Title: The Origins and Development of Urbanization in Early China: A Comparative Perspective

Host: Stanford Archaeology Center**,** Stanford University

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Symposium Themes:

Urbanism has been an important feature of Chinese civilization for more than four thousand years, and recent archaeological discoveries have greatly enriched our knowledge of its origins and developments. This symposium will bring together scholars from around the world to present new findings and exchange ideas about urbanization in early China. We will discuss many issues relating to the origins, appearance, function and dynamics of urban centers from Late Neolithic to the Han dynasty in China (3000 BC to AD 250). In order to place Chinese urbanization within a cross-cultural comparative perspective, scholars working on other parts of the world have also been invited to participate in the symposium. Stanford Archaeology Center will provide a platform for international scholarly exchange on this important topic.

The range of papers might include, but should not be limited to, the following topics:

- Spatial and ideological perspectives on urbanism
- Specialization in urban development
- Regional interactions and urban development
- Relationship between urbanism and state formation
- Comparative perspective of urbanism between China and other parts of the world

The symposium will include a two-day workshop at the Stanford Archaeology Center and a one-day local tour to archeological sites or museums in the Bay Area.

- Please note that some presentations will be given in Chinese and will be supplemented in some cases with Powerpoint presentations that have English subtitles on the slides. Translated papers will be available on the day of the workshop sessions so that those who use English can follow the presentations.

Participants:

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