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**Keynote Speakers' Biographies**



**Van Butsic, University of California, Berkeley, USA**

Van Butsic is a cooperative extension specialist & adjunct professor at UC Berkeley. He studies how people make land use decisions; how these decisions are impacted by policy; and ultimately, how these decisions change the environment. His work in California focuses on wildfires, forests, and ecosystem services. Prof. Butsic is a co-director of the Cannabis Research Center at UC Berkeley and a member of the California Department of Agricultural Industrial Hemp Advisory Board. He is also an adjunct fellow at the PPIC Water Policy

Center. He holds a PhD in Forestry and an MA in agricultural and applied economics, both from the University of Wisconsin; and a BA in economics from Reed College.



**Shuyi Feng, Nanjing Agricultural University, China**

Prof. Shuyi Feng holds a PhD in Development Economics from Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands. She is currently professor and dean at College of Public Administration/College of Land Management. She is also a research fellow in the China Centre for Land Policy Research of Nanjing Agricultural University. She is a distinguished professor of the Changjiang Scholars Program. She specializes in rural land tenure system, rural factor markets, and sustainable natural resource use and management.



**Thomas Herzfeld, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Germany**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Herzfeld has been Director at IAMO since October 2011 and heads the Agricultural Policy Department. He studied agricultural sciences, specializing in economics and social sciences, at the universities in Halle (Saale), Kiel and at the Ecole nationale supérieure agronomique in Rennes, France. The doctorate was carried out by the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel in 2004 and the habilitation in 2008 also in Kiel. From 2007 to 2011 he was Assistant Professor at the University of Wageningen / Netherlands. At the same time, he took over the position at IAMO, he was appointed

professor for "Politics and Institutions in the Agricultural Sector" at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU).



**Peter Ho, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands/Zhejiang University, China**

Peter Ho is Qiushi Chair Professor at Zhejiang University, Professor of Chinese Economy and Development at the Technical University of Delft, the Netherlands, National High-end Foreign Expert of China, and the Founding Editor of the Elements on Global Development of Cambridge University Press. He has also worked for the European Research Council (ERC) on the Project on Land Policy and Administration in China, one of the top research programs in the EU. He has been published extensively in leading SSCI and SCI-rated journals of

Development, Planning, and Environment with impact factors up to 5.805 and 9.599. His works have been cited in a total of 5,104 instances and have an H-index of 36. In recognition of his scientific achievements, Prof. Ho was awarded the Consolidator Grant by the European Research Council, the Kapp Prize for Evolutionary and Political Economy, and the China Rural Development Award. He is chair of the ICARDC Network on Agriculture and Rural Development in China, and serves on the boards of various journals, such as Land Use Policy, Conservation and Society, the Journal of Peasant Studies, etc.



**ChungHuang Huang, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan (China)**

Prof. Huang received his Ph.D. from the Department of Applied Economics at University of Minnesota in 1986, and since then started his career at National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) in Taiwan. Immediately after his early retirement from NTHU in 2009, he joined Taiwan Research Institute as the Vice President and became the President of Taiwan Association of Environmental and Resource Economics. Now he is a contract professor at National Taipei University (NTPU), and a senior consultant to both the Tellus Climate

Energy Solution and Taiwan Green Productivity Foundation. His research is mainly on environmental and resource economics, and CGE modeling. He has numerous articles published in American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Applied Economics, etc. Recent works appear on Global Journal of Business Research, The Empirical Economics Letters, and International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy.



**Gang Liu, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark**

Gang Liu is a Professor of Industrial Ecology and leads the Sociometabolic Analytics for Sustainability group at the Department of Green Technology, University of Southern Denmark (SDU). His research aims to map the anthropogenic/ socioeconomic metabolism and inform its circular, low carbon, and just transition through understanding materials and energy stocks and flows and their associated environmental consequences in a system context, in particular for case studies of metal cycles, agrifood chains, urban systems, and

low-carbon technologies. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles, including in prestigious journals such as Nature, Nature Climate Change, Nature Food, Nature Communications, and Environmental Science & Technology. He has been awarded the Robert A. Laudise medal by the International Society for Industrial Ecology for his “outstanding contributions to the field of industrial ecology”. He holds various editorial roles in mainstream journals and leadership roles in international research communities in the field of resource management.



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**Chunbo Ma, The University of Western Australia, Australia**

Chunbo Ma is an associate professor from the University of Western Australia. He also services as vice dean of School of Agriculture and Environment, University of Western Australia. He studied Economics at Nankai University in China and then worked in the Agricultural Bank of China for three years. He completed a master with a major in Environmental Economics, Values and Policy in 2003 and a PhD in Ecological Economics in 2007 both at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the US.



**Alexander Pfaff, Duke University, USA**

Alex Pfaff is a Professor of Public Policy, Economics and Environment at Duke University. He studies how economic development affects and is affected by natural resources and the environment. His focus is on the impacts of conservation policies (such as protected areas, ecoservices payments, and certifications) and development policies (such as roads and rights). Those are functions of choices by individuals and communities that affect land use, water quantity and quality, human exposures (to arsenic, mercury, mining, and particulates), and both the provision and use of information.





**Zhanli Sun, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Germany**

Dr. Zhanli Sun is a senior researcher at Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Germany. He is one of the coordinators of the China International Research Group, IAMO. His research focuses on human-environmental systems (mainly land systems) with complex system theories and various analytical and simulation methods such as agent-based models, system dynamics, spatial econometrics, and Bayesian networks. He uses multidisciplinary approaches in examining land system changes and land users' decision making in China, Southeast Asia and Argentina. He has published over 50+ journal articles in renowned journals including Nature, Global Environmental Change, Land Use Policy, Environmental Modelling & Software etc.



