

## Conference Program Urban Aspirations

Organized by Shanghai University in collaboration with MPI, Göttingen

Songshan Hall (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
**Pine City Hotel**  
777 Zhao Jia Bang Road  
Xuhui District, Shanghai  
China

### **November 6 (Saturday)**

Arrival and tea: 9:30am

10:00am

Introduction: **Yinong Zhang**, Shanghai University

keynote speech: **Peter van der Veer**, Director, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity  
Peter van der Veer

Discussion

Lunch break: 12:30pm ~ 2:30pm

Location: Cuizhu Hall (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Pine City Hotel

### **Session 1 Immigration and Immigrants in Urban Context**

**Zhang Wenhong**, Sociology, Shanghai University

“The Urban New Immigrants’ Social Inclusion: Internal Structure, Present Situation and Influential Factors”

**Weishan Huang**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

“Immigration and Gentrification - Religious Responses to Neighborhood Ethnic Diversity in Flushing, Queens”

**Wu Da**, Anthropology, Shanghai University

“Immigration and Ethnic Diet Reproduction in Urban China”

**Wang Jianping**, Religious Studies, Shanghai Normal University

“Islam in Materialism Urban Society: Muslim Minorities in Shanghai”

### **Discussion**

Dinner 6:30pm

Location: Hongqiao Renjia Restaurant

**November 7 (Sunday)**

Arrival and tea: 9:30am

**Session 2 Politics and Performance: Democracy, Mobility, and Nationalism in Shanghai**

**Zhang Dunfu**, Sociology, Shanghai University

“The Myth of Urban Grassroots Democracy: A Case Study of Shanghai Milan Xiaoqu”

**Pan Tianshu**, Anthropology, Fudan University

“Shanghai' Showcase: Ethnographic Perspectives on World Expo 2010”

**Sebastian Goethals**, Urban Design, Tongji University

"Increasing Mobility in Shanghai: From Transportation Policy to Personal Aspirations"

**Huang Qixuan**, Political Science, Jiaotong University

“Internationalization, Techno-nationalism and Shanghai's Industrial Performance”

**Discussion**

Lunch: 12:30pm ~ 2:30pm

Location: Cuizhu Hall (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Pine City Hotel

**Session 3 Urban Religion and Marginality in Comparative Perspectives**

**Sophorn Tavay Vorng**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

“Urban Status Cults: Social Aspirations and Prosperity Religions in Bangkok and Beyond”

**Guo Changgang**, Global Studies, Shanghai University

Beyond Colonialism? House Church in Urban Areas of China

**Liu Chunyan**, Sociology, Shanghai University

“Resisting the Marginality of Modern Identity: Voluntary Unemployment Practice of Educated Youth in Shanghai”

**Yan Kejia**, Religious Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Science

“Foreigners in Shanghai and Their Religious Life”

**Discussion**

Dinner 6:30pm

Location: TBD