



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. Marijk 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

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**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)
- Prof. Cong Cao (University of Nottingham Ningbo China)*
- Dr. Xie Zheping (Tsinghua University)
- Discussant: Prof. Selçuk Esenbel (Boğaziçi University)
- 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)
- Prof. Chen Yongjun (Renmin University)*
- 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: Adrian Veale (European Commission DG EAC)
- Representative* (*European Commission DG RTD*)*
- Prof. Michael Murphy (President European University Association)
- Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee* (*President DAAD*)*
- Prof. Lynda Hardman (Utrecht University)
- Prof. Cong Cao* (*University of Nottingham Ningbo China*)*
- 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*

