



The Institute for  
Chinese Studies  
presents:

**Jesse Rodenbiker,**  
**"Ecological States: Politics of  
Science and Nature in  
Urbanizing China"**



Ecological States examines how PRC campaigns of scientifically based environmental protection transform nature and society. While many point to China's ecological civilization as a new paradigm for global environmental governance, Rodenbiker argues that ecological redlining extends the reach of the state. Although Chinese urban sustainability initiatives have driven millions of citizens from their land and housing, these migrants are not passive subjects of state policy. Instead, they creatively navigate resettlement processes in pursuit of their own benefit. Through extensive fieldwork, Ecological States exposes the ways in which the scientific logics and practices fundamental to China's green urbanization have solidified state power and contributed to social inequality.

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