

The Fifth South South Forum on Sustainability TRANSFORMATIVE VISIONS AND PRAXIS

Date: 13-18 June 2018
Venue: Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China
Organizers: Global University for Sustainability
Lingnan University

Introduction:

Global University for Sustainability and Lingnan University will be co-organizing the Fifth South South Forum on Sustainability. Except for the Second Forum which was held in Chongqing in 2012, the First, Third and Fourth Forums were held on Lingnan University campus in 2011, 2016 and 2017. All proceedings of the four Forums were video-recorded and uploaded to the websites of Global University for Sustainability and Lingnan University:

<http://our-global-u.org/oguorg/en/the-fourth-south-south-forum-on-sustainability-4-6-july-2017-2/>

<http://our-global-u.org/oguorg/en/the-third-south-south-forum-on-sustainability-july-2016/>

<http://our-global-u.org/oguorg/en/the-second-south-south-forum-on-sustainability/>

<http://our-global-u.org/oguorg/en/the-first-south-south-forum-on-sustainability/>

The Fifth South South Forum on Sustainability will focus on “TRANSFORMATIVE VISIONS AND PRAXIS”. As a continuation of the debates of the previous four forums, the aim of the Fifth Forum is to examine the current state of affairs – the global financial and economic crises worsening, political-militaristic ventures and threats in NE Asia and Middle East in particular, and social polarizations and tensions in nation-states aggravating. Going beyond just critiquing the state of affairs, the Forum will articulate and debate transformative visions and paradigms, which will be based on transformative praxis, drawing upon experiences of community governance in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and foregrounding the concept of “the common” in the production of a new mode of cohabitation. The Forum will be a platform for dialogues and debates among grassroots practices in the production, dissemination and use of knowledge, as well as interactions among thinkers in search of paradigms for peace and justice. Review of the experiences of specific countries such as China will be one feature of this Forum. The Forum will be composed of:

- (1) Conference (13-17 June), in which invited speakers each delivers a one-hour lecture in the morning, followed by interventions and debates in the afternoon session
- (2) E-Lecture Series by invited speakers (18 June), which will be uploaded to the website: <http://our-global-u.org/oguorg/en/introduction/>;
- (3) Sessions proposed by participants and free interactions in the evenings of 14-18 June.

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Venue: MBG 06 [13-15 June]

AM 308 [16-18 June]
 Lingnan University, Tuen Mun, Hong Kong
 Language: English, with interpreting into Putonghua

10 June (Sunday): E-Lecture Series

Time: 14:00 – 18:00 Venue: AM 308

Speaker: John Restakis (Community Evolution Foundation, Canada)

12 June (Tuesday) 09:00-22:00: MBG12 Registration

DAY ONE: 13 June (Wednesday)

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Speeches
9:30-12:30	Political and Economic Alternative Paradigms Speakers (1) M. P. Parameswaran (Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad, India) (2) José Félix Rivas Alvarado (Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos de Integración Simón Rodríguez, Venezuela) (tbc) (3) Wen Tiejun (Renmin University of China, Beijing, China)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	Debates on Theoretical Issues on Alternative Paradigms
16:00-16:30	Tea Break
16:30-18:30	Rural Reconstruction in China (1) Zheng Bing (Puhan Rural Community, Yongji City, Shanxi) (2) Yan Xiaohui (Green Ground Eco-Tech Centre, Beijing) (3) Huang Zhiyou (Loving Home Village Campaigns, Beijing) (4) Bai Yali (Liang Shuming Rural Reconstruction Centre, Beijing) (5) He Zhixiong (Liang Shuming Rural Reconstruction Centre, Beijing) (6) Zhang Junna (Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, Fuzhou)
18:45-20:30	Welcome Dinner

DAY TWO: 14 June (Thursday)

