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Plenary Speaker Biographies

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Graham Meadows is former Director-General of Regional Policy in the European Commission and has an unrivalled expertise in policy and planning in the EU. He has a unique network of urban and regional contacts in the EU and is currently acting as an advisor to China and Latin America on how they can emulate EU regional policy.

Dadao Lu is an outstanding economical geographer worked in the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR), Chinese Academy of Sciences. Lu proposed a “T-shaped” spatial strategy for regional development according to his theory of “pole-axis” system in regional economy. He also established the theoretical framework for China’s industrial geography. His theory which considers the Yangtze River corridor and coastal region as the axles of national economic development, has had great influence on national and regional economic development.

Ronnie Hall joined the European Commission in 1989 and worked until 1998 in the Directorate General responsible for EU regional policies financed by the European Union’s

Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund. His duties were principally in the field of policy development and the preparation of reports on the state of the regions and regional policy. In 1998, he was appointed the head of division in the Directorate General for Agriculture with responsibility for rural development programmes and initiatives in twelve Member States. In September 1999, he was appointed Deputy Chief Adviser to Michel Barnier, European Commissioner responsible for regional policy until May 2004 and then to his successor Jacques Barrot. Since November 2004, Dr Hall has been director in the Directorate General for regional policy with responsibility for information and communications, international relations, the outermost regions and legal advice. Prior to joining the Commission, he was employed as an economic adviser in the Department of Finance and Personnel in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He has published articles on European regional policy and a book with Alasdair Smith and Loukas Tsoukalis, *Competitiveness and Cohesion in EU Policies* (Oxford University Press, 2001).

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Mick Dunford graduated with degrees in Geography (1st Class Honours) and Quantitative Economics (with Commendation) from the University of Bristol. He has been at Sussex since 1973. He is an Honorary member of the Società Geografica Italiana. In 1997 he was appointed Editor of *Regional Studies* (1977-2002) and has served on the Editorial Advisory Boards of *Espaces et Sociétés*, *Sciences de la Société* and *Economic Geography*. In 2000 he was elected to the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences, and in 2003 was awarded the Royal Geographical Society's Edward Heath Award for geographical research in Europe. In the last ten years his research has focused first on Italian regional evolutions and value chain research, and, subsequently, on relations between Europe and China and a number of Chinese development issues. Current research deals with trade and industrial and regional development in China and the European Union and rural economic development in disaster-affected and poverty areas in China. At a more theoretical level he is working on regulation-theoretic approaches to the implications for global development of economic crises in the western world and the rise of China. His main research interests are in the economic, urban and regional geography, regional and urban economic development, inequality and social cohesion in Europe (east and west) and its Mediterranean neighbours, and most recently in China.

Philip McCann is Special Adviser to Johannes Hahn, the European Commissioner for Regional Policy. Philip McCann works alongside the other Special Adviser Fabrizio Barca, Director General of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance, and author of the 2009 Independent Report, *An Agenda for a Reformed Cohesion Policy*. Both Special Advisers provide expert counsel to Commissioner Hahn on matters relating to the reform and future development of European Cohesion Policy. The period of appointment is from 1st April 2010 until 31 March 2012. Professor Philip McCann holds The University of Groningen Endowed Chair of Economic Geography. He is one of the world's most highly cited and widely recognised economic geographers and spatial economists of his generation. Philip McCann is also Adjunct Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at The University of Waikato, New Zealand, and

formerly Professor of Urban and Regional Economics in the Department of Economics, at The University of Reading, UK.

George Lin is Professor of Geography and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, the University of Hong Kong which was ranked No. 2 in Asia and No. 34 in the world according to Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2011).