**Shuhao Tan, Renmin University of China, China**

Shuhao Tan is a professor in Agricultural Economics of Renmin University of China. She got her Ph.D. degree from Developmental Economics Group, Social Sciences Department of Wageningen University, the Netherlands; M.S. degree from College of Agricultural Resource Economics and Land Use Management, and B.S. from College of Agricultural Resource and Environmental Sciences, Nanjing Agricultural University, China. Her interests are mainly in Land Use Management, Natural Resource and Environmental Economics and Management, Farmer's Behavior Economics. She worked as director of Sino-Dutch Agricultural Innovation and Promotion Center and the chief Representative of Wageningen University & Research in China. She has published books of "Grassland Resource Governance: Theories and Practices", "Land Fragmentation and Rice Production" and papers in Journal of Rural Studies, Ecological Economics, Land Use Policy and Human Ecology, etc.



**Li Tian, Tsinghua University, China**

Li Tian is a full professor and deputy head of Department of Urban Planning, Director of Research Center for Land Use and Housing Policy, Tsinghua University. She received her Bachelor, Master in Urban Planning of Tongji University, and PhD in Land Economy, University of Cambridge. She is a SPURs fellow of Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, US. Her research focuses on urbanization, land use and housing studies. She published 14 books and more than 130 journal papers.

Prof. Tian has been PI for more than 40 urban planning research and design projects, including National Key R&D Program and Key Program of National Social Science Foundation. She is the winner of “National Excellent Youth Fund” in urban planning field issued by National Science Foundation of China. In 2018, she was listed as one of “Beijing Outstanding Young Scientist”. Meanwhile, she was granted the “First Prize of China Construction Science and Technology Award” issued by Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Development of China in 2018. In 2019, her book “Peri-Urban China: Land Use, Growth and Integrated Urban Rural Development” was awarded “Special Mention” prize of Gerd Albers “Best publication” by International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP). From 2014 to 2020, she has been listed by Elsevier “Most Cited Chinese Scholars” in social science field for six consecutive years.



**Jinxia Wang, Peking University, China**

Jinxia Wang is a Professor at the School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences in Peking University. She is the winner of National Science Foundation for Distinguished Young Scholars. She received her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences in 2000. She was Deputy Director and Professor at the CCAP in the Chinese Academy of Sciences from 2000 to November in 2015. She is one of the Elsevier “Most Cited Chinese Scholars” in the field of applied economics.



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Mark Wang is Director of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies and Professor in the School of Geography at the University of Melbourne. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science at Shanxi Normal University in 1982 and Master of Science at Northeast Institute of Geography and Agro-Ecology, Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1985. In 1995 he gained his PhD from the University of British Columbia. Mark has been with the University of Melbourne since 1996. His recent research concerns China's land acquisition, resettlement/displacement, migration, and water management.



**Justus Wesseler, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands**

Professor Justus Wesseler holds the Chair in Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy at Wageningen University. His research work is on bioeconomy economics and policies with a significant focus on the contribution of value chains to improving sustainability and the impact of new technologies and regulations on the value chain in this respect. In addition, he is a member of the International Consortium of Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR) and editor of the Palgrave series on bioeconomy economics and policies. He has been involved in a number of

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Liangzhi You, is a senior scientist at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC, USA, and a distinguished professor of the Changjiang Scholars Program in Huazhong Agricultural University. He earned a B.S. in hydraulic engineering from Tsinghua University, Beijing, and an M.S. in environmental economics and Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University. His research focus is on

assessing the impacts of technology changes in agricultural production, with particular emphasis on developing better models to estimate the location and intensity of agricultural production, and to estimate the impact of climate change and changing climate variability on agriculture. He has published more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles.



**Anlu Zhang, Huazhong Agricultural University, China**

Anlu Zhang is a professor and the Dean with College of Land Management, Huazhong Agricultural University. He is also Changjiang Scholar (2018) and New Century Excellent Talents (2004), China's Ministry of Education. Prior to joining the College of Land Management, he got Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Central China Normal University in 1984 and 1991 respectively. He was appointed as the deputy dean and dean of College of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University for eleven years. As a principal investigator, he got more than 20 research projects financed by National

Natural Science Foundation of China, National Social Science Foundation of China, China's Ministry of Education. Under the financial support of the above funding, he got more than 300 papers published in national and international journals.





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### **Xiaoling Zhang, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (China)**



Prof. Xiaoling Zhang is currently a Professor and the Director of the Smart and Sustainable City at Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong. She is currently the Associate Editor of npj Urban Sustainability (Nature npj series) and Associate Professor of Land Use Policy. She is listed as the top 2% of the world's most highly cited scientists (according to the metrics compiled by Stanford University). She was awarded the 2018 WCC Special Recognitions Commemorative Diploma by the 35th World Cultural Council, and also twice

recipients of the President's Award and Outstanding Research Award for Junior Faculty at the University level. She has a longstanding and interdisciplinary interest in key issues of sustainability in urban science, energy and environmental management and micro-individual pro-environmental behavior in the context of climate change. She also works predominantly with the human and social dimensions of sustainable cities under climate change and strives to investigate and implement sustainable urban development practices in the global South from a technical, managerial and behavioral economics perspective. She has published more than 150 SSCI/SCI papers, which includes Nature (Comment), Nature Food, Urban studies and others. Among them, 9 papers are listed as 'Highly Cited Papers', with the H index as '58'. So far, her total google scholar citation is 10955.

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