About the Speaker:
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A recently published book, Rural Urban Framework: Transforming the Chinese Countryside (Birkhauser, 2013), presents the research and projects of RUF in over 18 villages in China, discussing not only successful projects, but failures and speculations on the changes in rural China since 2006.