

Art + Village + City in the Pearl River Delta

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Pearl River Delta



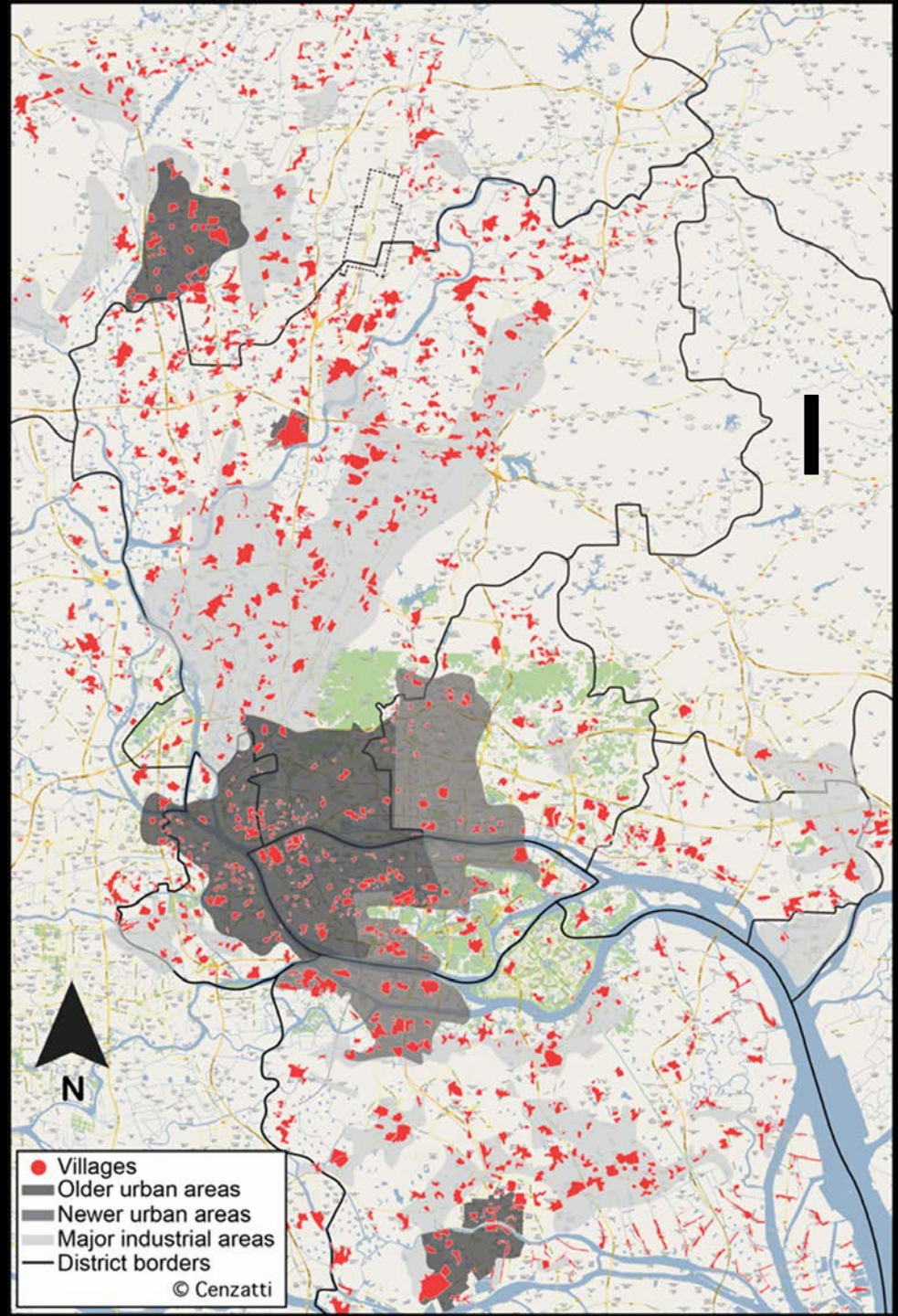


**Typical Chinese urban development:
Generic, fast-track, dense, high-rise.
CBDs and housing areas in
Gated communities**



