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**Gender, Revolution and Labour in Early Socialist China (1950s to 1970s):
Fiction or Fact, a Dialogue between Writers and Sociologists**

Gender, revolution and labour has been a silent topic in the field of literature since 1980s. Although several feminist scholars have done some work on this topic recently, we will suggest that *greater* attention should be paid to it, not only because it is a new trend in the development of academic work but also there is an urgent need for a new social direction. In this session, we will approach this topic through a re-examination of novels, dramas and social history in the dialogue between scholars from the field of literature and sociology.