

# CHINESE URBANISM IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

## September 5 Introduction and resources

### September 12 Situating China's Urbanism

Wu, Weiping and Piper Gaubatz. 2012. *The Chinese City*.

- Introduction

Logan, John and Susan Fainstein. 2008. "[Introduction: Urban China in Comparative Perspective \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)," in John Logan, ed, *Urban China in Transition*. Wiley-Blackwell, p. 1-23.

Friedmann, John. 2006. "[Four Theses in the Study of China's Urbanization.](#)" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 30, 2 (June): 440-451.

Wu, Fulong. 2016. "[Emerging Chinese Cities: Implications for Global Urban Studies.](#)" *Professional Geographer* 68, 2: 338-348.

Discussion leaders: An, Savannah, Yifan

### September 19 Urban system and role of policy

Wu, Weiping and Piper Gaubatz. 2012. *The Chinese City*.

- Chapter 4 The Urban System since 1949
- Chapter 13 Urban Governance and Civil Society

World Bank and China Development Research Center. 2014. "[Achievements and Emerging Challenges \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)," in *Urban China: Toward Efficient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Urbanization*. Part I Overview, p. 5-15 (Chapters 1 and 2).

Chan, Kam Wing. 2010. "[Fundamentals of China's Urbanization and Policy \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)." *The China Review* 10, 1: 63-94.

Discussion leaders: Lesley, Shiyu

### September 26 Migration and urbanization

Wu, Weiping and Piper Gaubatz. 2012. *The Chinese City*.

- Chapter 5 Urban-Rural Divide, Socialist Institutions, and Migration

Chan, Kam Wing. 2010. "[The Global Financial Crisis and Migrant Workers in China: 'There is No Future as a Labourer; Returning to the Village has No Meaning'](#) ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#)." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 34, 3 (September): 659-677.

Smith, Nick. 2014. "[China's National Plan for a New Form of Urbanization](#) ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#)." Blog post, June 27.

Chan, Kam Wing. 2014. [Achieving Comprehensive Hukou Reform in China](#) ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#). Paulson Institute: Paulson Policy Memorandum, December.

Discussion leaders: Jake, Rui

### **October 3      Bifurcated urban population and space**

Wu, Weiping and Piper Gaubatz. 2012. *The Chinese City*.

- Chapter 8 Social-Spatial Transformation

Wu, Weiping and Guixin Wang. 2014. "[Together but Unequal: Citizenship Rights for Migrants and Locals in Urban China](#)." *Urban Affairs Review* 50, 6 (November): 781-805.

Mobrand, Erik. 2006. "[Politics of cityward migration: an overview of China in comparative perspective](#)." *Habitat International* 30: 261-274.

Huang, Youqin and Setha Low. 2008. "[Is Gating Always Exclusionary? A Comparative Analysis of Gated Communities in American and Chinese Cities](#)," in John Logan, ed, *Urban China in Transition*. Wiley-Blackwell, p. 182-202.

Discussion leaders: Qinyuan, Wen, Yuqi

### **October 6      Attending Urban China Forum (Saturday 9-5, Wood Auditorium)**

### **October 10      Urban land reform and market**

(Report on Urban China Forum due)

Wu, Weiping and Piper Gaubatz. 2012. *The Chinese City*.

- Chapter 10 Urban Land and Housing

World Bank and China Development Research Center. 2014. "[China's Urbanization and Land: A Framework for Reform](#) ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#)," in *Urban China: Toward Efficient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Urbanization*. Part II Supporting Reports, p. 263-284.

Abramson, Daniel. 2011. "[Transitional Property Rights and Local Developmental History in China.](#)" *Urban Studies* 48 (3): 553–68.

Cervero, Robert and Jin Murakami. 2009. "[Rail and Property Development in Hong Kong: Experiences and Extensions.](#)" *Urban Studies* 46, 10 (September): 2019-2043.

Discussion leaders: Cheng, Zidong

## **October 17 Land finance and infrastructure**

(Book synopsis due and select presentations)

Wu, Weiping and Piper Gaubatz. 2012. *The Chinese City*.

- Chapter 9 Urban Infrastructure

Wong, Christine. 2013. "[Paying for Urbanization in China: Challenges of Municipal Finance in the Twenty-First Century \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)," in Roy W. Bahl, Johannes F. Linn and Deborah L. Wetzel (eds), *Financing Metropolitan Governments in Developing Countries*. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, p. 273-308.

Barreda, David M. and David Wertime. 2013. "[China's Great Infrastructure Binge, in Charts \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)." *The Atlantic*. August 12.

Pond, Elizabeth. 2010. "[Urbanism on the Steppe: The Insta-City in Inner Mongolia.](#)" *World Policy Journal* 27, 4: 41-47.

Shepard, Wade. 2016. "[An Update on China's Largest Ghost City – What Ordos Kangbashi Is Like Today \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)." *Forbes Magazine*. April 19.

Discussion leaders: April, Sam

Book synopsis:

- The Great Urban Transformation: An, Liying, Shiyu, Zidong
- Land Bargains and Chinese Capitalism: Sam
- Ghost Cities of China: Yifan, Yuqi

**October 24 No class – Prepared issue paper 1**

**October 31 Presentations on issue paper 1**

(Issue paper 1 due)

**November 7 Role of planning and planners**

Wu, Fulong, Fangzhu Zhang and Zheng Wang. 2015. [Planning China's Future: How China plans for growth and development \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#) RTPI Research Report no. 12, December.

Perlstein, Andrew and Leonard Ortolano. 2015. "[Urban Growth in China: Evolution in the Role of Urban Planners.](#)" *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 35, 4: 435-443.

Chen, Fei. 2016. "[The design dimension of China's planning system: urban design for development control.](#)" *International Planning Studies* 21:1: 81-100.

*The Economist*. 2015. "[The Great Sprawl of China \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)," January 24.

Discussion leaders: Alex, Liying

Book synopsis:

- The Chinese Real Estate Market: Cheng, Qinyuan, Yichun
- Housing Affordability and Housing Policy in Urban China: Da, Jake, Savannah
- The Government Next Door: Alex

**November 14 Guest Lecture by Prof. Robin Visser (meet at 2:30 in Ware Lounge, 600 Avery Hall)**

(Department of Asian Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**Bordering Chinese Ecoliteratures**

**Cities Surround the Countryside: Urban Aesthetics in Postsocialist China**

Visser, Robin. 2018. "[Posthuman policies for creative, smart, eco-cities? Case studies from China.](#)" *Environment and Planning A*, published online, doi/10.1177/0308518X18765481.

**November 21 No class – Prepare issue paper 2**

**November 28 Planning practice**

World Bank and China Development Research Center. 2014. "[Planning and Connecting Cities \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)  
[for Greater Diversity and Livability \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#)." in *Urban China: Toward Efficient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Urbanization*. Part II, p. 123-149.

Calthorpe, Peter. 2016. "[China chokes on high-density sprawl \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#)." *Public Square: A CNU Journal*, July 7.

Chen, Wang. 2018. "[Can Smaller Blocks Bring People to Chenggong \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site.?](#)" *ChinaDialogue*, June 25.

Discussion leaders: Da, Troy

Book synopsis:

- The Last Days of Old Beijing: Rui, Troy
- Blue Skies over Beijing: Lesley
- Urban China: Wen

**December 5** Issue paper 2 due