Villages

Villages in Greater Guangzhou





Urban Villages (chengzhongcun) in Guangzhou

Xian Village



Shipai Village



For further information,
See “The Beginning of
The End: The Planned Destruction of Guangzhou’s
Urban Villages” Margaret Crawford and Jiong Wu
In *Guide to Urban Villages*, editor Stefan Al

Haizu Village



A Peri-Urban Village: Longmei



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New Villager Houses



Renovated
Traditional
House



Housing from the Bottom-Up Villager built housing in Xiaozhou village, GZ

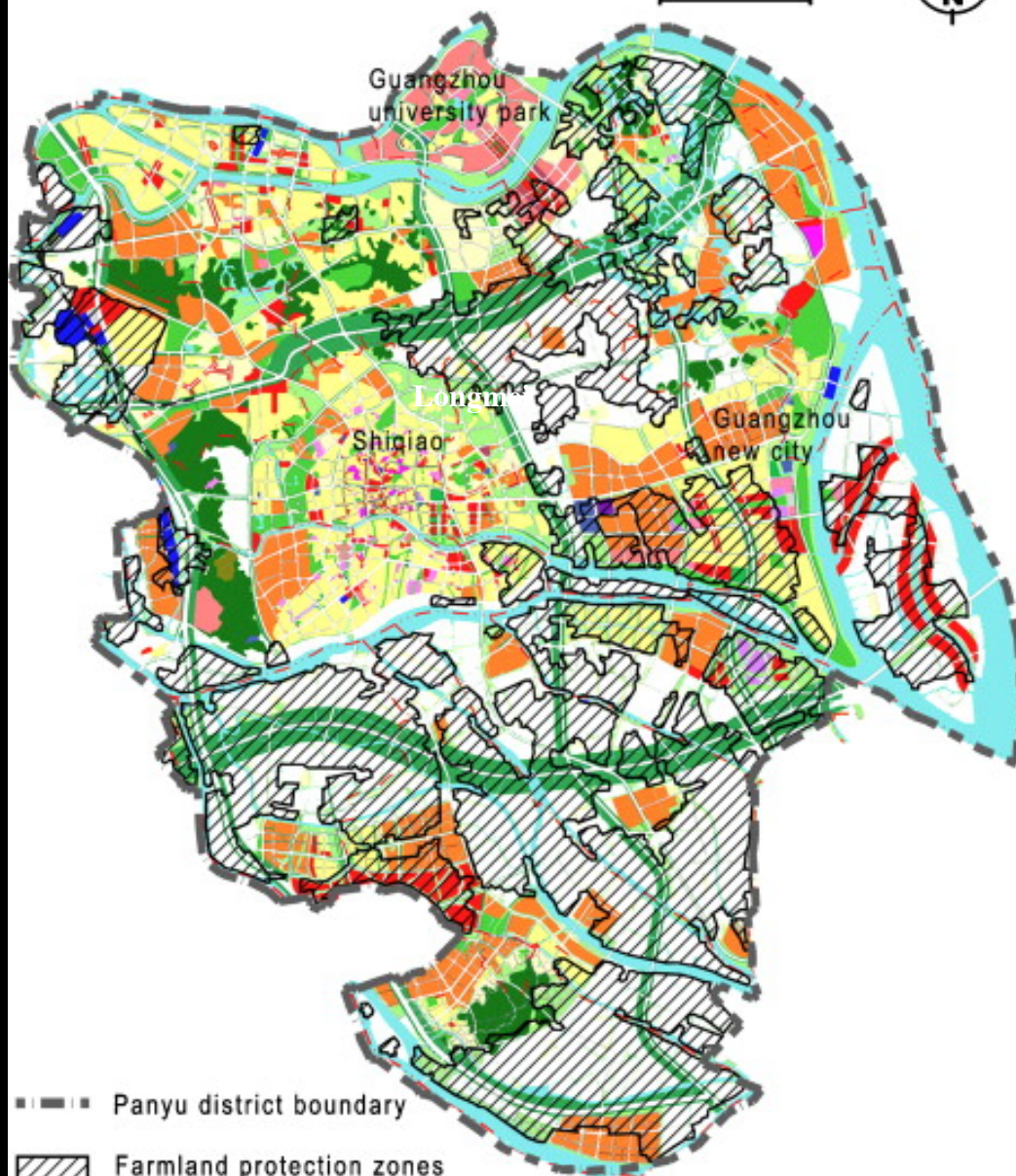


Mixed-use Loft





Rental Tenement
With studio Apartments

0 5km



--- Panyu district boundary

 Farmland protection zones
in land use planning

 Areas for urban development
in strategic planning



Roadside Industry
From TVE era

A Rural Village: Xiani



The main source of “social unrest” in China are struggles over land. The village of Wukan in Guangdong province made international headlines in 2011-12 when demonstrators held off the police for three days to protest land seizures.



Art and Artists



**Dafen Village
Art by the Container Load**



Painters in Dafen village
For a fuller discussion, see
Winnie Won Yin Wong,
*Van Gogh on
Demand: China and the
Readymade* (Chicago: 2014)



From “China Painters” series by Christian Jankowski



Preparation tutoring to enter Chinese Art Academies, University Island, GZ





Galleries in Xiaozhou Village, Guangzhou





