

Managing the Social Impacts of Change from a Risk Perspective

*A major academic and policy conference in Beijing
15-17 April 2009*

Arrangements

The conference will take place between April 15 and 17 2009 in Beijing, at the conference centre of Beijing Normal University, near the Centre of the City. The conference language will be English. Conference materials will be available in Mandarin and English. The conference website is at www.kent.ac.uk/scarr (follow links from main page). The **closing date for paper proposals will be 31st July 2008**. Participants will be informed which papers are selected by **mid-September 2008**.

All those who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee of £75 by the end of October 2008. This is a final date for registration and payment due to the issues involved in organising a conference of this kind. Travel to Beijing, accommodation and meals in Beijing will be at participants' expense and participants other than the keynote speakers will arrange their own accommodation. hotels near the Conference Centre. Letter of invitation to meet visa requirement are available as requested on registration.

Hotels near Beijing Normal University: Prices are an indication only and may vary. Prices are high during the Olympic period. We will arrange bookings through our Chinese colleagues for those registered at the end of October.

Jingshi Hotel (this hotel is 100 meter away from the conference venue).

In Jingshi Hotel, there are 5 types of rooms

1. Standard Room: 438/night, 2 beds (each 1.2 meter wide)
2. Luxury Single Room: 438/night, 1 bed (1.5 meter wide)
3. Big-bed Room: 488/night, 1 bed (1.8 meter wide)
4. Suite: 590yuan/night, 1 bed (1.8 meter wide). With a living room.
5. Luxury suite: 700/night, 1 bed (1.8 meter wide). With a large living room.

The hotel would like to have included the following information:

Name, Passport number, Type of room, Date of check-in, Date of check-out,

Number of nights, smoking or nonsmoking, other requests.

At the time of check-in, one will be asked to put down some cash or credit card number for security deposit (exact amount depends on length of stay). And payment is to be made at the time of check out.

For those who wish to share rooms with others, please only provide one person's information, to avoid duplication of booking.

We try to work with the hotel to accommodate everyone's needs. There is one floor of the hotel that is no-smoking floor. But if we have enough 'non-smoking' requests, we can work with the hotel to put them together to form another 'non-smoking floor'.

Those who have already made plans to stay for extra nights after the conference should book the extra nights at this time to guarantee the booking. Other people can choose to book more nights when they arrive Beijing (depend on the availability). But it is our experience that rooms should be available in April.

Any cancellation should be made 24 hours ahead to avoid penalty of one night's charge.

Free luggage deposit is available at the hotel if one needs to go away for tourism.

The final versions of all papers must be available by January 9th 2009 (earlier is always helpful).

If papers are not available by that date we will unfortunately have to withdraw the presentation. Further information will be circulated in due course.

Translator/guides will be available to assist overseas participants. Cultural excursions in Beijing and a visit to Xi'an for participants will be organised to follow the conference.

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