

The Road to Serfdom or Freedom? Urban Governance, Civic Engagement, and Contentious Politics in Guangdong

Abstract

Based on qualitative interviews, focus groups, and survey data collected in Guangdong since 2009, the lecture synthesizes Dr Fu's previous research and develops a mixed-method interdisciplinary approach to civic engagement and contentious politics in urban China. It draws on both historical and comparative perspectives to advance our understanding of actually existing, instead of ideal types of, urban governance and its impacts on everyday life and resistance in Guangdong.