The Gender & China Guide to ICAS 2019

Finding one’s way around a conference as large as ICAS can feel daunting — especially with so many parallel sessions relevant to your research interests going on at the same time.

To simplify ICAS for you, the China Academic Network on Gender has compiled a short conference guide including individual presentations, panels, and your personalised gender & China itinerary. Follow one of our three handpicked streams, or make your own from our full list below. Happy conference!

You’re presenting on a China/gender-related topic and can’t find your name on the list? Send us an email at change@ulb.ac.be

The China Academic Network on Gender will be organising a get-together event for members during the conference. Don’t hesitate to contact us!
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Stream 1: Gender Representations and Feminisms

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Zexu Guan, Leiden University, Netherlands

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“Han Teacher in the Uyghur School”: Nation, Muslim, and Military Wives in Chinese State Propaganda  
Zheng Ying – Netherlands

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Inside Work: Transformations in the Exploitation of Rural Women in Modern China  
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Christine Vial Kayser – Creops, Paris IV-Sorbonne
‘My Body Says’: Performing Vagina Monologues and Enacting Transnational Feminism in Contemporary China
Hongwei Bao – University of Nottingham

Girls who drink human blood: Lipstick, feminism, and the male gaze in Xiao Hong’s fiction
Coraline Jortay – Université libre de Bruxelles

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Sandy Ng – Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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Gender and Identity in Hong Kong Art
Silvia Fok – Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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Olivia Milburn – Seoul National University

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Iris Ma, University of Notre Dame, United States

Stream 2: Beyond Women: Masculinities and Queer Approaches to Gender

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Lloyd Amoah, Centre for Asian Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana

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Katrien Jacobs, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Belgium

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Marleen Spijkman, University of Twente, Netherlands – Co-Author(s): Menno de Jong, University of Twente, Netherlands ; Ke Xue, Shanghai Jiaotong University, China

Stream 3: Marriage, Migration and Comparative Perspectives

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Wife or Maid? Chinese Marriage Migrants’ Lives in Taiwanese Households
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Paoyi Huang, City University of New York, United States

13:30 – 15:15
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Marrying the Perfect Child — Middle Class Norms and Intergenerational Arrangements in the Marriage Corners of Urban China
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Jean-Baptiste Pettier, Affective Societies Collaborative Research Center, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

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Anju Mary Paul, Yale-NUS College, Singapore

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Picturing Urban Pleasures of Nanjing: Courtesans, Gender, and Representations in Ming Dynasty
Location: Lipsius 3.08
Yizhou Wang, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Session Title: Chinese Diaspora: Historical Trajectories and current Socio-Economic Influence in the Global World I
Emotional Geographies, Hyper-mobility and Transnationalism: Migrant Women’s Circulations Between China and Taiwan
Location: Huizinga 0.06
Beatrice Zani, Lyon 2 University, France

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Feminist Approaches to Reflecting on the Cultural Revolution – Contextual and Textual Study on Literary Works by Chinese Female Writers in 1990s
Luming Zhang, Duke University, United States

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