

CHINESE VILLAGES: A NEW ERA

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In parallel to decades of relentless urbanization, the Chinese government has, with much less fanfare and global attention, been dramatically redefining its countryside. The countryside has been foundational to modern Chinese politics: The establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949 was largely a victory of Mao's organized and rebelling countryside over the city; the nation's subsequent leaders have all had strong rural ties. With continuous investment in infrastructure and poverty alleviation unmatched by Western counterparts, China's stage-setting for urban-rural connections in the 21st century might be unanticipated by the rest of the world. The UN's World Population Prospects report suggests that in this decade the Chinese countryside, together with the rural population in Africa, is facing the strongest demographic transition—from rural toward urban habitation—in the world. The UN predicts that 300 million people will move from China's countryside to cities before 2050. However, a combination of

political investment, a radical embrace of the internet, and recent migration movements challenges the supposedly global urban destiny of mankind. Given the current difficulties in infrastructure affecting the livability of urban areas, with large cities like Shanghai and Beijing struggling to maintain their populations, China's political system has been actively rebalancing its spatial planning toward the countryside. There's a growing desire for community-based living in both off- and online communities. A new generation in the countryside might be giving a totally new direction to what China will look like. *Chinese Villages: A New Era* is the result of a three-year collaboration between AMO and the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing. It shows how China is shaping the future of its countryside: how a mix of state and market interventions directs digital transformation, agricultural technology, tourism, and culture in reestablishing the role of, and life in, the countryside. —Stephan Petermann, RK, Lv Pinjing, Shi Yang, Li Shao Jun, Vivian Song, Zhu Pei



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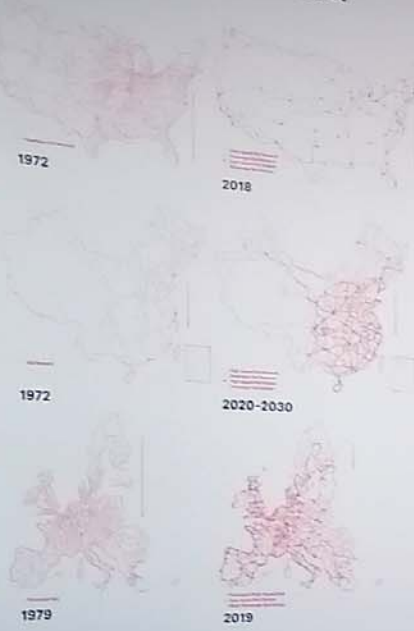
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INTERSTATE



CONTRAST 对比

PASSENGER RAIL NETWORK 客运铁路网



MAJOR AND REGIONAL AIRPORTS 主要地区机场



POPULATION CHANGE 人口变动



NATURAL LAND AND WATER 自然用地与水资源



SIMILARITY 相似

FLAT AREAS 平原



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY 可持续能源



TOURISM 旅游



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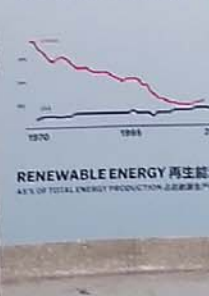
RURAL POVERTY 农村贫困



