Commodity housing estate “Lijiang Garden”
Located in the South of Guangzhou, Lijiang Garden is one of Guangzhou’s first solution commodity housing estates (1992). It provides multifunctional and integrated design, with nine sub-communities and more than 10,000 middle-class households.

Urbanised village “Sanyuanli”
Sanyuanli is located in the Southern part of the Beiyuan District on the edge of Guangzhou city center. It has urban planning features of urban villages, inhabited by 1,000 middle-class families.

“Guangzhou Development District”
Located in the South part of Guangzhou, the development of this district started in 1994 with the Guangzhou Development District, the Essential Development District. Today, the district is a special zone in Guangzhou, generating new economic development environments for companies in different zones managed by one administration.

Working progress
The pictures on the left show some impressions of our field work in the selected case studies in Guangzhou. Enjoy!

Empirical data collected
Qualitative interviews: Stakeholders: 175, Experts: 37
Quantitative Questionnaires: 1,612
Collection of documents and literature: 1,958
Scientific papers, government pronouncements, laws and statutes, newspaper articles, internet sources, internal urban planning and governmental documents, signs and billboards, signs and maps, photo documentation.

Quantitative results
Commodity housing estate was analysed using statistical methods and related to content analysis of qualitative interviews. Thanks to the coordination of our surveys in different case study areas we are now able to comparatively analyse our cases.

Qualitative analysis
Various methods of evaluation and interpretation allow an in-depth analysis of complex stakeholder interactions providing an understanding of corresponding governing relations, governing logics, key decision-makers, and political objectives. Linking border drawing, informativity and self-organisation with differentiated governance the project contributes to its overall objective as well as to the goals of the priority programme.

Outputs
The presentation and discussion of our first findings in several international conferences and papers allowed for the refinement of hypotheses and preliminary results. In addition, discussion papers, internal reports, etc. are elaborated, databases are set up and updated, and Chinese sources are made accessible. Furthermore, we strengthened and developed our cooperations and relationships with existing and new partners.

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- Sun Yat-sen University, School of Government, Department of Social Work
- Sun Yat-sen University, School of Government, Department of Biology
- German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, GZ Office

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- Shenzhen Urban Planning & Design Research Institute
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Zuhai
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