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1. Introduction to CURS

The Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies (CURS) of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), currently housed at the Department of Geography, was established on 1 July 2001, with the view to conducting high quality research and cultivating academic exchange on China's urban and regional developmental issues.

CURS has managed to line up 15 faculty members of the University with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds but having a common interest in urban and regional research on China to become its fellows. With the assistance of the President and Vice Chancellor, Professor Ng, Ching Fai, CURS received a major donation from the Heung To Educational Fund on 2001. CURS also received funding support from the Urban China Research Network of the University at Albany, New York State for 2 consecutive years, and played host to the international "Working Group on Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization", of which the Director of CURS is also one of the co-coordinators of this working group.

1.1 Objectives

In this era of global trade, cultural interchange and information access, the world has increasingly become "stateless" and, to some extent, "boundaryless". Under such a circumstance, a focus on process operating at the urban and regional level has become increasingly salient, bearing in mind the extent to which both global and local forces interact and work to transform the world. The establishment of CURS, in a sense, is a response to this "glocalization" trend; it will further enhance Hong Kong's status as an academic hub for the study of China urban and regional studies.

Research conducted by the centre covers a wide range of intellectual and policy-oriented territory, including: economic development; industry and finance; housing studies' transportation, land-use planning, social problems and service provision issue; cultural landscape and change concerns; demographic issues such as migration and social stratification; urban energy problems; quality of life studies; and urban modeling and theory.

1.2 List of Staff Members

CURS, which is attached to the Geography Department, is located at LMC 501, HKBU. Its staff members include:

- **Li, Si Ming**, Centre Director (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Urban; Housing; Regional Development
- **Tang, Wing Shing**, Chief Editor, CURS Occasional Paper Series (*Department of*

Geography)

Research interests: Urban Planning under Socialism

- **Law, Fion Y. T.** – Research Assistant

1.3 List of Research Fellows

CURS pools researchers of various disciplinary backgrounds from HKBU, aiming at facilitating multi-dimensional and integrated studies on China's urban and regional issues. Below is a list of CURS' research fellows (*in alphabetic order*):

- **Chiu, Sammy W. S.** (*Department of Social Work*).
Research interests: Ageism and Social Policy; Youth Culture and Youth Policy; Social Ideology and Social Work; Health Care
- **Chow, Larry C. H.** (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Energy; Political
- **Chow, Chun Shing** (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Urban; Social; Culture
- **Chung, Him** (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Regional Geography of China; Urban–Rural Relations; Rural Transformation
- **Chung, Stephanie P. Y.** (*Department of History*)
Research interests: Social and Economic History; Business History; History of Business Laws and Customs; Chinese Family Business in South China and Southeast Asia
- **Lai, Gina W. F.** (*Department of Sociology*)
Research interests: Mental Health; Social Networks; Gender Studies
- **Lee, Kam Keung** (*Department of History*)
Research interests: History of Fujian and Taiwan; History of Chinese Revolution; History of Christianity in Modern China
- **Ruan, Danching** (*Department of Sociology*)
Research Assistant: Social Network Analysis; Comparative Sociology; Sociology of Chinese Societies
- **Siu, Yat Ming** (*Department of Sociology*)
Research interests: Fertility and Family Planning; Migration and Residential Mobility
- **Wang, Donggen** (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Transport Modelling
- **Wong, Kenneth K. K.** (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Environmental Studies
- **Wong, Victor C. W.** (*Department of Social Work*)
Research interests: Health; Youth; Social Policy; Public Sector Management

- **Woo, Tun Oy** (*Department of Economics*)
Research interests: Economic Development Theories; Transitional Economics; Economic Development and Administration in China
- **Zhou, Qiming** (*Department of Geography*)
Research interests: Geographical Information System

2. Research Activities

In order to promote academic exchange and networking among the scholars, from Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas, interested in various aspects of China's urban and regional concerns, CURS actively organizes workshops, sponsors international conferences and also encourages research fellows to participate in international academic activities via limited financial support.

2.1 Conference Organization

The 7th Conference of the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (14 December 2002)

This was an annual conference hosted by the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS), held on 14 December 2002 at the Sheraton Hotel, Hong Kong. This year, our fellows, Dr. Donggen Wang and Prof. Si-ming Li, serves as the Chairman and Co-chairman of the Conference Organisation Committee. It was devoted to the theme of 'Transportation in the Information Age'. A total of about 40 papers were presented at the conference, covering topics on transit modeling, network analysis, travel demand modeling, logistics and freight transportation. Paper contributors came from all over the world, including mainland China, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Denmark, India, Italy and Hong Kong. For details of the conference, please refer to Appendix 1.