GDP GROWTH 国内生产总值增长



RURAL POPULATION 农村人口



RENEWABLE ENERGY 再生能源



FOOD TRADE USA-CHINA 食品贸易美国-中国



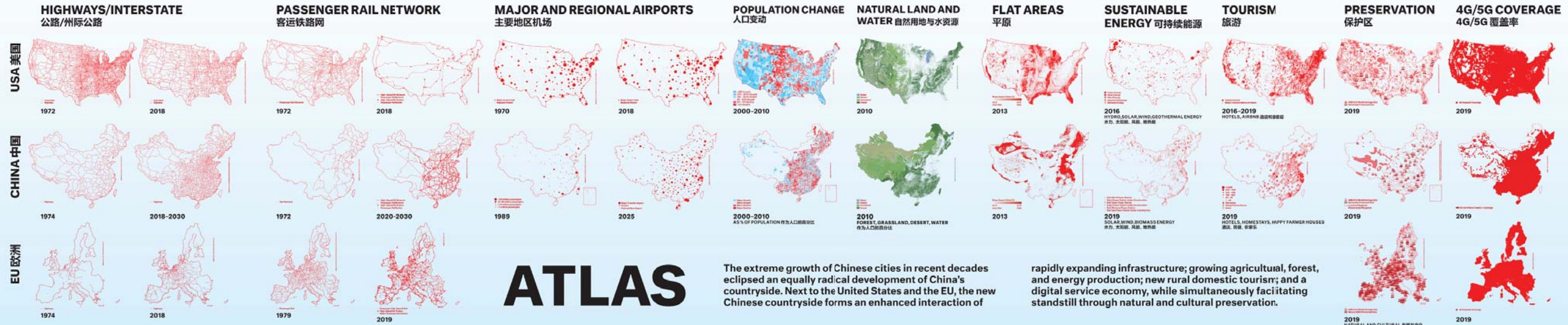
AGRICULTURE SHARE OF ECONOMY 农业经济分析



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION 农产品生产

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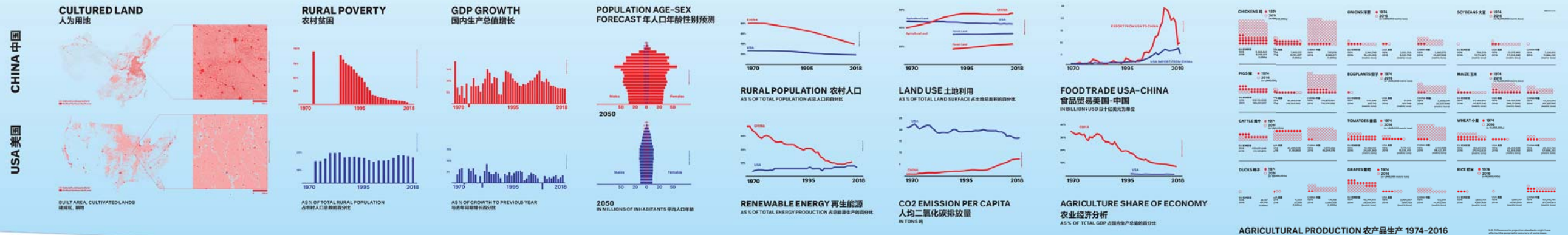
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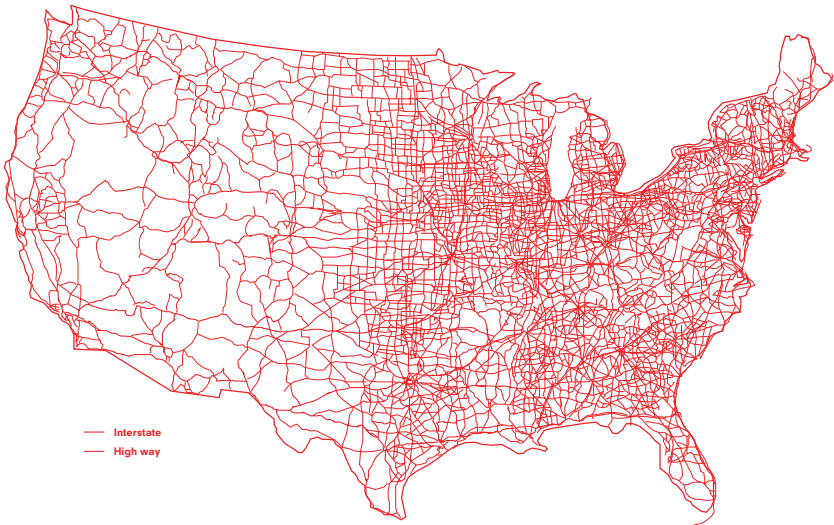
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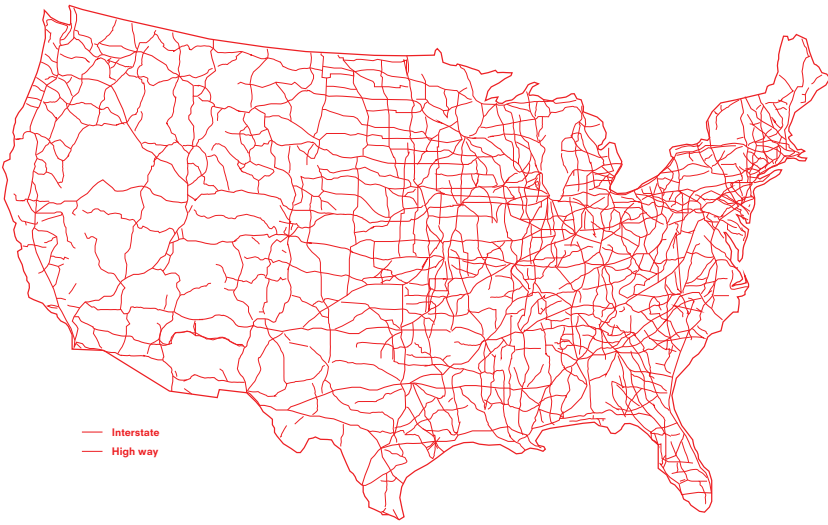
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2018

