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Shanghai's Construction Industry and the Formation of Chinese Masculinity: Insights from Migrant Workers

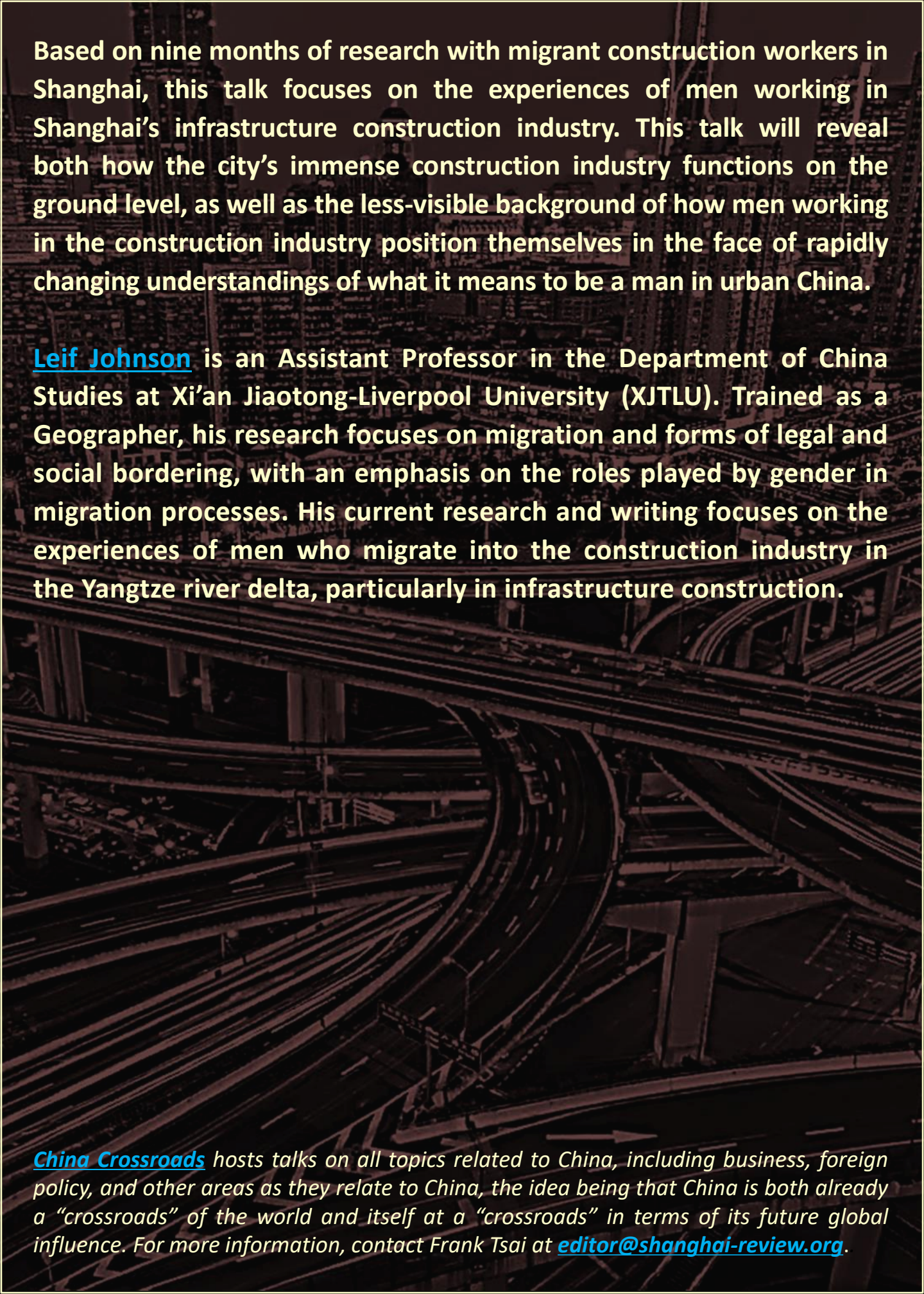
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Based on nine months of research with migrant construction workers in Shanghai, this talk focuses on the experiences of men working in Shanghai's infrastructure construction industry. This talk will reveal both how the city's immense construction industry functions on the ground level, as well as the less-visible background of how men working in the construction industry position themselves in the face of rapidly changing understandings of what it means to be a man in urban China.

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