

Visiting Speaker Series 2015-16 Term1

# Dragons in Diamond Village: Telling the Complex Story of Urbanisation in China

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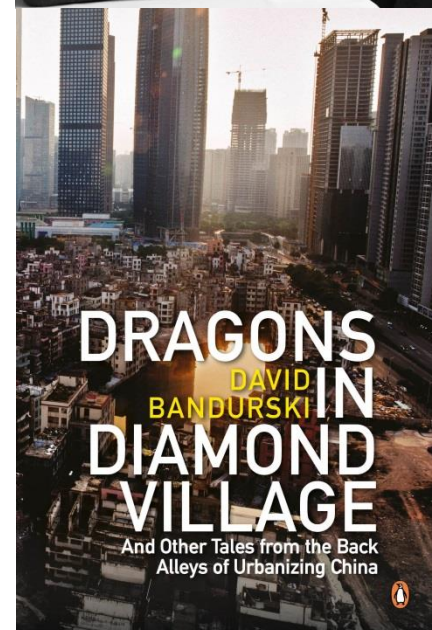
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David Bandurski is an analyst and editor at the University of Hong Kong's China Media Project, a research program of the Journalism & Media Studies Centre. An award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and other publications, he received a Human Rights Press Award in 2008 for an investigative piece on China's use of professional associations to enforce Internet censorship guidelines. He also produces Chinese independent films and documentaries through his production company, Lantern Films.



### ABOUT THE TALK

The scale of urbanisation in China is so immense it beggars the imagination. As recently as 2002, just over one-third of Chinese lived in cities. By 2011, the country's urban population had passed the 50 percent mark, meaning that in the space of a decade roughly 160 million people -- more than the entire population of Russia -- had moved into cities. How does one capture or convey the social, cultural and political complexities of such a transition? David Bandurski spent nearly 10 years reporting and researching his latest book of creative non-fiction, *Dragons in Diamond Village* (Penguin). Packed with intimate portraits and in-depth journalism, it is a detailed work providing a more intimate portrait of what is actually happening on the front lines of China's unpredictable and unprecedented journey towards a new urban future.



Free Admission

The seminar is conducted in English

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