

Title: Inequality in China: Findings from the China Household Income Project

Abstract: Terry Sicular will discuss key findings on trends in inequality in China from the China Household Income Project (CHIP). This project has involved long-term collaboration between Chinese and international researchers unique in its scope and duration. Using data from a series of large nationwide household surveys carried out under the project, the project researchers have analyzed changes in China's inequality over nearly 15 years of the transition era, from 1988 through 2002. Their studies, forthcoming in a book from Cambridge University Press, provide fresh insights on income inequality and poverty in China, as well as on the distribution of wealth and wages, with attention to health care, rural tax reform, the role of villages, and groups such as the elderly and migrants.