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# **Industrial Heritage Tourism: Landscapes of Nostalgia**

**Dr. Philip Xie**

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**

**11:30 - 1:00, 207 BTSU**



Industrial heritage describes a process in which former rustbelts and brown fields are transformed into valuable assets for rejuvenation and tourist destinations. Dr. Xie's research project proposes a conceptual framework to describe these "landscapes of nostalgia" and applies it to several case studies including the failed proposal for a Jeep museum in Toledo, repurposed salt fields in Taiwan, and the morphological transformation of the waterfront in Auckland, New Zealand. He argues that industrial heritage should be viewed as a "living heritage" that maintains a continuous link to modern industry and plays a significant role in mediating the past, present and future.

Philip Xie is Professor of Tourism, Leisure and Event Planning in the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure . He holds a Ph.D in Urban and Regional Planning from University of Waterloo, Canada. His research areas include cultural and heritage tourism, and tourism's impact on local communities. He has done extensive research on industrial heritage tourism in North America and Asia.

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