

Introduction to the Regional Geography of China

Environment and Society in China

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Topography of China



China in Relief

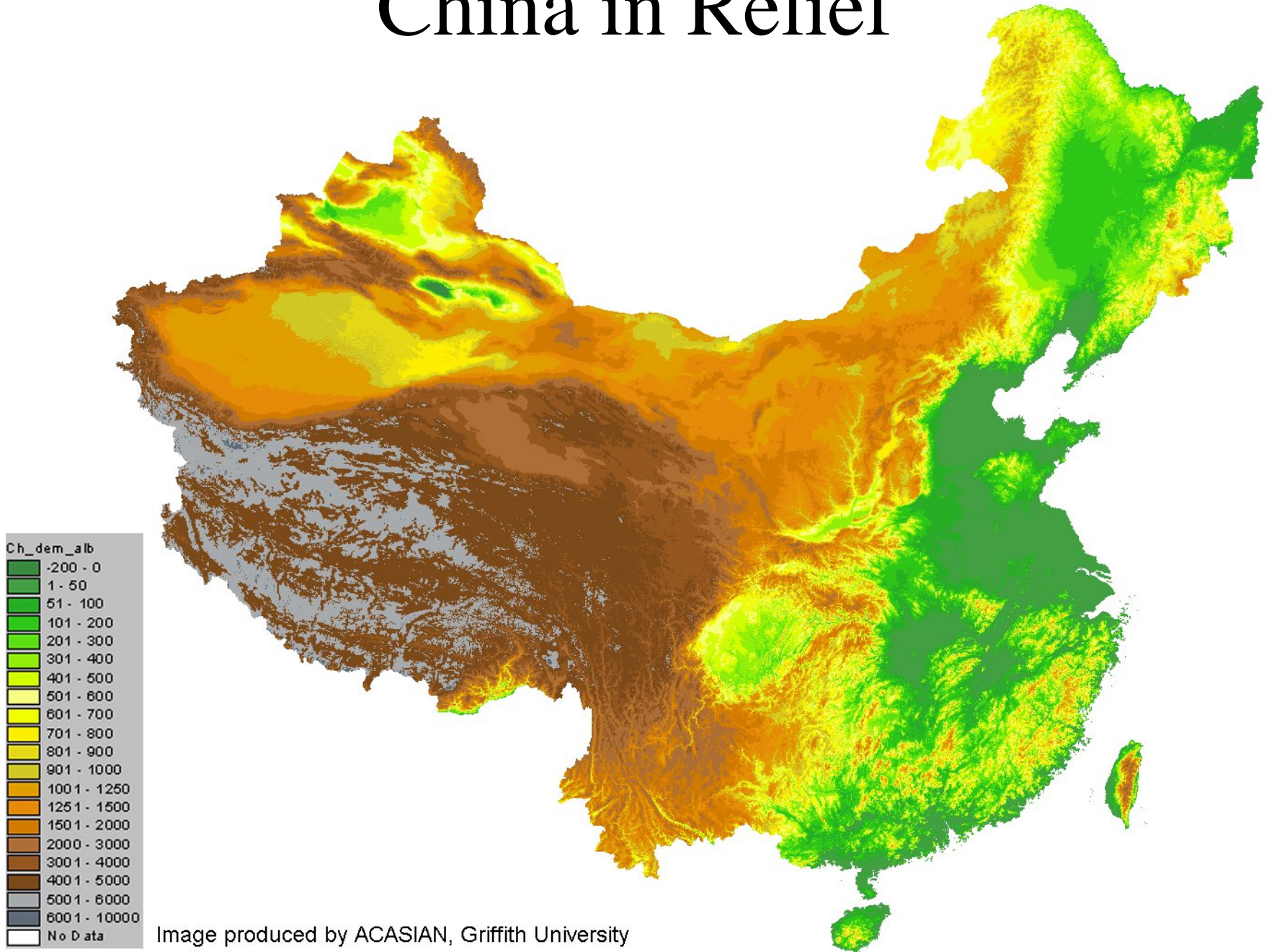
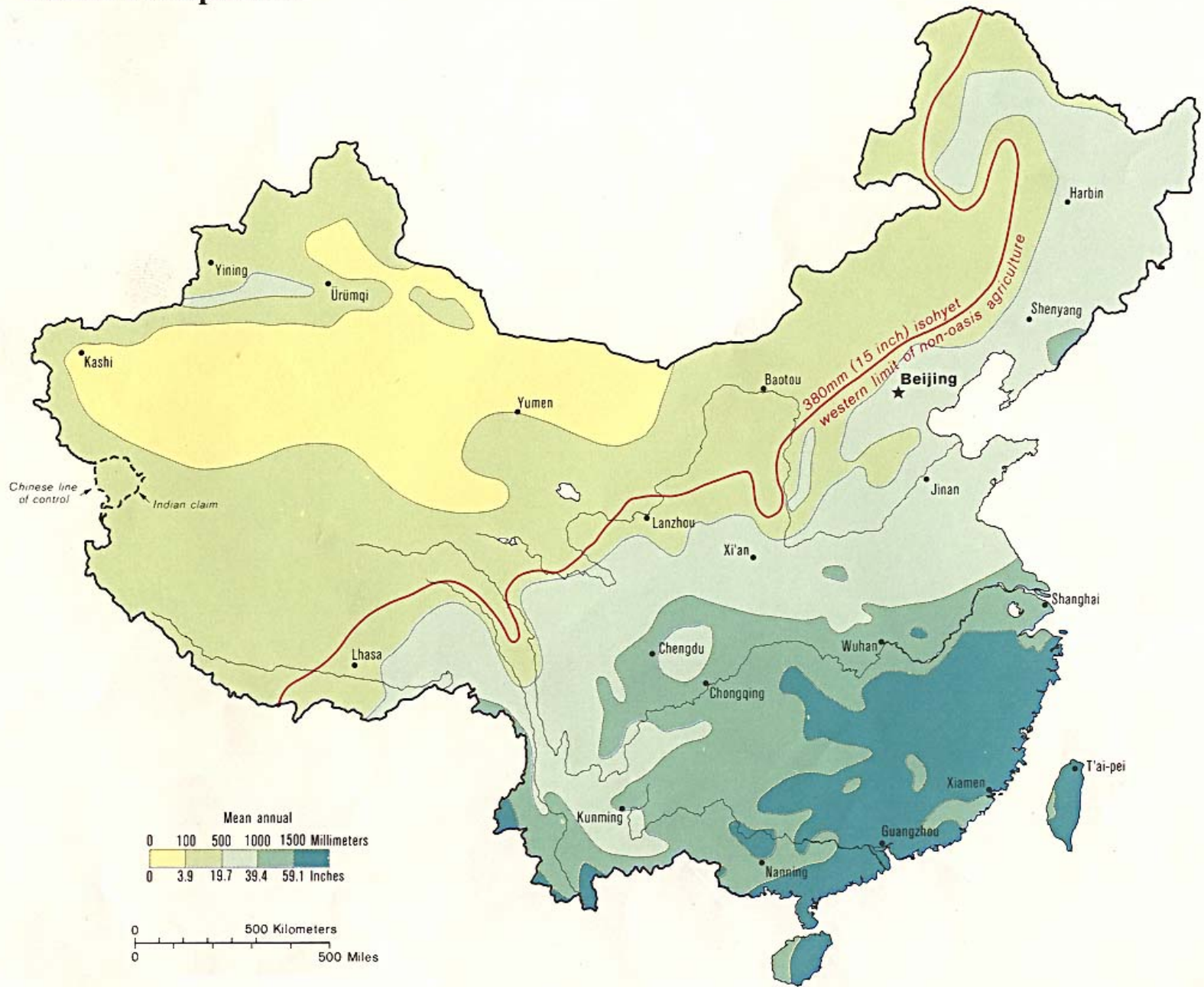


