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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, and was formally inaugurated on 08 November 2001. Prof. Ng, Ching Fai, President of HKBU, and the Hon Yeung, Yiu-chung, Principal of Heung To Middle School, officiated the opening ceremony. Being well attended by nearly 70 guests and received considerable coverage in the local mass media, 8 November 2001 represents a benchmark day of the launching of CURS.

### 1.1 Objectives

CURS aims at conducting high quality research and cultivating academic exchange on China's urban and regional developmental issues.

China is undergoing unprecedented spatial transformations. The Yangtze Delta and the Pearl River Delta are fast becoming the world's largest light manufacturing bases. Beijing, being the national capital and the home to China's best universities and research institutions, is especially well positioned to attract transnational capitals. Mega-urban regions are fast taking shape in China, and the structure and form of cities are manifesting massive changes. Accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) will intensify the competition for the world city status among the country's leading cities, and will likely aggravate the problem of uneven spatial development. The recently pronounced policy of grand development of the western region may be an effective measure to reduce the problem of rising spatial disparities, but the fragile environment of China's western interiors is already at risk. Clearly, the study of cities and regions in China has immense theoretical and practical relevance.

Over the past few years, HKBU has been increasingly recognized both locally and internationally as a major player in China urban and regional studies. The establishment of CURS, which helps pool researchers at HKBU with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, builds upon this strength. Our aim is to further enhance Hong Kong's status as an academic hub for the study of China's cities and regions.

While CURS would encourage fellows to undertake research on all aspects of cities and regions in China, the current emphasis is on three interrelated themes: (i) the interrelationship between globalization, on the one hand, and urban and regional transformation, on the other. Here the focus is on the issue of geographic scale in the context of economic globalization and China's accession to the World Trade Organization, and the implications of shifting geographic scales for urban and regional governance. Attempts will be made to build a theory of urban and regional growth in the

Chinese context; (ii) spatial transformation at the metropolitan level. The major concerns here include housing choice decisions, residential restructuring, spatial segregation and implications for distributive justice, given the increasing penetration of global economic forces and the gradual retreat of the State from direct participation in economic production; and (iii) China's changing urban hierarchy, particularly the future of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta in light of the challenges posed by Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley.

### 1.2 List of Staff Members

CURS, which is attached to the Geography Department, is located at OEE 603, Oen Hall East, 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
- **Kwok, Vivian M. C.** – 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 interests: 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. Academic Activities

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

### 2.1 Seminars and Public Lectures

During the Inauguration Ceremony on 8 November 2001, CURS held two public lectures. These were delivered by:

- Sir Wu, Gordon Y. S., Chairman and Managing Director, Hopewell Holdings Ltd.  
(*Title: Relationship between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Region, and Land Use in Hong Kong*); and
- Prof. Xu, Xueqiang, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Zhongshan University, PRC  
(*Title: Contemporary Regional Development Issues in China*)

Moreover, from September 2001 to April 2002, CURS has organized three seminars. The titles and presenters are listed in Appendix I.

## 2.2 Conference and Workshop Organization

### ***The Second Meeting of the East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geographies (6 – 9 December 2001)***

CURS sponsored the Second Meeting of the East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geographies, named “Alternative Geographies of Asia in the New Millennium”, to be held on 6 to 9 December 2001 at HKBU. Mr. Tang, Wing Shing chaired the organizing committee. This conference attracted nearly 100 scholars from over the world to discuss the geographical issues in East Asia such as international migration, the regional impacts of the Asian financial crisis, urban governance, and grassroots resistance from a critical perspective.

### ***Public Forum on “Hong Kong and Guangdong Province Integration: Economy and Infrastructure” (21 May 2002)***

A public forum, entitled “Hong Kong and Guangdong Province Integration: Economy and Infrastructure” was held on 21 May 2002 at HKBU. Well attended by approximate 50 people and received considerable coverage in both local and overseas mass media, the forum provided a platform facilitating discussion on the present and future economic and infrastructural developmental issues in Hong Kong and Guangdong Province. Speakers at the forum included an academic scholar, an official from the Hong Kong SAR government, a business practitioner, and the CURS’ director, namely (*in alphabetic order*):

- **Dr. Chan, Robin Y. H.**, Chairman, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce;
- **Mr. Fung, Bosco C. K.**, JP, Director, Planning Department, Hong Kong SAR;
- **Prof. Li, Si-ming**, Director, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University;
- **Prof. Yeh, Anthony G. O.**, Chair Professor, Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, The University of Hong Kong.

The forum was very successful in highlighting the significance of strategic integration between Hong Kong and Guangdong Province – “how to achieve a **win-win scenario** in order to boost the Pearl River Delta Region as a growth pole of South China and even of Asia” should be stated as a top priority agenda in the long-term strategic planning of the two places.

### ***The Fourth Baptist – Tsinghua Joint Conference (22 – 25 May 2002)***

CURS coordinated four panel sessions highlighting the theme of “Regions, Cities and Environment” during the Fourth Baptist–Tsinghua Joint Conference, entitled “China in the World in the Twenty-First Century: Hot Issues in Contemporary China”, from 22 to 25 May 2002 at HKBU. Dr. Chung, Him, one of the CURS’ fellows, coordinated three panels addressing the issues of “Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Integration” as well as “Rural Poverty and Development”, and Dr. Chiu, Sammy W. C., another fellow of CURS, organized a panel on “Social Welfare Reform in China”. Besides, Dr. Wong, Kenneth K. K. was invited to chair a panel discussing the prospects of economic development in China. The list of panels, with presenters’ names and their paper titles, is illustrated in Appendix II.

