

PERIODICAL

JUNE-JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

IDEAS Periodical is the monthly newsletter series that bring you updates on the repertoire of research, news & activities undertaken by each IDEAS constellation and lists all the important 'Save the Date' announcements. Here, we share details of our published scholarly work while featuring In the News & In the Spotlight sections for exhibiting the best of what IDEAS Fellows have to offer.

Here you will also find our team's contributions in knowledge generation endeavours such as op-eds, media engagements, conferences, and also learn more about their upcoming projects! To participate in our online events and discussions with the leading minds of the field, please scan the QR codes or copy the links into a browser. Feel free to get in touch with us at ideas@jgu.edu.in for more information on our current and future work, and to engage with IDEAS.

Events Archive

I.D.E.A.S. WORKING PAPER SERIES Disputation and Resolution in **Colonial Borderlands of Punjab** and Baluchistan This paper examines little-known disputes involving This paper examines little-known disputes involving the abduction of women in the Punjab and Baluch borderlands. By focusing on these local conflicts, this presentation sheds light on the functioning of various practices of jurisprudence - Shariat, customs, and colonial law - that were competing with each other, and thereby contributing more largely to the discussions on the questions of state-making and the nature of imperialism in these frontier regions. SPEAKER SPEAKER Dr. Gagan Kumar Associate Professor, JGLS Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS DISCUSSANT DATE & TIME 3rd June 2024 11:30 am - 12:30 pm JOIN ONLINE **DR. VANESSA CHISHTI** https://zoom.us/j/97386963823? pwd=NE4vOUtkV0ITRkJPSTVxeFlpeG96Zz09 Associate Professor, JGLS Assistant Director, IIHED 🖸 ideas@jgu.edu.in CONTACT US

June 2024

3rd June 2024 (Saturday) 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sāmagāna: Working Paper Series

Fighting over Women: Disputation and Resolution in Colonial Borderlands of Punjab and Baluchistan

This paper examined little-known disputes involving the abduction of women in the Punjab and Baluch borderlands. By focusing on these local conflicts, the work shed light on the functioning of various practices of jurisprudence -Shariat, customs, and colonial law - that were competing with each other. This paper contributes more largely to the discussions on the questions of state-making and the nature of imperialism in these frontier regions.

Speaker:

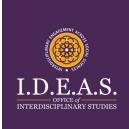
Dr. Gagan Kumar Associate Professor, JGLS Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS

Discussant:

Dr. Vanessa Chishti Associate Professor, JGLS Assistant Director, IIHED

Watch the archived recording of the conversation here: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=R5B7YITuQAA

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17th June, 2024 (Monday)

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Sāmagāna: Working Paper Series Would you rather be stuck with a man or a bear?

This paper explored the gender discourse on social media surrounding the TikTok trend "Would You Rather Be Stuck with a Man or a Bear?". Through a comprehensive analysis of user-generated content, comments, and reactions, the researcher studied the underlying themes and societal attitudes about gender roles, stereotypes, and perceptions of safety and danger. By examining the narratives and discussions that emerge in the social construction of feminism and misogyny, this paper shed light on how social media platforms serve as arenas for gender discourse and the negotiation of cultural norms.

The Discussant, Dr. Smriti Singh, also added to the discussion by referencing to the symbolism of the question in play - the placing of the woman in the woods is a deliberate choice to elicit the dangers of the situation and thereby, the vulnerability of the woman in this situation. In light of this, the dominant choice of most women - the bear emphasizes the fear and lack of safety prevalent in the daily lives of women.

