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presents a seminar

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# Beyond the Ethnic Neighborhood? Foreign Places and Foreigners' Spaces in Guangzhou

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A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. First come first served.

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Guangzhou is among the Chinese cities with the longest history of stable foreign settlements. From the days of the “Canton System” (一口通商), foreign presence in the city varied over the centuries, with its circuits of migration offering insights on the broader geopolitical realities of each period. From the mid-2000s there has been a wave of studies focusing almost exclusively on the growing community of businessmen and traders from the African continent. At the same time, the wider number of other foreigners and the spaces they occupy in the city have been left largely unexamined by scholars. Based on 18 months of fieldwork in two neighborhoods analyzing their spatial dynamics, I illustrate how particular types of foreigners are dealt with very different ways by the government, and how this is both reflected and a reflection of the spaces they occupy in the city. Particularly interesting are the intertwining effects of recent national-level laws and local-level urban policies. Linking these changes to my informants’ everyday lives, a more inclusive picture emerges with broad implications for the imagined position and role of foreigners in this city.

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