

# Protecting *the Weak*

Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia

## Nanluoguxiang: Imagined Heritage and Urban Communities

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My talk will focus on Nanluoguxiang (NLGX), a historic neighbourhood in Beijing, where I lived for 2,5 years. The neighbourhood is one of 25 conservation areas in the city, and since 2008 a popular tourist attraction, abundantly using traditional symbols to create an imagined heritagescape. However, many aspects of the area's rich history are ignored and largely invisible to the casual visitor who is confronted with an extreme commercial experience. The talk will explore the imagined, commercial and hidden stories of NLGX, and the sensory and spatial experiences of old and new residents, visitors and tourists. The talk will make ample use of my own visual documentation and different mediated stories about the area.

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