### **2.3 International Academic Activities Participation**

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

### ***The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers (AAG) (19 – 23 March 2002)***

From 19 to 23 March 2002, four CURS’ fellows attended the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers (AAG), held at Los Angeles, California, USA. The AAG Annual Meeting is an open forum for sharing the results of research and teaching in geography and related specialties. Dr. Chow, Chun Shing was given a grant of HKD5,000 to attend this conference. Appendix III lists the papers presented by CURS’ fellows during the AAG Annual Meeting (*in alphabetic order*).

### ***One-Day Workshop on “State and Urban Transformation in China in an Era of Globalization (19 March 2002)***

Prof. Li, Si Ming, CURS’ Director, with two fellows namely Dr. Chow, Chun Shing and Mr. Tang, Wing Shing, attended a one-day workshop organized by the Working Group on “Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization”, at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, on 19 March 2002. The workshop aimed at conceptualizing the scale issues associated with the process of globalization and its impacts on urban transformation in China. For details of the Working Group and the workshop, please refer to Section 4.



### **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 six ongoing research projects under CURS:

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

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

This is 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 involves substantial research collaboration between staff of HKBU and scholars in Beijing and Guangzhou. The project examines 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 will help depict the complex pattern of residential choice behaviour in a highly compartmentalized and yet rapidly changing market. It will also shed light on the nature of housing market segmentation in China, and provide 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. Wang, Donggen and Prof. Li, Si Ming*

This 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. Planned Migration and Poverty Alleviation in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, PRC**

*Investigator: Dr. Chow, Chun Shing*

This FRG (Faculty Research Grant) project looks into a population resettlement program in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, PRC, demonstrating CURS' dedication for studies on inland and poverty issues and China's fringe area. The

resettlement program is planned and administered by the government of Ningxia, with the aim of mitigating poverty by resettling people from remote, mountainous, and arid territories in southern Ningxia to lowland areas with irrigation water in the northern part of the Autonomous Region. It began in 1982 and by now over 200,000 people have been resettled. The program is still in progress, with the goal of resettling 150,000 more people in these coming few years. This study explores if population resettlement can be an effective policy to augment rural development; and whether the experience in Ningxia can be generalized so as to benefit poverty alleviation policies elsewhere.

#### **4. Land-Use Planning in “One Country, Two Systems”: Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shenzhen**

*Investigators: Mr. Tang, Wing Shing and Dr. Ng, Mee Kam (CUPEM, University of Hong Kong)*

This project studies the political economy of urban governance and land-use planning mechanisms in the one country, two systems” of Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR). It is argued that the market economy of Hong Kong had, over the years as a British colony, established an efficiently run regulatory system of land-use planning. The current land-use planning mechanisms are biased towards economic growth as a result of its executive-government-led and business-interests-dominated political structure. The challenge for Hong Kong as a relatively autonomous SAR, therefore, is to incorporate the social and environmental dimensions in planning for territorial development within a wider regional context as a result of economic and political integration with China. This project aims to find the mechanism for HKSAR to cope with the peculiar planning systems cross the border and with the possible consequence that impacts Hong Kong.

#### **5. Urban Green in Hong Kong: Improving the Metropolitan Environment Provision of Public Parks and their Recreational Benefits**

*Investigators: Dr. Wong, Kenneth K K. and Prof. Domroes, Manfred (Geography Department, University of Mainz, Germany)*

This Germany-Kong Kong Joint Research Scheme Project investigates urban greens in Hong Kong via, (1) examining the size, composition and spatial distribution of urban greens in Hong Kong; (2) studying how urban green is perceived and utilised by the general public; (3) probing into agent agents involved in the supply of urban greens; and (4) examining how resources are allocated to the provision of urban greens.

## 6. A Comparative Study of Personal Networks and Mental Health in Hong Kong and Beijing

*Investigators: Dr. Lai, Gina W. F. and Dr. Ruan, Danching, with Dr. Lee, Rance P. L. Chan, Ying Keung, and Peng, Yusheng (Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong)*

This project is motivated by existing literature in comparative analyses of personal networks in the East and West and on the analysis of the relationship between social networks and health outcomes. It has two goals. The first goal is to compare patterns of personal networks in Hong Kong with those in Beijing and to compare personal networks in these two Chinese societies with other western countries. The second goal is to examine the intervening and interacting roles of social networks in the links between macro social context and micro socio-economic status, gender, and family structure on the one hand, individual psychological well-being and health service utilization on the hand.

