**METEOR GARDEN – EPISODE 1 – SETTING ANALYSIS**

The object of the present work is to analyse the setting of the first episode of the drama *“Meteor Garden”* and therefore discuss what it tells about the culture it represents.

In order to achieve the goal a brief presentation about the drama will be provided, and on a second moment singular elements of the setting will be taken into consideration.

The story-line is centred around a girl named Dong Shan Cai. She comes from a poor family; however, she is very bright and intelligent. This helps her in securing a place in one of the topmost universities, which is mainly inhabited by rich brats.

The story is set in China, in the contemporary era, as the watcher can see from the clothes and the modern technology.

Right from the start the opening theme strikes the watcher’s attention due to its cheerful tone and its bright colours.

Moving forward, the first scene begins with a slow-motion blow up, from the top to the bottom of the city: a bridge, a river, the buildings, the open-air market and eventually a kitchen.

Now the set revolves around food and domestic scenes, the colour of the photography are natural, powerful and bright.

Staying coherent with the cheerful atmosphere, the university is introduced. Indeed, it is arranged into a complex of dark red buildings, which encircle a bright blue lake and a series of tree-lined boulevards.

The climax of bright colours reaches its peak in a scene where some musicians are playing in a completely white room, which appeared to be the brightest colour.

After that there’s a twist, indeed the set looks a lot darker, starting from the black shoes scene, it ends with the broken phone, that looks like a tragedy.

Eventually, during the whole episode, when the set is not the university, most of the scenes are set in a humble district, where small flats are piled up together.

In conclusion, the setting displays two realities compared, the rich one, represented by the university, and the poor one, represented by the open-air market and the humble district.