2.2 International Academic Activities Participation

Workshop for the Theory Sub-group of the Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization" within the Urban China Research Network

Mr. Wing-Shing Tang, CURS' fellow, attended a workshop organized by the Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization", at the Santa Monica, California, on 14-15 February 2003. The workshop has two main concerns: establishing changes in the administrative hierarchy, and theorizing the changing urban administrative hierarchy, as the critical framework of China's political-territorial system and the foundation of the basic definition of urban places and state economic decision-making. For details of the workshop, please refer to Appendix II.

CURS provides its fellows with limited conference grants to support and encourage participation in international academic activities. An amount of HKD 5,000 is available to each fellow over a three-year period.

There is no application for the conference grants in this review year.

3. Research Projects / Publications

Besides organizing academic activities, CURS is also active in initiating research projects of major policy and theoretical concerns related to China's urban and regional development.

3.1 Research Projects

There are five research projects under CURS in year 2002-2003:

1. Residential Relocation and Urban Restructuring Under Market Transition: A Comparative Study of Residential Mobility in Beijing and Guangzhou

Investigators: Prof. Si-Ming Li, Dr. Donggen Wang, and Dr. Yat-Ming Siu

This project completed in April 2003. This was a RGC (Research Grant Council) funded project by the Hong Kong RGC of HKD961,000 and a HKBU follow-up grant of HKD144,000. It involved substantial research collaboration between staffs of HKBU and scholars in Beijing and Guangzhou. The project examined the patterns of and factors governing residential mobility and housing decisions in China by using census data and information derived from large-scale sample surveys of households in the cities of Beijing and Guangzhou. The research findings help depict the complex pattern of residential choice behaviour in a highly compartmentalized and yet rapidly changing market. It also shed light on the nature of housing market segmentation in China, and provided a firmer ground for formulating policies that underscore the restructuring of the urban space.

2. Modelling Multi-Faceted Activity and Travel Choices: Extending and Validating the Stated Preference Approach

Investigators: Dr. Donggen Wang and Prof. Si-Ming Li

This ongoing RGC project receives a total of HKD556,800, from both the RGC and HKBU follow-up funds. This research project develops a model that predicts individuals' change in their daily activity patterns and travel behavior, should changes in urban transportation systems be introduced. The model is developed using interactive computer experiments, allowing for stated preference, stated tolerance, stated adaptation and stated prospect data. A by-product of the research is

a new and improved interactive computer experiment that can be used for examining users' response to environmental changes.

3. From Danwei-to Owner-Occupation: An Analysis of China's Changing Urban Housing Tenures Using Retrospective Life Histories

Investigator: Prof. Si-Ming Li

This FRG project receives a total of HKD79,400, from HKBU funds and begins in June 2003.

In the West, homeownership has been seen as the ultimate housing career. Interestingly enough, in “socialist” China, a major objective of the urban housing reform, which began in 1979, is to privatise the housing stock and promote homeownership. While the reform in the earlier years met with strong resistance and could only proceed at a slow pace, in more recent years China has apparently succeeded in embarking on a fast-track reform course. The past few years, in particular, has witnessed rapid increases in the homeownership rate. For the nation as a whole, sales of “commodity housing” to the individuals, which accounted for only 33.8% of total sales in 1991, comprised 87.3% of the total in 2000. Even in Beijing and other cities where danweis have until very recently dominated housing provision, homeownership is becoming the norm. While there have been studies trying to depict urban China's complex tenure composition and the salient factors that govern the tenure switch, these studies are invariably based on cross-sectional data and, as such, say very little about how the changing policy and social and economic contexts have effected tenure change. The present work seeks to conduct a longitudinal analysis of China's road to homeownership, making use of retrospective life history data collected in 2001 in the cities of Beijing and Guangzhou. Note that these two are cities contrast each other with respect to the planned- versus market-economy continuum. In addition to estimating the rate of homeownership as it varied over time and relate these to changes in the broader socio-economic contexts, the study will also analyse the life-course factors that underlie road to homeownership in contrasting and changing policy environments at the level of the individual using hazards models.