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. Chung, Him* has taken the initiative to launch a project, entitled “**An Investigation of Contrary Features During China’s Urbanization Process: A Case Study of Tianhe Village, Guangzhou**”, under the support of CURS’ research seed money. He subsequently bid for and successfully obtained a FRG of HKD38,340 (FRG/01-02/I-42). The research investigates illegal construction in a newly urbanized village in China. Illegal constructions are prevalent during the reform era, when collective units and farmers are anxious to make money from their land. This is particular the case at the edges of urban areas, where a large amount of farmlands have been sold for property development. By examining negative issues, this study intends to rise geographer’s concern on contrary aspects of urbanization. This is critical in a transitional economy such as China, where minority groups have been marginalized and their vulnerability reduced. Theoretically, negative features challenge the notion of *desakota* (functionally integrated zones), which assuming urbanization is a progressive process. This study argues that further qualification is needed if the concept has to reflect China’s situation. The long-term significance of this research is to provide a more balance view on discussion of China’s rural urbanization.

### 3.2 Fellows’ Research Outputs

An incomplete count shows that a total of 37 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*):

**Chiu, Sammy W. S.**

2001(與黃昌榮、邵家臻合著)，《〈荃灣區青少年感情生活〉研究報告》。

**Chow, Larry C. H.**

2001, "A Study of Sectoral Energy Consumption in Hong Kong (1984-97): With Special Emphasis on the Household Sector," Energy Policy, No.13, Vol.29, pp.1099-1110.

2001 (with W.Y. Lo), "Chinese Offshore Oil Production: Hopes and Reality", Journal of International Development and Co-operation, No.2, Vol 7, pp.81-97.

2001, "Future of Gaseous Fuels in Hong Kong," OPEC Review, pp. 79-103.

2001, "Changes in Fuel Input of Electricity Sector in Hong Kong Since 1982 and Their Implications", Energy Policy, No. 15, Vol.29, pp. 1399-1410.

**Chow, Chun Shing**

2000 (with Teacher, E.K.), "The geographer and the fengshui practitioner: so close and yet so far apart?", Australian Geographer, Vol. 31, No. 3, pp.309-332.

**Chung, Him**

2002 (with Tang, W.S.), "Illegal Land Use and Construction in China: An Alternative View of urban-Rural Transition", Occasional Paper 8, The Center for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University.

2001, "Toll Roads in the Countryside: A Road Pricing System of Chinese Characteristics?", Occasional Paper 3, The Center for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University.

**Chung, Stephanie P. Y.**

2001 年，《香港地區歷史研究之一：九龍城》(合著)，香港：三聯書店。

2001 年，《龍城樂堂－樂善堂與早期九龍城歷史》(合著)，香港：衛奕信勳爵交物託資助出版。

2001, "Surviving Economic Crisis in Southeast Asia and Southern China: The History of Eu Yan Sang Business Conglomerates in Penang, Singapore and Hong Kong", Modern Asia Studies, Cambridge University Press

**Lai, Gina W. F.**

2001 (with Wong, Odalia), "Married Daughters and Status in the Natal Families: Focus-Group Interviews of Three Cohorts of Chinese Woman in Hong Kong", Hong Kong Journal of Sociology 2:123-152.

2001, "Job Stress in the Era of Market Reforms: An Exploratory Study of

Manufacturing Workers in Urban Shanghai”, in So, A., Lin, N. and Poston, D. (eds.), The Chinese Triangle of Mainland-Taiwan-Hong Kong: Comparative Institutional Analyses, pp.79-99, Connecticut: Greenwood Press.

2001, “Social Support Networks in Urban Shanghai”, Social Networks 371:73-85.

### **Lee, Kam Keung**

2001 年，《書生報國－中國近代變革思想之源起》，福州：福建教育出版社。

### **Li, Si Ming**

2001 (with Siu, Y. M.), “Commodity Housing Construction and Intra-Urban Migration in Beijing: An Analysis of Survey Data,” Third World Planning Review, 23 (1): 39-60.

2001 (with Shum, Y. M.), “Impacts of The National Trunk Highway System on Accessibility in China,” Journal of Transport Geography, 9 (1): 39-48.

2001 (with Siu, Y. M.), “Residential Mobility under Market Transition: A Study of the Newly Constructed Commodity Housing of Guangzhou,” The Professional Geographer, 53 (2): 219-229.

### **Tang, Wing Shing**

2002 (with Chung, H.), “Illegal land use and construction in China: an alternative view of urban-rural transition”, Occasional Paper 8, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

2001 (with Sun, S.), “Developing community planning with Chinese characteristics – Shanghai as an example (in Chinese)”, Urban Planning Forum, No.1, 16-8, & 51.

2001, “Urban development and planning in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone: elements for an informed understanding. Occasional Paper 2, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

### **Ruan, Danching**

2001, “A Comparative Study of Personal Networks in Two Chinese Societies”, in The Chinese Triangle of Mainland-Taiwan-Hong Kong: Comparative Institutional Analyses, So, A., Lin, N. and Poston, D. (eds.), pp.189-205, Connecticut: Greenwood Press.

2001 (with Lee, James; Wang, Feng), “Nuptiality among the Qing Nobility, 1600-1900”, in Asian Population History, Liu, T. Lee, J., Reher, D., Saito, O., and Wang, F. (eds.), pp.353-373, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Siu, Yat Ming**

- 2001 (with Li, S. M.), “Commodity Housing Construction and Intra-Urban Migration in Beijing: An Analysis of Survey Data”, Third World Planning Review, 23: 39-60.
- 2001, “Economic Development and Birth Planning: A Lesson from Analyzing Fertility and Contraceptive Behaviour of New Arrival Women from the Mainland” (in Chinese), in Hu, Tianci and Yu, Zhen (eds.), Reform and Development in Contemporary China, Beijing: Tsinghua University Press.
- 2001 (with Li, S. M.), “Residential Mobility and Urban Restructuring under Market Transition: A Study of Guangzhou, China”, Professional Geographer, 53: 219-229.

