



ZiF WORKSHOP

The Good Life in Late Socialist Asia: Aspirations, Politics and Possibilities

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SUNDAY – 15 SEPTEMBER

18:00 – 20:00 Arrival and Welcome Drink at ZiF

MONDAY – 16 SEPTEMBER

08:00 – 09:00 – *Breakfast* –

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 11:00 Opening remarks by:

Professor Veronique Zanetti (5mins) – Director of Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF)

Professor Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (10 mins) – Dean, Sociology Faculty, Bielefeld University

Professor Minh Nguyen (15 mins)

Keynote address (60 mins) – In Search of the Good Life in China and Beyond – Professor Li Zhang

Session chair: Dr Phill Wilcox

11:00 – 11:15 – *Coffee & tea break* –

11:15 – 12:45	Panel – Infrastructure and Living Space <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Building a new house, making a good life: A case study of Baikou New Village in southern China – Dr Wei Lan- The good life at the heart of the home: Kitchen stories from Vietnam – Professor Annuska Derks- Express train to the good life? The Lao-China railway, imagined futures and pragmatic aspirations in Laos – Dr Phill Wilcox Discussant: Professor Andrew Kipnis Chair: Dr. Éva Rozália Hölzle
12:45 – 14:00	– <i>Lunch</i> –
14:00 – 15:30	Panel – Ecology and Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The good life as the green life – Dr Charlotte Bruckermann- Forest transition, institutional changes and livelihood dynamics in upland villages of Yunnan, Southwest China – Professor Jun He- “The good life and lowland rice farming change in Savannakhet province, Southern Laos” – Professor Ian Baird Discussant: Professor Jonathan Rigg Chair: Dr Marius Meinhof
15:30 – 16:00	– <i>Coffee, tea & cake break</i> –
16:00 – 17:30	Panel – Governance and Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- “Staying or moving: government compliance and agency in post Zomia” – Professor Guido Sprenger- Modernizing a deficient population – lessons from colonial history – Dr Marius Meinhof- Alternative routes to development? Hmong Christianisation and the question of neoliberalism in Vietnam’s highlands – Mr Seb Rumsby Discussant: Professor Ian Baird Chair: Dr Oliver Tappe
19:00	– <i>Dinner at ZIF</i> –

TUESDAY – 17 SEPTEMBER

08:00 – 09:00	– <i>Breakfast</i> –
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Panel – Mobility and Livelihoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trans-local households and family visions in contemporary Vietnam: A neoliberal shift? – Professor Hy Van Luong - From rural to urban area: Workers' motivation for migration and their social status at industrial zones (Binh Duong province and Ho Chi Minh city) – Professor Nguyen Duc Loc - Mining for the good life? Artisanal mining, mobility and changing livelihoods in Khammouane (central Laos) – Dr Oliver Tappe <p>Discussant: Professor Jonathan Rigg Chair: Professor Ruth Ayaß</p>
11:00 – 11:15	– <i>Coffee & tea break</i> –
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Panel – Religion and Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Romance and compassion, this and other worlds: Performing good life in a Tibetan town – Dr Fan Zhang - Protection and vulnerability: (Re)creating health in rural lowland Laos – Ms Elizabeth Elliot - Spirits with morality: Social criticism and notions of a good life in Laos through the <i>bangbot</i> imaginary – Dr Michael Kleinod <p>Discussant: Professor Hy Van Luong Chair: Mr Seb Rumsby</p>
12:45 – 14:00	– <i>Lunch</i> –
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Panel – Marriage and private life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not before 25: resisting marriage, looking for autonomy in Xi Jinping's China – Dr Roberta Zavoretti - <i>Ressentiment</i> and recognition – Professor Bo Cheng - Single mothers' livelihoods in a rural area of north Central Vietnam: Struggles for a good life – Professor Tuan Anh Nguyen - "Good life of polygamous marriage: Rational choice in the context of tradition and habitat - A case study of Benzilan village in Deqing county, Diqing Tibetan autonomous prefecture, Yunnan province" – Professor Li Zhi-nong <p>Discussant: Professor Susanne Brandstaedter Chair: Dr Jake Lin</p>
16:00 – 16:30	– <i>Coffee, tea & cake break</i> –
16:30 – 17:30	ERC Project Welfare Struggles kick-off – Ms Yueran Tian, Ms Minh Ngoc Luong, Dr Jake Lin, Professor Minh Nguyen
19:00	– <i>Dinner at ZiF</i> –

WEDNESDAY – 18 SEPTEMBER

08:00 – 09:00	– <i>Breakfast</i> –
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Panel – Care and Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good baby, good life: exploring the new Akha life free from ‘abnormal births’ – Dr Ruijing Wang - Paternal grandma’s obligation, maternal grandma’s right - A study of postpartum care in Chinese urban families – Professor Peiqin Zhou - The predicament of care: grassroots philanthropy in late socialist China – Jiazhi Fengjiang <p>Discussant: Professor Andrew Kipnis Chair: Professor Alexandra Kaasch</p>
11:00 – 11:15	– <i>Coffee & tea break</i> –
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Panel – Consumption and Desire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Europe's new <i>Kulturbürger</i>? Chinese migrants in search of a pure land – Professor Pál Nyíri - Aspiring for a better life in Vietnam: From an equal share of misery to an unequal dose of happiness – Dr Giang Nguyen-Thu - “Plugged into the good life”: electric supply and home appliances in market socialist Vietnam” – Dr Kirsten Endres <p>Discussant: Professor Susanne Brandstaedter Chair: Dr Charlotte Bruckermann</p>
12:45 – 14:00	– <i>Lunch</i> –
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel – Young lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural schools as sites of the circulation, practice and articulation of contradictory versions of ‘The Good Life’ in late socialist Laos - Dr Roy Huijsmans - Grasping a future: uncertainties, imagination and the ‘good lives’ of aspiring young migrant workers in Shenzhen, China – Professor I-Chieh Fang - Dancing the good life, rapping about the “bad” life: aspiring subjects in Vietnamese hip hop – Professor Sandra Kurfuerst <p>Discussant: Dr Kirsten Endres Chair: Dr. Éva Rozália Hölzle</p>
15:30 – 16:00	– <i>Coffee, tea & cake break</i> –
16:00 – 18:00	Wrap up and publication plans
19:00	– <i>Dinner at restaurant “Wirtshaus 1802 im Bültmannshof”</i> –
	- End of the Workshop -