Speaker: Poulomi Bhadra

Assistant Professor; Assistant Director & Research Fellow, IDEAS

Discussant:

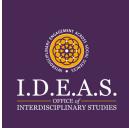
Dr. Smriti Singh

Assistant Professor, IIIT- Delhi Member Associate, IDEAS

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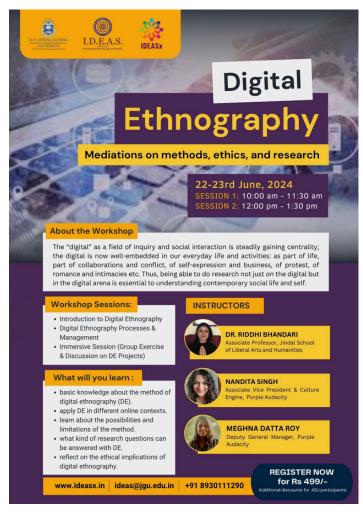
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22nd & 23rd June, 2024 (Sat-Sun) 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

IDEASx Workshop on Digital Ethnography

The "digital" as a field of inquiry and social interaction is steadily gaining centrality; as a research site, the digital– social media, online communities, archived data– came into focus with the pandemic. . In this scenario, the digital emerged as the second best, make-do option. But this workshop argues that this is an unproductive approach to the digital as a field of inquiry. As Sarah Pink (2018) states, the digital is now wellembedded in our everyday life and activities: as part of life, part of collaborations and conflict, of self-expression and business, of protest, of romance and intimacies etc. Thus, being able to do research not just on the digital but in the digital arena is essential to understanding contemporary social life and self.



Workshop Topics:

- Introduction to Digital Ethnography
- Digital Ethnography Processes & Management
- Immersive Session (Group Exercise & Discussion on DE Projects)

Instructors:

Dr. Riddhi Bhandari, Associate Professor, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities Ms. Nandita Singh, Associate Vice President and Culture Engine, Purple Audacity Ms. Meghna Datta Roy, Deputy

General Manager, Purple Audacity

The workshop was attended by 25 participants, early career scholars and doctoral graduates, and received overwhelming positive response for the content and delivery.

"(The instructor) offered valuable insights and ideas while addressing the learners' very diverse research problems and questions with equal enthusiasm and depth! I would absolutely recommend it to anyone who is interested in digital ethnography."



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29th June, 2024 (Saturday)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

IDEASx Workshop on Interpreting and Using Visualisations in the Age of Misinformation

Learn how to interpret and effectively use visualizations in today's era of widespread misinformation. This workshop provides essential skills to navigate the visual data landscape with critical thinking and accuracy. Here, you will understand the impact of misinformation on visualizations, develop critical thinking skills for interpreting data visuals and learn how to utilize visualizations responsibly in decision-making processes.

Workshop Topics:

- Introduction to Visualizations
- Introduction to How Charts Lie
- Group Exercise & Discussion (Other visualisation tools. Equivalence between graphs and tables, when to use/avoid what.)

Instructor: Dr. Tamoghna Halder

Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University, Bangalore

The workshop was attended by 12 participants who enjoyed the comprehensive content and delivery.

Participant Feedback: "I liked how it went on from simpler concepts to complex ones. And it was very comprehensive and easily understood."



Introduction to Visualisations

- Why we need it, why we need to be careful about interpreting
- Introduction to bar, pie and doughnout charts of different kinds.
- Hands-on applications in Excel Discussion



Introduction to How Charts Lie

- Components of chart making and how can they be misused.
- misused. How to carefully interpret spatial maps, and detect misleading ones. Caveats of using similar visualisation tools across contexts

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Group Exercise & Discussion

Other visualisation tools used in popular media and public communication, how can you to interpret them? Equivalence between graphs and tables, when to use/avoid what

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Solidarities



SOLIDARITIES

Solidarities is a space for collaborative partnerships between community organisations and the university where we learn from each other, create peer learning spaces, and develop a consciousness rooted in justice, care, and curiosity in our communities.

Our Vision

As a university, we take pride in developing an intellectual space through research that contributes to a better understanding of the world. Through SOLIDARITIES, we hope to expand the boundaries of knowledge production beyond our university walls to include various communities, activists, and organisers. In the process, we can also challenge the insulated nature of knowledge production in academia to become a more inclusive space.

