

Research symposium:
GENDER DYNAMICS IN THE 21st CENTURY:
Gender, Class, Culture in a Globalizing World
October 23rd 2013. Nordic Centre (room 302), Fudan University, Shanghai

Organizers: Nordic Center (Fudan), Department of Sociology (University of Copenhagen), The Co-ordination for Gender Research (UCPH), Center for Legal Culture (UCPH)

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The aim of the symposium is to focus on the intersections of Gender, Class and Culture in the 21st century, with a specific focus on connecting comparisons between China and the Nordic countries. The workshop will focus on new and old forms of social and gender inequalities, identities and structures as well as new forms of gendered subjectivities in the context of globalization, neoliberal reforms and ways of life, in East and West. Special focus will be on 'globalization' from below and how global and local forces are effecting new forms collective cultures, ideas and categories and forming multiple ideas of masculinity and femininity.

The symposium aims at presenting themes on legal and social activism, related to body, health, welfare and environment. And also, to focus on new ways of doing middle class, new lifestyles and everyday life in the home, family, parenting, child care, and educational practices.

Format: The symposium will have participants from Denmark and Nordic countries and from China. The speakers and participants are faculty members and Ph.D.-fellows from University of Copenhagen and other Nordic universities, and from a range of Chinese universities and research institutions. A limited number of faculty members, Ph.D.-fellows and MA students from the Shanghai area will be invited as participants without papers. The maximum number of participating scholars will be 25-30.

The goal is to work towards setting up research networks and educational cooperation, and to launch book proposals centered on connecting comparisons between China and the Nordic countries, in new and cutting edge thematic areas related to gender, class and culture.

PROGRAM

09.00-09.15 WELCOME by Dr Natalie Wheeler, Director/program manager, Fudan Nordic Center and Prof. Chungron Liu, Fudan/UCPH professor

09.15-10.45 SESSION I. MIDDLE CLASS, CONSUMPTION, SUSTAINABILITY

Low-carbon society and gender mainstreaming sustainability in China
Prof. Yuan Ren, Fudan University

Middle class and consumption patterns in Contemporary China: A case study in Beijing
Dr Di Zhu, CASS Beijing

From Kingdom of Bicycles to Land of the Car: Car culture and Gender in the urban China
Ass prof. Hilda Rømer, University of Copenhagen

11.00-12.00 SESSION II. CARE, WELFARE, FAMILY. TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Care Deficit: Unintended consequences of the one child policy. Generational and gender conflicts in contemporary, urban China in a comparative perspective
Prof. Peter Abrahamsson, University of Copenhagen

Analysis of major determinants affecting family happiness based on gender approach
Prof. Jiehua Lu, Peking University

12.00-13.00 LUNCH

13.00-14.30 SESSION III. MOTHERHOOD AND MASCULINITY IN POSTSOCIALIST CHINA

The Hot-Super Mother : Motherhood in an individualization era of urban China
Prof. Shen Yifey, Fudan University

Becoming a Mother in Beijing
Ph.D.-fellow Michala Breengard, University of Copenhagen/ SDC

Negotiating 'Post-Patriarchal' Gender Roles - Perspectives of Young Chinese Males
MA Tara Jensen, University of Copenhagen

14.30-15.00 COFFEE/TEA

15.00-16.30 SESSION IV. ACTIVISM, SUBJECTIVITY, MODERNITY

The possible and impossible of inter-subjectivity: Working with internal migrant workers of the service sector
Ass. Prof. Gao Ming, Shanghai University

The Gender Coding of Modernity. A process of creating a modern gender and development NGO in the PRC

Senior Researcher Cecilia Milwertz, University of Copenhagen, and Associate Research Fellow Wang Fengxian.

China's New Engagement with Africa: What role for human security, women, peace and the 'Responsibility to Protect'-agenda

Yosef Kamal Ibssa, Ph.D., University of Copenhagen

16.30-17.30 SESSION V. GENDER, CLASS, CULTURE IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD. MIXED THEMES

Gender and Corruption – insights from China

Associate Professor Qi Wang, University of Southern Denmark, and Professor Dongchao Min, Shanghai University/NIAS UCPH

Gender and the Legal Profession / Gender and Human Rights. Local and Global Perspectives. Prof. Hanne Petersen, University of Copenhagen

17.30-18.00 WINDING UP AND FURTHER PLANS

19.00-21.00 DINNER