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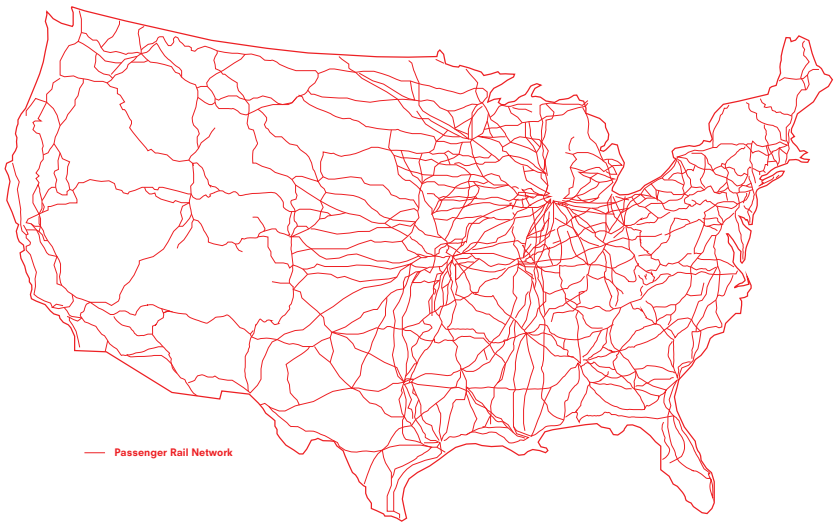
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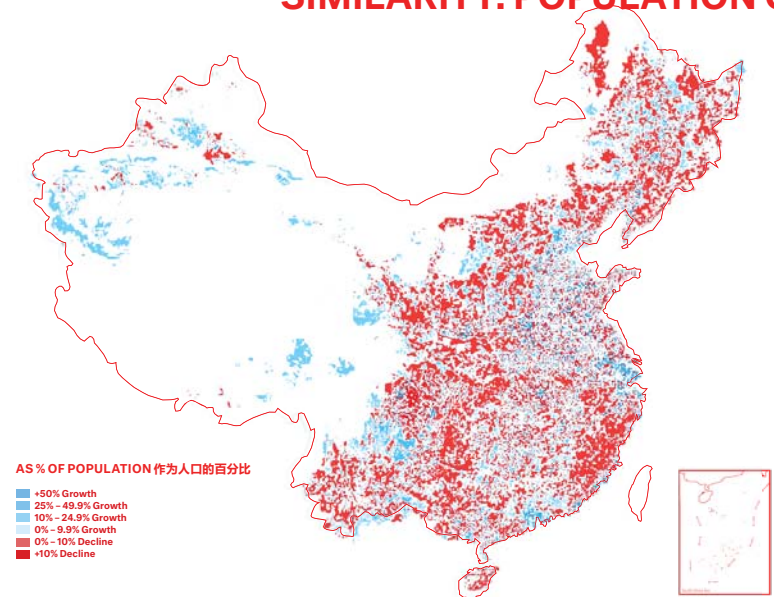
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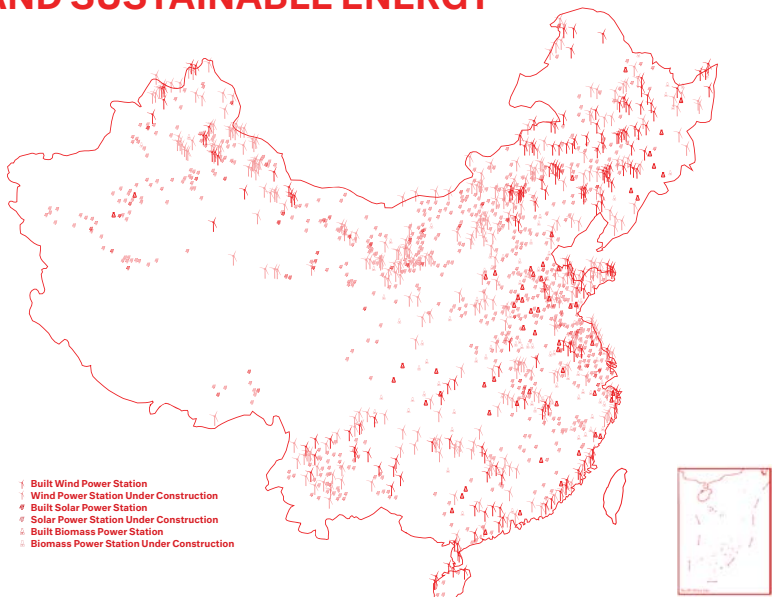
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SIMILARITY: POPULATION CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