**Gallery Interiors,
Formerly artists'
Houses,
Xiaozhou Village**



Vitamin Creative Space, Guangzhou





Vitamin Projects:

Xu Tan, Questions,
Soil, Socio-Botanical,
2012



Sou Fujimoto and Vitamin,
Panyu Village Pavilion, 2012--

History



1500 on: Lineage Villages develop in S. China

1644-1912 Qing dynasty/ Lingnan culture in S. China: comb-style settlement

1912- 1939 Republican Period

Village-Market town-City urban hierarchy

1939-1945 Japanese occupation

1945-49 Civil War

Post 1949: Communist and Post-Communist Agriculture

1950-55 Land Redistribution

Great Leap Forward, Peoples Commune
Agricultural Land Collectivized

1961

Hukou system of internal passports begun
Production Brigade at Village Level

Post 1978: Opening Up Period

1985

Family Responsibility System (de-collectivization)

1996

Agriculture Marketized

1990s

Township Village Enterprises

2006

New Socialist Countryside policy



Village rights and restrictions

- 1) rural hukou: limits access to education, health care, etc.
- 2) can control their own land
- 3) the only people in China who can elect their own village leaders and village committee
- 4) but also have Party secretary
- 5) can build their own houses

Actors

Villagers (what villagers?)

Migrants (workers from the countryside with rural hukou)

Others (students, young white collar workers, African traders)

Village Officials

Party cadres (party secretary, etc.)

Municipal Officials

Urban Planners (planning bureau, design institute)



