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Lecture by **Thomas J. Campanella**, ass. professor of urban design (US)

“The Concrete Dragon: China's Urban Revolution and What It Means for the World”

With the out-take in concrete Thomas J. Campanella, the writer of *The Concrete Dragon: China's Urban Revolution and What It Means for the World*, will talk about China's rapidly urbanizing, the change and extreme growth of the Chinese economy since the beginning of the 80ties and how it has influenced the radically transformning of the landscape, both the city and the countryside, through the use of concrete. Campanella will talk about the experimental economy zones, an idea which was started in China but now is a global player as “land grabbing”, the “ghost cities”, and how the construction boom challenges nearly all our expectations about architecture, urbanism and city planning - for not to talk about how it is buildings for the record books.

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