Massive migration from rural lands to urban centers is destabilizing small villages and towns all over the world. At a time when information technology has the potential to distribute knowledge and resources in more egalitarian ways than ever before, it is ironic that today’s unsustainable urban congestion often recalls the problems of the Industrial Revolution more than two centuries ago: pollution, lack of medical care, squatter housing, overburdened infrastructure, tensions between demographic groups, to name a few.

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Thursday, March 29th

• 12:00 - 1:00pm Dr. John Tomkowiak, Dean of the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, Interview on rural health, with Sue Lani Madsen, WSU Architecture; Spark G45.

• 4:00 - 5:00pm Wendy McClure, Professor Emeritus of Architecture, Townmaking and transformations in the intermountain West; Art and Architecture South 2nd floor Gallery, University of Idaho.

• 5:00 - 6:30pm Keynote: Jeffrey Johnson, Chair of Architecture at the University of Kentucky, Superblocks and the Return to Rural Places; Art and Architecture South 2nd floor Gallery, University of Idaho.

Friday, March 30th

• 1:30 - 3:00pm mini presentations; Spark 227.
  - Xinmin Liu, Associate Professor of Chinese, WSU, Rural Dwellings and Planetary Retreats.
  - Mike Jobes, Principal at Miller Hull Architects, Land-based Tourism.
  - Jolie Kaytes, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, Wsu, Rural Matters.
  - Robert Krikac, Associate Professor of Interior Design, WSU, Revival.

• 3:10 - 5:00pm Breakout sessions; Spark 212, 227, 327, 339.

• 5:00 - 6:30pm Keynote: Liu Jiaping, PhD, Director of Green Architecture Research Center at the Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology, New Vernacular Architecture and Ecosophy Inheritance; Spark G45.

Saturday, March 31st

• 9am - 3pm Student Charrette, Carpenter Hall Gallery.

KEYNOTES

Professor Liu Jiaping: Internationally known scholar and one of the few architects who holds the title of yuan shi (national scholar) in the China Academy of Engineering. He directs the Green Architecture Research Center based at the Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology.

Professor Jeffrey Johnson: Scholar on China and co-founder of SLAB and the founding director of China Megacities Lab, an experimental research unit at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University, where he formerly taught at, and is now the head of architecture at University of Kentucky.