Lunch with
Village heads



Ethnography

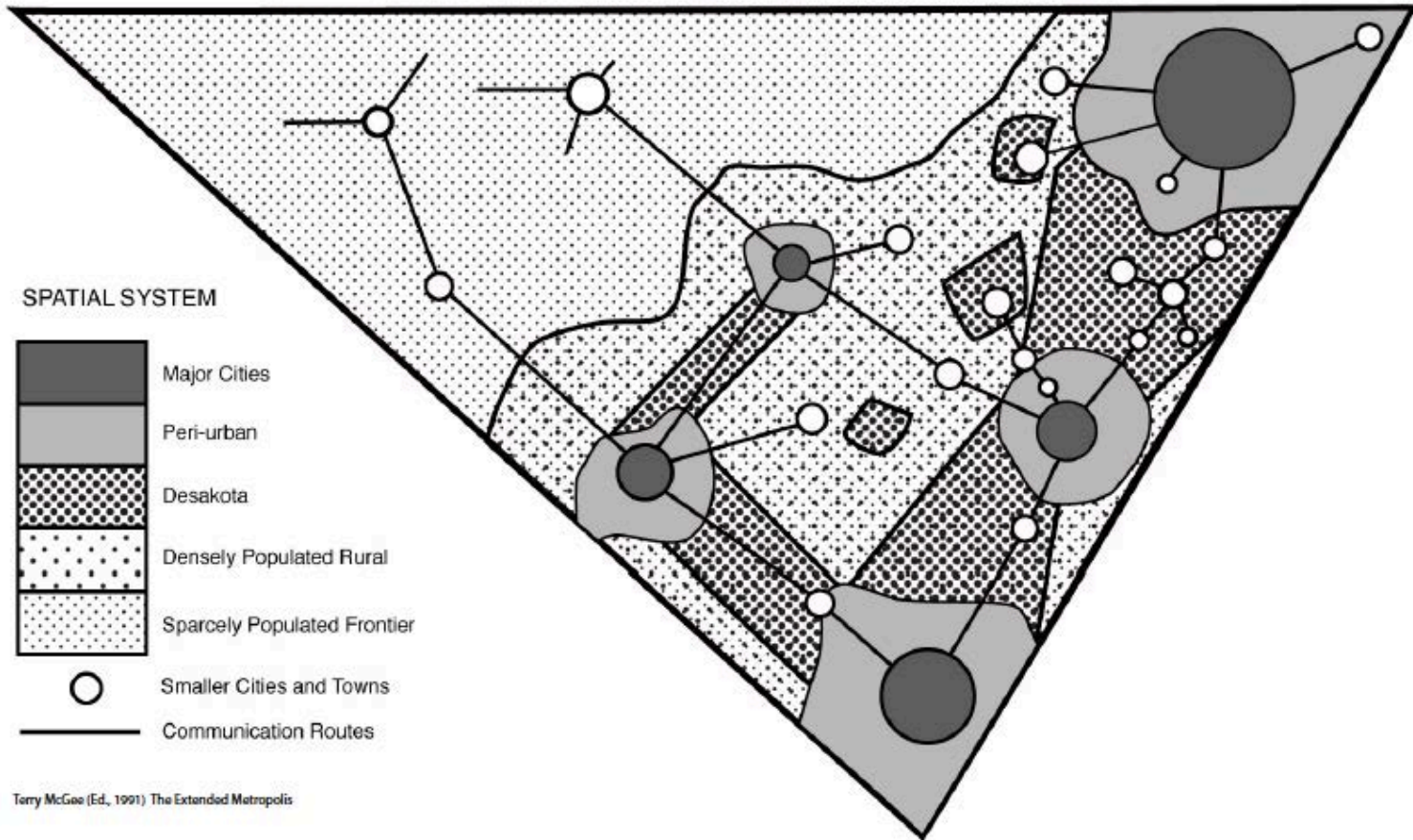
CURRENT AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION IN XIANI 下坭农作物现状



Reading the Landscape

Desakota landscape

desa=village
kota=town



Residents: GZ urban hukou
-no elections
-no land rights
-better social services

**Former agricultural land
now development land**

Left-over Agricultural Land

**Infrastructure
Projects have
Planning priority**

Development land

No factories?

Ponds

Village Core

**Former agricultural land,
transformed into development land**

Villagers: rural hukou from village
-control individual housing
-share of communal land
-village elections
-fewer social services

**Migrants: rural hukou linked to
home village**
-Temporary GZ work permit
-no social services





Longmei Village, Panyu

We'll be traveling to the PRD during Spring break, 2015 as part of the Mellon-funded GLobal Urban Humanities Research Studio. Stay tuned for information about how to apply for the studio.