

China and Europe on the New Silk Road: Connecting Universities

Conference
5-6 November 2020
Herrenhausen Palace
Hanover, Germany

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 4 November 2020

19.00 Pre-conference dinner for early arrivals

Thursday 5 November 2020

09.00 **Opening session**

On old and new Silk Roads: perspectives from global history and the future of global cooperation in academia

Welcome and introduction to the conference:

Dr. Georg Schütte	Volkswagen Foundation*
Prof. Dominic Sachsenmaier	University of Göttingen
Prof. Marijk van der Wende	Utrecht University

Opening

Keynote: Prof. William Kirby Harvard University, Chairman of Harvard-China Fund

Book Launch

10.15 Pause (coffee served in meeting room)

10.30 **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*

11.30 **Discussion** Led by international higher education journalist

12.00 Lunch

13.00 **Panel 2:** ***Academic cooperation: trends and flows along the new silk road***

Chair:	Prof. Marijk van der Wende	Utrecht University
Speakers:	Prof. Cong Cao	University of Nottingham Ningbo*
	Prof. Robert Tijssen	Leiden University*
	Dr. Xie Zheping	Tsinghua University*
	Dr. Alexander Welzl	China Data Analysis and Research Hub

14.00 **Discussion** Led by international higher education journalist

14.30 **Key note:** by Prof. Johan van Benthem*, Joint Research Center in Logic at Tsinghua University, Stanford University, and University of Amsterdam.

Business meeting

18.00 **Dinner** at Herrenhausen Castle

Friday 6 November 2020

- 8.30 **Junior Scholars perspectives on the future of collaboration with China**
Convenor: Dr. Dasha During NTU Singapore
Bowen Xu, University of Cambridge*; Lin Tian, Shanghai Jiao Tong University*; Lily Yang, University of Oxford*; Stijn van Deursen, Utrecht University; Fang Ruobing, University of Göttingen; Joris van Schie, Leiden University; Jelena Gledic, University of Belgrade; Andreas Günter Weis, University of Göttingen; Burcu Ermeýdan, Kadir Has University*; Li Hanwei, Manchester University*; Xu Jingtian, University of East Anglia*; Zhu Kejin, University of Hong Kong*
- Discussion** Led by international higher education journalist
- 10.00 Pause (coffee served in meeting room)
- 10.15 **Key note:** Prof. Lauritz Holm Nielsen Former Rector Aarhus, Founder of the Sino-Danish Center in Beijing
- 10.45 **Panel 3: *Academic cooperation – University strategies***
Chair: Prof. William Kirby Harvard University
Speakers: Prof. Barbara Sporn Vienna University of Economics & Business*
Prof. Anthony Welch University of Sydney*
Dr. Stephan van Galen Groningen University
Prof. Uwe Cantner Friedrich Schiller University Jena*
- 11.00 **Discussion** Led by international higher education journalist
- 11.30 **Panel 4: *Policy frameworks for academic cooperation: trust or regulation?***
Chair: Prof. Isak Froumin Higher School of Economics, Moscow*
Speakers: Prof. Futao Huang Hiroshima University*
Prof. Lynda Hardman CWI Amsterdam & LIAMA
Prof. Cong Cao University of Nottingham Ningbo*
Prof. de Vries / vd Brink Utrecht University
- 12.30 **Discussion** Led by international higher education journalist
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Panel 5: *Conditions for balanced relationships – Challenges for future Sino-European collaboration***
Chair: Prof. Marijk van der Wende Utrecht University
Speakers: Mr. Adrian Veale European Commission EAC*
Prof. Michael Murphy European University Association*
Christian Strowa DAAD
- 15.00 **Discussion** Led by international higher education journalist
- 15.30 **Closing Keynote:** Prof. Simon Marginson University of Oxford*
- 16.00 Thanks and closing by representative of the Volkswagen Foundation