**Borderland China**  
A Workshop on the UC Berkeley campus  
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**China’s Borderland as a Territorial Question**

In this workshop we try to bring together environmental scientists and social researchers to examine these border questions. We use “territoriality” as the platform to build dialogue across disciplines. Territoriality, the power process of a place, refers to the physical, socio-organizational, and discursive process of place occupation and control. It is not reserved exclusively for the power elite, nor is its analytical utility limited by a bipolar mechanism between the aggression of the powerful and the resistance of the powerless. Both the powerful and the powerless, and those in between co-produce territoriality. Their power positions may shift and reconfigure in this process, resulting in territorial consolidation, disintegration, expansion, and contraction.

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**HE Gang** (PhD candidate and research fellow, Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley): *The coal-power conflict in northern China*

**Joanna LEWIS** (Assistant Professor of Science, Technology and International Affairs at Georgetown University): *Policies and politics of wind power in northern China*

**XUE Xian** (Senior Research Fellow, Key Lab for Desert and Desertification Research, CAS, Lanzhou, China): *Policy impact on land degradation and restoration in Minqin, Gansu, Northwest China.*

**Discussants**  
**John CHIANG**, Associate Professor of Climatology, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley.  
**Kurt CUFFEY**, Professor of Glaciology and Geomorphology, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley.

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**WANG Tao**, Director, Key Lab for Desert and Desertification Research, the Chinese Academy of Science, Lanzhou, *China: desert, desertification and environmental engineering in China in the past half a century*
Session II. State territoriality at the border  
2 30- 5:00 pm, May 20

XUN Lili (Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing, China):  
*Eco-governance and the logic of the state: A case study of ecological resettlement projects in Inner Mongolia and Ningxia.*

Jonathan SCHLESINGER (Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University):  
*Mussels and territory in Qing Manchuria*

Masato HASEGAWA (Visiting Assistant Professor of History, New York University):  
*Climate, topography, and labor in the wartime transport of provisions in the Chinese-Korean borderland of the late sixteenth century*

Discussant  
YEH Wen-hsin, Professor of History, UC Berkeley.

Session III. Territorial logics of non-state actors in borderlands, 9:00-12:30, May 21

MA Jianxiong (Professor of Anthropology, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Division of Humanities):  
*Copper and silver miners’ mobility and mobilization in Yunnan-Burma borderland forests, 1790s-1850s.*

WANG Yi (Post-doctoral Fellow, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley):  
*Knowledge production and territorialization in Ordos/Hetao, Inner Mongolia.*

HSING You-tien (Professor of Geography, UC Berkeley):  
*Neo-nomadism in the age of ecological conservation: Ejina, western Inner Mongolia*

Max WOODWORTH (Assistant Professor of Geography, Ohio State University)  
*Informal finance and boomtown urbanism in Ordos, Inner Mongolia.*

Discussant  
Nick TACKETT, Associate Professor of History, UC Berkeley.