China Plural
Local Identities, Contesting Visions & Constructing Nation

How much do we know about China? The most populous country controlled by the world's largest Communist Party? A world factory supplying goods for Americans? Or, the proud host of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics?

This conference will contest these monolithic images and present multi-dimensional aspects of China. Experts from anthropology, history, literature, and sociology will highlight diversity in and dynamics of local identity, ethnicity, and social strata in China, and examine construction, reproduction, and representation of “a homogeneous China.” This interdisciplinary conference will provide an in-depth look at China, a country not only the most populous but also an incredibly diverse nation-state.

October 17th & 18th
Friday & Saturday
Hagerty Hall 180

with Special Guest
Dru Gladney

Institute for Chinese Studies
The Ohio State University

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Panel 1 (10:00am-12pm)
Local Identities

Presenters:
Gray Tuttle
(Historian, Columbia University)
Kevin Stuart
(Folklorist and Educator, Qinghai Normal University)
Du Yongtao
(Historian, Washburn University)

Discussant:
Morgan Liu
(Anthropologist, Ohio State University)

Panel 2 (1:30-3:30pm)
Contesting Visions

Presenters:
Nancy Chen
(Anthropologist, University of California, Santa Cruz)
Kwang-Kyooon Yeo
(Anthropologist, Ohio State University)
Tami Blumenfield
(Anthropologist, University of Washington)

Discussant:
Dru Gladney
(Anthropologist, the Pacific Basin Institute)

Panel 3 (4:00-6:00pm)
Constructing Nation

Presenters:
Patricia Sieber
(Chinese Literature, Ohio State University)
Muehlhan Klaus
(Historian, Indiana University)
Ho-Fung Hung
(Sociologist, Indiana University)

Discussant:
T.B.A.

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With Keynote Speech by:
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