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China Urbanizing in Global Context: Impacts and Transitions

China's urbanization has evolved amid the interconnected forces of historical legacies, contemporary state interventions, and human and ecological conditions. Embracing this notion, a new collection of work in the book *China Urbanizing* questions the conventional imagination centering cities in the West. This lecture highlights key conclusions and theoretical touchstones that have emerged. In addition to outlining new perspectives on the impacts of China's urbanization, Professor Wu will point to the transitions underway as well as the gravity of the progress, particularly in the context of demographic shifts and climate change.