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Chinese cities on the move

Exposed to globalisation, overtaken by metropolisation, subject to the ever more complex constraints of urban management, China's cities seem paradoxically to be on the road to normalisation. The reforms started more than 20 years ago have definitively transformed the urban China inherited from Maoism. The purpose of the special feature "Chinese cities on the move", produced in partnership with the City on the Move Institute (IVM), is to explain these transformations. In it, **Jean-François Doulet**, a teacher at France's Institute of Political Sciences and head of IVM's China programme, provides an account that looks both to the past and the future.

Feature contents:

- An account of the proceedings of the international symposium run by IVM in Beijing from 11 to 13 October 2004, on the theme "Urban mobilities, research issues in China and abroad", notably the "city workshops" focusing on the problems of Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing and Wuhan.

- A round table confronting the views of French researchers – **François Ascher**, **Georges Amar** – and professionals – **Bernard Reichen**, **Laurent Théry**, **Etienne Tricaud** – on the conditions governing the making of the Chinese city. They go on to consider what role mobility played in the structuring of the Chinese city and whether it is legitimate to speak of a "Chinese model", in the same terms as an European or American model.

- Analyses by Chinese researchers based in China or abroad:

Jian Zhuo, architect at Tongji University in Shanghai, currently seconded to the Techniques, Territories and Societies Laboratory (LATTS) at France's National School of Civil Engineering, retraces the history of Chinese urban planning.

Tingwei Zhang, a teacher at the University of Illinois College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs in Chicago, focuses on the development of Chinese urban planning, notably the recent emergence of urban development "products" strictly governed by the laws of the free market.

Professor **Pan Haixiao**, of Tongji University's urban planning department in Shanghai, defines the problems still to be resolved in the effort to improve urban transport planning in China.

Fulong Wu, a teacher in the geography department at the UK's Southampton University, presents surveys on residential mobility in China, notably Shanghai, and highlights the significant level of socio-spatial segregation that is currently emerging.

The final contribution is from **Ning Ying**, director of a film trilogy focusing on Beijing. She explains how her cinematographic approach employs a sensitive analysis of the underlying movements of a society deeply immersed in its paradoxes.