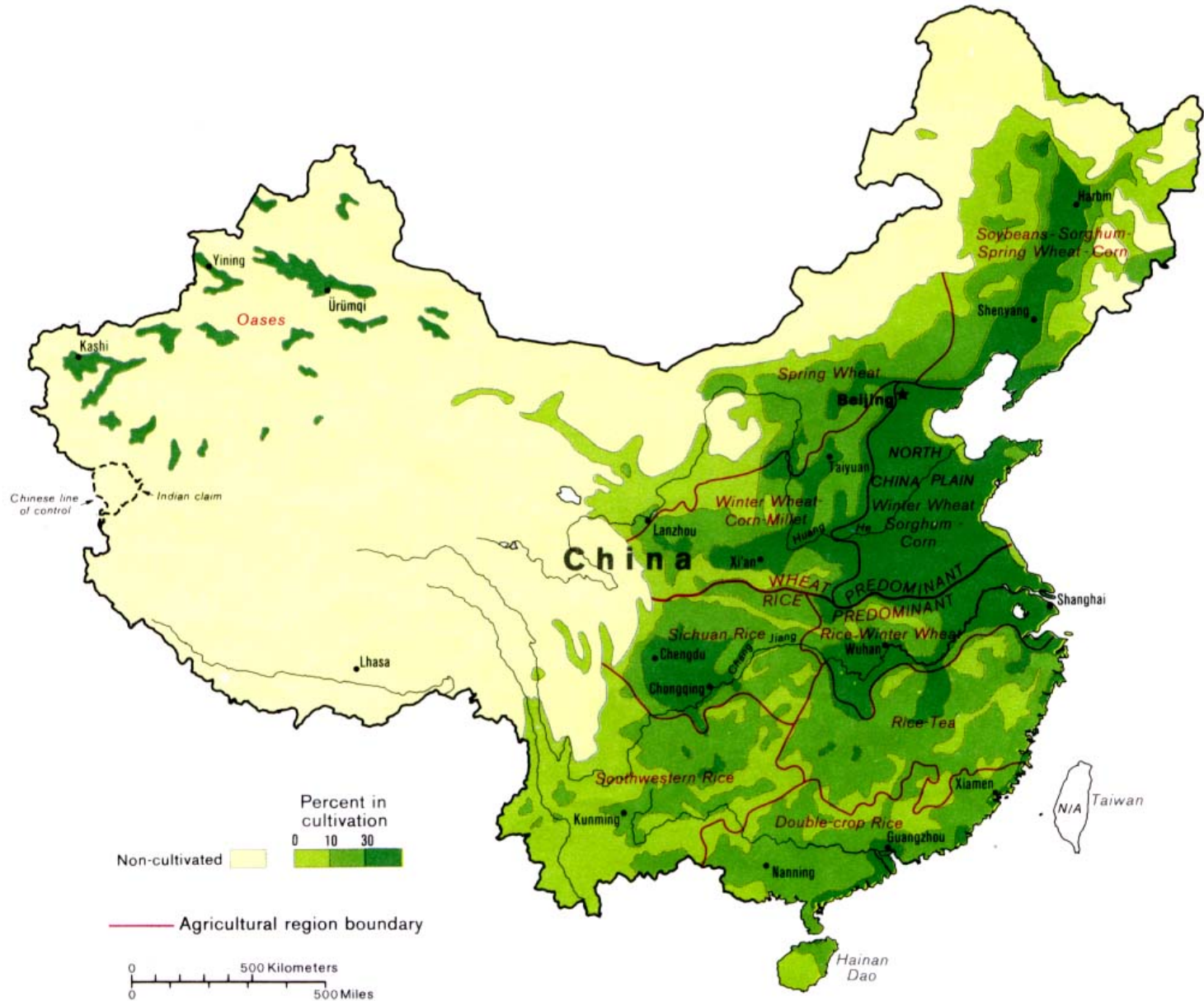
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China: Precipitation



