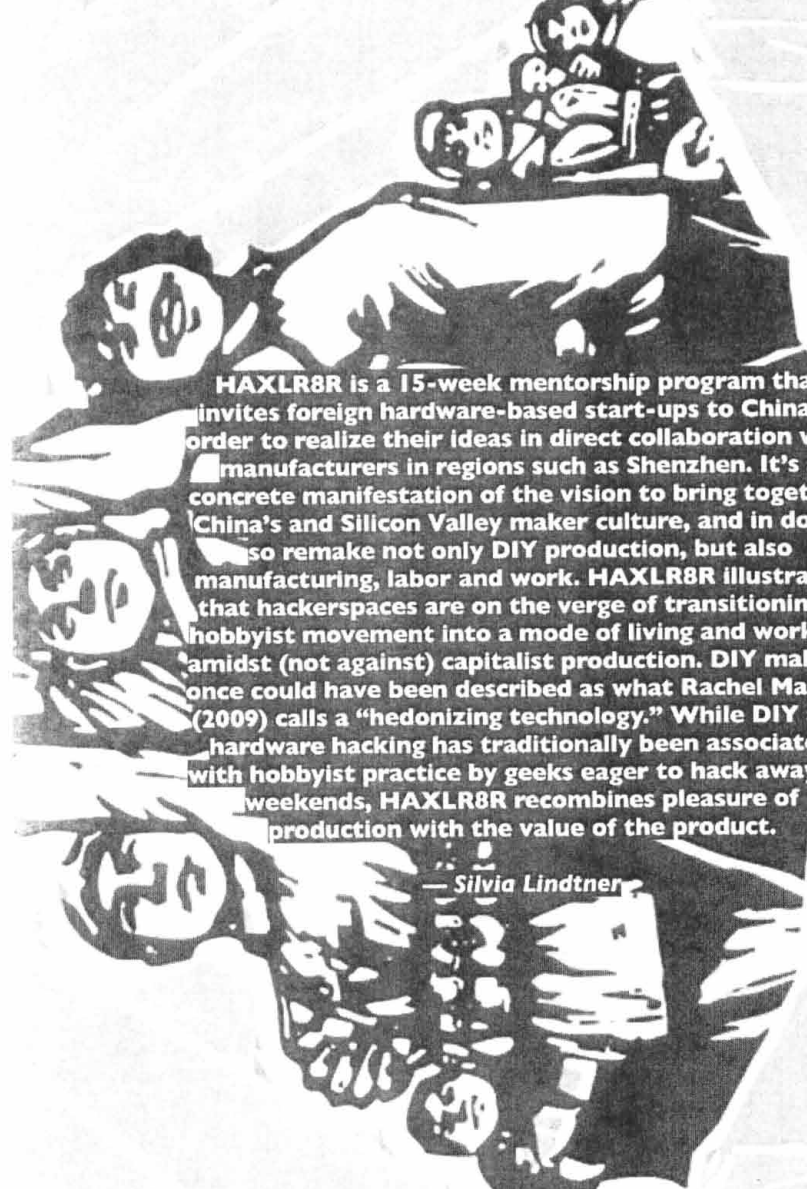


**"It is a hackerspace with Chinese characteristics" says David Li, one of the co-founders of China's first hackerspace Xinchejian (literally translated as *new workshop* or *new factory*). This concept invokes China and its manufacturing sites as an authentic site of making, a maker culture that emerges out of necessity rather than a countercultural tactic. The vision of China's first hackerspace Xinchejian is to bring together both "maker cultures," Chinese expertise in hardware manufacturing and countercultural tactics from the West to rethink and remake what innovation, work and production mean on a global scale.**

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