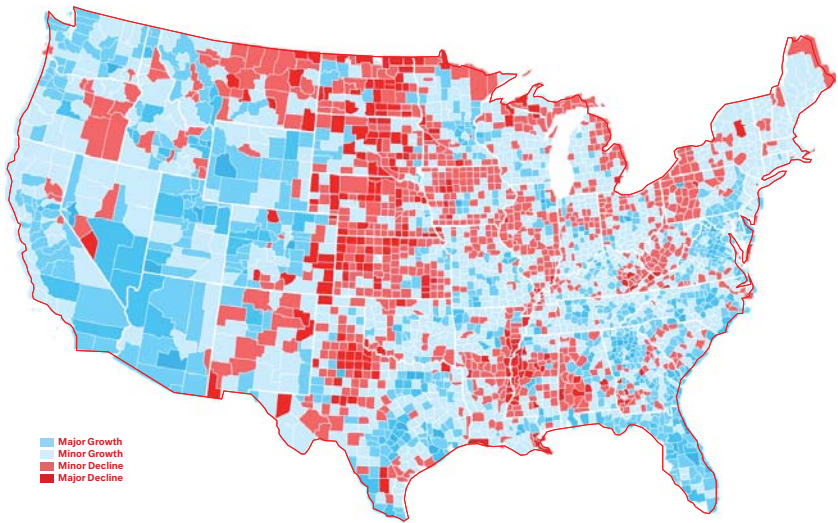
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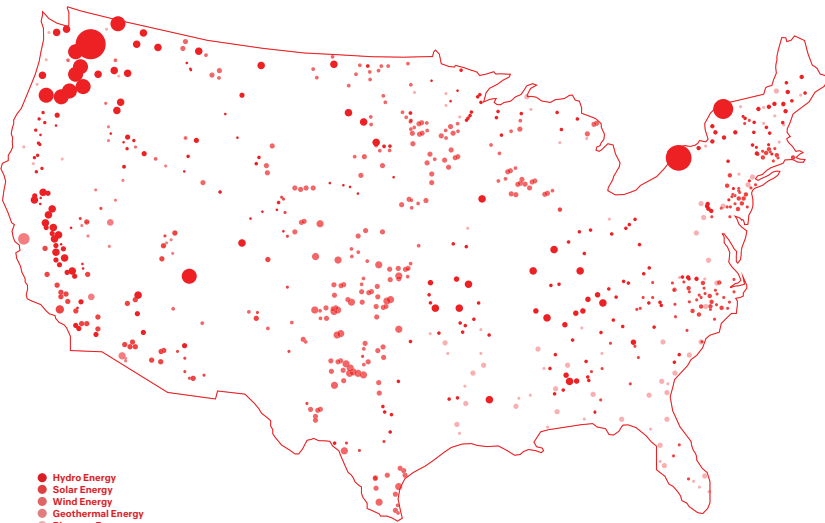
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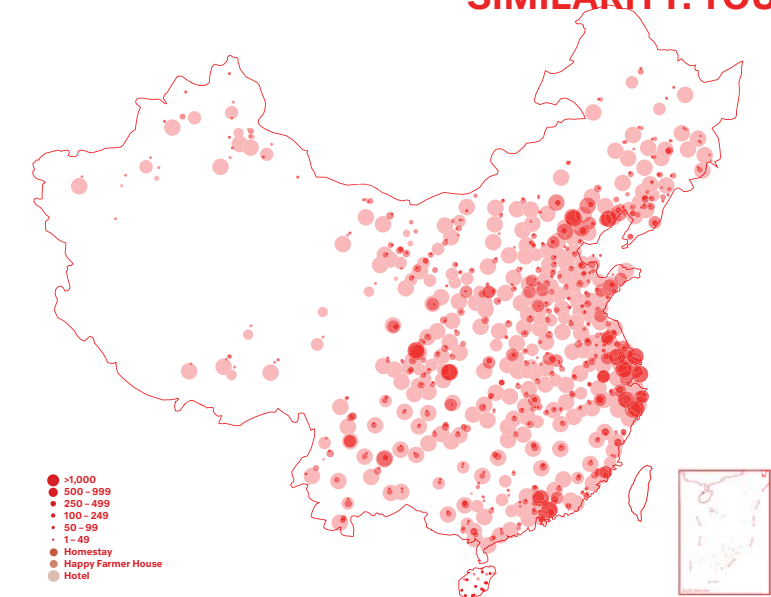
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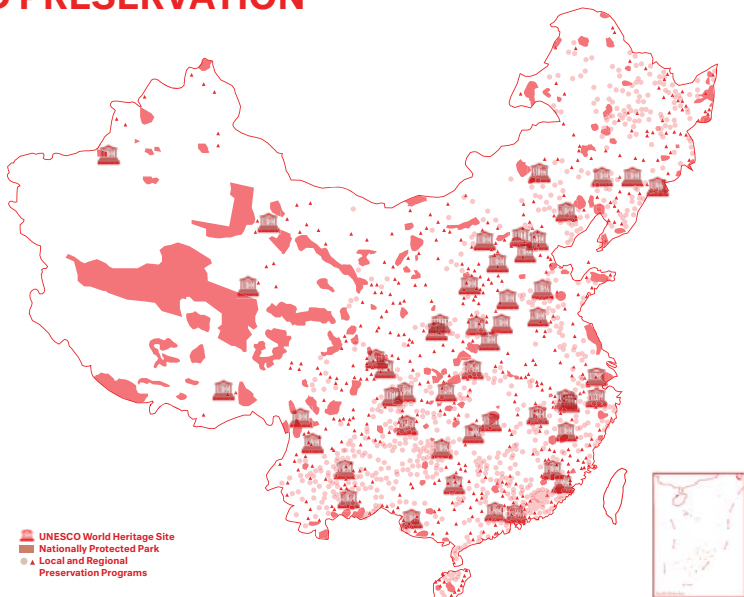
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SIMILARITY: TOURISM AND PRESERVATION



