

HERRENHAUSEN CONFERENCE, MAY 13-15, 2020

## CHINA AND EUROPE ON THE NEW SILK

ROAD:

## CONNECTING UNIVERSITIES ACROSS

EURASIA

HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY

From May 13-15, 2020, the University of Utrecht, the University of Göttingen and the Volkswagen Foundation will be hosting the conference on “China and Europe on the New Silk Road: Connecting Universities across Eurasia”. The conference will mark the conclusions of a multi-year research project on the implications of the “New Silk Road” (or China’s “One Belt One Road” initiative) for higher education and research in different parts of the world.

Recent geopolitical events such as Brexit, and the US turning its back on international trade and cooperation, create waves of uncertainty in higher education regarding international cooperation, the free movement of students, academics, scientific knowledge, and ideas. Meanwhile China stands to gain as its universities advance in global visibility. The growing unpredictabilities in the West may make China only more successful in its aim to attract talent (back) and to enhance its impact on the global higher education landscape. Its New Silk Road (or One Belt One Road) project could potentially span and integrate major parts of the world across the Euro-Asian continents. But likely on new and different conditions, also for higher education.

The conference will discuss the changing academic relations between China and other countries in Asia and Europe. Key questions focus on flows and patterns of academic mobility along the New Silk Road. It also investigates initiatives undertaken by universities as well as the conditions under which these are taking place. It aims at discussing the impact of these developments on EU-China collaborations, on the global higher education landscape, the key role of the US therein, and on how academic systems between China and Europe will position themselves.

## PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

**2:30 P.M.** OPENING SESSION

On old and new Silk Roads: perspectives from global history and the future of science

Welcome and introduction to the conference:

DOMINIC SACHSENMAIER  
University of Göttingen, Germany

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GEORG SCHÜTTE  
Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover, Germany

MARIJK VAN DER WENDE  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

Keynotes:

WILLIAM KIRBY  
Harvard University, USA

XUE LAN  
Tsinghua University, Peking, China

**4:30 P.M. COFFEE BREAK**

**5:00 P.M. PANEL 1**  
The rise of China in global higher education

*Speaker:*

SIMON MARGINSON  
University of Oxford, Great Britain

LIU NIANCAI  
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany

GERRY POSTIGLIONE  
University of Hong Kong, China

Discussant: HSIUNG PING-CHEN (TBC)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CHAIR: DOMINIC SACHSENMAIER  
University of Göttingen, Germany

**7:00 P.M. DINNER AT HERRENHAUSEN PALACE**

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

9:30 A.M. KEYNOTE

TONY CHAN  
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Thuwal, Saudi-Arabia

10:30 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M. PANEL 2

Academic cooperation: trends and flows along the new silk road

*Speaker:*

ISAK FROUMIN  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

KOEN JONKERS  
European Commission, JRC (TBC)

LIN TIAN  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

*Discussant:*

XIE ZHEPING,  
Tsinghua University, China

CHAIR: MARIJK VAN DER WENDE  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. KEYNOTE

LAURITZ HOLM NIELSEN  
Former rector Aarhus, Founder of the Sino-Danish Center in Beijing

2:30 P.M. PANEL 3

Academic cooperation: university strategies

*Speaker:*

FUTAO HUANG  
Hiroshima University, Japan

BARBARA SPORN  
Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

ANTHONY WELCH  
University of Sydney, Australia

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*Discussant:*

KLAUS MÜHLHAHN  
Free University of Berlin, Germany

CHAIR: LIU NIANCAI  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

4:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

4:30 P.M. PANEL 4  
Policy frameworks for cooperation

*Speaker:*

STIJN VAN DEURSEN  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

JIE GAO  
Aarhus University, Netherlands

SYBE DE VRIES  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

FENG ZHUOLIN (TBC)  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China

*Discussant:*

DORIS FISCHER  
University of Würzburg, Germany

CHAIR: ISAK FROUMIN  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

6:30 P.M. DINNER AT HERRENHAUSEN PALACE

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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

**9:30 A.M. PANEL 5**  
Conditions for balanced relationships – Challenges for future Sino-European collaboration

*Speaker:*

GIANANDREA GAETANI DEI' AQUILA D' ARAGONA  
European Commission

LYNDA HARDMAN  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

JOYBRATO MUKHERJEE (TBC)  
President DAAD, Bonn, Germany

MICHAEL MURPHY  
President European University Association, Brussels, Belgium

*Discussant:*

TBD

*Chair:* MARIJK VAN DER WENDE  
Utrecht University, Netherlands

**11:00 A.M. COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 A.M. CLOSING KEYNOTE**

SIMON MARGINSON  
University of Oxford, Great Britain

Thanks and closing by representative of the Volkswagen Foundation

**12:30 P.M. LUNCH**

**1:30 P.M. Towards sustainable Sino-European cooperation: conditions for balanced relationships and mutual benefits**

*Meeting with High-Level Policy makers (on invitation only)*

# INSTITUTIONS



Universiteit Utrecht

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