### **Wang, Donggen**

- 2001 (with Cheng T.), “A Spatial-Temporal Data Model for Activity-Based Transport Demand Modeling”, International Journal of Geographical Information Science, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp 307-321.
- 2001, “Impacts of Institutional Policies on Individuals’ Participation in Non-Work Activities”, Journal of Transport Geography, Vol. 9, pp.61-74.
- 2001 (with Li Jiukun and Timmermans H.), “Reducing Respondent Burden, Information Processing Effort and Incomprehensibility in Stated Preference Surveys: Principles and Properties of the Pairwise Design Strategy”, to appear in Transportation Research Record.

### **Wong, Kenneth K. K.**

- 2001, “Taiwan’s Environment, Resource Sustainability, and Green Consumerism: Perceptions of University Students,” Sustainable Development, 9, 222-233.
- 2001 (with Zhao, X. B.), “Living with Floods: Victims’ Perceptions in Beijiang, China,” AREA, 33(2), 190-201.

### **Wong, Victor C. W.**

- 2001 (與趙維生、邵家臻合著)，《〈荃灣區青少年感情生活〉研究報告》。
- 2000 (with Chiu, S.W.S.), “In Search of Legitimation: Social Work Management in Hong Kong”, in Harlow, E. and Lawler J. (eds.), Management, Social Work and Change, Ashgate, Aldershot, pp. 167-183

### **Zhou, Qiming**

- 2001 (with Robson, M.), Automated rangeland vegetation cover and density estimation using ground digital images and a spectral-contextual classifier, International Journal of Remote Sensing, 22(17): 3457-3470.
- 2001 (with Yang, X.), Simulation of an agricultural drainage network using a GIS network model, Geographical and Environmental Modelling, 5(2): 133-145.

- 2001 (with Zeng, T.Q.), Optimal spatial decision making using GIS: a prototype of a real estate geographical information system (REGIS), International Journal of Geographical Information Sciences, 15(4): 307-321.
- 2001 (with Zeng, T.Q., Cowell, P. and Huang, H.), Coastal GIS: functionality versus applications, Journal of Geospatial Engineering, 3(2): 109-126.

### 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 2001 to May 2002, a total of 20 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. Email announcement on new publications is made from time to time via the Urban-China Academic Mailing List Service and the China Geography LISTSERVE, with considerable coverage among the scholars in both Hong Kong, Mainland China, Asia, Europe and America. Moreover, papers were sent out as gift to the related university departments, reference libraries as well as research institutes, both locally and worldwide, for their colleagues circulation. So far, we have received very good responses for our occasional papers subscription. It is expected that the series will produce up to 30 issues yearly. A full list of published occasional papers is provided in Appendix IV.

## **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"

In conjunction with a number of local and international scholars, fellows of CURS have set up a Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization" under the Urban China Research Network of the State University of New York at Albany. Prof. Li, Si Ming, Director of CURS, together with Dr. Cartier, Carolyn of the Department of Geography, the University of Southern California, are 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. It is believed that researches on these three areas will contribute to studying the overarching question of the impacts of state reorganization and administrative hierarchy rescaling on the urban growth and development of China in an era of globalization. Appendix V provides a list of core members of the Workshop Group, divided into three groups of three research themes.

#### 4.2 One-Day Workshop on "State and Urban Transformation in China in an Era of Globalization (19 March 2002)

On 19 March 2002, the Working Group organized a one-day workshop, to be held at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. It was well attended by overall 30 scholars from Mainland China, the USA, the UK, Canada, Japan, as well as Hong Kong (listed in Appendix VI). The workshop aimed at conceptualizing the scale issues associated with the process of globalization and its impacts on urban transformation in China, in light of the four key themes, namely (i) urban China, reorganization of the state, and urban governance; (ii) urban restructuring and housing reform; (iii) the impacts of China's WTO accession; and (iv) health and inequality. The workshop was also a meeting among the core members to exchange findings and viewpoints on the Working Group's three research themes (as listed above), and to map out the Group's research agenda over the next three years.

#### 4.3 The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers (19-23 March 2002)

During the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, to be held at Los Angeles, California, USA, from 19 to 23 March 2002, the Working Group's members coordinated six paper sessions on four big themes, namely: (i) Urban Restructuring and Housing Reform in China; (ii) WTO Accession, World Cities Development and Urban Transformation in China; (iii) Human Impacts of Economic Restructuring and Globalization in China's Cities; and (iv) Theorizing



## 5. Financial Review

### 5.1 Financial Summary (January 2001 - May 2002)

	Amount (HKD)
<b>Income (+)</b>	
A. Heung To Educational Fund <sup>1</sup>	521,000.00
B. Hong Kong Baptist University <sup>2</sup>	120,000.00
C. Urban China Research Network / Mellon Foundation <sup>3</sup> (Remark: \$1 USD = \$7.78 HKD)	155,600
D. CURS' Occasional Paper Subscription	204.73
E. Investment Interest / Income Interest	5,081.20
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<b><u>Total Income (A+B+C+D)</u></b>	<b><u>782,676.29</u></b>

