



Research Network "Governance in China" and Association for Social Science Research on China (ASC)

Joint International Conference,
November 23-24, 2012

Organized by: Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Tübingen
Venue: Schloss Hohentübingen, Fürstenzimmer

Program

Friday, 23 November 2012, afternoon

14:00-14:15 Opening Remarks: Gunter Schubert (University of Tübingen)

14:15-15:50 **Panel 1: Stratification and Social Identities**

Chair: Elena Meyer-Clement (University of Tübingen)

Björn Alpermann (University of Würzburg): "Status Change and Social Identities in Contemporary Urban China"

Andrew Kipnis (Australian National University): "Urbanization in Between: Rural and Socialist Traces in Rapidly Urbanizing China"

Commentator: Carolyn L. Hsu (Colgate University)

15:50-16:10 *Coffee break*

16:10-17:50 **Individual paper session I**

Chair: Björn Alpermann (University of Würzburg)

Lena Springer and Katja Pessl (University of Vienna): "Social mobility of migrants from China in Vienna: Educational careers and relations of informal employment"

Commentator: Karsten Giese (GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)

Tobias Voss (University of Cologne): "Research on Income Distribution in the People's Republic of China since 1992 - Economic discourses and their political impact"

Commentator: Doris Fischer (University of Würzburg)

19:00 *Dinner at "Wurstküche"*

Saturday, 24 November 2012

9:15-11:55 **Panel 2: Incentives, Distortions and Effectiveness - Local Policy Implementation in Perspective**

Chair: Thomas Heberer (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Mei Ciqi (Tsinghua University): “The Reach of the Center: Limitation of Unlimited Political Authority” (co-authored with Margaret Pearson, University of Maryland)

Genia Kostka (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management): “Intended and unintended consequences of setting ‘hard’ environmental targets”

Anna Ahlers (University of Tübingen): “Constructing *New Rural Neighborhoods* (新农村社区) in China from the Strategic Perspective of Local Policy Implementors – Effective Adaptation of ‘Urbanization with Chinese Characteristics’?”

20 minute coffee break

Commentator: Andrew Kipnis (Australian National University)

12:00-13:00 *Lunch break*

13:10-14:10 **Guest talk**

Chair: Gunter Schubert (University of Tübingen)

Zhao Shukai (Development Research Center of the State Council): “中国乡村治理的挑战 (Strategies of Rural Governance in China)”

14:10-14:30 *Coffee break*

14:30-16:50 **Panel 3: The Politics and Economics of Technology and Innovation in China**

Chair: Sebastian Heilmann (University of Trier)

Christian Göbel (University of Heidelberg): “The Innovation Dilemma and Regime Consolidation in China”

Cora Jungbluth (University of Freiburg): “Unleashing the “Green Cat”? The Institutionalization of Environmental Policy and the Promotion of Renewable Energy in China – Lessons from the Solar Industry”

Maximilian Mayer (University of Bonn): “Creative destruction and China’s position in the global politics of innovation”

Commentator: Richard P. Suttmeier (University of Oregon)

16:50-17:00 Concluding Remarks: Gunter Schubert (University of Tübingen)

17:00-18:00 **Business Meeting of the ASC** (alternatively: guided walking tour)

19:00 *Conference Dinner at “Weinstube Forelle”*