

China Case

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Does China have Cities?

- City (城) - 1) for a large number of people; 2) no farmers!



– Evolution of city

- (developed countries) : pre-1700 (politic, trade, cultural, etc), industrial revolution (material and ideas), information age (innovation, information);
- China: before 1950; old industrial model even after 1990 driven by manufactures; “green”, sustainable city driven by environmental movement NOW; all determined by ONE Man (national Deng Xiaoping; local party secretary)

Shenzhen City Case



**Stratified
Government runs a
functional system**



China's Role

- Quick action (**hierarchical system, e.g. dealing with disasters**) vs. long-term vision (constraints international and national environments)
- Sustainability: Global vs national and local?
TRUST (international governing bodies)

Approach: Make Invisibles Visible

- Multidisciplinary discussions: knowledge accumulation
- Decision making support
- Education tool
- Practical model