

GENDER AND INEQUALITY IN URBAN CHINA TODAY

Weekend Symposium January 19 and 20, 1990 at Whitney Humanities Ctr.

Jointly sponsored by Women's Studies, East Asian Council, and
Dept. of Sociology of Yale University

A two day conference focusing on how the economic and political upheavals of the 1980s have changed the lives of urban men and women. Many have noted that the increased individuation, privatization, and commercialization of urban China has created a more extroverted and privileged generation of young people than that of the 1970s and 1960s. However, relatively little attention has been paid to the question of whether women and men reaped equal benefits. Several observers have noted increased (and increasing) male-female inequalities in both public and private spheres, but the inquiry is really still in its infancy. To remedy this neglect and stimulate further discussion of these topics, faculty at Yale have invited three young scholars actively exploring these issues of gender and inequality to present papers and lead discussion at a symposium January 19 and 20 at the Whitney Humanities Center.

Friday Jan. 19

3:00 pm Introduction to the conference: Deborah Davis, Dept of Sociology

3:30-5:00 Changing sense of self

moderator: Helen Siu, Dept. of Anthropology, Yale
speaker: Chin Ann-ping, Dept. of Religion, Wesleyan
discussant: William Kessen, Dept. of Psychology, Yale

7:30 pm movie: A Town Called Hibiscus (with English subtitles) Mason 211
followed by reception at Whitney Humanities Center

Saturday January 20

9:30- 11:30 Economic Opportunity and Power

moderator: Deborah Davis, Dept. of Sociology, Yale
speaker: Bien Yanjie, Dept. of Sociology, SUNY-Albany
discussant: Robert Jenkins, Dept. of Sociology, Yale

1:30- 3:30 Participation in the Democracy Movement of 1989

moderator: Emily Honig, Depts. of History and Women's Studies, Yale
speaker: Andrea Worden, Dept of History, Stanford
discussant: Xin Wei-rong, Yale College