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CAN CHINA BUILD GREEN? GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM IN CHINA

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ABSTRACT:

Since the early 2000, China has launched an ambitious green building with strong state support and business interests, particularly in the coastal metropolitan regions. Yet, the effects on energy savings are unclear due to the persistent high-tech and luxury bias in the program. This lecture examines the impact of three major green building standard systems in China's building technology fields: LEED, China's Green Star programs and emerging passive buildings from Germany and evaluate their potentials.

BIO:

Yu Zhou is a professor of Geography in the Department of Earth Science and Geography at Vassar College. She received her bachelor and master's degrees in Urban and Environmental Sciences (formerly Geography) at Peking University in 1986 and 1989, and PhD. in Geography at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 1995. Her research has been in the areas of globalization and high-tech, and urban sustainability in China, and Chinese path of innovation. She is the author of the book *The inside story of China's high-tech industry: making Silicon Valley in Beijing* (Roman and Littlefield 2008), and co-editor of *China as innovation nation* (Oxford University Press 2016). She also studied ethnic communities and transnational business networks in the Los Angeles and New York. She is currently doing research on green building development in Chinese cities. Yu Zhou has published extensively in journals such as *World*

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