



Program Workshop “Megacities-Megachallenge. Informal Dynamics of Global Change“

Location: Room 128, School of Geography and Planning, Sun Yat-sen University

Date: Thursday, 13.11.2008 (10 am) – Friday, 14.11.2008 (12 am), Field Excursion (2 pm – 6 pm)

Schedule:

Thursday, 13.11.2008

from 09:00	Reception, Tea and Snacks
10:00	Opening talks and welcome
	Session 1: The Megachallenge: Capturing the Informal
10:30	“Researching Urban Informality in the Pearl River Delta” (Prof. Dr. Xue Desheng, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou) “Megacities-Megachallenge. Informal Dynamics of Global Change” (Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, University of Cologne) “Formality – Informality. Migration and Urban Development in the Pearl River Delta” (Prof. Dr. Bettina Gransow, Freie Universität Berlin)
12:00	Lunch break
	Session 2: Global Dynamics and the Urban Landscape
13:30	“From Urban Growth to Megaurban Landscape - a change of the pattern of urbanization” (Prof. Dr. Detlev Ipsen, University of Kassel) “Tracing global change in Dhaka's urban fabric” (Kirsten Hackenbroch, University of Technology, Dortmund) “Socio-ecological consequences of rapid urban restructuring. First results and further research perspectives” (Prof. Dr. Rainer Wehrhahn, University of Kiel)
15:00	Tea break
	Session 3: Megaurban Governance
16:00	“Self-organised urban villages and its implications for urban governance in China” (Prof. Dr. He Shenjing, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou) “Boundary-drawing and differentiated urban governance - the link between empiricism and theory” (Matthias Becker, University of Hamburg, Prof. Dr. Werner Breitung, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou) “Pan Pearl River Delta: Regional Co-operation, Integration and Governance” (Bo-sin Tang, Polytechnical University of Hong Kong)
17:30	Closure of Workshop day #1
18:00	Dinner and informal come together

Friday, 14.11.2008

09:00	Welcome day 2, tea and snacks
	Session 4: Health and Resilience in Megaurban areas
09:15	Aerosol and Health Mapping over Megacities (Prof. Dr. Manfred Wendisch, Johannes-Gutenberg-University, Mainz) Natural hazards and climate change in Dhaka: future trends, social adaptation and informal dynamics (Prof. Dr. Boris Braun, University of Cologne)
10:30	Coffee break
	Session 5 Megaurban Resources and Economy
11:00	“Informal Regulation of Dhaka's Food System – Theoretical Considerations and Empirical Findings” (Markus Keck, University of Heidelberg) “Agility of Firms in the Greater Pearl River Delta” (Stefan Hennemann, Wenying Fu, University of Gießen) “Informal settlements, economic and environmental change, and public health” (Ronny Staffeld, Humboldt-University of Berlin)
12:30	Session 6: Final Plenary
13:00	Closure of workshop, tea and snacks

14:00 – 18:00: **Field trip** to places representing the urban dynamics and transformation in Guangzhou