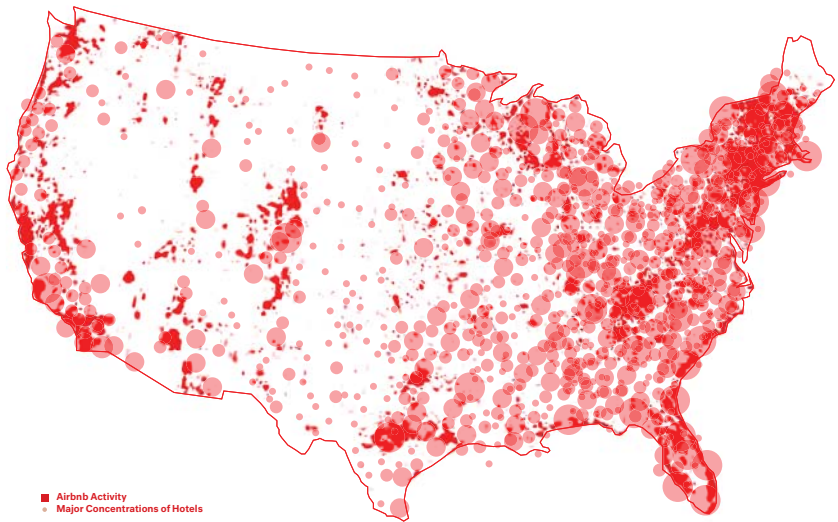
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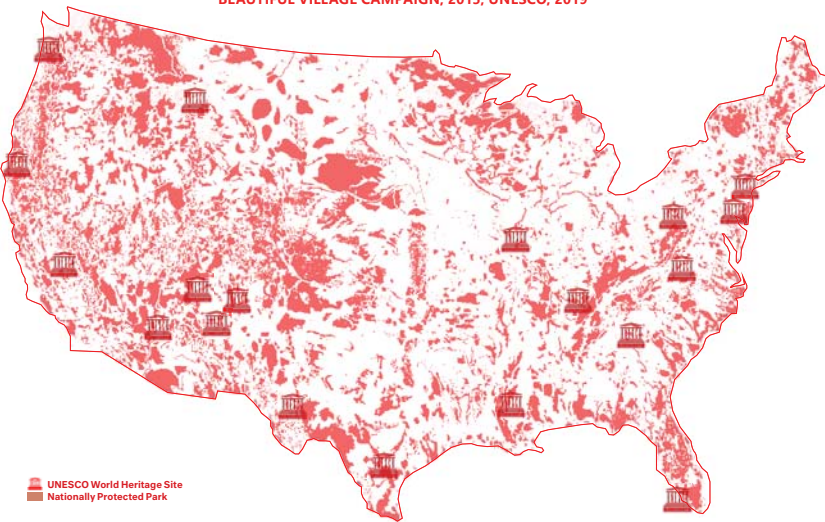
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State craft: How the Chinese Government Works

