



# Urban Research Program

## 2009 Seminar Series

**Bixia Xu**

### **Sustainable water management in theme park tourism: A comparison of Australian & Chinese policy & practice**

Theme parks have become star players in the tourism industry. Despite the success of some parks, and tremendous growth in the number of parks and attractions during the past couple of decades, the industry has been plagued by environmental problems. This seminar reports on research comparing water-based theme parks in Australia and China. The research aims to investigate the role of four different types of actors (individual tourists, communities/residents, tourism operators, and decision-makers) in sustainable water management.

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**Friday 23rd October**

11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Gold Coast campus - Building G31, Room 3.17