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International Forum

Rethinking economy: Social/Solidarity economy in China and the World

Venue: China Social Work Research Center, HK Polytechnic U.-Peking U., Peking University Campus, Beijing, China

Date: April 27-28

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Social/Community Economies in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta (PRD) and Li and Fung
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Forum Description

Thirty-year of economic transformation has changed China and turned it into one of the major players in the global capitalist economy. However, its economic growth has generated rising problems in inequality, alienation, and sustainability. The recent global financial crisis compels many in China and elsewhere to re-examine the neo-liberal thought on development that has dominated China for several decades. This thought, characterized by de-collectivization, globalization of capital, de-regulation of economy, privatization of state assets and lessening of social welfare provisions, seriously impacts the livelihood of the Chinese peasants, migrant laborers and urban poor. Rethinking the rise of China and its social and ecological impact, it is imperative for us who are critical of capitalist ways of development to ponder over alternative economies.

This Forum is far less interested in critiquing the market economy as an end in itself than in constructively exploring an alternative sustainable economy that could strike a balance between economic and social development. Many social or community economies (SCEs) in the world were born out of efforts to counteract the negative social impact of fast global capitalism. Today the development of SCEs in the world also requires a comprehensive study to evaluate their achievements, as well as understand the challenges and dilemmas they face. Leading scholars from Asia, Australia, Europe, Canada, the USA and the Latin America are invited to provide insights on theories of alternative economy and community, experimental and reflexive practices on the ground, and historical review and critique of social economy. Such debate and exchange will facilitate efforts to root social/solidarity economy in China and the world in more reflective ways.

While speakers are encouraged to focus on their own regional or country experiences by linking theories and practices, we suggest the following themes for this forum:

1. Grassroots Democracy in Social Economy

2. Equity, Ecology and Gender
3. Production, Reproduction, and Social Care
4. Distribution, Circulation and Consumption
5. Social Finance, Public Management and Social Policy

Each speaker will have 30-40 minutes for presentation, followed by 10-minute response from a local Chinese discussant and 10- minute open discussion. Simultaneous translation between English and Chinese will be provided.

Conference Programs

April 27, 9:00- 9:10. Opening: Prof. WANG Sibin, Department of Sociology, Peking University, and Prof. James LEE, Head of Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Time	Chair	Speech	Speaker	Discussant
9:10-9:50	CHANG Ka Mun	Building Community Economies: the Difference Reframing Makes	Katherine GIBSON	
9:50-10:30		Social Economics as a Challenge to Conventional Economic Thinking and Practice	John CLAMMER	
10:30-10:40		Discussion		IP David
10:40-10:50		Open Discussion		
10:50-11:00		Tea Break		
11:00-11:40	James LEE	Democratizing Capital: Social and Solidarity Finance in Quebec	Marguerite MENDELL	
11:40-12:20		Looking at Quebec Social Economy Through a Social Innovation Lens	Marie J. BOUCHARD	
12:20-12:30		Discussion		LI Chang Ping
12:30-12:40		Open Discussion		
12:40-2:00		Lunch		
2:00-2:40	HSIA, Chu-joe	Role of CBOs in Social Security”/ “Reaching Social Security to women workers: experiences of Sewa's health and insurance cooperatives SEWA	Mittal SHAH	
2:40-3:20		Developments in solidarity economy in Asia- trends, potential and challenges	Denison JAYASOORIA	

3:20-3:30		Discussion		XIAO Wu
3:30-3:40		Open Discussion		
3:40-3:50		Tea Break		
3:50-4:30	XIONG Yuegen	Mapping social and solidarity economy: the local and translocal evolution of a concept	Craig BOROWIAK	
4:30-5:10		The Potential and Challenges of Estimating the Economic Impact of the Social and Solidarity Economy	Maliha SAFRI	
5:00-5:10		Discussion		ZHU An Dong
5:10-5:20		Open Discussion		
5:20-6:00	XIONG Yuegen	Challenges, achievements and perspectives of Brazilian Solidarity Economy Movement in the actual context of global crises	Daniel TYGEL	
6:10-6:20		Discussion		WU Chong Qing
6:20-6:30		Open Discussion		
6:30-8:00		Dinner		

April 28

Time	Chair	Speech	Speaker	Discussant
9:00-9:40	YAN Hairong	The Struggle for Public Power in the United States: Its Impact in Lowering Costs and Providing Community Control over Growth and Technologies	Richard RUDOLPH	
9:40-10:20		Sino-global energy collaboration for peaceful futures	Jose RAMOS	
10:20-10:30		Discussion		LI Beifang
10:30-10:40		Open Discussion		
10:40-10:50		Tea Break		
10:50-11:30	GUO Weihe	Worker's Cooperative Movement in Argentina	Andres RUGGERI	
11:30-12:10		Workers' Cooperatives in Italy between solidarity and autocratic centralism	Devi SACCHETTO	
12:10-12:20		Discussion		Doris LEE
12:20-12:30		Open Discussion		
12:30-2:00		Lunch		

2:00-2:30	CHEN Tao	China's Three Rural Issues and the development of cooperative economy	WAN Tie Jun and Xiaodan DONG	
2:30-3:00		A Practice of Village Cooperation: Exploration of Haotang Village	LI Changping	
3:00-3:10		Discussion		LU Xinyu
3:10-3:20		Open Discussion		
3:20-3:30		Tea Break		
3:30-4:00	PUN Ngai	Zhou Jia Zhuan: The Legacy of People's Commune	LU Huilin & LI Changjiang	
4:00-4:30		Self-protection Movement of Chinese Peasants: Rural Co-operative in Yunnan	KU Hok Bun and ZHANG He Qing	
4:30-4:40		Discussion		Song Yanbiao
4:40-4:50		Open Discussion		
4:50-5:20		Diverse economies and multiple futures: Mothers, migrants, and minorities in Qinghai	Kelly DOMBROSKI	
5:20-5:50		The Role of Homeowner Association in Neighbourhood Governance and Urban Politics, The Case of Guangzhou, China	HE Shenjing	
5:50-6:00		Discussion		KU Hok Bun
6:00-6:10		Open Discussion		
6:10-6:20		Closing	KU Hok Bun YAN Hairong	
6:30-8:00		Dinner		

Speaker's Introduction

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