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# Market-oriented Urbanism and Residential Outcomes in Urban China

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**ABSTRACT:** Three decades' market reform has given rise to tremendous transformation in city space, urban governance and community activities in urban China. This talk will present my research concerning housing and community outcomes in urban China against the backdrop of market-oriented urbanism. On the one hand, China's contemporary urbanism is associated with growing housing disparities among different social groups, such as locals and migrants. On the other hand, the dismantlement of socialist mode of community governance granted urban citizens greater autonomy of local affairs, motivating community participation. My empirical research points to a civic virtue of communal space and provides nascent evidence regarding neighborhood contexts of grassroots participation in urban China.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:** Yushu Zhu is currently a postdoctoral researcher in Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4) and Population Studies at Brown University, U.S.. She received her Ph.D. degree in Architecture from University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and a master degree in Human Geography from Sun Yat-sen University in China.

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