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Re-writing Urban Landscape in China

China has speeded up urbanization and industrialization since Deng Xiaoping's 1992 visit to south China. It led to an exodus of rural migrant workers, tremendous laid-off state-owned factory workers, and a new emerging of white-collar workers. This has undoubtedly changed urban landscape, particularly coastal cities. This session will discuss this kind of changing urban space through the identity confusion of young rural migrant workers in Shenzhen and Dongguan; through the survival tactics of the street vendors in Shanghai; and then through the relation between subway and urban residents in everyday life. This session will try to address the interconnectedness between the capital flow, labor force, consumption and urban space at the ground level.