

# LEARNING FROM BIG BROTHERS:

What Soviet and Central European Histories of Everyday Life May Teach Historians of the Mao Era

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**A conference hosted by the British Inter-university China Centre (BICC) 'Cultures of Consumption' network, supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK).**

The conference brings together Central European and Soviet historians of everyday life with Chinese historians who are starting to work on similar issues for the Mao era (1949-76). The conference will form the foundation for a network of scholars in China, the EU, and the US who are interested in consumerism and everyday life in non- and quasi-market economies since c.1945. Creating a dialogue between scholars of European and Chinese history will ensure that Chinese historians take into account the range and depth of important work that has been done in the past decade on the experience of socialism in Central Europe and the USSR.

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**For information see:** <http://www.bicc.ac.uk/2013/08/08/learning-from-big-brothers/>

