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**2007 Beijing International Conference on Environmental Sociology  
Call for Papers**

June 29-July 1, 2007, Remin University of China  
59 Zhongguancun Ave., Beijing, China, 100872.

In the past three decades China has enjoyed rapid economic growth that greatly improved the Chinese people's quality of life, but has also produced increasingly serious environmental deterioration. China's environmental problems have not only become a threat to the further growth of its economy and continuous improvement of quality of life for its people, but also a major contributor to global environmental deterioration. In response to this situation the Chinese government and Chinese academic scholars are becoming increasingly concerned with China's environmental situation, and building an "energy-efficient and environment-friendly society" has become a commonly expressed goal.

As one aspect of the increased Chinese attention to environmental issues, academic interest in the area of environmental sociology has begun and is developing steadily. To enhance this growing interest, a 2007 International Conference on Environmental Sociology will be held at Renmin University in Beijing from June 29 to July 1. With a broad focus on China's environmental situation, the conference has three objectives: (1) To help advance Chinese environmental sociology as an academic discipline; (2) To draw more international scholarly attention to China's environmental situation; and (3) To provide insights from environmental sociology as a means of developing better understandings of China's environmental situation.

Proposals for papers that contribute to these objectives are now being solicited. Papers that report the results of research conducted in China or on Chinese environmental problems and issues are particularly welcome, but a variety of papers will be accepted as long as they make a point of showing how the reported research and/or theoretical analyses can contribute to a better understanding of China's environmental situation.

**I. Conference Theme and Topics**

**Main Theme:** Examining China's Environmental Situation: Insights from Environmental Sociology

**Key Topics:**

1. Establishing the discipline of environmental sociology in China
2. Sociological analyses of China's environmental problems
3. Analyses of the Chinese public's views of environmental issues
4. Sociological analyses of China's environmental policies
5. The development of civil society in China and its implications for environmental protection

6. Ecological modernization and environmental protection in China
7. Interrelations of science, technology, and environment
8. The development of non-governmental organizations and environmental protection in China
9. China's contribution to global environmental changes
10. Environmental sociology and interdisciplinary environmental research

## **II. Hosting Institutes**

1. Research Center of Sociological Theory and Methods, Renmin University of China
2. Department of Sociology, Remin University of China
3. Department of Sociology, Hohai University, China
4. The Research Committee on Environment and Society (RC 24), International Sociological Association

## **III. Main Invited Speakers (Not all yet confirmed)**

1. Representative from the State Environmental Protection Administration of China
2. Zheng, Hangsheng, Remin University of China (President, Chinese Association for Sociology)
3. Hong, Dayong, Remin University of China (Chair, Environmental Sociology Program)
4. Chen, Ajiang, Hohai University, China (Chair, Department of Sociology)
5. Raymond Murphy, University of Ottawa, Canada (President, RC 24)
6. Arthur Mol, Wageningen University, Netherlands (Past President, RC 24)
7. Riley Dunlap, Oklahoma State University, USA (Past President, RC 24)
8. Ryoichi Terada, Meiji University, Japan (President, Japanese Association for Environmental Sociology)
9. Park Jae Mook, Choongnam National University, Korea (President, Korea Association for Environmental Sociology)
10. William Freudenburg, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA (Past President, Rural Sociological Society)

## **IV. Invited Guests**

1. Marina Fischer-Kowalski, Institute of Social Ecology, Austria
2. Gert Spaargaren, Wageningen University, Netherlands
3. Steven Yearley, University of Edinburgh, UK
4. J. Timmons Roberts, College of William Mary, USA
5. Wang, Juju Chin-Shou, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan, China
6. Ma, Rong, Peking University, China
7. Li, Youmei, Shanghai University, China
8. Ma, Guoqing, Sun Yat-Sen University, China
9. Zhang, Jijiao, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
10. Zhao, Wanli, Nankai University, China

11. Koichi Hasegawa, Tohoku University, Japan
12. See-Jae Lee, Catholic University of Korea, Korea

## **V. Conference Organizing Committee**

1. Hong, Dayong, Remin University of China
2. Zheng, Hangsheng, Remin University of China
3. Li, Lulu, Remin University of China
4. Shi, Guoqing, Hohai University, China
5. See-Jae Lee, Catholic University of Korea, Korea
6. Raymond Murphy, University of Ottawa, Canada
7. Riley Dunlap, Oklahoma state university, USA
8. Graeme Lang, University of Hong Kong
9. Chenyang Xiao, Albright College, USA

## **VI. Expenses and Financial Aid**

1. The Conference Organizing Committee will NOT be able to cover travel expenses for any participants.
2. The Conference Organizing Committee WILL cover expenses for lodging and meals for all invited speakers and invited guests.
3. For all other participants, the Conference Organizing Committee will provide meals and assistance in locating lodging. It is expected that the hotel rate will not exceed 90 USD per night.
4. An effort will be made to house all conference participants in the same hotel.

## **VII. Registration**

1. All participants must register by January 15, 2007. Please complete and return the attached registration form.
2. Please submit your proposed paper's title and abstract along with your registration by January 15, 2007.
3. The Organizing Committee will finalize the list of participants by March 1, 2007 and distribute a detailed conference schedule.
4. The completed paper must be submitted to the Organizing Committee by May 15, 2007.
5. The Conference Organizing Committee's contact information:
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**VIII. Registration form**

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Name		Gender		Nationality	
Position	Institutional Affiliation	Complete mailing address	Telephone	Email	
Paper Title					
Paper Abstract (no more than 500 words) :					