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Agricultural Regions



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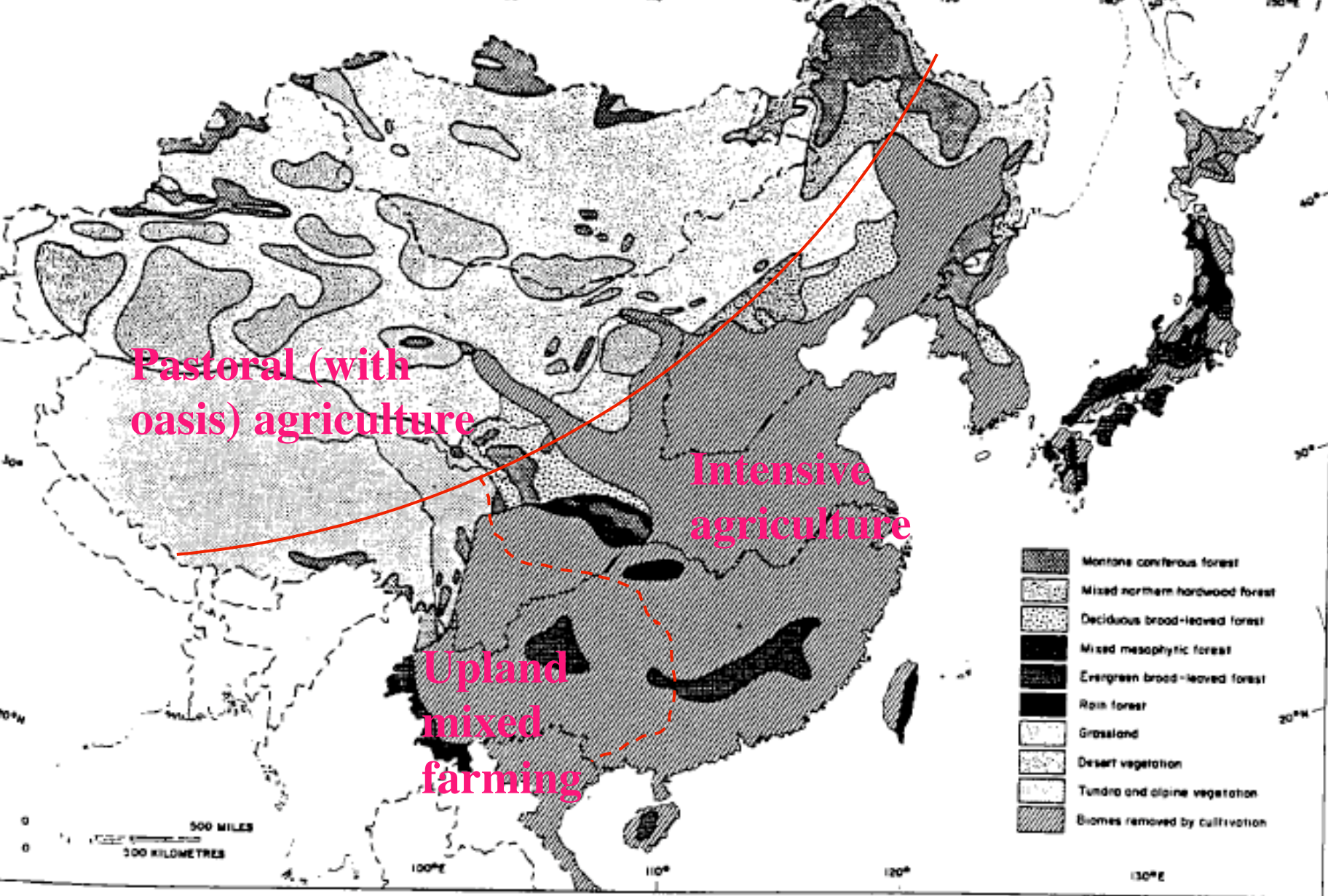
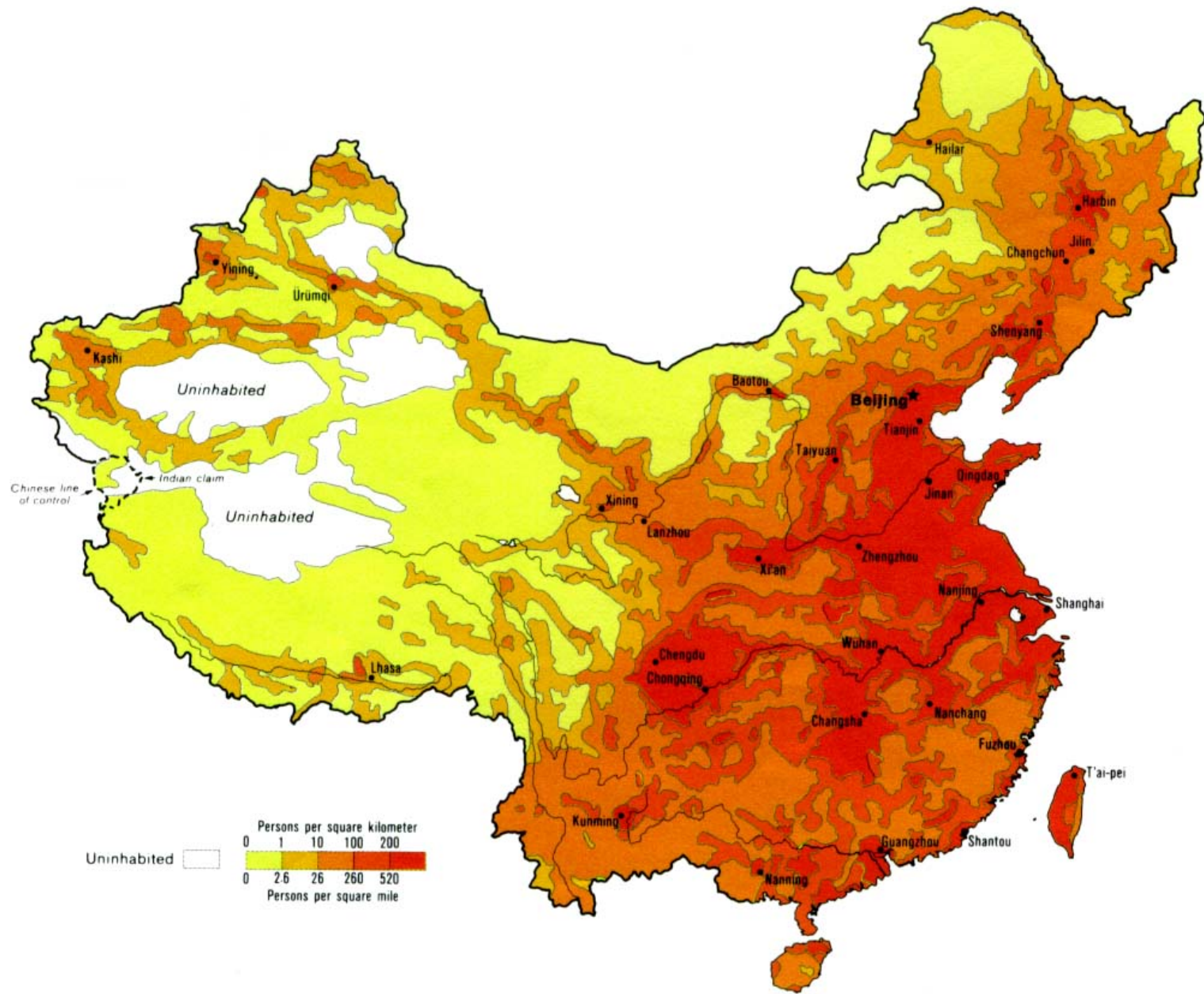


Fig. 18. The Biomes of East Asia.

China: Population Density



China: Languages



Note the extent of yellow and green, which are all “Chinese”

Macroregions of China Proper

From G. William Skinner, Mark Henderson,
and Yuan Jianhua, "China's Fertility Transition
Through Regional Space," *Social Science
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Map 1 China's macroregional systems in relation to provinces, showing metropolitan cities, 1990

