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## *City 2013*

edited by Monique Abud

The Conference aims to address the many inter-related aspects of the urban environment from transport and mobility to social exclusion and crime prevention. The meeting will build on the contributions made in previous conferences, which successfully managed to provide an international view of the problems facing modern cities and their solutions. Papers presented at Sustainable City 2013 will appear in a volume of WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment.

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## *1st OpenChina-ICT thematic workshop on smart and sustainable cities*

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The OpenChina-ICT project is very pleased to announce that its first thematic workshop on smart and sustainable cities will be held on May 31, 2013 in Foshan, P.R. China. This event will be organised as a side event of the urbanization workshop co-organised by the JPI Urban Europe and the China Centre for Urban Development on May 30-31, 2013. The main aim of this event is to bring together policy and main research stakeholders from Europe and China specialized in the smart and sustainable cities topic.

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## *Markets and bodies women, service work, and the making of inequality in China, Eileen M. Otis*

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Eileen M Otis (2012), *Markets and Bodies Women, Service Work, and the Making of Inequality in China*, Stanford, California : Stanford University Press, 2012. Eileen Otis is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Oregon. Insulated from the dust, noise, and crowds churning outside, China's luxury hotels are staging areas for the new economic and political landscape of the country.  
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*Photos of trash heaps made to look like Chinese landscape paintings*  
edited by Jacqueline Nivard

Photos by Yao Lu. More of Yao's work over at the Bruce Silverstein Gallery in New York City.  
[http://www.petapixel.com/2013/03/02/photos-of-trash-heaps-made-to-look-like-chinese-landscape-paintings/?utm\\_source=Sinocism+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=cf6dd5aa09-Sinocism03\\_04\\_13&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.petapixel.com/2013/03/02/photos-of-trash-heaps-made-to-look-like-chinese-landscape-paintings/?utm_source=Sinocism+Newsletter&utm_campaign=cf6dd5aa09-Sinocism03_04_13&utm_medium=email)

*Divorce to skip property tax*  
edited by Jacqueline Nivard

Couples in rush to divorce as house sales tax looms By Hu Min, Mar 6, 2013 (accessed 6 March 2013)  
SHANGHAI saw a rush of people seeking a divorce over the past two days as couples worked out a way to escape the looming 20 percent tax on the profit from house sales. Marriage registrars confirmed that the dramatic surge was triggered by the central government's property curbs announcement last week, with many couples seeking a quick divorce but a remarriage shortly after.  
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*2013 China international urbanisation forum*  
edited by Ai Chi-Han

中国城镇化高层国际论坛將於3月30-31日召開，此次论坛将围绕城市土地征收、财税制度、户籍制度、城市投融资与债务风险化解、绿色低碳城市、智慧城市与可持续发展等城市市长最关注的话题展开交流。论坛通过国际国内经验分享，深化政策理解，推动发展共识，促进合作交流。本次论坛的主题是“制度与变革”，针对中国城镇化进程中面临的问题与挑战，广泛借鉴国际经验，探索通过制度变革走出一条以人为本，集约、节能、生态可持续发展的新型城镇化道路。论坛邀请了100多位全球知名的企业家代表、国际专家和中央国务院有关部门负责人、著名专家学者、企业家代表、媒体人以及近百名城市  
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## *Graffiti on the Great Wall*

edited by Sebastien Goulard

Graffiti on the Great Wall, by Carolynn Look (INESAD) October 20, 2012 (accessed March 3, 2013)

“Beijing, China. Hundreds of buildings tower over the people that bustle between them every day. Some get demolished, some get rebuilt, some just get a fresh layer of paint. But what strikes you as you walk through this eclectic monster of a city is that none of its buildings are covered in tags or graffiti as they are in other metropolises.

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