4. The Composition of Educational Elite in China – the Case of Peking University

Investigator: Dr. Danching Ruan

The project asks a simple question—who are the student at Peking University, one of the two most prestigious universities in China? To answer this question, it will examine the admission records of Peking University undergraduate students admitted in the past decade. The central issue to be explored is the influence of the family origin on a person's chance to become a student of Peking University—that

is the extent to which having parents of high social and economic status increases one's chance to become a member of the educational elite in China. Other influencing factors such as residential location and gender will also be examined. The project fills in a gap in research on education elite in China. It will contribute to the understanding of educational stratification in China and the understanding of social stratification and social mobility in general. The proposed study will also serve as a pilot study for a large-scale study on the composition of the educational elite in China from 1949-1998, for which a RGC grant proposal will be submitted in the fall of 2003. For details of the project proposal, please refer to Appendix III.

5. Nansha New Coastal City: A City Where East Meets West

Investigator: Wing-Shing Tang

The objective of this project is to investigate the development of Nansha, a new Coastal City, which is taking shape at the tip of the west bank of Zhujiang. As Nansha was an agricultural/fishing base organized around people's commune in the past, new development requires the establishment of new working principles and practices. A modernist project demands systematization and standardization, whereas local Chinese culture asks for local flexibility and pays heed to specificity and *guanxi*. It is also where science confronts *fengshui*, and technical meets politics. These are translated into contrasting differences in land resumption, resettlement, construction and project management practices. Have the western-inclined professions given way to local practitioners? Have the technicians yielded to local cadres and/or residents? And in what ways did these conflicts take place? Answers to these questions are equally essential to our better understanding of the development of a new city in this booming region. And it is the objectives of the project to investigate these questions in a more informed way. For details of the project proposal, please refer to Appendix IV.

6. Social Networks and Marital Power: A Cross-sectional Study in Hong Kong

Investigator: Gina Lai, CI: Danching Ruan and Odalia Wong

Research Grants Council (HKBU2032/02H), funded to this project (HK\$974,517) from 2003-2005.

7. Wedding Banquet in Chinese Societies and Social Capital in Action

Investigator: Gina Lai

Faculty Research Grant, Hong Kong Baptist University (FRG/01-02/II-21), funded to project (HK\$143,360) from 2002-2004.

In support of its fellows to launch new research projects, CURS provides a small amount of seed money. It is stimulated that an amount of HKD10,000 be available to each fellow within a three-year period.

Dr. Ruan Danching was granted the CURS' research seed money of \$10,000 HKD to support her project entitled "The Composition of Educational Elite in China – the Case of Perking University"; Mr. Tang Wing Shing was granted \$10,000 HKD to support his projected entitled "Nansha New Coastal City: A City Where East Meets West"

3.2 Fellows' Research Outputs

An incomplete count shows that a total of 67 journal articles, book chapters and working papers were published by CURS' fellows under the review period. Below is the list of fellows' research output (*in alphabetic order*):

Chow, Chun Shing

Teather, E.K. & Chow, C.S. (2003) "Identity and Place: The Testament of Designated Heritage in Hong Kong," *International Journal of Heritage Studies*. Vol. 9, No. 2, June, pp. 93-115. Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Routledge.

Chow, C.S. (2002) "People's Republic of China at Fifty, Opportunities and Challenges: Introduction," *Asian Geographer*. Vol. 21, No. 1 & 2, pp. 1-9.

Chow, C.S. (2002) "Education, cultural values, and poverty in China's remote ethnic minority regions." *Asian Geographer*. Vol. 21, No. 1 & 2, pp. 159-170.

Chow, C.S. (2003) "Cultural diversities and tourism development in Yunnan Province, China," Occasional Paper No. 36, the Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University. July.

Chow, C.S. & Teather, E.K. (2002) "The Geographical Landscape and cultural meanings of China's Great Wall," paper presented at the "International Conference on China in the World in the Twenty-first Century: Hot Development Issues in

Contemporary China," at Hong Kong Baptist University, May 22-25, 2002.

Chung, Him

Chung, H. & Tang, W-S. (2002) Urban-rural transition in China: Illegal landuse and construction?*Asia Pacific Viewpoint*. Vol. 43, pp.43-62.

Chung, H. (2002) *China's rural Market Development During the Era of Reform: Has the Traditional System been Revived?* Hong Kong: Occasional Paper 25, The Center for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University.

