



Social Science Research Council

International Workshop on Environment and Health in China: Perspectives from the Social Sciences

Hong Kong, April 17-20, 2008

In collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences of Hong Kong University and the School of Public Health, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Agenda

Thursday April 17th

9:00am Introductions

10:15am Goals and organization of the workshop

10:45am Break

11:00am **Panel 1 Overview of Problems**

Chair: Jennifer Holdaway

Discussant: Zhu Tong

“Governance on environmental change and health risk in China”

Wang Wuyi, Yang Linsheng, Li Hairong, and Li Yonghua

Relevant background materials: Summary of SSRC Planning Meetings, pp 11-14 (Categorizing and analyzing environmental health risks from a multi-disciplinary perspective)

12:30pm Lunch: Graduate House’s Joseph Restaurant

2:00pm **Panel 2 Government Responses**

Chair: Jane Duckett

Discussant: Zhang Lei

“China’s Environmental Regulatory System Reform: Responding to the Health Impact of Environmental Degradation”

Zhang Shiqiu

“An Examination of Chinese Government’s Response to Environment-Related Health Risks in China”

Charles Freeman and Lu Xiaoqing

“Strategy misguided: The weak links between vehicular emissions, public health, and urban emission control measures in Guangzhou”

Yok-shiu F. Lee, Carlos Lo and Anna Lee

- 4:00pm Break
- 4:15pm **Panel 3 Health System Responses**
 Chair: James Keeley
 Discussant: Jane Duckett
- “One Public, Two Health Systems: Hong Kong and China, Integration without Convergence”
 Kerrie MacPherson
- “Chinese Rural Health System Development and Reform: a Perspective of Environment and Health”
 Gerry Bloom and Fang Jing
- Relevant background materials: Summary of Rural Healthcare Project
- 5:45pm Adjourn
- 6:45pm Coach pickup: Robert Black, transportation to Hunan Garden Restaurant

Friday April 18th

- 9:00am **Panel 4 Risk Management and Communication**
 Chair: Nick Thomas
 Discussant: Thomas Abraham
- “A Strategy for Integrating Environmental Risks into China’s Risk Management Discourse”
 Zhang Lei and Zhong Lijin
- “Brokering Environment and Health in China: Issue Entrepreneurs of the Public Sphere”
 Yang Guobin
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am **Panel 5 Law and Regulation**
 Chair: Ye Jingzhong
 Discussant: Carlos Lo
- “A Tale of Two Factories: Citizen Action against Pollution in China: Types, Potential, Obstacles and Catalysts”
 Benjamin van Rooij
- “Environmental Health and the Law: Lessons from the U.S. Experience”
 Alex Wang
- 12:15pm Lunch: HKU Senior Common Room
 Presentation by Professor Sian Griffiths, CUHK School of Public Health

- 1:45pm **Panel 6 Air Pollution**
 Chair: Zhang Shiqiu
 Discussant: Yok-shiu Lee
- “Air pollution in Hong Kong: Some reflections on the history and development of air pollution control policies”
 T.W. Wong
- “Air Quality Research in Beijing and Health Effects”
 Zhu Tong
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:30pm **NGO Roundtable**
 Chair: Jane Duckett
 Discussant: Yang Guobin
- Sun Jing, Pesticides Eco-Alternatives Center
 Kevin May, Greenpeace China
 Zhang Jingjing, Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims
 Zhang Kaining, Yunnan Health and Development Research Association
 Jeremy Prepisci, Business for Social Responsibility
- 5:30pm Adjourn
- 6:00pm Reception hosted by HKU Faculty of Social Sciences
- 7:00pm Dinner: HKU Senior Common Room

Saturday April 19th

- 9:00am **Panel 7 Rural Issues**
 Chair: Fang Jing
 Discussants Ye Jingzhong
 James Keeley
- “Biogas in Rural China: Progress and Challenges”
 Zheng Baohua
- “An anthropology of ‘cancer villages’: villagers’ perspectives and the politics of responsibility”
 Anna Lora-Wainwright
- “Chinese Food: From Quantity to Quality to Sustainability”
 Jim Harkness
- 11:00am Break

- 11:15am **Panel 8 Occupational Health**
 Chair: Zhang Lei
 Discussant: TW Wong
- “Addressing Occupational Injury and Disease in China: Issues of Data Collection and Management”
 Li Liping
- “Occupational Health and Safety Challenges in China-- Focusing on Township-Village Enterprises”
 Xiao-Rong Wang, Lap-Ah Tse, Ignatius T.S. Yu, Tze-Wai Wong, and Sian Griffiths
- 12:45pm Lunch: Senior Common Room
- 2:30pm **Panel 9 Perspectives from Within and Across Disciplines**
 Chair: Jennifer Holdaway
- “Health and Climatic Hazards: Framing Research on Vulnerability, Response, and Adaptation”
 Roger Few
- “The Ecohealth Approach”
 Fang Jing
 Relevant background material: An Ecosystem Approach to Human Health
- Disciplinary perspectives: Jane Duckett , Yang Guobin, Zhang Shiqiu,
- 4:15pm Break
- 4:30pm Discussion of rural health care initiative
- Relevant background material: Summary of Rural Healthcare Project
- 5:30pm Adjourn
- 5:45pm Coach pickup: Robert Black, transportation to Llama Island Rainbow Restaurant

Sunday April 20th

- 9:00am Agenda Setting: Priority topics for research
- 11:00am Break
- 11:15am Connecting research to policy/practice
 Next steps
- 1:00pm Lunch (Graduate House’s Joseph Restaurant) and close

6:45pm

Coach pickup: Robert Black and Bishop Lei (6:55pm), transportation to Eighteen Brook Cantonese Restaurant