<b>Expenditure (-)</b>	
<u>A. Staffing</u>	
1. Full-time Staff	130,500.00
2. Part-time Helper(s)	2,394.00
<b>Subtotal of Staffing Costs (A1+A2)</b>	<b><u>132,894.00</u></b>
 <u>B. Grants to Research Fellows</u>	
1. Research Seed Money <sup>4</sup> (Remark: max. \$10,000 for each fellow per 3-year period)	10,000.00
2. Conference Grants <sup>5</sup> (Remark: max. \$5,000 for each fellow per 3-year period)	5,000.00
<b>Subtotal of Grants to Research Fellows (B1+B2)</b>	<b><u>15,000.00</u></b>
 <u>C. Academic Activities</u>	
1. CURS' Inauguration Ceremony	5,856.00
2. Second Meeting of the East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geographies	2,428.10

3. One-Day Workshop on “The State and Urban Transformation in China In An Era of Globalization”	81,923.40
<i>(Remark: 1 USD = 7.78 HKD)</i>	
4. The 4th Baptist-Tsinghua Joint Conference	2,800.00
5. Public Forum on “Hong Kong - Guangdong Province Integration: Economics and Infrastructure”	992.40
<b>Subtotal of Expenses related to academic activities (C1+C2+C3+C4)</b>	<b><u>93,999.90</u></b>

D. General Expenses:

1. Printing & Publication	20,508.00
2. Photocopying	8,752.30
3. Postage	10,000.00
4. Stationery	6,587.10
5. Computer and Reference Materials	1,104.30
6. Fax and Telecommunication	1019.23
<b>Subtotal of General Expenses (D1+D2+D3+D4+D5+D6)</b>	<b><u>46,666.53</u></b>

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<b><u>Total Expenditure (A+B+C+D)</u></b>	<b><u>288,560.43</u></b>
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<b><u>Expected Balance Brought forward to Year 2002/2003 (Total Income - Total Expenditure)</u></b>	<b><u>494,115.86</u></b>
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Note:

1: Acknowledgement to the Heung To Education Fund for its kind and generous donation of \$521,000 HKD to support the research endeavours of CURS.

2: Research grant of \$120,000.00 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 \$155,600.00 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;

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. Chung, Him was granted the CURS’ research seed money of \$10,000 HKD to support his project entitled “An Investigation of Contrary Features During China’s Urbanization Processes: A Case Study of Tianhe Village”.)*

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.

*(Dr. Chow, Chun Shing was granted the CURS' conference grant of \$5,000 HKD in support his participation of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of AAG, to be held at Los Angeles, California, USA, from 9 to 23 March 2002 (reported in Section 2.3).)*

## **6. Future Year Plan (2002/2003)**

### 6.1 The 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (14 December 2002)

This is an annual conference hosted by the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS), held on 14 December 2002 at the Sheraton Hotel, Hong Kong. As a continuation of the past six successful conference, the 7<sup>th</sup> conference will focus on the theme of "Transportation in the Information Age", especially welcome the presentations on new concepts, technology, practices, trends and modeling approaches in transportation. At this year conference, CURS will contribute as one of the organization bodies, in conjunction with the Department of Geography, HKBU.

### 6.2 An International Conference on "Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China" (11 – 13 June 2003)

As a continuation of the one-day workshop on "State and Urban Transformation in China in an Era of Globalization", to be held at the University of Southern California, LA, on 19 March 2002 (*Section 4.2*), CURS, jointly with the Working Group on "Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization" (*Section 4.1*), will organize an international conference entitled "Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China", on 11 to 13 June 2003. This conference will be central to the work is central to 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 four interrelated themes, namely:

- (i) Theorizing urban transformation and state re-organization in China;
- (ii) China's changing urban hierarchy;
- (iii) Urban housing and land use;
- (iv) Inequality and community health issues in China's cities and regions

Two of the world most renowned urban and regional theorists, namely Prof. Erik Swingedouw of the University of Oxford and Prof. John Logan of the University at

Albany, SUNY, will be invited 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.

### 6.3 Shanghai – Hong Kong Forum (December 2003)

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. 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. 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.

## **7. Overall Self-Evaluation**

The Centre for China Urban and Regional Study is still in its infancy. Nonetheless, as depicted in the above pages, much has been accomplished in CURS' first year of formal existence. With the assistance of the President and Vice Chancellor, Professor Ng, Ching Fai, CURS received a major donation from the Heung To Educational Fund. CURS also received funding support from the Urban China Research Network of the University at Albany, New York State, 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. 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. While the individual departments in the University may be too small to make a major impact on the field, pulling

strengthens together from the different departments allows us to build up the necessary critical mass of scholars.

In the past year, CURS undertook and initiated a number of activities, which have since helped establish CURS' position as an international platform for the cultivation of academic exchange and promotion of research in the general field of China urban and regional study. Under the auspices of the aforementioned working group, CURS helped organize a workshop at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in March 2002, and is planning to host the "International Conference on Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China" in June 2003 at HKBU. In addition to acting as the secretariat of the above-named working group, CURS also held and is planning to hold various academic activities on its own and in conjunction with other organizations. These include, *inter alia*, CURS' inauguration ceremony, Forum on Hong Kong – Pearl River Delta integration in May 2002, paper sessions on the same topic in the 4th Baptist – Tsinghua Joint Conference, co-hosting The Second Meeting of the East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geographies in December 2001, planning to hold the 7th Conference of the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies in December 2002 and the Hong Kong – Shanghai Forum to be held in Shanghai at the end of 2003. CURS has also launched an 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. All these point to one fact: CURS is beginning to gain international recognition.

