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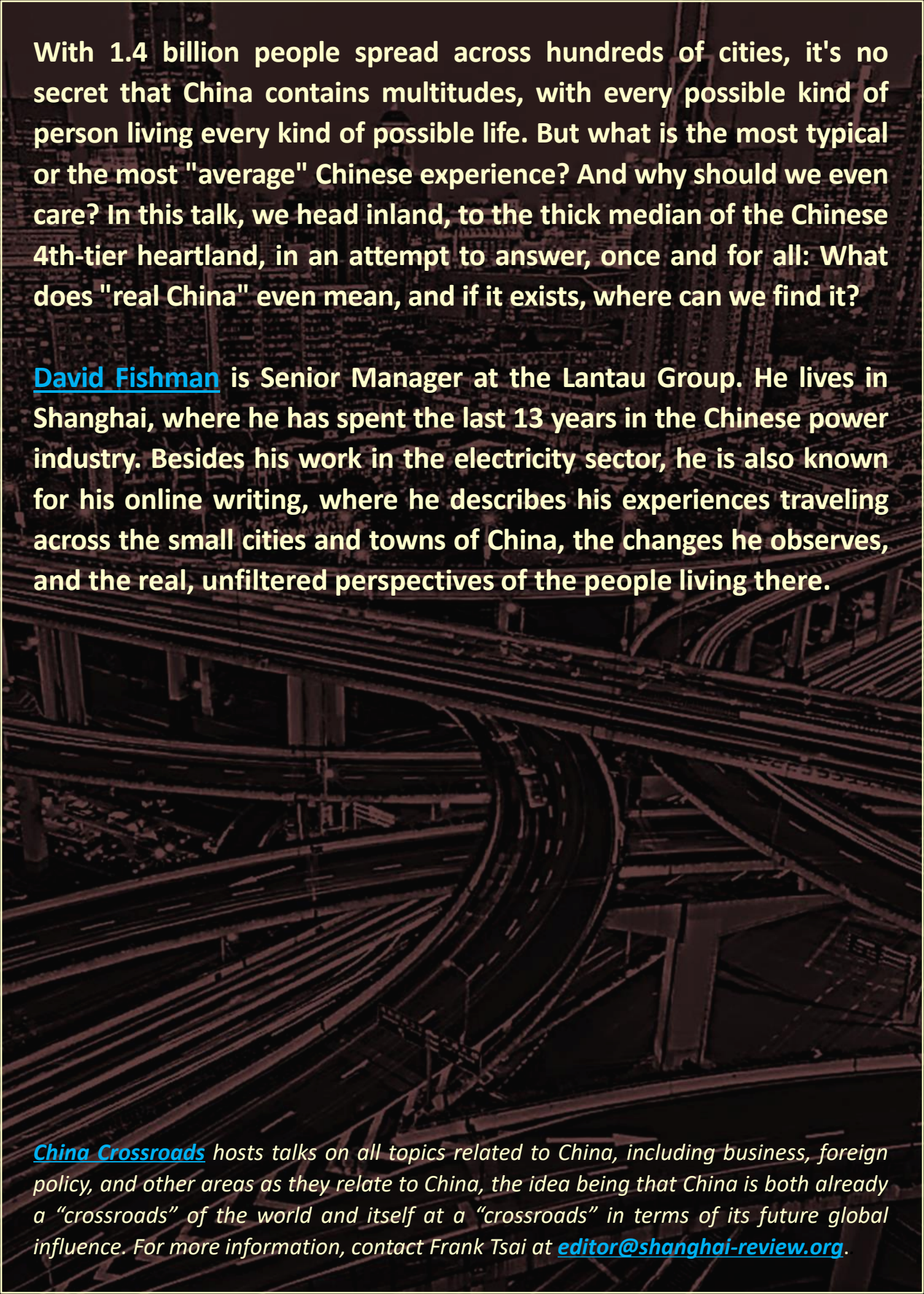
What's the "Real" China? In Search of the Average Chinese Experience in China's 4th Tier Cities

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With 1.4 billion people spread across hundreds of cities, it's no secret that China contains multitudes, with every possible kind of person living every kind of possible life. But what is the most typical or the most "average" Chinese experience? And why should we even care? In this talk, we head inland, to the thick median of the Chinese 4th-tier heartland, in an attempt to answer, once and for all: What does "real China" even mean, and if it exists, where can we find it?

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