Seasonal Distribution of Precipitation

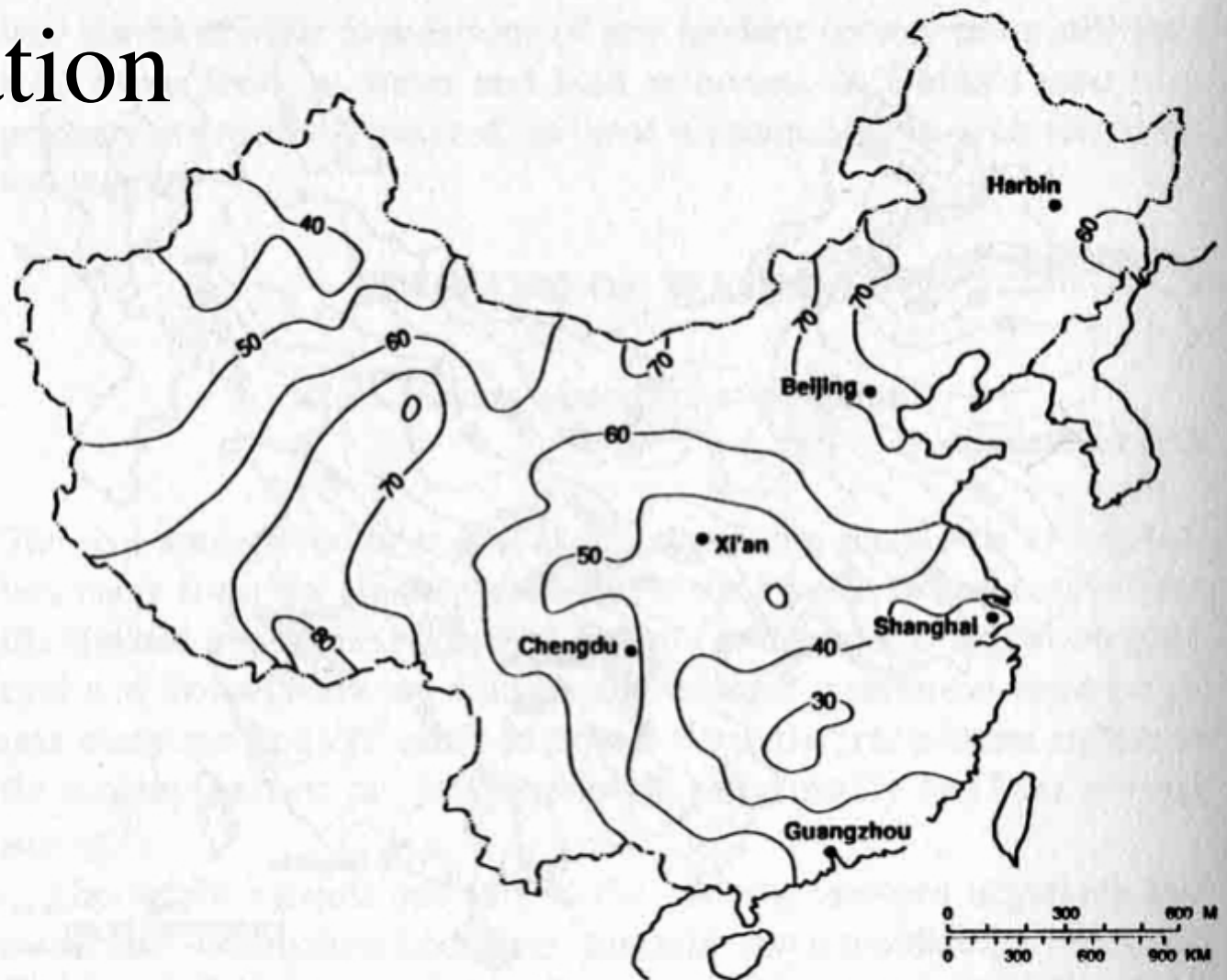
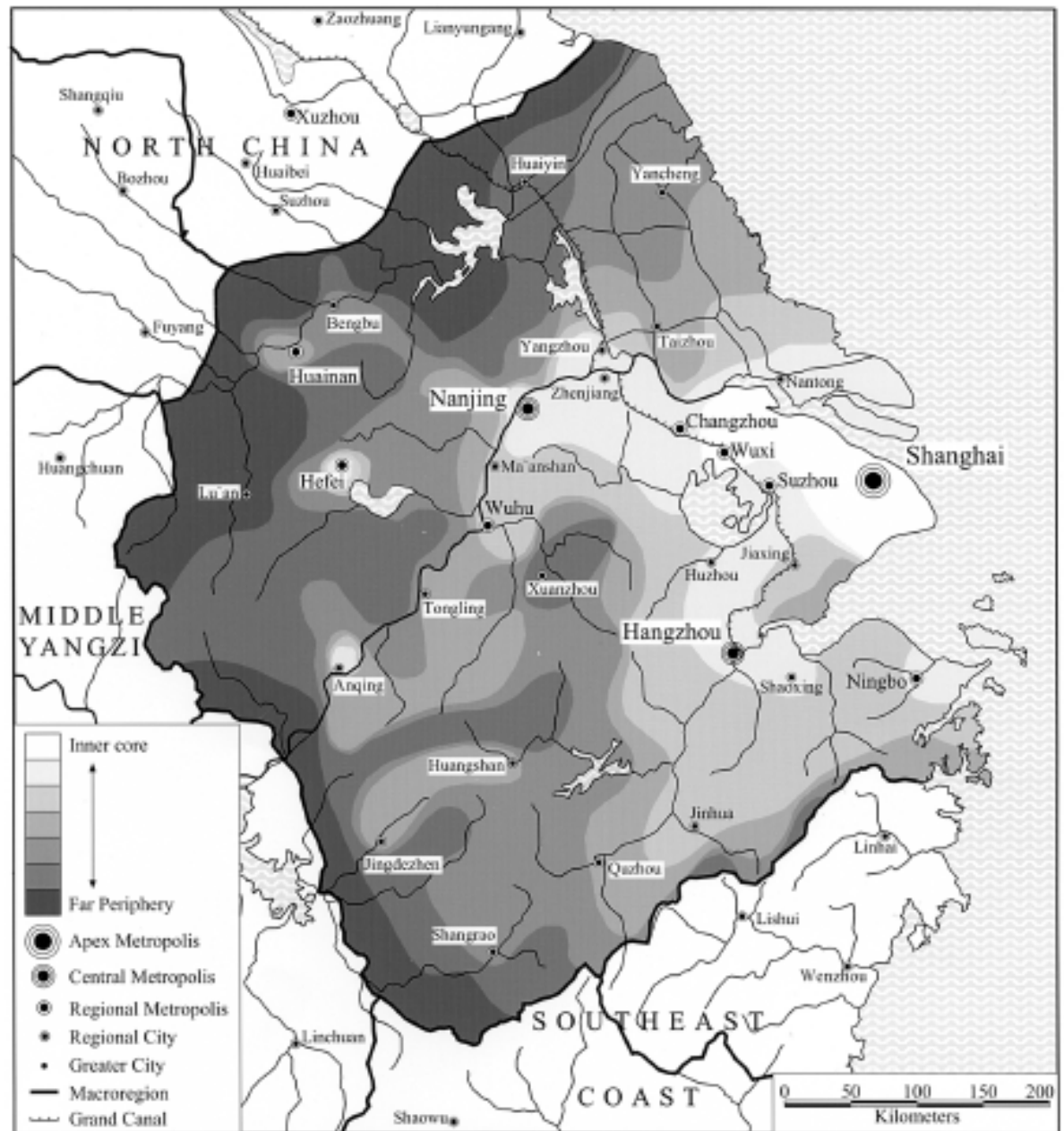


