Introduction

The Cambridge International Behavioural Sciences and Urban Studies Symposium provides a platform for discussions of cutting-edge research at the intersection of behavioural sciences and urban studies. Seventeen papers are included in the programme and will be presented and discussed extensively during the three-day symposium. A wide range of behavioural topics are covered, including loss aversion, endowment effect, framing, mental accounting, herding, and social preferences. These behavioural tools are applied in land use policy, development and planning problems, urban regeneration, neighbourhood conservation and urban design, immigration and internal labour migration, liability and quality of life, greening, sustainable cities, among others. Presenters and discussants are from the UK, the USA, Australia, China, Singapore, and Hong Kong. The symposium is a true testimony that behavioural studies is an important research stream in urban studies, as researchers in top universities across the world are using behavioural tools to address key issues in urban studies.

The symposium will have no parallel sessions. Each paper presentation session will allow ample time for discussion amongst the presenter, the discussant, and general Q&A with the audience. Papers presented at the symposium will be considered for a special issue of Cities (theme: ‘Healthy Cities, Happy Cities’) or a special issue of Land Use Policy (theme: ‘Behavioural Land Use Policy Studies’), with an expedited review subsequent to the symposium.

The symposium is part of a research project titled “Nudging Towards a Better Financial Future: Applying Behavioural Insights in the Development of Financial Systems in Rural China”. The project is a collaborative project between the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC). The overarching research question of this project is whether and how behavioural insights can be used to help rural residents in China make sound financial decisions, which will ultimately contribute to the sustainable economic development in China. This symposium is one of the dissemination venues of the project. The event is also generously supported by the Cambridge Land Economy Advisory Board and Newham College.
Cambridge International Behavioural Sciences and Urban Studies Symposium
19 – 22 May 2019, Cambridge, UK

Symposium Programme

19 May 2019 (Sunday)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Symposium registration and welcome reception
Lucia Windsor Room, Newnham College, Cambridge

20 May 2019 (Monday)
Sidgwick Hall, Newnham College, Cambridge

8:45am – 9:00am: Opening speech
Prof. Colin Lizieri, Head of the Department of Land Economy, Director of the Cambridge Real Estate Research Centre, University of Cambridge.

9:00am – 9:45am: Keynote Speech
Prof. Guy Robinson, University of Adelaide, Emeritus Editor of Land Use Policy

9:45am – 10:00am: Break

10:00am – 12:30pm: Paper Session 1
Session Chair: Dr. Helen Bao, University of Cambridge
Paper 1: Endowment Effect Accompanying Villager’ Withdrawal from Rural Homesteads: A Survey of Chengdu, China
Runqiu Liu, Sichuan University, China
Jian Jiang, Sichuan University, China
Chao Yu, Sichuan University, China
Jesse Rodenbiker, University of California, Berkeley, USA
Yongmu Jiang, Sichuan University, China
Discussant: Dr. Helen Bao, University of Cambridge

Paper 2: Satisfaction Principle or Efficiency Principle? - Decision-making Behavior of Peasants
Lei Feng, Renmin University of China
Minghui Zhang, Renmin University of China
Yixin Li Renmin University of China
Yan Jiang, Renmin University of China

Discussant: Prof. Franz Fuerst, University of Cambridge

Jinming Yan, Renmin University of China
Yumeng Yang, Renmin University of China
Fangzhou Xia, Renmin University of China

Discussant: Prof. John Glascock, University of Connecticut

12:30pm – 2:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm Paper Session 2

Session Chair: Prof. Guy Robinson, University of Adelaide

Paper 4: Unpacking Farmers’ Cognition of Land Usufruct in China’s Urban Periphery: A Behavioural Institutionalist Perspective
Yiming Wang, University of Bristol
Hui Wang, Zhejiang University