Annotations by Prof. Peter Ho and Prof. Jiang Jun, 2019

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Not shown: Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (De facto: Senate, but with limited power)

also not shown: CPC Central Military Commission → weak link with rural policies

→ important in anti-corruption campaigns!

all tabs on
→ same level
have same
administrative
rank!

thus: director of provincial-level department = rank of county head (see: left side of graph!!)

2019
China’s rural policy

Different levels of government produce the regulatory and policy framework for the ongoing development and rejuvenation of the Chinese countryside. State-level policy provides the basis for lower-level authorities to propose concrete solutions for local conditions, developed in consultation with local residents—most policy documents receive yearly updates within the overall framework of five-year plans. This overview shows the policy documents currently guiding countryside development on the state level, with more than 20 ministries involved, ranging from the Ministry of Agriculture to Information Technology, and in policy areas ranging from tourism, cultural heritage, art, and sports to land reform and agricultural technology development.



国务院关于加快发展节能环保产业的意见 2013 Opinions of the state council on accelerating the development of energy conservation and environmental protection industries



国务院关于稳步推进农村集体产权制度改革的意见 2016 Opinions of the state council on steadily advancing the reform of rural collective property rights system



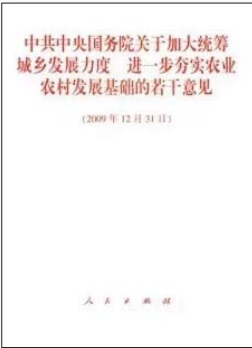
“十三五”脱贫攻坚规划 2016 Thirteen Five-Year plan's Poverty Alleviation Program



中共中央国务院关于深入推进农业供给侧结构性改革加快培育农业农村发展新动能的若干意见 2017 Opinions of the CPC central committee and the state council on deepening agricultural supply-side structural reform and accelerating the cultivation of new drivers for agricultural and rural development



中国交通运输发展 2016 China's transport development



中共中央国务院关于加大统筹城乡发展力度，进一步夯实农业农村发展基础的若干意见， 2009 Opinions of the CPC central committee and the state council on strengthening efforts to balance urban and rural development and further consolidate the foundation for agricultural and rural development



中国农村扶贫开发纲要 2011-2020 China's program for rural poverty alleviation and development



中共中央国务院关于“三农”工作的一号文件汇编 1982-2014 Compilation of no. 1 documents of the CPC central committee and the state council on the work related to agriculture, rural areas and farmers



中华人民共和国农村土地承包经营纠纷调解仲裁法 2009 Law of the People's Republic of China on mediation and arbitration of disputes concerning contracted rural land operation



中国共产党第十九届中央委员会第二次全体会议公报 2018 Communique of the second plenary session of the 19th CPC central committee



中共中央国务院 关于全面加强生态环境保护 坚决打好污染防治攻坚战的意见 2018 Opinions of strengthening ecological and environmental protection and resolutely tackling key problems in pollution prevention and control



中共中央国务院 关于加大改革创新力度 加快农业现代化建设的若干意见 2015 Opinions of the CPC central committee and the state council on strengthening reform and innovation to speed up agricultural modernization

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