Who do we work with?

We work with various, community organizations that work in diverse areas. such as - $% \left({{\left({{{\left({{{{\left({{{{}}}}} \right)}}}}\right.$

- Migrant workers' well-being
- youth empowerment & mental well-being
- 🕗 Workers' rights & wage awareness campaigns
- Reproductive rights and health awareness
- 🔈 Legal activism





Mehnatkash Association



We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping the grassroots work that these organizations are doing.



Organization Building Activities

Developing digital presence and social media campaigns that stimulate funding and outreach. Streamlining digital presence.



Research & Documentation

Assistance with data analysis. Documenting of their work through reports, policy briefs, and video stories to impact advocacy efforts.



Capacity Building

Technical skill development, leadership development, and research skills of organizational team.

Knowledge Dissemination



Facilitating access to thematic lectures and courses, workshops on research & writing skills, proposal & grant writing assistance, publication assistance.

To register your interest in volunteering as a resource person, sign up here:

https://forms.gle/Rs9NuRkgjgpzzwyP7

To know more, connect with our Team



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Grassroots Action Program (GAP)

GRASSROOTS Action Program

GAP is aimed at empowering the marginalised grassroots communities through long-term and continuous engagement and collaborative action-oriented research. The main idea is to learn from the community and anchor various scalable interventions in a direction that is most impactful for community welfare. We aim to achieve this by collecting empirical data from within the community to design, implement, and evaluate targeted interventions that address issues in education, health, employment, and woman empowerment.

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

- Community based grassroot organizations.
- Early-stage doctoral students interested in field work in these areas.
- · Independent scholars and practitioners.
- National & international research institutes & think tanks.
- Universities with outreach & research initiatives.
- Government departments and offices responsible for implementation of strategies.
- International organizations working in policy making and implementation.

HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH US?

- Interested scholars, individuals and institutions can share a prospective plan of action and strategies.
- Doctoral candidates can reach out to us with a short note describing their research interests to join our team as Research Assistants.

Dr. Divva Gupta

TO KNOW MORE, CONNECT WITH:



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HOW DO WE HELP THE COMMUNITY?

We aim to leverage the access and deep community connections that civil society organisations have, which have been working in different geographical areas, focusing on specific issues.



NEEDS MAPPING

Periodic surveys, focussed group discussions and detailed interviews, as well as quantitative and qualitative analyses to map and address the larger policy issues through high quality, lowcost and replicable interventions.



INTERVENTION STRATEGY

Understanding of best practices, the nature of interventions will be tailored to address the specific issues. This may vary from more targeted solutions to broader initiatives like information and awareness campaigns.



STAKEHOLDER ADVOCACY

Establish connections with the local government bodies and the relevant government departments for better implementation of the action plan, and for long-term advocacy of the community's needs.

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Self-Care by Indian Women: Materiality and Time Use

Ruchira Sen, T. S. Kavita Rajeshwari

Self-care is an aspect of social reproduction—the basis of a sustainable economy. Social reproduction ensures the primary condition for capitalist accumulation—a healthy and dependable workforce—both, present and future. Typically, social reproduction involves the production (or reproduction) of the household. Producing the household requires care for the self. As women and other caregivers care for themselves, they are revitalised to offer care to those around them—both, in the home and the market economy. However, the market economy understands self-care in individualistic ways, imagining it as a way to brand wellness products. In this paper, we inquire—do married, working Indian women undergo self-care?

Read more

Forthcoming Publication

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research Book Series Volume 28 (Emerald Publishing) Edited by Timothy J. Madigan, Sampson Lee Blair

Chapter: In Search of 'Good' Education: Exploring Parental School Choices, Perceptions and Evaluations in a Low-Income Neighbourhood of Delhi

Sriti Ganguly

Drawing upon data collected from a low-income and poor neighbourhood of Delhi, India, this paper explores parental involvement and perceptions and navigations of the schooling landscape available to the residents. In doing so, it also delves into how some parents use school 'choice' to construct their identities vis-a-vis others in the neighbourhood and draw symbolic boundaries using schooling and education as a marker of difference.

