

Call for papers

New European research on contemporary China

European Junior China Scholars Conference

July 6-7, 2012

Beijing

This conference aims to bring together doctoral candidates, post-doctoral researchers and recent PhDs based in China, either European nationals or affiliated with European research institutions, in order to produce an overview of the emerging problematics in Chinese studies. The focus of the conference is on contemporary China, in a multi-disciplinary perspective.

Organisers:

French Center for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC), Hong Kong and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Beijing.

Conference website: <http://www.cefc.com.hk/rubrique.php?id=141&aid=737> or www.cefc.com.hk

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Argument:

The reforms launched in the late 1970s have deeply transformed Chinese society, but also research on China: the theoretical and methodological challenges raised by reform-era China have opened up a vast laboratory for researchers in humanities and social sciences. Along with the growing exchanges between China and Europe, the number of European doctoral candidates and recent PhDs in humanities and social sciences doing research in and studying China has increased: they represent the future of European research on contemporary China.

The main purpose of the Conference held in Beijing is to provide, for the first time, a forum for these young researchers at the European level and in China. The Conference will be an occasion to facilitate exchanges on common research subjects, compare perspectives and methodologies, and promote interdisciplinary dialogue. By providing a space for debate and reflection, the Conference intends to contribute to the emergence of more diverse theoretical approaches on the subject. It will enable the participants not only to expand their network and broaden their horizon, but also to take part in the construction of European research networks and promote China-Europe dialogue.

The participants will present their research during thematic panels. Each speaker will deliver a paper in English, followed by a discussion with invited scholars and specialists. Among the different thematic panels:

- State construction and reform in China: dynamics of the political and legal systems, the role of the Party, ideologies, foreign policy and international

- relations.
- Economic reforms and industrial development: enterprises, innovation policies, environmental issues.
 - Territorial and social reconfigurations : centre-local relations, urban and rural development, migrations, inequalities.
 - Civil society and social movements: civil rights activism, social history, citizen action.
 - Traditional and new identities: religions, cultural communities, intellectual debates.

Who can apply?

The Conference is designed for doctoral candidates and recent PhDs in humanities and social sciences or Chinese studies, focusing on contemporary China; and encompassing, but not limited to, the following disciplinary fields: anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, law, literature, political science and sociology.

They can be either European nationals or scholars affiliated with a European university or research institution, regardless of nationality (including Chinese scholars).

They should be either based in China, or be in China at the time of the conference (for example on a research trip). Limited funding will be available for travel within China and accommodation for researchers not based in Beijing.

Registration details and schedule

- (1) A title and proposal (up to 20 lines) in English is to be sent **by 01 March 2012** to Ms. Heipo Leung: cefc@cefc.com.hk.
- (2) The selected participants will be notified by 31 March 2012.
- (3) The final papers (up to 8000 words) should be sent by 01 June 2012
- (4) Selected papers may be published in the peer-reviewed international journal *China Perspectives/ Perspectives chinoises*.

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Schedule and location: Beijing, 6-7 July 2012

Deadline for submission: 01 March 2012

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