

Call for Papers

Symposium on Space-time Behavior and Planning in Urban China

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China is experiencing tremendous social and economic change. Meanwhile urban space and individual daily life have undergone profound transformation and interacted with each other in highly complex ways. The space-time behavior approach provides a unique perspective for understanding the complex relationships between human activity and urban environments in space and time. It has become an influential methodology in Chinese urban geography. It is also a highly useful human-oriented approach to land use and transportation planning in China, especially after the "new-type urbanization" was brought forward as a national strategy by the central government.

Informed by the social/behavioral turn, we suggest that a fruitful direction for future research on urban China entails perspectives that are attentive to activities, travel and mobility in space-time that shape or transform the urban fabric of China, while remaining cognizant of the particularities of China's social, political, cultural, economic, and institutional context. Theories developed in the Chinese context, new conceptualizations, new analytical methods and data sources capable of addressing these changes are needed. In organizing this symposium, we seek contributions that advance new conceptual and analytical perspectives about Chinese cities. We welcome papers that are attentive to how the everyday lives of individuals unfold in space-time and how it shapes and in turn is influenced by China's urban transformations.

We welcome papers that address any issues pertinent to contemporary Chinese cities. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- daily mobility and activity-travel patterns
- accessibility and urban travel
- residential mobility, migration, and local labor markets
- social and spatial inequalities
- poverty and the quality of life
- sociospatial segregation and isolation
- urban spatial restructuring
- social and environmental sustainability
- health and subjective wellbeing
- land and housing development
- urban planning and development of smart cities

If you are interested in participating in this symposium, please send a short abstract of no more than 250 words to Mei-Po Kwan (mpk654@gmail.com), Yanwei Chai (chyw@pku.edu.cn), Yue Shen (shenyue0519@163.com), and Donggen Wang (dgwang@hkbu.edu.hk) by **October 27, 2014**. Please follow AAG guidelines for preparing abstracts at:

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