He is the author of *Red Capitalism in South China: Growth and Development of the Pearl River Delta* (UBC Press, Vancouver, Canada, 1997), *Developing China: Land, Politics, and Social Conditions* (Routledge, London, 2009), co-author of *China's Urban Space: Development under Market Socialism* (Routledge, London, 2007), and over 90 articles published in internationally refereed journals and books. His research interests include China's urban development and urbanization, land use and land management, the growth of urbanism, rural industrialization and regional development in the Pearl River Delta, transnationalism, cross-border population mobility, and the geography of Chinese diaspora. Professor Lin has served as Chair of the China Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (2007-08), Councilor and Vice-Chair of the Economic Geography Commission of the Geographical Society of China since 2006, and Head of the Department of Geography (2006-08). He has been on the editorial boards of international scholarly journals including *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, *The Canadian Geographer*, *Urban Geography*, *The Chinese Geographical Science*, and *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. He is the recipient of a Young Canadian Researcher Award (IDRC, Ottawa, Canada, 1992); University Teaching Fellow (HKU, 1998), Outstanding Young Researcher Award (HKU, 2002), *Zijiang* Chair Professorship (East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, 2010), and many competitive research grants from international funding agencies, including the NSF (USA), ESRC (UK), and the Hong Kong Research Grants Council. He has been identified as among the top 50 most cited economic geographers in the English-speaking world over the recent half a century according to age-weighted Scopus *h*-index and one of the top 1% scholars according to ISI's Essential Science Indicators in 2009 and once again 2011.

Tuesday 26th June

Kenji Yamamoto He was born in 1952 at a poor village ca. 250 km northward away from Tokyo and studied social geography at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, and then economic geography as a graduate student at the University of Tokyo. He got a scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service between 1977 and 1979 and engaged in his research about international labor migration to post-war Germany and spatial segregation of guest workers and their families in Munich at the Technical University of Munich. After return to his home country, he worked first as a lecturer for human geography at the Faculty of Humanities, Kochi University, and then as an associate professor for economic geography at the Faculty of Economics, Hosei University in Tokyo, between 1982 and 1989. In this year, he became a full professor at this university. He was invited 2006 as a full professor for industrial location at the Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University in Fukuoka. He has served as the dean of this faculty since April 2011. Meanwhile he got a research scholarship of the Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation

between 1988 and 1990 and engaged in a study of the location behavior of the electric and electronic concern, Siemens, between the beginning of the 20th century and the 1980s at the Institute of Geography, Technical University of Munich. He was invited again 1995 by the Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation and studied the migration history to Duisburg, a big city in the Ruhr area, and its relationship with urban development at the Department of Geography, Gerhard Mercator University of Duisburg which is now the University of Duisburg-Essen. Since the latter half of the 1990s, he has been interested in SMEs in several industrial districts and regions in Japan and continued to have interviews with managers in order to get qualitative information about knowledge creation and innovative activities of SMEs. He has also studied theories of economic and social geography and regional development since his age of student. He published several books on this theme in Japanese including a book about guest workers problem in Germany and another of location behavior of Siemens and its influence on the regional development of Bavaria. He has been a corresponding member of the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning in Hanover, Germany, since 2004, as well as a member of Japan Society of Economic Geography, Human Geographical Society of Japan and Association of Japanese Geographers respectively since his age of graduate student. He has been also a member of the Science Council of Japan since 2006.

Yoshihiro Miyamachi (Mia) is the former Associate-Vice-President and Professor of Economic Geography at School of Economics, University of Oita, Japan, and a national board member of the Japan Association of Economic Geographers. He was educated at University of Nagoya. He worked as a visiting fellow at School of Geography, University of Manchester, U.K., in 1992-93 and also at Department of Geography, Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A., in 2001-02. He is an economic geographer with research interests in the area of 'glocalization' of economic activities and regional development, and institutional approaches to local economic development. He has published a number of articles and books including *Introduction to Regional Studies* (Minerva Shobo, Kyoto, 2011) and *Discovering Japan: A New Regional Geography* (Teikoku Shoin, Tokyo, 2009).

Jessie Poon, is the current Director of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Study Center (APECASC) and a professor in the department of geography at the University at Buffalo- SUNY. Prior to joining the University at Buffalo-SUNY, she was a faculty member at the National University of Singapore ('95 – '98') and the University of Georgia ('93-94). Her research speciality focuses on regional change in East Asia.

Jie Fan, Department of Human Geography and Regional Development, Institute of Geography Science and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences