The Opening of Western China: Problems and Prospects

Friday, April 17
10 am–4 pm
Hall Center for the Humanities

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All events are free and open to the public.

A conference exploring ethnicity, the environment, and economic development in Western China today.
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Welcome
Megan Greene
Director, KU Center for East Asian Studies

10:15–11:30 am
Ethnicity
Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas),
“Opening Wastelands and Westbound Peacocks: The Discourse of Colonization”

Emily Yeh (University of Colorado, Boulder),
“The New Socialist Countryside in Tibet: Development As Indebtedness Engineering”

11:30 am–12:30 pm
Lunch
(Lunch is provided for invited speakers.)

12:30–2:00 pm
Environment
Xingong Li (University of Kansas),
“Snow-/Glacier-melt Water in Southern Xinjiang, China”

James Cook (Central Washington University),
“Great Western Desertification: Sand, Water, and Wildcat Oil Companies in China’s Northwest”

James Millward (Georgetown University),
“Environmental History of Xinjiang”

2:00–2:20 pm
Break

2:20–4:00 pm
Economic Development
Shi Yaojiang (Northwest University, Xian) and John Kennedy (University of Kansas),
“Avoiding the ‘Resource Curse’: Mining and Local Government in Western China”

Xie Yichun (Eastern Michigan University),
“Sustainable Urban Development in Northwest China: A Case Study Along the Mid-Section of the Silk Road”

Bao Shuming (University of Michigan),
“Migration and Regional Development”

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