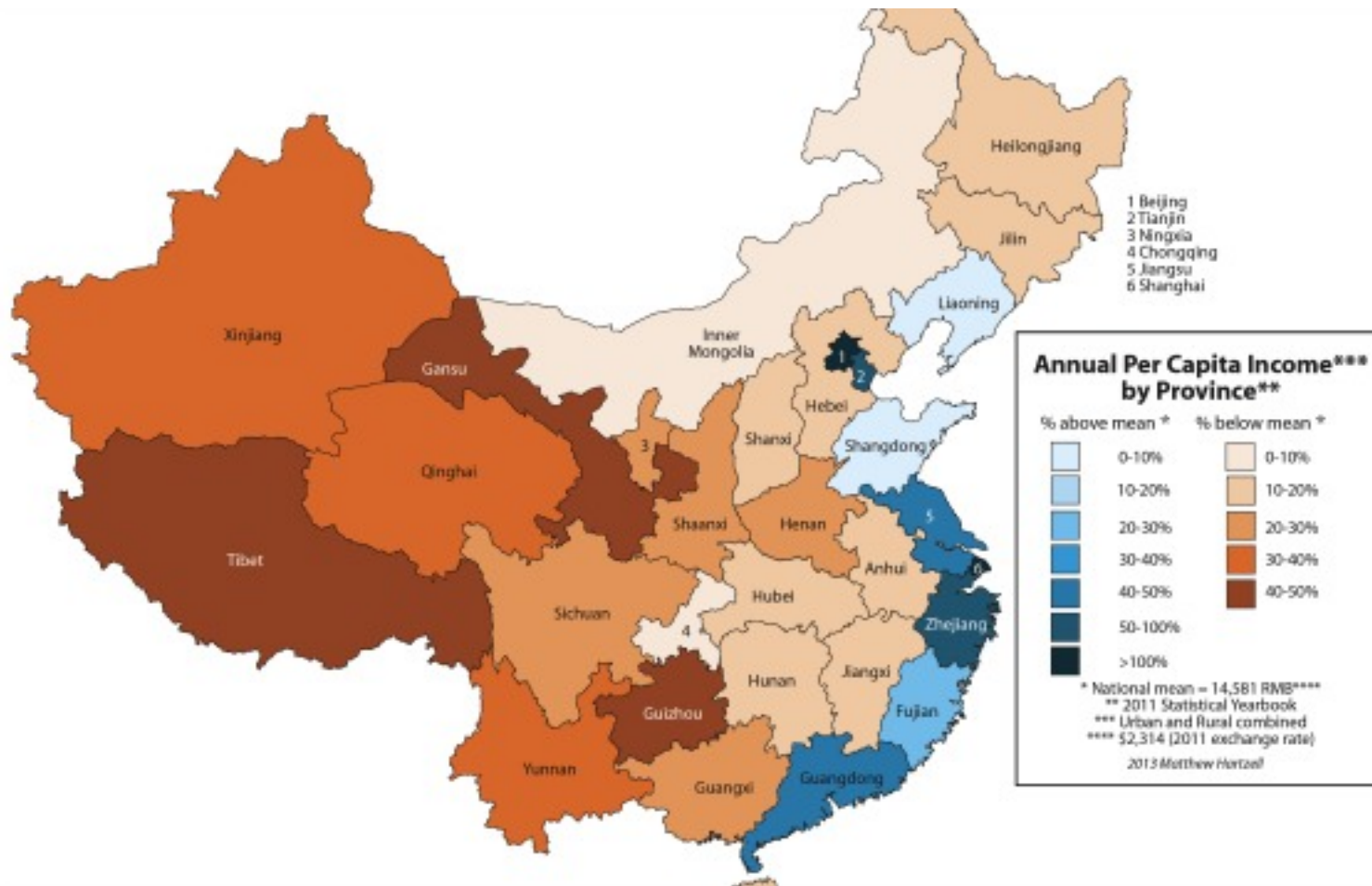
Figure 2.2. Distribution of the annual share of summer (June to August) rains shows their dominance throughout northern China. Redrawn from Domrös and Peng, *The Climate of China*, 6, 169.