Chung, H. (2003) *Distortions in China rural transition: An investigation of Villages-in-the-city*. Hong Kong Baptist University, Faculty Research Grant (FRG/02-03/II-28)

Chung, Stephanie P. Y.

Chung, S. P. Y. (2002) "Doing Business in Southeast Asia and Southern China – Booms and Busts of the Eu Yan Sang Business Conglomerates, 1876-1941," in Leo Douw (ed.), *Chinese Transnational Enterprises: Cultural Affinity and Business Strategies*, London: Curzon, pp. 158-183.

Chung, S. P. Y. (2002) "Southeast Asia Tycoon and his Movie Dream – Loke Wan Tho and MP & GI," in Ainling Wong (ed.) *Cathay Story*, Hong Kong: Hong Kong Film Archives, pp.36-51.

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Chung, S. P. Y (2003) *Chinese Business Groups in Hong Kong and Political Changes in South China*. London: Palgrave, Electronic edition.

Chung, S. P. Y (2003) "Hong Kong Merchants in New China, 1900-11," in David Faure (ed.), *Hong Kong, A Reader in Social History*. Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, pp. 335-64.

Chung, S. P. Y (2003) "The Industrial Evolution of a Fraternal Enterprises: The Shaw Brothers and the Shaw Organization" in Hong Kong Film Archives (ed.), *The Shaw Screen, A Preliminary Study*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Film Archives, pp. 1-16.

Chung, S. P. Y (2002) "Surviving Economic Crises in Southeast Asia and Southern

China: The History of Eu Yan Sang Business Conglomerates in Penang, Singapore and Hong Kong”, in *Modern Asian Studies* (Cambridge University Press) Vol. 36, Part 3, pp.579-617.

Chung, S. P. Y (2002) “Doing Business in Southeast Asia and Southern China – Booms and Busts of the Eu Yan Sang Business Conglomerates, 1876-1941”, in Leo Douw (ed.), *Chinese Transnational Enterprises: Cultural Affinity and Business Strategies*. (London: Curzon, pp.158-83.

Chung, S. P. Y (2002) “Five Antis Campaign”, “Hundred Flowers Campaign”, “Long March”, “Three Hard Years”, in K. Christensen, D. Levinson (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*. New York: Bekshire Reference Work.

與周佳榮、黃文江合編：《香港中華總商會百年史》（香港：香港中華總商會，2002年。）

〈戰前商業發展〉，廖迪生、張兆和、蔡志祥合編《香港歷史、文化與社會》香港：香港科技大學華南研究中心，2002年，頁116-132。

〈疫中日記：一世紀前香港的一場神秘疫災〉，《明報》，2003年4月10日。

〈粵派、海派西餐的興衰：「豉油西餐」及「上海番菜」傳入香港的歷史〉，《信報月刊》，第27卷312期（2003年3月），頁83-88。

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Lai, Gina W. F.

Lai, Gina (2003) “Marriage and Social Capital.” Paper presented at International Sunbelt Social Network XXIII Conference, February 12-16, 2003, Cancun, Mexico.

Lai, Gina and Yat-Ming Siu (2002) "Residential Mobility and Social Capital in Urban Shanghai." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 16-19, 2002, Chicago, the U.S.A.

Lai, Gina, P.L. Rance Lee, and Danching Ruan (2002) "Social Change and Mental Health: A Comparison of Mental Health Status in Beijing in 1991 and 2000." Paper presented at the 2002 Asia Pacific Sociological Association Conference, July 4-7, 2002, Brisbane, Australia.

Lin, Nan, Yang-chih Fu, Chih-jou Chen, and Gina Lai (2002) The Wedding Banquet: Social Capital in Action in the Chinese Context." Paper presented at Session 14: Families, Social Capital and the Community Involvements, XV World Congress of Sociology, July 7-13, 2002, Brisbane, Australia.

Li, Si Ming

Si-ming Li, "Housing Tenure and Residential Mobility in Urban China: Analysis of Survey Data," *Urban Affairs Review*. Vol. 38, No. 4, 2003, pp. 510-534.

