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
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. Marijke 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

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Friday 15 May 2020

9.30 Panel 5: Conditions for balanced relationships – Challenges for future Sino-European collaboration

Chair: Prof. Marijke 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