

International Workshop on  
**Politics and Autonomy in China's Local State –  
County and Township Cadres as Strategic Groups**

July 1-3, 2011, Tuebingen

**THURSDAY, 30 June 2011**

Arrival

**FRIDAY, 01 July 2011**

9:00-9:15

- Welcoming and organisational details

**Introduction: Conceptual Framework**

09:15-11:00

- *Strategic groups and local governance – towards a new theoretical framework*  
Thomas Heberer & Gunter Schubert
- *Comments*  
Björn Alpermann

Coffee break

**Panel 1 - County and township cadres and local policy implementation**

11:30-12.30

- *Selective policy implementation in China's local state*  
Yu Jianxing

Lunch

14:00-15:00

- *Strategic modelling: "constructing a new socialist countryside" in three counties*  
Anna Ahlers & Gunter Schubert

Coffee break

15:30-16:30

- *Strategic action and local fiscal policy: how cadres manage scarcity – or abundance*  
Linda Chelan Li

Coffee break

17:00-18:00

- *Strategic action and administrative reform: from 'shi guan xian' to 'sheng guan xian'*  
Yang Xuedong

19:00 Dinner

## **SATURDAY, 02 July 2011**

### **Panel 2 - County and township cadres and institutional manoeuvring**

8:30-10:30

- *Strategic collusion of local governments under institutional constraints*  
Zhou Xueguang
- *Strategic action and cadre evaluation*  
Thomas Heberer & René Trappel

10:30 Coffee break

11:00-13:00

- *Strategic action and local participation*  
Chen Xuelian
- *Strategic action and petitioning*  
Li Lianjiang

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Sightseeing

18:30 Conference dinner

## **SUNDAY, 03 July 2011**

9:00-10:00

- *'Tiba or not tiba'? Administrative cadre status and the politics of envy among township and county officials*  
Graeme Smith

Coffee break

### **Panel 3 - County and township cadres and collective identity formation (Part 1)**

10:30-11:30

- *The role of the party school system for building a collective identity among county and township cadres*  
Frank Pieke

Coffee break

12:00-13:00

### **Concluding discussion and workshop roundup**

- Moderation: Thomas Heberer & Gunter Schubert

13:00 Lunch