Si-ming Li (2002) "Life Course and Residential Mobility in Beijing, China," Centre for China Urban Studies, Occasional Paper No. 27. (Revised version to appear in *Environment and Planning A*, forthcoming)

Donggen Wang and Si-ming Li (2002) "Housing Preferences in a Transitional Housing System: the Case of Beijing, China," Centre for China Urban Studies, Occasional Paper No. 28. (Revised version to appear in *Environment and Planning A*, forthcoming)

Donggen Wang and Si-ming Li (2003) "Housing Reform, Socio-economic Differentials, and Stated Housing Preferences in Guangzhou, China," Centre for China Urban Studies, Occasional Paper, Occasional Paper No. 32.

Review of A Kumassa and T G McGee, eds., *Regional Development Paradigms. Vol. 1: Globalization and the New Regional Development* (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press). *International Planning Review*, 24 (4), 2002: 449-450.

"The Lingdingyang (Hong Kong-Macau-Zhuhai) Bridge Controversy: Hong Kong's Changing Hub Position," A paper presented at the 8th International Symposium on Chinese Economic Systems, Taichung, Taiwan, Dec 13-14, 2002.

Ruan Danching

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Ruan, Danching, Rance P. L. Lee, and Gina. Lai (2002) The importance of kin as

confidants: a comparative study based on data from Hong Kong, Beijing, and the USA. Presented at the 5th Conference of the Asia Pacific Sociological Association, July, Brisbane.

Tang, Wing Shing

Lee, W.Y. and W-S. Tang (2003) Role of development plans in development control: a new research agenda for town planning in Hong Kong. *Occasional Paper 30*, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

Ng, M.K. and W-S. Tang (2003) Theorizing urban planning in China: the case of Shenzhen. *Occasional Paper 34*, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

Tang, W-S. and W.Y. Lee (2003) Some reflections of modern geographic thoughts on China urban and regional studies. *Occasional Paper 33*, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

Ho, S. Y. and W-S. Tang (2002) Urban planning in Shenzhen, with reference to Manchester. *Occasional Paper 23*, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

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Tang, W-S. (2003b) Housing movements for the poor in Hong Kong: fighting for the public rent review. Paper presented at the Third Meeting of the East Asian Regional Conferences in Alternative Geography. Tokyo and Osaka, 5-9 August

Tang, W-S. (2003c) State/space and urban China: towards a new spatial governmentality. Paper presented at the Workshop for the Theory Sub-group of the Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization", Urban China Research Network, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 14-5 February.

Tang, W-S. (2002d) Urban governance or the extension of state control? the production of illegal construction in Guangzhou. Paper presented at the Conference on Socio-Economic and Infrastructure Development for a Competitive Pearl River Delta Region. Task Force on Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Development, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 19-20 December.

Wang, Donggen

Donggen Wang, and Siming Li (2003) "Housing Choice in A Transitional Economy: the Case of Beijing, China". *Environment and Planning A*. (in press)

Donggen Wang (2003), "Hong Kongers' Cross-Border Consumption and Shopping in Shenzhen: Patterns and Motivations". *Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services*. (in press)

Donggen Wang and Li Zhang (2003), "Knowledge Disparity and Regional Inequality in Post-Reform China". *Post-Communist Economies*. (in press)

Zhang, J., A. Borgers, H. Timmermans and Donggen Wang (2003): Modeling traveler choice behavior using the concepts of relative utility and relative interest. *Transportation Research B*. (in press)

Donggen Wang and Si-ming Li (eds) (2002), *Transportation in the Information Age*. Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies. 391 pages.

Donggen Wang and Jiukun Li, (2002) "Handling Large Numbers of Attributes and/or Large Numbers of Levels in Conjoint Experiments". *Geographical Analysis*. **Vol.34, No.4**, pp.350-362.

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"The Sustainability Dilemma of China's Township and Village Enterprises: An Analysis from Spatial and Functional Perspectives" (with Simon X.B. Zhao) *Journal of Rural Studies* 18(3), 257-273 (July 2002)

"Human Response to Sandstorm Hazard in China: Cases from Inner Mongolia, Heibei, and Beijing" (with O.L. Leung) *Applied Geography Conferences*, Vol. 25, pp.325-333 (October 2002)

北京大學生的環境意識調查分析.*Hong Kong Teachers' Centre Journal*, Vol. 1, 114-124, Spring 2002, Hong Kong Teachers' Centre.

"Factors Affecting Students' Participation in Informal Ecological Education Activities: The Case of Guangzhou and Hong Kong," (with W.K. Yan) Occasional Paper No. 24, The Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, HKBU (August 2002), 21 pages.

