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The international conference, “Foodways in China,” will feature the presentation of new research by scholars based in the humanities and the social sciences that engages insights from the emerging interdisciplinary field of food studies.

International Conference

Foodways in China: New Scholarly Trajectories

Thursday and Friday, May 9–10, 2013
Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall, 1468 University Street
9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
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May 8, Wednesday, Willamette 110
6:30p  A Bite of China, public screening of Chinese documentary
       Followed by commentary and discussion

May 9, Thursday, Gerlinger Hall, Alumni Lounge
9:00a  Coffee and Registration
9:30a  Introduction
10:00a  Panel I: Regionalism and Nostalgia
       Food and Memory: Traumatic Nostalgia in the Chinese Hinterland,
       Piotr Gibas, College of Charleston
       Making Sense of the ex-Capital: Duck, Noodles and Curry in the
       Nanjing Decade, Beatrice Schraa, UC Berkeley
       A Taste of Authenticity: Soybeans and the Politics of Modern Chineseness
       in Republican China, Jia-Chen Fu, Case University
       Discussant: Françoise Sabban, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
12:00p  Lunch break
1:30p   Panel II: Historic Concepts of Food and Drink
       Alcohol and morals in early China, Roel Sterckx, Cambridge University
       The Art of Eating Whatever You Can: Environmental Statecraft and Famine
       Foodstuff Manuals in Late Imperial China, Tim Sedo, Concordia University

3:30p  Afternoon Break
4:00p  Ethnic Food, Ethnic Medicine, Judith Farquhar, University of Chicago

May 10, Friday, Gerlinger Hall, Alumni Lounge
9:15a  Panel III: Agriculture and Political Economy
       Rice Supplies and the Chinese-American partnership in Taiwan, 1950s,
       Emily M. Hill, Queen’s University
       Pork and Beans: Food Security Politics and the Reconfiguration of Diets and
       Agriculture in Post-Reform China, Mindi Schneider, Cornell University
       Discussant: Daniel Buck, University of Oregon
10:45a  Coffee break
11:00a  Panel IV: New Consumerisms
       High Quality in an Urban Consumer Society: Rice, Governance, and Consumer
       Citizenship, Amy Zader, Rutgers University
       Promoting a “local speciality”: goat’s milk cheese (rubing) in Shilin and Kunming,
       Jakob Klein, SOAS, University of London
       Discussant: Joanna Waley-Cohen, New York University
12:30p  Lunch break
2:45p   Chinese Food Artifacts: Special Installation in Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art
        Tour by Ina Asim, University of Oregon
4:00p   Concluding Remarks
        Mareile Flitsch, University of Zürich