International Anthropology Workshop

Comparative Study of Disasters and Upheavals

Perceptions and Responses

Oct. 16～18th, 2015

Southwest University for Nationalities
Chengdu
Sichuan, China

Website: http://confchengdu2015.sciencesconf.org
Day 1 - Oct. 16th Friday

Morning

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony

Chair: Zhengwen YANG/杨正文
Opening address
Mingshan ZHANG/张明善, Dean of School for Ethnic Studies (SWUN)
Workshop keynote introduction
Katiana Le MENTEC、Yun TANG/汤芸

Panel 1: Disaster and Upheavals in the Perspective of the Humanities

Chair: Michele GAMBURD
Discussant: David PARKIN

David GELLNER
Anthropologists and the 2015 Earthquake in Nepal

Frédéric KECK
Avian Preparedness: How Avian Influenza Has Transformed Relations to Birds in China

Gregory BANKOFF
An Historical Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction

Yun TANG
Theorizing Disaster: Life World as a Total

11:35-12:15 Discussion

Lunch Break 12:10-14:00
Panel 2: Theoretical Reflections on Disaster and Upheavals

Chair: Wenbin PENG
Discussant: Michele GAMBURD

Katiana Le MENTEC
Perception of Continuities in Time of Upheaval: Glimpses of a Scholar Debate in Anthropology

Zhengwen YANG
Rumors and Reactions at the Liminal Phase of a Disaster—The 5.12 Wenchuan Earthquake

Elisa HÖRHAGER
Identifying Disaster Agency: The Definitional Struggles Surrounding Natural Hazards

15:20-15:35 Tea Break

Jin LI
Transformation of Spatial Relations and Cultural Recovery in Qiang Villages

A. J. FAAS
Disaster Entanglements: Networks of Practice, Memory, and Culture in Disaster Response, Recovery, and Resettlement

16:25-17:05 Discussion

17:05-17:15 Tea Break

Special Event 1: Disaster History International Project

Chair: Katiana Le MENTEC
Presentation: Pierre FULLER
Official Launch and Introduction of the project DisasterHistory.org

17:40-18:10 Discussion

Welcome Dinner 18:40-20:30
Day 2：Oct. 17th Saturday

Morning

Panel 3: Rethinking the Socio-political Relations in Disaster and Upheavals

Chair：Yongxiang LI/李永祥
Discussant：A. J. FAAS

Michele GAMBURD
The Golden Wave: Power and the Gift in Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka

Mara BENADUSI
Evoking Disaster: Regimes of Truth and Falsification in the Wake of the Indian Ocean Tsunami

Wenbin PENG/彭文斌
Environmental/Identity Politics, and Indigenous Campaigns against Oil Tanker Traffic Expansion along the Pacific Rim

10:20-10:35 Tea break

Robert BARRIOS
Waiting for the Rain: The Political, Discursive, and Material life of Climate Change in Mexico

Shaoxiong ZHENG/郑少雄
Grassland Policy in Contemporary Inner Mongolia and the Responses of Mongol herdsmen

11:25-12:05 Discussion

Lunch Break 12:10-14:00
Panel 4: Community Resilience and Cultural Reconstruction in Post-Disaster

Chair: Stéphane GROS

Discussant: Yahui ZHANG/张亚辉

Yongxiang LI/李永祥
Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Community Demand

Qiaoyun ZHANG/张巧运、R. BARRIOS
Imagining Culture: The Politics of Culturally Sensitive Reconstruction and Resilience-building in Post-Wenchuan Earthquake China

Jinzi HAN/韩敬梓
Family, Community and Social Coordination in the Post-Disaster Reconstruction of Social Order
A Case Study of an Ethnic Community in Northwestern China

15:20-15:55 Discussion
15:55-16:10 Tea break

Panel 5: Shaping Narratives and Memories of the Disaster

Chair: Jin LI/李锦

Discussant: Gregory BANKOFF

Xiaokui WANG/王晓葵
Disaster Memory and Local People Narratives

Chris COURTNEY
Living Through Disaster: The Phenomenal and Affective Experience of the 1931 Hankou Flood

Yuan ZHANG/张原
The World in Sand: the Local Narrative of Desertification in Alpine Wetlands and Grasslands

17:30-18:05 Discussion
Evening

Special Event 2: Wenchuan Earthquake of 2008 in Documentary

Chair：Yue QIU/邱月
Discussant：Anne Kerlan

Documentary：Fallen City/《殇城》(90mn)

Day 3：Oct. 18th Sunday

Morning

Panel 6: Perception and Representation of Disaster

Chair：Xiaokui WANG/王晓葵
Discussant：Frédéric KECK

Bing JIANG/蒋彬
Multiple Claims and Disaster Response: Reconstruction of E’er Village after the Wenchuan Earthquake

Edwin SCHMITT
On the Dual Identity of Air Pollution in China and Creeping Environmental Disasters

9:55-10:10 Tea Break

Jianxun GUO/郭建勋
Environment, Ethnic Group, Local Knowledge and Disaster: The Earthquake in Daduhe of 1786

Fabio CARNELLI
Ethnography of a Present Absence: Space-Time Practices in Post-Seismic L’Aquila

11:00--11:40 Discussion
Afternoon

Meeting Room: Bookworm (a library and bookstore)

Panel 7: Artist Representation of Disaster

Chair：Hui DU/杜辉
Discussant：Anne Kerlan

Danielle ELISSEEFF
Cities in Ruins: Perspectives from Orient and Occident

Alice BIANCHI
The Representation of Victims of Disasters in Ming and Qing Paintings

Judith PERNIN
Emotions, Natural Disasters and Documentary Mise-en-scene

15:20-15:35 Tea Break

Jianjun CHEN陈建军, Minghao CAO曹明浩
The Artist Representation of Disaster and Upheavals

Christine VIAL-KAISER
Monuments and Traumatic Memories: Artistic Proposals

16:25-17:00 Discussion/讨论

17:00-17:30 Closing Ceremony

Workshop Summary：Qiaoyun Zhang/张巧运

Follow-up Cooperation：Yun Tang/汤芸

Day 3 to 5：October 19th-21th

Fieldtrip in Wenchuan County affected by the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake
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