China and Europe on the New Silk Road: Connecting Universities

Conference
13-15 May 2020
Herrenhausen Palace
Hanover, Germany

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday 12 May 2020

19.00 Pre-conference dinner for early arrivals

Wednesday 13 May 2020

10.00 Junior scholars’ workshop
13.00 Lunch and guided tour through the Herrenhausen Gardens
14.30 Opening session: On old and new Silk Roads: perspectives from global history and the future of science

Welcome and introduction to the conference:

Dr. Georg Schütte (Secretary General of the Volkswagen Foundation)
Prof. Dominic Sachsenmaier (University of Göttingen)
Prof. Marijke van der Wende (Utrecht University)

Opening Keynotes:
Prof. William Kirby (Harvard University)
Prof. Xue Lan (Tsinghua University)

Discussion

16.30 Tea break
17.00 Panel 1: The rise of China in global higher education
Chair: Prof. Dominic Sachsenmaier (University of Göttingen)
Speakers: Prof. Simon Marginson (University of Oxford)
Prof. Liu Niancai (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
Prof. Gerry Postiglione (University of Hong Kong)
Discussant: Prof. Hsiung Ping-chen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)*

19.00 Dinner at Herrenhausen Castle
Thursday 14 May 2020

9.30  **Keynote:** Prof. Tony Chan  
(President of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology)

Discussion

10.30  Coffee break

11.00  **Panel 2:**  
*Academic cooperation: trends and flows along the new silk road*
Chair: Prof. Marijk van der Wende  
(Utrecht University)
Speakers: Lin Tian M.Sc.  
(Utrecht University)
Prof. Robert Tijssen  
(Leiden University)
Dr. Koen Jonkers  
(European Commission, JRC)*
Discussant: Dr. Xie Zheping

12.30  Lunch

13.30  **Keynote:** Prof. Lauritz Holm Nielsen  
(Former rector Aarhus, Founder of the Sino-Danish Center in Beijing)

Discussion

14.30  **Panel 3:**  
*Academic cooperation: university strategies*
Chair: Prof. Liu Niancai  
(Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
Speakers: Prof. Anthony Welch  
(University of Sydney)
Prof. Futao Huang  
(Hiroshima University)
Prof. Barbara Sporn  
(Vienna University of Economics and Business)
Discussant: Prof. Klaus Mühlhahn  
(Free University of Berlin)

16.00  Tea break

16.30  **Panel 4:**  
*Policy frameworks for cooperation*
Chair: Prof. Isak Froumin  
(Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Speakers: Dr. Jie Gao  
(Aarhus University)
Stijn van Deursen  
(Utrecht University)
Dr. Feng Zhuolin  
(Shanghai Jiao Tong University)*
Prof. Sybe de Vries  
(Utrecht University)
Discussant: Prof. Doris Fischer  
(University of Würzburg)

18.30  Dinner at Herrenhausen Castle
Friday 15 May 2020

9.30 Panel 5: **Conditions for balanced relationships – Challenges for future Sino-European collaboration**
Chair: Prof. Marijk van der Wende (Utrecht University)
Speakers:
- Gianandrea Gaetani (European Commission)
- dell’Aquila d’Aragona (President European University Association)
- Prof. Michael Murphy (President DAAD)*
- Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee (President DAAD)*
- Prof. Lynda Hardman (Utrecht University)
Discussant: TBD

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Closing
Keynote: Prof. Simon Marginson (University of Oxford)
Thanks and closing by representative of the Volkswagen Foundation

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Towards sustainable Sino-European cooperation: conditions for balanced relationships and mutual benefits
Meeting with High-Level Policy makers (on invitation only)

*Names in italics are still pending to be confirmed