Despite the rather small amount of financial and other resource available, CURS has made attempts to provide at least some token support to its fellows to initiate new research projects and to attend international conferences so as to facilitate academic exchange and to promote CURS and HKBU at large to the international academic community. Above it was pointed out that while CURS would encourage fellows to undertake research on all aspects of China urban and regional research, the current emphasis is on three major themes: (i) the interrelationship between globalization and urban and regional transformation; (ii) spatial transformation at the metropolitan level; and (iii) China's changing urban hierarchy, particularly the relative fortunes of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta and Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley. These themes have constituted the main thrusts of the various forums, conferences, workshops, etc. that we have organized or sponsored. These themes have important policy as well as theoretical significance, and will help distinguish CURS as a major centre of scholarship in the international academic circle.

To date CURS has been operating on highly meagre budgets, which obviously have set

strict limits on what we can do. For example, the current financial situations do not allow us to employ full time research personnel, without whom it would be exceedingly difficult for us to make concerted efforts in launching major research projects. CURS so far performs primarily a platform function. We have to rely, to a considerable extent, on the initiatives of the individual Centre fellows to undertake research endeavours, although we have made serious attempts at pooling faculty members with similar research interests together. 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.

Seminars held by CURS (*in chronological order*), from September 2001 to April 2002

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
姚士謀教授 中國科學院南京地理與湖 泊研究所	中國城市化戰略目標及其 關鍵性對策	25 September 2001
Prof. Smith, Christopher J. Department of Geography and Planning, State University of New York at Albany	The Language and Politics of Discontent in New Millennium China	27 September 2001
Dr. Wang, James Jixian Department of Geography, the University of Hong Kong	Container Port Development in China: Where, How and Why	7 March 2002

List of panels organized by CURS during the 4<sup>th</sup> Baptist-Tsinghua Joint Conference  
(22 – 25 May 2002)

Panel 1 - Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Integration (I)		
Chair: Li, Si Ming, Director, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University		
Presenters:	Affiliation	Paper Title
Li, Si Ming	Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University	Cross-Border Home Purchase, and Hong Kong's Changing Housing Policy
So, Alvin Y.	Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Social Relations Between Pearl River Delta and Hong Kong: A Study of Cross-border Families
黃勵瑩	Faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences, University of Macau	Cross-Border Consumption in Macau
Tse, Pauline H. M.	Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong	Flexible Sojourners? Cross-boundary flow of Hongkongers in the era of globalization and regionalization

Panel 2 - Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Integration (II)		
Chair: Zhao, Simon X. B., Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong		
Presenter	Affiliation	Paper Title
Ng, Mee Kam	Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, The University of Hong Kong	Sustainability impact assessment (SIA) in the Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Region: Hong Kong and Shenzhen as case studies
Shen, Jianfa	Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	An Analysis of Dual Track Urbanization on the Pearl River Delta Since 1980
Yan, Xiaopei	Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Zhongshan	生產性服務業與粵港經濟合作新路向



	University	
Zhou, Chunshan	Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Zhongshan University	港澳－珠江三角洲地區管理體制與管治的研究

Panel 3 – Rural Poverty and Development		
Chung, Him (Research Fellow, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University)		
Presenter	Affiliation	Paper Title
Ku, Hok Bun	Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University	地方國家、經濟干預和農村貧困－一個“好心做壞事”的個案分析
Xiao, Jin	Department of Education Administration and Policy, Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Promoting compulsory education and technology in rural China: A case of agony in Yunnan
孔祥雲	清華大學，人文社會學院經濟研究所	論 WTO 框架下的中國農村城市化進程

Panel 4 – Social Welfare Reform in China		
Chiu, Sammy W.S. (Research Fellow, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University)		
Presenter	Affiliation	Paper Title
Wong, Victor C. W.	Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University	Health Care Reform in China
Yeung, Sik Chung	Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University	非政府組織在社會照顧的角色：廣州個案分析
張時飛	中國社會科學院，社會學研究所社會政策研究中心	中國農村最低生活保障
沈俊元教授、閻志強教授	中山大學社會學系（社會專業）	城鄉老人閒暇生活方式、狀況與特徵：廣州個案研究

Panel 5 – Environment and Development in China		
Wong, Kenneth K. K. (Research Fellow, Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University)		
Presenter	Affiliation	Paper Title
Chow, Chun Shing	Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University	The Geographical Landscape and Culture Meanings of China's Great Wall
蔡曉月	復旦大學，世界經濟系	中國大城市的政府管理分析－比較上海與香港城市管理
周立	清華大學，國情研究中心	中國漸進式金融改革徑之評價－一個地區差距角度的分析 (1978-1999)
鍾韻	中山大學，城市與區域研究中心	全球化背景我國生產性服務業的發展潛力與區域效應

Appendix III

List of papers presented by CURS's fellows (in alphabetic order) at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers (AAG) (19 – 23 March 2002)