Lower Yangtze



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Provincial Income Per Capita

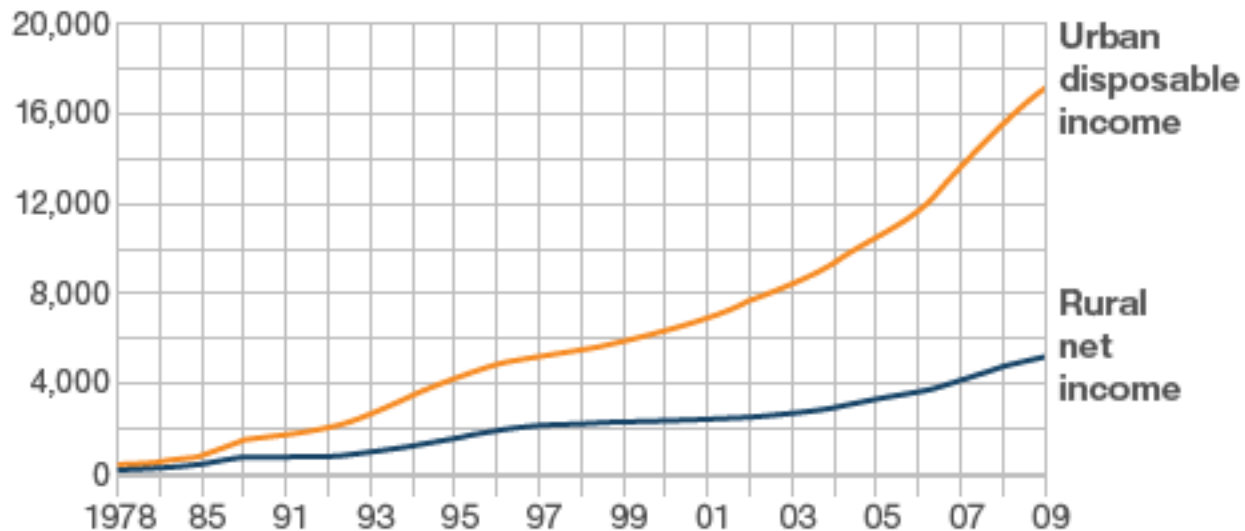


Source: Matt Schiavenza, Mapping China's Income Inequality:
<http://www.theatlantic.com/china/archive/2013/09/mapping-chinas-income-inequality/279637/>

Rural-urban Differences

Income in China: urban vs rural

Yuan, per person



Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China

From Damian Topin, BBC News, 2009:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-13945072>

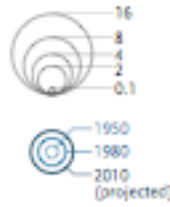
Shenyang: Traditionally a center of heavy industry and manufacturing, Shenyang has faced rising unemployment and slowing economic growth with the contraction of the state-owned enterprise sector.

Chongqing: A regional economic hub, Chongqing has boomed with the construction of nearby Three Gorges Dam and the promotion of the city as a "Gateway to the West."

Shenzhen: Once a small border town, Shenzhen has drawn huge amounts of outside investment and migrant labor due to its proximity to Hong Kong and its status since 1980 as China's first Special Economic Zone.

GROWTH OF MAJOR CITIES

Population of Selected Urban Areas (in millions)



