CHINESE ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE:
DESIGN AT THE SPEED OF SOUND

The fast-paced urban development of China has created great opportunities for architectural designers. Four architects from Shanghai’s biggest firm will explain about the special pressures and delights of working on very large projects. They will discuss ways to maintain the regionalism of architecture within the context of globalization. They will discuss how aspects such as urban density, infrastructure investment and construction methods impact what can be built. Students interested in the Xian Dai Summer Internship in Shanghai can hear about how young designers work within large teams.

SHANGHAI XIAN DAI ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GROUP

WANGWEI ZHU
Mr. Zhu is the award-winning designer of the World Expo 2010 Pujiang Garden. His campus designs for the East China University of Science and Technology and the Shandong Institute of Physical Education and Sports have been recognized for thoughtfully incorporating waterways and large green spaces into well-organized campus developments.

SHUN DING
Design architect Shun Ding has written about how digital analysis and BIM shaped his innovative design for the Waitan Financial Center. He published two essays from his Southeast University master’s thesis analyzing how spatial configuration affects wayfinding behavior and cognition, using Space Syntax principles. His built projects include the Museum of Sanxia and the Xiexin Hotel.

HAIXUN PAN
Senior Architect Haixun Pan has been recognized for his work on sports facilities such as the design of Algeria Sports Center and the engineering design of Weifang Gymnasium. He was the chief designer on the Ukraine Central Business District and the Shenyang Culture Art Center.

TAO WANG
Group leader Tao Wang won first prize for a young architects exhibit, eighth place in the international competition for the World Expo’s China Pavilion. He has designed many large mixed-use complexes, cultural centers, libraries, and hotels. His interest is in how to maintain design quality in project process management.

FAN XIAO
Fan Xiao has won awards for his renovation of the Great World Entertainment Center, one of Shanghai’s landmark buildings, and new civic buildings such as the Fengxian District Library and the Chengji Museum of Art. He brings an appreciation of furniture, ceramics and philosophy to his design projects.