinjiang Normal University)**

Traditional Architecture and Modern Civilization: The Renovation of the Old Town of Kashi Gaer (XinJiang) and its Environmental History

**Sara M. Gregg (University of Kansas)**

City Folks in an Untamed Country: Homesteading the American West

**Tom Robertson (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)**

Cold War Highways: the Integration of Bangkok and Its Hinterland, 1950-1980

12:00 noon-2:00 pm **LUNCH**

2:00-5:00 pm **SESSION 4: *Relations of Power***

Chairs: **Chen Hao** and **Lisa Brady**

**Xie Shi (Sun Yat-Sen University)**

The Market Town and the Country in the Perspective of the Tai Lake Water Conservancy History in China, 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Century

**Mart Stewart (Western Washington University)**

Country and City and Environment and Slavery in the American South

**Albert L. Park (Claremont McKenna College)**

Reclaiming the Rural: Contemporary Social Critique and Reconstruction through the Country, Agriculture and the Pastoral

**Fukao Yoko and Yasutomi Ayumu (Osaka University and University of Tokyo)**

A Socio-Ecological Study on the History of Modern Manchuria, 1900-1930

**Wade Graham (Pepperdine University)**

Country Without Cities: Bigness, Smallness, and Environmental and Social Outcomes Over 1,500 Years in Molokai, Hawaii

5:00-5:30 pm **CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**

Moderators: **William Cronon** and **Xia Mingfang**

6:00 pm **BANQUET** (Venue: Fengshang Restaurant, RUC Campus)

Toasts, with reflections by **Christof Mauch**

**•SUNDAY, JUNE 1 FIELD TRIP**

8:00 am-8:00 pm **The Village of the Wangs** (Yangyuan, Zhangjiakou, Hebei Province)

Pick up and drop off at Yanshan Hotel. Lunch provided.