

Creating Wealth and Poverty in China

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Deborah S. Davis' primary teaching interests are historical and comparative sociology, inequality and stratification, contemporary Chinese society, and methods of fieldwork. In addition to teaching at Yale, Davis runs a summer fieldwork seminar, where Yale students work collaboratively with students from Hong Kong and China. In past summers, the seminar has investigated such topics as transformations of childhood consumption, changing concepts of privacy and property rights, the uses of public space in new and old residential communities in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and, in summer 2004, economic and social change in rural Yunnan. Her publications have analyzed the politics of the Cultural Revolution, Chinese family life, social welfare, class cleavages, and occupational mobility, and she is currently completing two books: *A Home of Their Own*, a study of the social consequences of privatization of real estate in Shanghai, and *Wealth and Poverty in China Today*, proceedings from a conference held at Yale on how recent Chinese experiences challenge prevailing sociological analysis of inequality and stratification. She also is actively involved in research and advocacy work in response to the AIDS epidemic in China. She is a member of the National Committee on U.S.–China Relations and serves on the editorial boards of the *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Social Forces*, and the new *Yale China Health Journal*. She received a BA in political science from Wellesley College (1967), an MA in East Asian studies from Harvard University (1970), participated in an East Asian seminar at the University of Munich (1972), and received a PhD in sociology from Boston University (1979).