Redeeming the Public
A Study on the Chinese Public Sphere and Public Space
里坊
Lifang
(6th Century BC - 10th Century)

坊巷
Fangxiang
(11th Century - 1950s)
Design
Shanghai
Size: 6,340.5 km²
Population: 23,019,148
Density: 3,600/km²
Songjiang
Size: 605.64 km²
Population: 1,582,398
Density: 2,612/km²
Plot
Area: 21,156m²
FAR: 2-2.5
(FAR of the surrounding neighborhoods: 1-1.5)

Program
- **Collective Housing**: ca 45,000 m²
  - 50% - Local residents
  - 25% - New immigrants*
  - 25% - Floating population* (single/couple)
- **Commercial**: ca 2,000m²
  - 40% - Shopping (stores/supermarkets/shops)
  - 30% - Dining (restaurants/cafes/teahouse)
  - 30% - Others (pharmacy/hardware/banks)
- **Communal**: ca 500m²
  - Fixed - day-care center, neighbourhood committee office, central bicycle storage,
  - recreational facilities (sport/chess/majiang/etc)
  - Temporary - barbershop/grocery shop/vendor
- **Parking**: ca 10,000m²
- **Greenery** ratio: 30%
Enclosure
Hierarchy
Informality
Roof terrace

High-rise height & collective floor

Courtyard & surrounding buildings

2h

<5h

h

<5h
Collective space scenarios

High-rise position and orientation
青砖
Grey Brick

黑瓦
Black Tile

白墙
White Wall
Residential Committee
Managerial responsibilities
Sense of belonging
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