Discussant: Prof. Ian Hodge, University of Cambridge

Paper 5: Interaction between government and market in the implementation of land use planning: A promotional framework embedded with nudge
Yuzhe Wu, Zhejiang University
Jiaming, Shan, Zhejiang University
Charles L. Choguill, Zhejiang University

Discussant: Dr. Özge Öner, University of Cambridge

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Break
4:00pm – 5:30pm Paper session 3

Session Chair: Dr. Bing Wang, Harvard University

Paper 6: Irrational Exuberance and Overbuilding in China: The Case of Ordos City
Xing Su, University of Waterloo
Zhu Qian, University of Waterloo

Discussant: Dr. Yan Zhang, University of Cambridge

6:30pm Conference Dinner (All are invited)
College Hall, Newnham College, Cambridge

21 May 2019 (Tuesday)

Sidgwick Hall, Newnham College, Cambridge

9:00am – 9:45am: Keynote Speech
Prof. Pengjun Zhao, Peking University, Editor of Cities

9:45am – 10:00am: Break

10:00am – 12:30pm: Paper Session 4

Session Chair: Prof John Glascock, University of Connecticut

Paper 7: Public Transport, Noise Complaints, and Housing: Evidence from Sentiment Analysis in Singapore
Yi Fan, National University of Singapore
Ho Pin Teo, National University of Singapore
Xinwei Wan, National University of Singapore

Discussant: Dr. Thies Lindenthal, University of Cambridge

Paper 8: Green Building and Residents’ Well-being
Danlei Zhang, National University of Singapore
Yong Tu, National University of Singapore
Discussant: Prof. John Glascock, University of Connecticut

Paper 9: Dockless Bike Sharing Alleviates Congestion Through Subway Complement: Evidence from Beijing
Yichun Fan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Siqi Zheng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discussant: Dr. Elisabete Silva, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge

12:30pm – 2:00pm
Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm Paper Session 5
Session Chair: Prof Siqi Zheng, MIT

Paper 10: Globalization and Skyscrapers: The Role of Architects in Emerging Markets
Nestor Garza, California State University Dominguez Hills
Sofia Dermisi, University of Washington

Discussant: Prof. Colin Lizieri, University of Cambridge

Paper 11: Urban Design from the Human Behavior Perspective: Kevin Lynch’s Theory in Constructing High-Density Urbanism
Bing Wang, Harvard University

Discussant: Dr. Franziska Sielker, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Break

4:00pm – 5:30pm Paper session 6
Session Chair: Dr. Wan Li, University of Cambridge

Paper 12: Impact of mental accounting on household asset allocation of relocated households: A case study of Hangzhou
Xiaohe Wu, Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics
Yi Peng, Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics
Lu Han, Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics
Haijun Bao, Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics

**Discussant:** Dr. Wan Li, University of Cambridge

Nan Gao, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law
Pinghan Liang, Sun Yat-sen University

**Discussant:** Dr. Liang Peng, Pennsylvania State University

6:30pm – 7.30pm:
Women in Real Estate Seminar (all are invited), Principal’s Lodge, Newnham College

7:30pm – 9:30pm:
Women in Real Estate Dinner (by Invitation), Principal’s Lodge, Newnham College

22 May 2019 (Wednesday)
Sidgwick Hall, Newnham College, Cambridge

9:00am – 11:15am: Paper Session 7

**Session Chair:** Dr. Liang Peng, Pennsylvania State University

Paper 14: Urbanization Process, Migration and Preference Development in Children: An Experimental Study on Rural Left-behind Children
Yexin Zhou, Beijing Normal University

**Discussant:** Dr. Christina Li, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge

Paper 15: Private land use for public housing projects: is it a good solution for high-rise high-density city?
Eddie C. M. Hui, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Tsz Leung Yip, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Paper 16: Simulations of the impacts of different plot ratio/building height scenarios on the surrounding environment in a high-density city

Jian Guo, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
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Discussant: Dr. Ziyou Wang, University of Cambridge
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