IN “TRANSFORMATION”: ASSESSING ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN CHANGE IN MODERN CHINA

24 - 25 MAY 2013
KB419, KNOWLES BUILDING, HKU

This conference investigates and challenges the notion of “transformation” in Chinese architecture and urbanism over the course of the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Dramatic physical changes in the Chinese city over the past 160 years have accompanied, reflected, and occasionally prompted significant political, social and cultural vicissitudes in China over the same period of time. At the same time, the idea of “transformation” as a straightforward and complete shift from one state to another tends to obscure and deny the complex, competing, and often incomplete nature of change itself.

Day 1: 24 May, 2013 (Friday)
05:00pm - Registration

Introduction - Addressing “Transformation” In Chinese Architecture, Urbanism, And Their Theories
05:45pm - Opening Address
06:00pm - Dr. Delin LAI, University of Louisville
06:30pm - Dr. Duanfang LU, University of Sydney

Day 2: 25 May 2013 (Saturday)
Panel 1: Transforming Spaces
10:00am - Framing the Garden: Courtyards and Society in Late Imperial China
Matthew ARCHER, Yale University
10:20am - An Entertainment Industry in Transition: From the Rise of Amusement Halls to the Fall of youxichang bao
Nga Li LAM, HK University of Science and Technology
10:40am - Becoming Model Residents: Shanghai’s “Workers’ Model Villages” in the 1920s
Calvin Zhiyong LIANG, University of Hong Kong
11:00am - From “Merchants’ Utopia” to “Nationalist Utopia”: Planning the Divided Suburbs in Shanghai, 1927-1937
Yingchun LI, University of Hong Kong
11:20am - Panel Discussion
12:00noon - 1:30pm - Lunch

Panel 2: Transforming Practices
01:30pm - In Search of Modernism in China: Architectural and Urban Development of the Crédit Foncier d’Extrême-Orient (C.F.E.O.) in Hong Kong and China’s Treaty Ports, 1907-1959
Prudence Leung Kwok LAU, The Chinese University of HK
01:50pm - From “Insertion” to “Incorporation”: the Hangzhou Example of the Transformation of the Railway in Chinese Urban Life
Shan HE, University of Western Australia
02:10pm - Building a Different Future? – Case studies of Architecture Practices and Transformations in Xuzhou Village, Guangzhou City
Jiong WU, UC Berkeley
02:30pm - Panel Discussion
03:00pm - 03:20pm - Tea Break

Panel 3: Transforming Scales and Discourses
03:30pm - Urban Form and the Issue of Quantity in a Rapidly Urbanizing City: A Study of Housing Development in a Hong Kong New-Town, 1970s-2000s
Eiko FUJIIHARA, University of Hong Kong
03:40pm - The Origin and Evolution of Architectural Discourses in China (1980s -2010s)
Qiaoqiao ZENG, Tongji University
04:00pm - Between Global Aspiration and Local Frameworks: Creative Incubation in City Center Shanghai 1992-2012
Ying ZHOU, ETH
04:20pm - Panel Discussion
05:00pm - Concluding Remarks

This event is open to public. All interested are welcome.

Website: http://fac.arch.hku.hk/resouh/in-transformation/

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