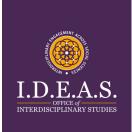
EDUCATION AND THE FAMILY

Examining their Interwoven Linkages

Edited by Timothy J. Madigan, Sampson Lee Blair

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In the News





Modi's Waning Popularity May Spur People-Led Movements and Democratization in India

1st June 2024

The rise of people-led movements and leaders like Arvind Kejriwal may alter India's political landscape, alongside civil society initiatives.

The year 2024 has been recognised as the year of critical elections as globally, more voters than ever in history will head to the polls. At least 64 Democratic countries across the globe, representing a combined population of about 49% of the people in the world, with significant economic and strategic importance, are all in election mode, whose results will have severe consequential effects on the future world order, currently affected by heightened uncertainty, deepened political insecurities, rising hyper nationalistic sentiments, and more.

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Entering during an economic crisis: Labour market trajectories of young Indian workers

Mrinalini Jha, Rosa Abraham

First US Presidential Debate

Deepanshu Mohan

A Train Wreck for Biden

and the Democrats in the

Labour Markets of India during a pandemic: Observations from ethnographic survey in cities of Lucknow and Pune

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In the News

Mothers and the Labour Market: Why India Needs to Re-Imagine Child Care Now

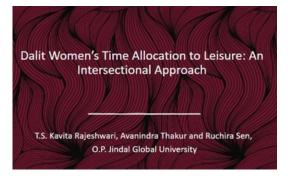
T. S. Kavita Rajeshwari, Avanindra Nath Thakur and Indrani Sengupta सेमीकंडक्टर जैसे आधुनिक क्षेत्र के साथ अधिक रोजगार वाले मैन्युफैक्चरिंग सेक्टर पर फोकस से होगा समावेशी विकास

Interview: Avanindra Nath Thakur

Demographic Dividend का लाभ उठाने के लिए शिक्षा, स्किल और रोजगार की क्वालिटी सुधारनी पड़ेगी

Interview: Avanindra Nath Thakur

Fellows in the Spotlight



Prof. Dr. Avanindra Thakur, Dr. Ruchira Sen and JRF T. S. Kavita Rajeshwari recently presented their research titled "Dalit Women's Time Allocation to Leisure: An Intersectional Approach," at the Time Use Conference 2024. This conference, organized by the <u>Maryland</u> <u>Population Research Center</u> at the <u>University of</u> <u>Maryland</u>, was held on the theme, "Temporal Dimensions of Structural Racism and Racial and Ethnic Inequities".



Prof. Avanindra Nath Thakur of Jindal School of Public Policy and Governance was part of the organizing committee of the one-day workshop on "Collaboration between Agriculture and Public Policy", and also presented a paper at the forum.



The workshop saw a lot of positive response from the participants and heralded potential research collaborations between public policy schools and agricultural universities.



Prof. Poulomi Bhadra, Assistant Director IDEAS, Research Fellow and colead at the Transitional Spaces, Culture and Media Studies Constellation attended the 37th <u>Annual Meeting of the Academic Council of United</u> <u>Nations Systems in Tokyo, Japan</u>. She chaired two panels, in which she

also presented two policy briefs on new media and hate speech. She was also invited to be a Discussant to two other panels on 'Human Rights in SE Asia' and 'Culture and Peace in a Diversified World'.



She also attended the India-Japan Higher Education Forum organized by the Vice Chancellor.



