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Geographies of Finance and Financialisation: Emerging Trends, Issues in China and Future Research Agendas: O1

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Financialisation describes the growing influence of financial markets over economy, society and polity. Since “financialization is a profoundly spatial phenomenon” (French et al., 2011), it is becoming increasingly important to understand processes of financialisation at a number of scales and via multiple geographical contexts. From the scale of the global financial crisis and globalisation, through the role of finance in regional development, to the impacts of financial systems on individual and households. Although there is an emerging body of research on financialisation it has generally focused on examples and experiences in Europe and North America. The session aims to provide an opportunity for connections between geographies of finance and financialisation and China, bringing together scholars from China and beyond to discuss emerging trends, issues and future research agendas.

As the largest developing and transition economy, China has been reforming its financial system since the late 1970s, and speeded its pace after the accession into the WTO in 2001. Thus, the opening of China’s finance industry and its integration with the global economy is producing a nascent geography of finance and financialisation with outcomes evident at different geographical scales. From the global perspective, as an emerging power in the global capital market, what will China bring to the existing global financial system? Will some Chinese cities, like Beijing or Shanghai, become the “world class” financial centers? China has invested heavily abroad in varied industries as well as in capital markets, and many Chinese firms started raising money from the global capital market several years ago. What will be the influence of these processes of financialisation on China and the world? When examining inside China, it is still unclear how financialisation will interact with existing regional disparities in China and the possible consequences for regional development. More and more local

governments in China are applying tools of financialisation (e.g. use of private equity, venture capital, initial public offerings) to boost economy growth and industrial upgrading, however, there is limited understanding of the potential advantages and dangers of adopting such mechanisms in the pursuit of regional development goals.

Submitting papers

We are particularly interested in papers that are sensitive to the potential regional scale impacts of financialisation and/or promote comparative international research. Potential topics for papers might include, but are not limited to:

- Globalisation and financial crisis;
- Emerging financial centers in China;
- Geography of private equity and venture capital;
- Stock market and overseas listing;
- Financialisation of local and region development;
- Global financial production and value chains;
- Off-shoring in financial services;
- Spatial patterns of financial institutions in China.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **Friday 10th February 2012**. Those submitting abstracts to this special session must also register for the conference via the RSA online registration website in order to be confirmed and included in the conference programme. The uploading of abstracts is inclusive of the online registration process.

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