

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Urban Space and Social Life: Theory and Practice

April 1, 2011 at State University of New York College at Oneonta, New York, USA  
All presentations are held at the Quad, Art Gallery

**Program**  
8:45

**Welcoming Statement:** Dr. Nancy Kleniewski (President, SUNY Oneonta)  
**Opening Remarks:** Ho Hon Leung (Chair, Center for Social Science Research; co-founder, 4C5M Studio)

SESSION I

9:00-11:00

**Rediscovery of Historical Value in Globalizing Shanghai: Urban Renovation from Demolition to Preservation** (Prof. Yu Hai, Sociology, Fudan University)

**The Historic Space in Urban Renewal: Three Cases in Shanghai's Old-city Redevelopment Process since 1990's** (Zhong Xiaohua, Sociology and School of Social Development and Public Policy, Fudan University)

**Operation Murambatsvina [Drive out Rubbish]: (Re)Evaluating the Causes, Lessons, and Impact of Forced and Violent Urban Clearance Five Years Later** (Robert Compton, Africana Latino Studies and Political Science, SUNY Oneonta)

SESSION II

11:15-12:30

**Suburban Absorption in Eastern New York** (Alex Thomas and Gregory Fulkerson, Sociology, SUNY Oneonta; Polly Smith, Sociology and Anthropology, Utica College)

**Cultural Affairs Policy and New York's Upstate Regional Identity** (Ernest Sternberg, Urban & Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, SUNY)

SESSION III

2:00-3:15

**Nostalgia and the Ideology of the Market: Shoppers and the Downtown American Department Store, 1930 to the Present** (Vicki Howard, History, Hartwick College)

**The Role of Theatres in Reviving a Historic Downtown District** (Patrice Macaluso, Theatre, SUNY Oneonta)

SESSION IV

3:30-5:00

**Urban Arcadias: The Myth and Meaning of Gay Homelands** (Jeffery Dennis, Sociology, SUNY Oneonta)

**Claiming Spaces, Claiming Citizenship: Spatial Use by Emerging LGBT Communities in Accra, Ghana** (Kathleen O'Mara, Africana & Latino Studies, SUNY Oneonta)

**Urban Landscapes and the Building of Democracy** (Chris Keegan, Philosophy, SUNY Oneonta)

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**Prof. Yu Hai**  
Keynote Speaker

