



Postgraduate Workshop - China Node
28 September, 2008
Call for papers (closing date 10 June 2008)

Theme: How is culture being made in China today?
Venue: UTS China Centre, Blackfriars, University of Technology, Sydney

Culture, according to Raymond Williams, constitutes the lived experiences of the ordinary people and manifests a 'structure of feeling'. Culture manifests itself in myriad ways: from discrete cultural products like films, novels, TV shows, artworks and websites, to cultural practices like common languages, dispositions, religious beliefs, attitudes and abilities, to the mundane lives of the people on city streets, in rural cottages and ethnic communities. It exists where globalisation and locality intersect and when tradition and modernity contest. Meanwhile, the production, circulation and consumption of culture are intertwined with different social forces including the nation state, class, gender and consumerism; culture is also imbued with ideologies, discourses and power. An examination of how culture is being made today will unravel a multiplicity of forces that makes and remakes Chinese society in the age of rapid social transformation.

This workshop will bring up to ten postgraduate students from various disciplines and institutions throughout Australia to present their research on contemporary Chinese culture. This is a good opportunity for postgraduate students to talk about their work, to receive feedback from experienced academics in the field, and to communicate with their fellow students from other universities. Selected students will also have the opportunity to attend other China Node workshops that will occur immediately after the postgraduate workshop. A limited number of travel subsidies will be provided to the successful applicants who travel to Sydney from other parts of Australia. These travel subsidies will be presented to students based on the merit of the submitted abstract and how it relates to the workshop's theme. You will be informed of your success of travel support with notification of acceptance of your paper in Mid-July, 2008.

Abstract submission:

E-mail your abstract to the two convenors of the workshop (Dr. Andrew Kipnis andrew.kipnis@anu.edu.au and Hongwei Bao hbao5209@usyd.edu.au) by **June 10 2008**. Please specify 'China Node postgraduate workshop' in the headline of the E-mails. The result of acceptance and travel subsidy will be announced in **mid-July, 2008**.

For further information about the workshop, contact the convenors.
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