Additions to IDEAS International Advisors



Prof. Kent Deng Professor of Economic History, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science

Prof. Kent Deng's research interests and writing includes the rise of the literati in the economic life of pre-modern China; the maritime economic history of pre-modern China; the economic role of the Chinese peasantry. Other key topics in his work are the developmental deadlock of the Chinese premodern economy; long-term demography of premodern China; early modern railway development in China; Chinese fiscal state and its impact on the economy. His recent monograph was published by Palgrave Macmillan Press, titled *State Failure and Distorted Urbanisation in Post-Mao's China, 1993–2012.*

Professor Sidel is Sir Patrick Gillam Chair in International and Comparative Politics (Joint appt. LSE Government & LSE IR) and Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre. He received his BA and MA from Yale University and his PhD from Cornell University. He is a specialist on Southeast Asia and has conducted extensive research in Indonesia and the Philippines in particular. He is the author of Capital, The Islamist Threat in Southeast Asia: A Reassessment (East-West Center, 2007); (with Jaime Faustino) Thinking and Working Politically in Development: Coalitions for Change in the Philippines (The Asia Foundation, 2019), and Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia (Cornell University Press, 2021).



Prof. John Sidel Sir Patrick Gillam Chair in International and Comparative Politics, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science



Prof. Tim Forsyth Professor of Environment and Development, Head of Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science

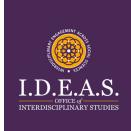
Professor Tim Forsyth is a specialist on the politics of environment and development, with a focus on understanding contested science and risk within environmental governance. His work analyses two themes: the politics and policy processes of contested environmental debates in rapidly developing countries; and the evolution of new multi-actor, multi-level forms of governance such as cross-sector partnerships or deliberative forums. He has written on climate change governance; forest policies in Asia; and social movements and local governance.

Dr. Laura Antona is an Assistant Professor (Education) in Human Geography in the Department of Geography and Environment at LSE. She is a feminist geographer who work focuses on labour, migration, and violence in Southeast Asia and Europe. Her work both draws upon- and contributes tofeminist political economy, labour geographies. and critical migration studies. while centrina methodological innovation. Based on ethnographic fieldwork, Laura's current book project – Refuge or Detention? Migrant Domestic Workers Everyday Lives in Shelter – focuses on the experiences of migrant domestic workers living in shelters in Singapore.



Dr. Laura Antona Assistant Professor (Education) in Human Geography, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

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Dr. Sharmila Parmanand Assistant Professor in Gender, Development and Globalisation, Department of Gender Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr. Sharmila Parmanand is also an Associate Academic at the LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre and co-convenor of the Development Studies Association Women and Development Study Group. Dr. Parmanand's research examines the colonial histories and gendered logics that underpin development and humanitarian interventions in the global south, with a focus on the politics of knowledge production and feminist entanglements with the state on issues such as migration, gender-based violence, precarious labour, economic restructuring and social protection.

Dr. Catalina Ortiz is a Colombian urbanist and educator passionate about spatial justice. She holds a BA in Architecture from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia where she also did a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Studies. She has a PhD in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago as a Fulbright scholar. She joined the Bartlett Development Planning Unit at UCL in 2015 and since 2024, she has been the UCL Urban Lab Director. Her professional experience spans over two decades focusing on teaching, research and consultancy linked to international organisations, national and local governments around urban projects, and spatial planning issues mostly in Latin America.



Dr. Catalina Ortiz Associate Professor, Development Planning Unit, University College London



Prof. Patrick Wallis Professor of Economic History, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science

Prof. Patrick Wallis research explores the economic, social and medical history of Britain and Europe from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century. At present, Prof. Wallis is invested in two main interests: Apprenticeship and Human capital. The supply of skilled labour is one of the fundamental factors in economic performance and growth. And for centuries, apprenticeship was the main way that most people outside of agriculture gained skill. His research aims to understand how apprenticeship worked in England in the three centuries leading up to the industrial revolution.