"Park Visiting Patterns and the Likeability Appraisal Rating of Kowloon Park Scenes by Park Visitors," (with M. Domroes) Occasional Paper No. 26, The Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, HKBU (September 2002), 20 pages.

Zhou, Qiming

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Zhou, Q. (2003) The theoretical model of 3-dimensional objects and their topological relationships in digital city “数字城市中三维对象及其拓扑关系的理论模型”. In *The Fundamental Geo-spatial Framework of Digital China 《数字中国地理空间基础框架》*, Chen, J. and Wu, L. (eds.), The Science Press, Beijing: 75-81 (in Chinese).

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3.3 Occasional Paper Series

Since its establishment, CURS has launched an occasional paper series, with Mr. Tang, Wing Shing as the Chief Editor. Authors of this series include the Centre's fellows and other staff members of HKBU, as well as scholars of other academic institutions in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and overseas. From July 2002 to June 2003, a total of 15 occasional papers have been published. Topics range from housing and urban land development and planning in China to the issues of governance and regional growth under the economic reforms and the intensification of globalization forces. The paper abstracts are available on CURS' website. The abstract of published occasional papers is provided in Appendix V.

No.	Title	Author(s)
21	Reform of Health Insurance System in Urban China	Victor C. W. Wong (June 2002)
22	Dragonheads and Needlework: Textile Work and Cultural Heritage in a Guizhou County	Tim Oakes (June 2002)
23	Urban Planning in Shenzhen, With Reference to Manchester	Suet Ying Ho and Wing-Shing Tang (July 2002)
24	Factors Affecting Students' Participation in Informal Ecological Education Activities: The Case of Guangzhou and Hong Kong	Koon-Kwai Wong and Wai-Kit Yan (August 2002)
25	China's Rural Market Development During the Era of	Him Chung

	Reform: Has the Traditional System Been Revived?	(September 2002)
26	Park Visiting Patterns and the Likeability Appraisal Rating of Kowloon Park Scenes by Park Visitors	Koon-Kwai Wong and Manfred Domroes (September 2002)
27	Life Course and Residential Mobility in Beijing, China	Si-Ming Li (September 2002)
28	Housing Preferences in A Transitional Housing System: the Case of Beijing, China	Donggen Wang & Si-ming Li (December 2002)
29	Hong Kong Becoming a Chinese Global City	Tai-lok Lui & Stephen W.K. Chiu (January 2003)
30	Role of Development Plans in Development Control: A New Research Agenda for Town Planning in Hong Kong	Wai Ying Lee & Wing-Shing Tang (February 2003)
31	Emerging Patterns of Cross-Boundary Commuting Between Hong Kong and Mainland	Werner Breitung (April 2003)
32	Housing Reform, Socio-Economic Differentials, and Stated Housing Preferences in Guangzhou, China	Donggen Wang & Si-ming Li (May 2003)
33	Some Reflections of Modern Geographic Thoughts on China Urban and Regional Studies	Wing-Shing Tang & Wai Ying Lee (May 2003)
34	Theorizing Urban Planning in China: The Case of Shenzhen	Mee Kam Ng & Wing-Shing Tang (May 2003)
35	The Rise of the Interface City? The Role of Taipei City in the Cross-Taiwan Strait Business Networks	Jinn-yuh Hsu (June 2003)

4. International Academic Networking

CURS intends to establish strong international academic links, and through this to develop possibilities of collaborative research on major policy and theoretical concerns of China's urban and regional development and transformation, especially in light of the impacts of globalization.

4.1 Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization"

The working group draws its core members from Hong Kong, the United States and Mainland China. It was established under the Urban China Research Network (UCRN) of the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY_Albany). Prof. Li, Si Ming of HKBU and Dr. Cartier, Carolyn of University of Southern California, serve as the co-chairs of the Working Group.

It is the objective of the Working Group to make a major contribution to the analysis of China's urban transformation in the context of cultural and economic globalization, and the examination of how the Chinese states tries to re-organize itself spatially in order to react to and accommodate this phenomenal spatial transformation process.

