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## Nature and Biodiversity Conservation in China over the Last Twenty Years

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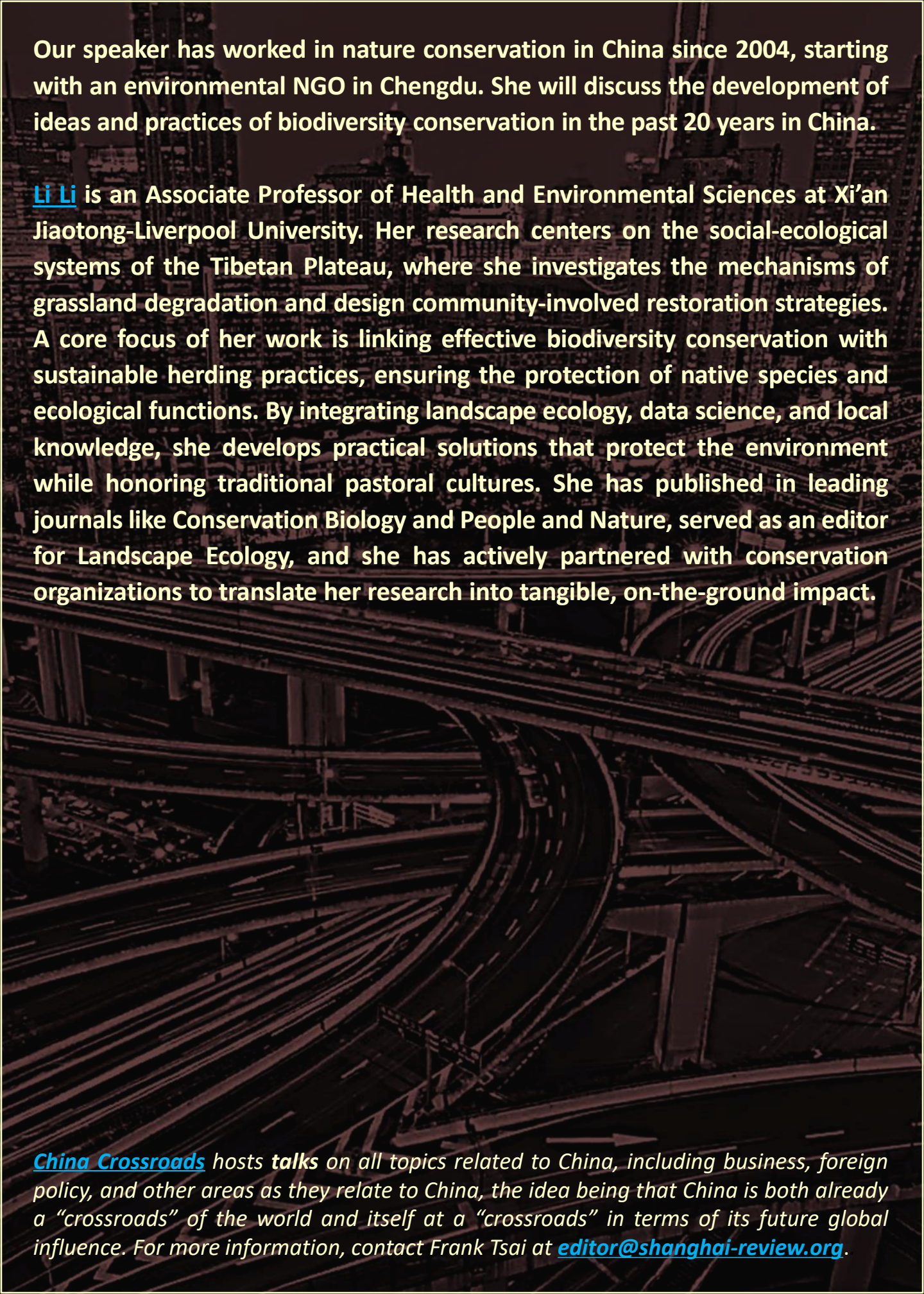
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Our speaker has worked in nature conservation in China since 2004, starting with an environmental NGO in Chengdu. She will discuss the development of ideas and practices of biodiversity conservation in the past 20 years in China.

[Li Li](#) is an Associate Professor of Health and Environmental Sciences at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University. Her research centers on the social-ecological systems of the Tibetan Plateau, where she investigates the mechanisms of grassland degradation and design community-involved restoration strategies. A core focus of her work is linking effective biodiversity conservation with sustainable herding practices, ensuring the protection of native species and ecological functions. By integrating landscape ecology, data science, and local knowledge, she develops practical solutions that protect the environment while honoring traditional pastoral cultures. She has published in leading journals like *Conservation Biology* and *People and Nature*, served as an editor for *Landscape Ecology*, and she has actively partnered with conservation organizations to translate her research into tangible, on-the-ground impact.

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