David Lewis is a Professor of Anthropology and Development in the Department of International Development. David's research interests lie at the interface between development studies and anthropology, and most of his work has been concerned with understanding people's encounters with development actors and development processes. He undertakes regular fieldwork in Bangladesh on governance, policy and civil society and also worked in Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Palestine and Uganda. He is currently the Principal Investigator on a research project on the ethnography of small business advice giving in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, and is completing a collaborative project on conflict and deprivation in Palestine.



Prof. David Lewis Professor of Anthropology and Development, Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science

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Dr. Tine Hanrieder Associate Professor Department of International Development London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr. Tine Hanrieder is a specialist on global health politics and institutions. She is the author of a monograph on the history of the WHO International Organization in Time and of articles spanning the areas of global health governance, global medical education, international relations theory, health security, and humanitarianism. She currently conducts research on the emergence of the community health worker role in the USA, and on the governance of international nurse recruitment to Germany. Tine has received a Freigeist (Free Spirit) Fellowship for interdisciplinary research by the Volkswagen Foundation to rethink South-North learning in global health.

Dr. Chris Chaplin is a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Anthropology and Assistant Professorial Research Fellow in the Religion and Global Society Research Unit based at LSE. His research explores the convergence between global Islamic doctrines and local understandings of piety and faith, and how these come to inform civic values, concepts of religious and political solidarity, and social activism within Southeast Asia. From a methodological and conceptual standpoint, Chris is interested in investigating how reflexive and diffractive approaches to ethnography can provide a transformative space through which to create new dialogues between anthropological practice and religious doctrines.



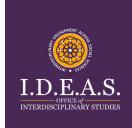
Prof. Chris Chaplin Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science



Dr. Aleida Borges Research Fellow and Lead, Grassroots Women Leaders Research, GIWL Changemaker Programme Lead, Visiting Lecturer, African Leadership Centre

Dr. Aleida Borges leads the Grassroots Women Leaders research stream at the Global Institute for Women's Leadership (GIWL) and is a Visiting Lecturer at the African Leadership Centre at King's College London. Her research offers critical perspectives at the intersection of politics, gender and decoloniality to examine the multifaceted dimensions of inequality within political, social, and organisational contexts in Africa and parts of the Global South. She is a jurist by training, specialising in International Public Law (Human Rights) and consults as country-expert for Cabo Verde. As a 'Global South' scholar working in the 'Global North', Aleida is committed to initiatives that seek to highlight the power imbalances inherent in our interactions, as researchers, with the Global South and as such seeks to collaborate with colleagues in reorienting the privileges of academic power towards the Global South.

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Prof. Vidur Varma Guest Lecturer at London Business School

Dr. Vidur Varma is a Guest Lecturer at LBS and teaches the Wealth Management and Equity Investment Management electives for the master's programs and Personal Finance core subject for Master's in Financial Analysis programme. He frequently teaches on ESG & Sustainable investing, Capital Markets, Hedge Funds & Liquid Alternatives, Technology trends, Crypto and Real Estate investing, in other elective courses, and for Executive Education. As a practitioner, he brings together his experience and knowledge of the markets and business, to connect the dots between market events, academic concepts, current trends, and the future.

Duncan Bartlett is a Research Associate at the SOAS China Institute and hosts the Institute's weekly podcast, China In Context. He is currently teaching diplomacy and international relations on the Economist Executive Education course, 'A New Global Order`, and is a former Correspondent for the BBC in Asia. He is also the Editor of Asian Affairs magazine.



Duncan Bartlett Researcher, SOAS China Institute



Dr. Hans Steinmüller Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science

Hans Steinmüller has conducted long-term fieldwork in Hubei Province (central China) and in the Wa hills of the China-Myanmar border. In Hubei, he investigated the major changes that occurred in family lives, in the world of work, in ritual and rural development. The contradictions in all of these fields between local practice and official discourse is the main topic of his first monograph, Communities of Complicity. Related research interests have to do with the meanings of cynicism, irony, and justice in Chinese politics.