There are three key research themes, namely: (i) to theorize urban restructuring and state reorganization in China through the globalization debates and scale relations; (ii) to empirically analyze how the intersections between domestic economic restructuring and globalizing process have affected the development of the urban hierarchy and agglomerations in China; and (iii) to examine local conditions of urban transformations as they are impacted by economic restructuring and the forces of political and cultural globalization. Group members associated with each of the three themes will assess the status of the literature on their specific theme, and devise a collaborative research plan that both encompasses and facilitates their own expertise, while also propelling new questions and research goals generated by the agenda of the larger working group. All of the participants in the working group bring different kinds of expertise, including facility in social theory, planning and spatial data analysis. Thus the working group will be distinctive in not only the conceptual quality and originality of its ideas, but also in bringing together people with different kinds of research perspectives, and many who are known to each other but who have not previously worked together. Appendix VI provides a list of core members of the Workshop Group, divided into three groups of three research themes.

4.2 Workshop of the Theory Sub-group, Santa Monica, California, 14-15 February, 2003 (14-15 February 2003)

This workshop for the theory sub-group mainly concerns in 2 streams: 1) establishing major changes in the administrative hierarchy and state rationales for them, and 2) ways of theorizing the changing urban administrative hierarchy through the project to theorize scale relations.

Ten workshop participants discussed and debated these topics. For details of the participant list and list of papers, please refer to Appendix II. Mr. Tan Wing Shing, CURS' fellow, attended the workshop and presented the paper of “ State/space and Urban China: Towards a New Spatial Governmentality”

At the conclusion of the workshop, all participants agreed to revise their papers for the coming Hong Kong conference-International Conference on Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China 15-17 December 2003, which is co-organised by CURS.

5. Financial Review

5.1 Financial Summary (July 2002 – June 2003)

	Amount (HKD)
Income (+)	
A. Balance brought forward to 1 July 2002 ¹	465,776.87
B. Hong Kong Baptist University ²	100,000.00
C. Urban China Research Network / Mellon Foundation ³ (Remark: \$1 USD = \$7.78 HKD)	180,745.82
D. CURS' Occasional Paper Subscription & Other Income from Souvenir Sales	1314.27
E. Investment Interest / Income Interest	-6,629.78
F. Research Committee for International Conference on Globalization, the State and Urban Transformation in China	60,000.00
<u>Total Income (A+B+C+D)</u>	<u>801,207.18</u>
Expenditure (-)	
<u>A. Staffing</u>	
1. Full-time Staff	57,665.32
2. Part-time Helper(s)	1,596.00
Subtotal of Staffing Costs (A1+A2)	<u>59,261.32</u>
 <u>B. Grants to Research Fellows</u>	
1. Research Seed Money ⁴ (Remark: max. \$10,000 for each fellow per 3-year period)	20,000.00
2. Conference Grants ⁵ (Remark: max. \$5,000 for each fellow per 3-year period)	0.00
Subtotal of Grants to Research Fellows (B1+B2)	<u>20,000.00</u>
 <u>C. Academic Activities</u>	
1. Promotion for International Conference on Globalization, the States, and Urban Transformation in China	675.00
2. Workshop on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization" (Remark: 1 USD = 7.78 HKD)	78,100.15

3. Conference's Accommodation and Travel Insurance	2,181.78
Subtotal of Expenses related to academic activities (C1+C2+C3)	<u>81,593.93</u>

D. General Expenses:

1. Printing & Publication	14,367.00
2. Photocopying	366.00
3. Postage	5048.76
4. Stationery	772.00
5. Computer and Reference Materials	4,435.61
6. Hospitality and Miscellaneous	3,192.73
Subtotal of General Expenses (D1+D2+D3+D4+D5+D6)	<u>28,182.10</u>

<u>Total Expenditure (A+B+C+D)</u>	<u>189,037.35</u>
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<u>Expected Balance Brought forward to Year 2002/2003 (Total Income - Total Expenditure)</u>	<u>612,169.83</u>
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Note:

1: The accumulation from CURS-PRIVATE FUND 40-38-160 (\$465,776.87 HKD) and CURS-ALLOCATION FM RESEARCH COMMITTEE 38-10-160 (\$0).

