Urbanization and the transportation revolution are fundamentally challenging our inherited knowledge-models about Asia. Asia is shifting from rural to urban, the Himalayan barrier between China and India is rapidly becoming part of the past, while Japan, which was the first to become a largely urban society, is rapidly strengthening its ties with South Asia. This is an exciting moment for us to be engaging in cross-regional conversations and research in interdisciplinary global perspectives. Two workshops are planned for 2013-2014 as part of the Duke-UNC Global History-Asian Studies Initiative. While members of the UNC and Duke History Departments will constitute the core planning group, we welcome participation by members of all departments at the two universities and at neighboring universities.

Workshop: “Urbanization, Environmental Challenges, and Other Tectonic Shifts”

November 2, 2013
9:00am - 5:00pm
Room 569, Hamilton Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill

9:00-9:20: Coffee
Sucheta Mazumdar (Duke, History), Miles Fletcher (UNC-Chapel Hill, History)
9:30 -10:45: Keynote: Andre Sorensen, (University of Toronto Scarborough) “Accelerated Urbanization in Asia: The Creative Destruction of Governance Institutions” Comment and Discussion: Chad Bryant (UNC-Chapel Hill, History)
10:45- 11:00: Coffee Break
11:00- 12:15: Yan Song (UNC-Chapel Hill, City and Regional Planning) “Infrastructure and Urban Development: Evidence from Chinese Cities” Comment and Discussion: Andre Sorensen (University of Toronto Scarborough)
12:15- 1:15: Lunch Break
1:30-2:15: Meenu Tewari (UNC-Chapel Hill, City and Regional Planning) “Ecologies of Risk and the Spatialities of Production: Climate Adaptation in Surat’s Textile Industry” Comment and Discussion: Vasant Kaiwar (Duke, History)
2:15- 3:00: Robin Visser (UNC-Chapel Hill, Asian Studies) “The Chinese Eco-City and Urbanization Planning: Case Studies of Tongzhou (Beijing), Lingang (Shanghai), and Duijiangyan (Chengdu)” Comment and Discussion: Carlos Rojas (Duke, AMES)
3:00-3:15: Coffee Break
3:15-4:00: Iqbal Sevea (UNC-Chapel Hill, History) “Waheguru Naam Jahaz Hain’(God’s Name is a Steamship): Religion, Urban Milieus, and Modern Technologies of Circulation in North India.” Comment and Discussion: Sucheta Mazumdar (Duke, History)
4:00-4:45: Mustafa Tuna (Duke, History and Slavic Studies) “Kazan: A Cosmopolitan City and Russian Muslim Intellectuals between East and West” Comment and Discussion: Eren Tasar (UNC, History)

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