

Connecting the Dots in PRC Agriculture and Politics:

Systems Thinking in the Mao and Reform Eras

a lecture and discussion with Dr. Sigrid Schmalzer

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This presentation will trace the history of systems thinking in PRC agricultural science and politics from the 1950s through the present day, arguing that integration was a core scientific/political value of the Mao era and that Mao-era systems thinking built an important foundation for reform-era technocratic developments.

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