2: Research grant of \$100,000.00 per year from Hong Kong Baptist University is renewable for three years, from 2001/2002 to 2003/2004;

3: Research grant of \$20,000 USD (approximate \$155,886.86 HKD, at \$1 USD = \$7.78 HKD) per year (subject to renewal approval on yearly basis) is half-used for supporting the Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization" (in Section 4.1), and the other half is used for supporting the research endeavours of CURS; and \$3,188.12 USD (approximate \$24,860.96 HKD) for the reimbursement of the extra expenditure of the working group on the workshop held on 19 March 2002

4: A maximum of \$10,000 HKD **research seed money** is available to each CURS' research fellows within a three-year period. It is the money for supporting CURS' research fellows on initiating their research project, which of course should be the studies related to China's urban and regional development.

(As reported in Section 3.1, Dr. Ruan Danching was granted the CURS' research seed money of \$10,000 HKD to support her project entitled "The Composition of Educational Elite in China – the Case of Perking University"; Mr. Tang Wing Shing was granted \$10,000 HKD to support his projected entitled "Nansha New Coastal City: A City Where East Meets West").

5: A maximum of \$5,000 HKD **conference grant** is available to each CURS' research fellows within a three-year period. It is for subsidizing CURS' research fellows on their participation of academic conference.

6. Future Year Plan (2002/2003)

6.1 An International Conference on “Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China” (15-17 December 2003) Revised

CURS, jointly with the Working Group on “Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization” (*Section 4.1*), organize an international conference entitled “Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China”, on 11 to 13 June 2003. Unfortunately, because of the SARS outbreak in Hong Kong, the organising committee was forced to postpone the holding of the conference to 15-17 December, 2003.

This conference is central to the work of CURS’ and the Working Group’s research agenda, planning to bring in internationally renowned scholars from all over the world to confront themselves squarely with the issues related to the state, urban and spatial transformations in China, especially in light of China’s continual integration with the world economy and the recent accession to the WTO. The conference will focus on six interrelated themes, namely:

- (i) Globalization, State Power, Scale Relations and Urbanization in China;
- (ii) Housing and Urban Land Use;
- (iii) HIV/AIDS and the Sex Trade in Urban China;
- (iv) WTO, FDI and Interregional Competition;
- (v) Migrants and Poverty;
- (vi) SARS, Global Discourse and Differential Local Responses

Two of the world most renowned urban and regional theorists, namely Prof. Neil Smith of the City University of New York and Prof. Michael Dutton of the University of Melbourne, will serve as keynote speakers of the conference to speak on the issue of geographical scale and its relations to geographical structuring of the state in general and of the Chinese state in particular. It is expected that this conference will make a significant contribution to our understandings of the nature and consequences of China’s urban transformation, and will elevate the status of HKBU as a center of scholarship worldwide in China urban and regional research.

6.2 Shanghai – Hong Kong Forum (January 2004)

CURS is currently planning to hold a conference entitled “Shanghai – Hong Kong Forum” in Shanghai in December 2003 to examine the positioning of China’s two major metropolises, namely Shanghai and Hong Kong, and their respective megalopolitan regions, i.e., the Yangzi Delta and the Pearl River Delta, at present and in the future. Participants of the conference will include government officials, delegates from the

business sector, and academics. The Hong Kong Society of Asia Pacific Twenty One and the Shanghai Association of Social Sciences will join with CURS to host this conference. Topics to be analysed include the interrelationship between the municipal governments of these two cities and the central government in Beijing, and between these two city governments and the governments of the various municipalities within their respective hinterlands. Also under examination is the status of Hong Kong as a special administrative region and how this may affect, both in the positive and negative sense, Hong Kong's role as China's financial and trading hub vis-à-vis that of Shanghai. The issue of metropolitan and regional governance in light of China's continual integration with the world economy, particularly in light of China's accession to the World Trade Organization, will constitute a major part of the discussion.

7. Overall Self-Evaluation

In the past year, CURS undertook and initiated a number of activities, which have since strengthened CURS' position as an international academic platform for China Urban and Regional Studies and related research disciplines. CURS' occasional paper series, which has been rather successful in bringing in scholars from Hong Kong, the Mainland, the United States, the United Kingdom, and other places to contribute to it, has drawn attention of the international academic community.

To date CURS has been operating on highly meagre budgets, which obviously have set strict limits on what we can do. However, it may be fair to say much of the research results achieved by members of the Centre could not have been materialized and propagated without the operation of the Centre. Therefore, in future we shall be more proactive in securing research money and funding support for conference and workshop organization, not only from the University and from the Research Grant Council, but more importantly also from the private sector, especially the various funding support agencies. We hope that the Research Committee can provide us with further guidance on how we can proceed on this front.