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HKU-Cornell Global China Program on Labor and Migration:
Technology and Work in China

Programme

Date: October 6 - 7, 2018

Time: 9:00 – 17:30

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Saturday October 6, 2018	
TIME	PROGRAMME
8:30	Reception
9:00	Welcoming Remarks Professor William Hayward Dean of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong Opening Remarks Dr. Eli Friedman Associate Professor Department of International and Comparative Labor Director, International Programs ILR School Cornell University
9:15	Keynote Presentation 1: Technology and Development Strategy Technology and the Labor Process Perspective: Current debates on the impact of automation and AI on work Professor Chris Smith Professor School of Management Royal Holloway, University of London Moderator Professor Pun Ngai Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong
10:10	Tea Break

	Plenary Session 1: Robots & Automation
10:25	Made in China 2025 – Industrial Policy without workers Dr. Boy Luethje Endowed Chair Professor Industrial Relations and Social Development School of Government Sun Yat-sen University
10:45	“Craftsman’s Spirit” without the Glory of Labor? National Discourse, Technology and Class Reproduction in Vocational Schools in China Professor Pun Ngai Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong Dr. Huang Yu Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong
11:05	The logic of technological change in the Mao era as a mirror for present Dr. Jake Werner Collegiate Assistant Professor of the Social Sciences and Harper-Schmidt Fellow University of Chicago
11:25	Can Migrant Workers Close the Skills Gap in the Time of Automation in Manufacturing? An Empirical Study on Skills Training System in South China Mr. Xu Hui Ph.D Candidate Institute of Sociology Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
11:45	Panel Discussion and Q & A Session Moderator Dr. Eli Friedman
12:05	Lunch
	Plenary Session 2: Labor Process & the Workplace
14:00	Labor Process and Digital Capitalism Dr. Jia Wenjuan Associate Professor Department of Sociology Shanghai University

14:20	<p>When Reading News Pays: "Interesting Headlines" and the Technological Reconfiguration of Leisure as Work Amongst Factory Workers in Shenzhen, China</p> <p>Dr. Tom McDonald Assistant Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong</p>
14:40	<p>Stigma of Joblessness, Digitalization, and the "China Dream": Emerging Challenges and Responses of Cultural/Creative Labour in China</p> <p>Dr. Tommy Tse Assistant Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong</p>
15:00	<p>Panel Discussion and Q & A Session</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Tommy Tse</p>
15:20	<p>Tea Break</p>
15:35	<p>New Capital, Old Workers: Exploring how new technology used for knowledge sharing affect skill formation among R&D staff</p> <p>Dr. Zheng Yu Senior Lecturer School of Management Royal Holloway, University of London</p>
15:55	<p>The port-based welfare service for seafarers in China: Contesting mechanisms against the technological upgrading of shipping industry</p> <p>Professor He Gaochao Yeung Family Distinguished Visiting Professor East Asia Studies Program John Hopkins University</p>
16:15	<p>Automation or human labor? How the choice is made by Japanese auto suppliers in South China</p> <p>Dr. Luo Siqu Assistant Professor Department of Political Sciences Sun Yat-sen University</p>
16:35	<p>Panel Discussion and Q & A Session</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Tommy Tse</p>

Sunday October 7, 2018

TIME	PROGRAMME
8:30	Reception
9:00	Keynote Presentation 2: Labor and Logistics Technologies Adapting Walmart's Organizational Technologies to China's Market and the Implications for Workers Dr. Eileen Otis Associate Professor Department of Sociology University of Oregon Moderator Professor Pun Ngai
9:55	Plenary Session 3: Technology and Work: The Views from the US Digital Migrant Labor - A View from Silicon Valley Dr. Louis Hyman Associate Professor Director, Institute for Workplace Studies ILR School Cornell University
10:15	The US-China trade war and the future of global society Mr. Tobita Chow Global Justice Organizer The People's Lobby
10:35	It's Not the 'Future of Work,' It's the Future of Workers That's in Doubt. Ms. Sarita Gupta Co-Executive Director Jobs With Justice
10:55	The development of trade union movement in China Dr. Chris Chan Associate Professor Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences City University of Hong Kong
11:15	Panel Discussion and Q & A Session Moderator Dr. Boy Luethje