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Dr Chang co-organized the panel “Business and Social Relations”, one of the eight major themes at the conference “Defining the Field: Themes in Contemporary China Studies”, University of Cambridge, 13-15 April 2007. She invited Prof Zhou Xiaohong and Prof Zhai Xuewei of Nanjing University give a trilogy seminar under the same topic “What holds Chinese society together”. This is the third one follows that given by Professors Zhou and Zhai on 17th April.

Her seminar will define what is the new perspective that holds Chinese society together, and provide a theoretical framework from a social anthropological perspective to show “what holds Chinese society together”, a topic central to several disciplines within “China studies”. Based on her detailed ethnography and unique longitudinal village study (covering 70 years) in the Yangtze Valley Village about which Prof Fei Xiaotong wrote his famous *Peasant life in China* (1939), she will present a Chinese model of reciprocity, relatedness, and networks; and demonstrate how the dynamics of change between different types of relationships hold Chinese society together.

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