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*Gardens of wisdom in China and Japan* by Yolaine Escande  
edited by Aurélia Martin

Yolaine Escande (2013), *Jardins de sagesse en Chine et au Japon*, Paris, éditions du Seuil, 144 p.  
*Chinese and Japanese gardens are the ultimate places of wisdom, spaces of meditation, self-cultivation as well as openness to the world. Just as wisdom is described as a journey, the garden, as a path physical, sensory and spiritual all at once that combines contemplation and travelling, guides man towards a state of inner availability and non-attachment.*  
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*Round table panel for Marie-Claire Bergère's new book*  
edited by Aurélia Martin

Historian on modern China, of which she has studied the changes for the last forty years, Marie-Claire Bergère returns to the hybrid nature of the Chinese regime. She shows how the reforms launched since 1980 are conducted in an authoritarian manner by an elite whose goal is not to create a capitalist system, but to best use the market resources to develop the wealth of China, strengthen its power and preserve the Party monopoly.  
<http://urbachina.hypotheses.org/?p=4516>

*Walmart in China*  
edited by Jacqueline Nivard

Anita Chan (2011), *Walmart in China*, Ithaca; London: Cornell university press, 2011. vii, 294 pp.  
Walmart and "Made in China" are practically synonymous; Walmart imports some 70 percent of its merchandise from China. Walmart is now also rapidly becoming a major retail presence there, with



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close to two hundred Walmarts in more than a hundred Chinese cities. What happens when the world's biggest retailer and the world's biggest country do business with each other? In this book, a group of thirteen experts from several disciplines examine the symbiotic but strained relationship between these giants.

<http://urbachina.hypotheses.org/?p=4508>

## *China's electronic waste village- photos*

edited by Jacqueline Nivard

Guiyu, China breaks down much of the world's discarded electronics, slowly poisoning itself in the process. Photographs by Chien-min Chung / Reportage by Getty.

<http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1870162,00.html>

## *E-waste in China*

edited by Jacqueline Nivard

As one of the world's largest exporters of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) and importers of waste electrical and electronic equipment (e-waste) worldwide, China plays a key role in the social, economic, environmental and material life cycle of much of the world's electrical and electronic equipment. As a result of increased Chinese and worldwide consumption and turnover of EEE, China is now facing serious e-waste problems from both growing domestic generation and foreign imports.

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## *Dian Lake – Recovering a sparkling pearl embedded in a highland*

written by Chi-Han Ai

Dian Lake, also known as Kunming Lake, is the largest freshwater lake in Yunnan Province. Dian Lake is located south of Kunming city, 5 kilometers from the city centre. Because of its magnificent scenery, Dian Lake has always been a popular holiday resort. It is an important asset not only for tourism, but is also for economic activities such as shipping, fishing, irrigation, water provision, etc.

<http://urbachina.hypotheses.org/?p=4470>

## *Smoking in Kunming*

written by Sebastien Goulard

China is the largest consumer of tobacco in the world. It is also the number 1 country for tobacco production. Most of China's tobacco is produced in the southern provinces of Yunnan and Guizhou.

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