



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

En-gendering Social Transformation In China

Gender Dynamics, Womens Rights and Feminist Activism

An International Symposium

**En-gendering Social Transformation in China:
Gender Dynamics, Women's Rights, and Feminist Activism**

ALL WELCOME: no need for registration

7 – 8 April 2017

and

“40 Moments: Chinese Young Feminists in Action”

A Public Exhibition of Photos

7 – 13 April 2017

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Asia-Pacific Initiatives

Conference Program

Venue for ALL SESSIONS except the keynote: Harry Hickman room 116

Apr 7, 2017 (Friday)

8:45 am-9:00 am Opening

Welcome remarks:

Andrew Marton, Director of Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria

9:00 am-10:30 am Session I

Chair: Guoguang WU (University of Victoria)

Paper Presenters:

Xin HUANG (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): "Maoist Gender Legacy and Contemporary Feminist Struggle"

Sophia Woodman (University of Edinburgh): "Contesting Women's Human Rights in Transnational China"

Discussant: Richard King (University of Victoria)

10:30 am-11:00 am Break

11:00 am-12:30 pm Session II

Chair: Helen Lansdowne (University of Victoria)

Paper Presenters:

Feng XU (University of Victoria): "Why Did Liberal Feminism Lead the Way When Western Feminisms Travelled to China in the 1980s-1990s?"

Lanyan CHEN (Nipissing University): "Equality and the Chinese Pursuit of Socialist Feminism"

Discussant: Laura Parisi (University of Victoria)

12:30 am-1:30 pm Lunch time

1:30 pm-3:00 pm Session III

Chair: Victor V. Ramraj (University of Victoria)

Paper Presenters:

GUO Jianmei and LV Xiaoquan (Beijing Zhongze Women Law Center): "Claim Land Rights for Rural Women: The Stories behind 140 Lawsuits"

Shuxuan ZHOU (University of Washington): "Speaking Bitterness as Resistance: The Gendered Narrative Performance of Elderly Forestry Workers"

Discussant: Maneesha Deckha (University of Victoria)

3:00 pm-3:30 pm Break

3:30 pm-5:00 pm Session IV

Chair: Jo-Anne Lee (University of Victoria)

Paper Presenters:

Jennifer Lee (University of Manitoba): "Can a Radical Sexual Play Work in a 'Conservative' Community? The Adaptation and Recreation of *The Vagina Monologues* in China"

XIONG Jing (Media Monitor for Women Network): "Connecting the Online with Offline: Social Media and Feminist Mobilization in China"

Discussant: Kimberley Manning (Concordia University)

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Keynote Session

Venue: Harry Hickman room 105

Chair: Andrew Marton (University of Victoria)

Speaker:

FENG Yuan (Shantou University): "Women Lever the State in a Glocal Context: The Influence of Feminist Activism on China's Law and Policy Reforms"

Apr 8 (Saturday)

8:45 am-11:00 am Session V

Chair: Guoguang WU (University of Victoria)

Paper Presenters:

Qian LIU (University of Victoria): “Demanding Rights or Understanding: China’s Unmarried Women’s Choices in Childbearing”

Di WANG (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “Made in Litigation: Queer Mobilization Before the Law”

WANG Xiyi (Beijing Normal University): “Engaging Boys and Girls Work Together to Fighting against Gender-based Violence: Action Research of a High School Project in China”

Discussant: Gillian Calder (University of Victoria)

11:00 am-11:30 am Break

11:30 am-12:00 pm Symposium participants’ tour of visiting the Exhibition

Remarks:

FENG Yuan, Shantou University, China

XIONG Jing, Media Monitor for Women Network, China

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