"Is the Social Volcano Still Dormant? Trends in Chinese Attitudes toward Inequality"

Professor Whyte examines the continuities and changes in attitudes toward inequality and justice over time based on two China national surveys. Recent survey work has focused on attitudes toward further marketization, including the global financial meltdown, to see if these trends have made Chinese citizens more or less critical of the market-based inequalities within which they now live. His recent book is *Myth of the Social Volcano* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2010).

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