Political Lives in Socialist China

Centre de colloques, Campus Condorcet
Place du Front Populaire
Aubervilliers
11 June 2024

9:30-10:00
Opening remarks
Puck Engman & Isabelle Thureau

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10:00-12:00
Revolutionary Beginnings

Lillian LIN
Interpreting Agrarian Revolution and Experiencing Land Ownership: The Survival and Fall of the Central Soviet 1927-1934

Henrietta HARRISON
1949 in Diaries

Benno WEINER
The Political Lives of a Patriotic Nationalities Representative: Collusion and Colonialism on an Ethnic Margin of Maoist China

Discussant: Sebastian VEG

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Lunch

14:00-16:00
The Mosaic of Chinese Socialism

Marie-Paule HILLE
Seclusion and Dreams: a Mystic Experience in Maoist China

SHI Yifan and HUANG Shijie
A Complex Game: Business Community, Living Tactics, and Identity Dilemma in Shanghai in the 1950s

Puck ENGMAN
The Socialist Management of Difference: The Case of the Shanghai Capitalists, 1956-1966

Discussant: Jérôme DOYON

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Coffee
16:30-18:30
Dispensing Justice, Seeking Justice

ZHANG Man
Sexualizing Political Violence and Criminal Justice in the People’s Republic of China

Isabelle THIREAU
Public Security, the Masses and the Accused: Intertwined Political Lives in 1960s Tianjin

Nina PETER
How to Make, Unmake, and Remake a Counterrevolutionary: A Case Study Based on County Court Records from 1950s and 1980s China

Discussant: Jennifer ALTEHENDER

Dinner

12 June 2024

9:00-11:00
Gender, Age, and Class

HONG Tao
The State-Sponsored and Gendered Travails of a Socialist Couple: Conjugal and Political Lives Under Mao

Fabio LANZA
The Everyday and the Ideal: Laboring Housewives and their Aspirations during the Great Leap

Justine ROCHOT
Retired, yet Revolutionary! An Analysis of the Political Lives of Retirees in Socialist China Through the People’s Daily’s Archives (1951–1976)

Discussant: Kimberley MANNING

Lunch
13:00-15:00

New Forms of Knowledge as Practice

Aminda SMITH
Peasant Philosophers and The People’s Maoism

Damian MANDZUNOWSKI
You Are What You Read: Collective Reading Practices in Post-Cultural Revolution China

Coleman MAHLER

Discussant: Timothy CHEEK

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Coffee

15:30-17:30

Individual Trajectories and Public Life

LIU Yajuan
When Cadres Become Students: The Daily Life and Political Classification of University Students in the Mao Era

Christine VIDAL
Coping with the Political Demands of the Times. Song Yunbin and His Circle of Family and Friends, 1949–1966

Xénia DE HEERING
Formative Years: Growing Up Amidst a “Turnaround of Times”

Discussant: Aël THERY

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Dinner