

# **Social Transformation and The Takeoff in Inequality in China and the United States**

**Organizer:**

**Institute of Sociology, CASS  
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**Conference site: Institute for Research in the Social Sciences,  
30 Alta Road, Stanford University  
Room 100**

**Coffee and pastries  
9:30 – 10:00 am**

**Welcome and Opening Comments  
10:00am – 10:15am**

**Session I: Income Inequality in Asia  
10:15am – 11:15am**

*Inequality and a New Stage of Development in China*  
Li Peilin

*Income Inequality in Asia*  
Maximilian Hell

**Discussion**

**Session II: Education and Inequality  
11:15am – 12:15pm**

*Educational Inequality and Social Policy in China, 1950-2010*  
Li Chunling

*Early Labor Market Outcomes in the Great Recession*  
David Grusky

**Discussion**

**Lunch (provided in room 103)  
12:15pm – 1:30pm**

**Session III: Income Inequality in Multidimensional Perspective**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

*Multiple Trends of Changing Income Inequality in Mainland of China, 1987-2010*

Chen Guangjin

*Income Inequality in the Third Industrial Revolution*

Yujia Liu

**Discussion**

**Session IV: Consumption and Closure**

**2:30pm – 3:30pm**

*The Consumption Gap and Consumption Inequality between Urban and Rural Residents*

Tian Feng

*Occupational Closure and Inequality*

Beth Red Bird

**Discussion**

**Break (snacks and beverages provided)**

**3:30pm – 3:50pm**

**Session V: Inequality and Attitudes**

**3:50pm – 4:50pm**

*Social Attitudes on Social Inequality in China*

Li Wei

*Political Attitudes and Unemployment in the United States*

Lindsay Owens

**Discussion**

**Session VI: The Very Rich in China and the U.S.**

**4:50pm – 5:50pm**

*The Horatio Alger Myth in Neoclassical Sociology: Origins of the First Generation of the Visibly Richest Chinese Private Entrepreneurs*

Lu Peng

*Flight of the Millionaires? Migration and the Taxation of Top Incomes in California*

Charles Varner and Cristobal Young

**Discussion**

**Closing Remarks**