URBANIZATION BY PROVINCE

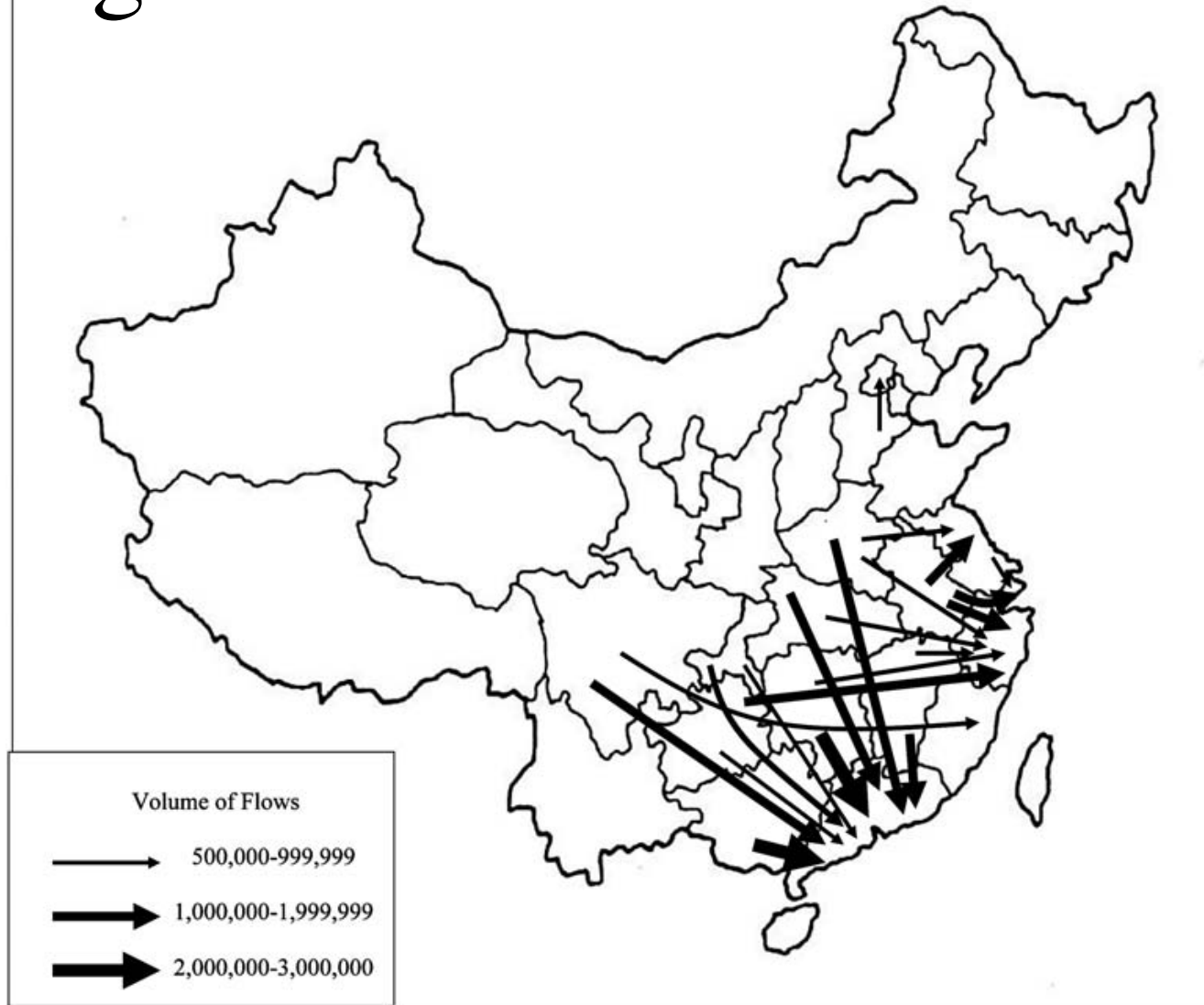
Percent Urban (2005)

- Over 75%
- 50 to 75%
- 40 to 49.9%
- 30 to 39.9%
- Under 30%



Distribution of Urbanization

Migration Flows in the late 00s



Source: compiled by author from SC & NBS (2012).

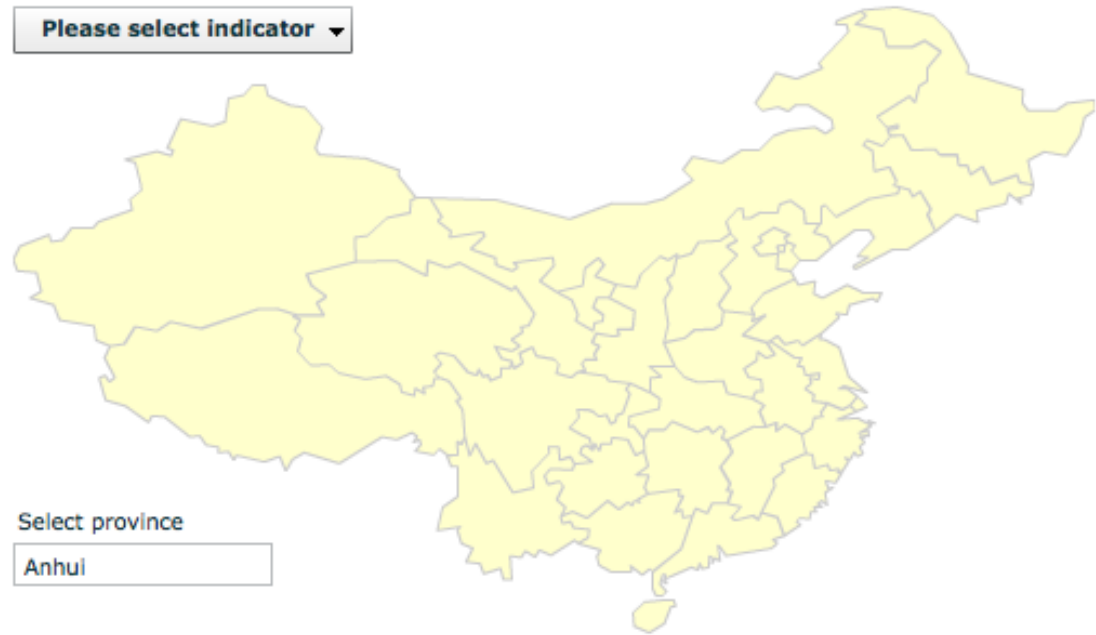
Figure 2. The 20 largest interprovincial migration flows, 2005–2010.

Incredibly Cool Tool

China's provinces - Interactive map

Indicator:

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Select province

Anhui



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