



## ***Master Plan Making by Chinese Local Government:***

### ***A Case of Guangzhou***

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#### **Abstract:**

According to the laws, making master plans is one of the major responsibilities of local governments. Considering the challenges of market economy and the latest rapid spatial growth, the process of plan-making by Chinese local governments is worth further in-depth observations. First, we rethink the role of Chinese master plans and the mechanism of implementing master plans. Then, the story behind the making of the current master plan of Guangzhou is to be told, including the challenges the city faced, the countermeasures put forward by the government and the process of implementation. Third, the process of making a new version of the master plan is discussed. The methods and new pressing problems are the main issues. The seminar will conclude with a discussion on the complexity of the master plan-making process and Chinese planning system.

#### **About the Speaker:**

Mr. YI Xiaofeng is the Deputy Director of the Centre of Urban Planning Research of Guangzhou Planning Institute (GZPI). Upon obtaining a master's degree of science on urban and regional planning from Nanjing University in 2002, he started his professional work at GZPI as an urban planner. In 2007, he was invited to be a visiting scholar in the School of City and Regional Planning at Cardiff University, UK. As a Chinese Planner, he has been engaged in various plans and planning consultation projects recently, focusing on master plans, strategic plans and regulatory plans. He has also contributed many articles to major Chinese planning journals, concentrating on the issues of urban governance, China's planning system and Urbanisation in China.

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