9:00-12:30	Decolonizing the Mind: Beyond Nationalism and Globalization Speakers: (1) Mireille Fanon-Mendes-France (Frantz Fanon Foundation, France) (2) Muto Ichiyo (People's Plan Study Group, Japan) (3) Wang Hui (Tsinghua University, Beijing, China)
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12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	Debates on Theoretical Issues on Decolonization
16:00-16:30	Tea Break
16:30-18:30	The Latin American Experience: Land and Livelihood (1) Adrian Carrasco Zanini Molina (Film Director, Mexico) (2) Eduardo Francisco Freyre Roach (Agrarian University of Havana, Cuba) (3) Ernesto Revello Sanchez (Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos de Integración Simón Rodríguez, Venezuela) (tbc) (4) Ana Maria Saldanha (Macao Polytechnic Institute)

DAY THREE: 15 June (Friday)

9:00-12:30	Community Governance and Participatory Democracy Speakers: (1) Gilberto Lopez y Rivas (National Institute of Anthropology and History, Mexico) (2) John Restakis (Community Evolution Foundation, Canada) (3) Lee Seejae (Forum on Soil and City, South Korea)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	Debates on Theoretical Issues on Community Governance
16:00-16:30	Tea Break
16:30-18:30	Reviewing the Korean Experience Speakers (1) Lee Seejae (Forum on Soil and City, South Korea) (2) Lee Jung Ok (Daegu Catholic University, South Korea)

DAY FOUR: 16 June (Saturday)

9:00-12:30	Common as Alternative for the Future (I) Speakers: (1) Manoranjan Mohanty (Council for Social Development, India) (2) Lisa Rofel (University of California, Santa Cruz, USA) (3) Rolien Hoyng (Chinese University of Hong Kong) (4) Murat Es (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	Debates on Theoretical Issues on the Common
16:00-16:30	Tea Break

16:30-18:30	Community Building Experiences (1) Bidyut Mohanty (Council for Social Development, India) (2) Cecile Mukarubuga (Green Village Foundation, Rwanda) (3) Marina Pikulina (PeaceWomen Across the Globe)
20:00-22:00	Cultural Night

DAY FIVE: 17 June (Sunday)

9:00-12:30	Common as Alternative for the Future (II) Speakers: (1) David Barkin (Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico) (2) Hamouda Soubhi (Forum of Alternatives South, Morocco) (tbc) (3) Dai Jinhua (Peking University, Beijing, China) (4) Lau Kin Chi (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	Debates on Theoretical Issues on the Common
16:00-16:30	Tea Break
16:30-18:00	Reviewing the Zapatista Experience
18:00-18:30	Concluding Session

DAY SIX: 18 June (Monday)

9:00-12:30	Parallel Sessions of E-Lecture Series (1) Gilberto Lopez y Rivas (National Institute of Anthropology and History, Mexico) (tbc) (2) Lee Seejae (Forum on Soil and City, South Korea) (tbc)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-17:30	Parallel Sessions of E-Lecture Series (1) José Félix Rivas Alvarado (Centro de Estudios latinoamericanos de Integración Simón Rodríguez, Venezuela) (tbc) (2) M. P. Parameswaran (Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad, India) (tbc)

19 June (Tuesday): Departure

Note: Forum participants may propose film screenings or seminars on the evenings of June 14-18, 19:00-22:00.

Live Streaming

Please watch our live streaming of the Forum sessions on YouTube at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIIP6qH6BInA9_nIsUAYcMw/featured

We will have Youtube live streaming for the following sessions:

13/6	0930-1230	Political and Economic Alternative Paradigms
	1630-1830	Rural Reconstruction in China
14/6	0900-1230	Decolonizing the Mind: Beyond Nationalism and Globalisation
	1630-1830	Latin American Experiences: Land and Livelihood
15/6	0900-1230	Community Governance and Participatory Democracy
	1630-1830	Reviewing the Korean Experience
16/6	0900-1230	Common as Alternative for the Future (I)
	1630-1830	Community Building Experiences
17/6	0900-1230	Common as Alternative for the Future (II)
	1630-1830	Reviewing the Zapatista Experience
18/6	0900-1230	E-Lecture Series
	1400-1730	E-Lecture Series