

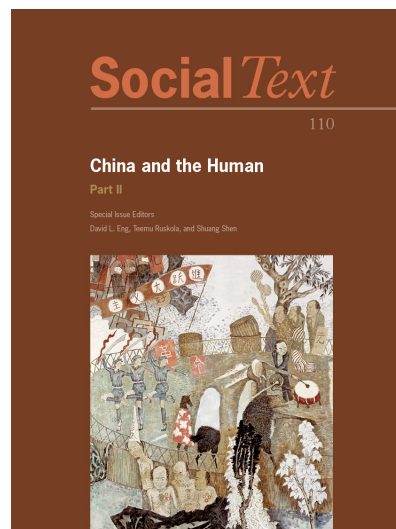
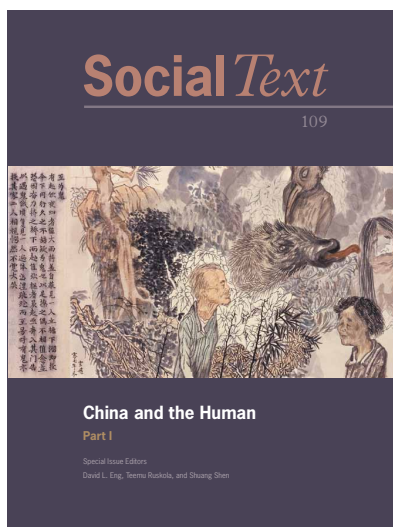
# China and the Human

Thursday, April 19, 2012 | 12:00-6:00pm

The Graduate Center | City University of New York | 365 Fifth Ave @ 34<sup>th</sup> St  
The Center for the Humanities | Room C201-202

Featuring: Ackbar Abbas, Tani Barlow, Michael Dutton, Brent Edwards, David L. Eng, David Harvey, Eric Hayot, Peter Hitchcock, Petrus Liu, Camille Robcis, Teemu Ruskola, Haun Saussy, Shuang Shen, Shu-mei Shih, and Mei Zhan

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China is everywhere in the news—for its astounding economic development and its equally astonishing human rights abuses. Beginning with this curiously inverse correlation between economic success and political rights and freedom, the relationship of China and the human begs to be explored. Bringing together editors (David L. Eng, Teemu Ruskola, and Shuang Shen) and contributors to the newly published double issue of *Social Text* on “China and the Human,” this interdisciplinary symposium seeks to question the self-evident nature of both “China” and “human” by examining the long career of the human in Western as well as Chinese culture and thought, reaching back to ancient traditions and exploring its radical transformations under Maoism and in the current socialist-capitalist era. Join us for a series of panel discussions and conversations.

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## Schedule

### 12:00-12:30pm                      **Opening Remarks**

**Teemu Ruskola** (Emory), *Social Text*, and *The Center for the Humanities*

### 12:30-2:15pm                      **Panel 1**

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**Shuang Shen** (Penn State University)

**Ackbar Abbas** (University of California at Irvine), “China and the Human: A Visual Dossier”

**Michael Dutton** (Goldsmiths), “Fragments of the Political, or How We Dispose of Wonder”

**Camille Robcis** (Cornell), “‘China in Our Heads’: Althusser, Maoism, and Structuralism”

**Mei Zhan** (University of California at Irvine), “Worlding Oneness: Daoism, Heidegger, and Possibilities for Treating the Human”

*Commentator*

**Peter Hitchcock** (Graduate Center CUNY)

### 2:45-4:30pm                      **Panel 2**

*Chair*

**David L. Eng** (University of Pennsylvania)

**Eric Hayot** (Penn State University), “Cosmologies, Globalization, and Their Humans”

**Petrus Liu** (Cornell), “Queer Human Rights in and against China: Marxism and the Figuration of the Human”

**Shu-mei Shih** (University of California at Los Angeles), “Is the Post- in Postsocialism the Post- in Posthumanism?”

*Commentator*

**Brent Edwards** (Columbia)

### 5:00-6:00                              **Roundtable Discussion**

*Chair*

**Teemu Ruskola** (Emory)

**Tani Barlow** (Rice)

**David Harvey** (Graduate Center CUNY)

**Haun Saussy** (Chicago)

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