<u>Presenter(s)</u>	<u>Title</u>
Chow, Chun Shing	Planned Migration and Poverty Alleviation in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China
Li, Si Ming	Economic Transition, Life Course, and Intra-urban Migration in China
Tang, Wing Shing	Planning Urban China: Governmentality and Time-Space
Wang, Donggen	Housing Choice in A Transitional Economy: the Case of Beijing, China ( <i>joint paper with Prof. Li, Si Ming</i> )

Series of occasional papers published by CURS (*in chronological order*), from July 2001 to May 2002

No.	Title	Author(s)
1	Housing Tenure and Residential Mobility in Urban China: Analysis of Survey Data	Li, Si Ming & Fung, Doris K. W. (July 2001)
2	Urban Development and Planning in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone: Elements for an Informed Understanding	Tang, Wing Shing (August 2001)
3	Toll Roads in the Countryside: A Road Pricing System of Chinese Characteristics?	Chung, Him (September 2001)
4	China's WTO Accession and its Impact on Spatial Restructuring of Financial Centers in Mainland and Hong Kong: A Geography of Finance Perspective	Zhao, Simon X.B. (October 2001)
5	The Language and Politics of Discontent in New Millennium China	Smith, Christopher J. (November 2001)
6	Flexible Production in the Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Region: Regionalization of Industry and Transformation of A Local Chinese Economy	Lin, George C. S. (December 2001)
7	Population Migration and Urbanization in China: A Comparative Analysis of the 1990 Population Census and the 1995 National One Percent Sample Population Survey	Li, Si Ming (December 2001)
8	Illegal Land Use and Construction in China: An Alternative View of Urban-rural Transition	Tang, Wing Shing & Chung, Him (January 2002)
9	Port Governance in China: A Case Study of Shanghai International Shipping Center	Wang, James Jixian & Slack, Brain (January 2002)
10	Doing Research About Hong Kong Petty Capitalists Doing Business in China	Smart, Alan & Smart, Josephine (January 2002)
11	廣東省珠江三角洲的城鎮化：「城鄉融合區」的啓示	邵一鳴、李思名 (February 2002)
12	Residential Mobility and Social Capital in Urban Shanghai	Lai, Gina W. F. & Siu, Yat Ming (February 2002)
13	The Politics of Dyscape: Globalization, Community and Power of Place	Pun, Ngai (February 2002)
14	Social Relations Between Pearl River Delta and Hong Kong: A Study of Cross-border Families	So, Alvin Y. (February 2002)
15	Involuntary Resettlement, Production and Income: Evidence from Xiaolangdi, PRC	Webber, Michael & McDonald, Brooke (March 2002)
16	Heritage, Identity and the (Re)Construction of Culture in Post-Colonial Hong Kong	Chow, Chun Shing & Teather, Elizabeth K. (March 2002)

17	China's Land Resources and Land Use Change	Ho, Samuel P.S. & Lin, George C.S. (March 2002)
18	Planning Rhetoric and Urban Development in Shenzhen, People's Republic of China	Ng, Mee Kam & Tang, Wing Shing (April 2002)
19	The Politics of Urban Regeneration in Shenzhen, China: A Case Study of Shangbu Industrial District	Ng, Mee Kam & Tang, Wing Shing (April 2002)
20	Space, Place and Transnationalism in the Chinese Diaspora	Laurence J. C. Ma (May 2002)

List of Working Group's Core Members (*in alphabetic order*), divided into 3 research themes

<b>Theme 1: To theorize urban restructuring and state reorganization in China through the globalization debates and scale relations</b>	
Name	Affiliation
<i>Cartier, Carolyn*</i>	Department of Geography, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
Cui, Gonghao	Department of Geography, Nanjing University
Lin, George C. S.	Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong
Ma, Laurence J. C.	Independent Scholar (retired from the University of Akron, Akron, OH)
Tang, Wing Shing	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University

<b>Theme 2: 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</b>	
Name	Affiliation
Cai, Fang	Institute of Populations Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing
Cai, Jianming	Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resource Research, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing
Wu, Weiping	Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, USA
Zhang, Li	Department of Geography, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Zhao, Simon X.B.*	Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong

**Theme 3: To examine local conditions of urban transformations as they are impacted by economic restructuring and the forces of political and cultural globalization**

Name	Affiliation
Fan, Cindy	Department of Geography, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
Huang, Youqin	Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany
Lai, Gina	Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University
<i>Li, Si Ming*</i>	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
Liang, Zai	Department of Sociology, City University of New York
Smith, Christopher J.*	Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany
Yang, Xiushi	Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, USA

*Italic* (Cartier, Carolyn and Li, Si Ming are the co-chairs of the Workshop Group)

\* represents of the leader(s) of sub-group

List of Participants (*in alphabetic order*) in the One-Day Workshop on “State and Urban Transformation in China in an Era of Globalization (19 March 2002)”

Name	Affiliation
<b>(A) Working Group Core Members</b>	
CAI Jianming	Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resource Research, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing
CAI, Fang	Institute of Populations Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing
CARTIER, Carolyn	Department of Geography, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
FAN, Cindy	Department of Geography, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
HUANG, Youqin	Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany
LI, Si Ming	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
LIANG, Zai	Department of Sociology, City University of New York
SMITH, Chris	Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany
TANG, Wing Shing	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
YANG, Xiushi	Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, USA
ZHANG, Li	Department of Geography, Chinese University of Hong Kong
ZHAO, Simon X.B.	Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong



<b>(B) Speakers at the Workshop (Non-Working Group's Members)</b>	
CHAN, Kam Wing	Department of Geography, University of Washington, USA
CHAN, Roger	Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, University of Hong Kong
MEYER, David	Department of Sociology, Brown University, USA
SIT, Victor	Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong
TONG, Christopher	Westminster College of Salt Lake City
WANG, Tan	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
WU, Fulong	Department of Geography, University of Southampton

<b>(C) Other Scholars Participated the Workshop</b>	
BOLAND, Alana	Department of Geography, University of Toronto
BUCK, Daniel Patrick	University of California, Berkeley
CHOW, Chun Shing	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
FUNG Doris	Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University
HANSEN, Peter	China Foundation
JHAVERI, Nayna	Department of Geography, University of Washington
OAKES, Timothy	University of Colorado, Boulder
OKUNO, Shii	University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences
SMART, Alan	Department of Anthropology, University of Calgary
SMART, Po-Ling Josephine	Department of Anthropology, University of Calgary
YANG, Hong	Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science and Technology
ZHANG Xingdong	Department of Geography, University of Southern California

A summary of the paper sessions organized by the Working Group “Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization”, at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers (19 – 23 March 2002)

(A) Session Title: Urban Restructuring and Housing Reform in China (I)

Organizer: Li, Si Ming

Chair(s): Li, Si Ming and Wu, Fulong

Participants include:

1. Huang, Youqin

Title: *Government Behavior and Regional Variations in Housing Choice: A Case Study of Three Cities in China*

2. Li, Si Ming

Title: *Economic Transition, Life Course, and Intra-urban Migration in China*

3. Wang, Donggen

Title: *Housing Choice in a Transitional Economy: The Case of Beijing, China*

4. Wu, Fulong

Title: *Intra-urban residential relocation in Shanghai: State and Market in the Transformation of Urban Space*

(B) Session Title: Urban Restructuring and Housing Reform in China (II)

Organizer: Li, Si Ming

Chair(s): Li, Si Ming and Wu, Fulong

Participants include:

1. Zhang, Li

Title: *Self-help Housing and Rural Migration Settlements in Chinese Cities*

2. Ding, Chengri

Title: *Housing Reform and Emerging Housing Markets in China: Evidence from Beijing, PRC*

3. Wang, Wenfei

Title: *The Changing Patterns of Population Distribution in Beijing: 1982-1998*

4. Po, Lan-chih

Title: *Guanxi Network of Urban Real Estate Development in Post-reform China*

(C) Session Title: WTO Accession, World Cities Development and Urban Transformation in China (I)

Chair(s): Zhao, Simon, X. B. and Pannell, Clifton W.

Participants include:

1. Zhao, Xiaobin

Title: *China's WTO Accession and Impact on Financial Centre Restructuring in Mainland and Hong Kong*

2. Cai, Jianming

Title: *Where Shanghai Stands towards a World City*

3. Chan, Roger C. K.

Title: *Globalization and Dominance of Large Cities in China*

4. Sit, Victor F. S.

Title: *China's Extended Metropolitan Regions: regional urbanization under globalization*

5. Pannell, Clifton W. (Discussant)

(D) Session Title: WTO Accession, World Cities Development and Urban Transformation in China (II)

Organizer: Zhao, Simon, X. B.

Chair(s): Zhao, Simon, X. B. and Chan, K. W.

Participants include:

1. Tong, Christopher, S. P.

Title: *WTO, State Enterprise Reform and Spatial Transformation*

2. Cai, Fang

Title: *Urban Ranking, Self-Financing, and Migration in China*

3. Ho, Suet Ying

Title: *Planning for growth in Shanghai: Reconciling economic and social benefits*

4. Wang, Tan

Title: *The Prospects for Development of Financial Centers after China's Entry to the WTO: Location, Path Dependence and Information Hinterland*

5. Pannell, Clifton W. (Discussant)

(E) Session Title: Human Impacts of Economic Restructuring and Globalization in China's Cities

Organizer: Smith, Christopher J.

Participants include:

1. Smith, Christopher J.

Title: *Social Control and China's Urban Transition*

2. Liang, Zai

Title: *Education of Migrant Children in China: An Origin-Destination Linked Approach*

3. Yang, Xiushi

Title: *Temporary Migration and Public Health: Is there a Link?*

4. Hansen, Peter M.

Title: *Sexually Transmitted Infection Risk in Migrant Construction Worker Populations in Beijing, China*

(F) Session Title: Theorizing Urbanization and Urban Transformation in China

Organiser: Cartier, Carolyn and Tang, Wing Shing

Chair(s): Tang, Wing Shing

Participants include:

1. Chan, Kam Wing

Title: *About Chinese Urbanization in Broader Terms*

2. Meyer, David

Title: *Theorizing China's Urban System in a Global Urban System*

3. Boland, Alana

Title: *Investing in the Urban Environment: City and Nature in China's Reform*

4. Tnag, Wing Shing

Title: *Planning Urban China: Governmentality and Time-space*

5. Cartier, Carolyn

Title: *Scale Relations and the Reorganization of China's Urban Hierarchy in China under Reform*