

## Call for papers

### NEW EUROPEAN RESEARCH ON CONTEMPORARY CHINA CONFERENCE

3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

Dates: July 4-6, 2016

Venue: Beijing (Delegation of the European Union to China)

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 social science perspective.

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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 contemporary China has increased; many young Chinese scholars also choose to bring their expertise on contemporary China to European academic institutions. They all represent the future of European research on contemporary China.

**The main purpose of the third edition of this Conference is to provide a forum for these young researchers at the European level and in China to engage with each other's work and foster a better understanding of economic and socio-political processes at work in contemporary China as well as at an international level as China is becoming an increasingly important global actor.**

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 of contemporary China, both in its domestic and international dimensions. It will enable the participants not only to expand their network and broaden their horizon, but **also to take part in the construction of 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 topics: contributions may focus on, but are not limited to, the hereafter topics :

**Topic 1: Economic, institutional and politico-legal configurations in post-Mao China** (contributions may focus on, but are not limited to, the following topics : dynamics of the political and legal systems, disaggregating the Party-state, defining the current political regime, the political economies of post-Mao China, etc.)

**Topic 2: Economic growth and sustainable development** (including topics such as: from the design of public policies to their implementation, environmental protection, industrial development, enterprises, innovation policies, etc.)

**Topic 3: China as a regional and global actor** (including topics such as: international

relations, EU-China relations, global governance, Chinese outward investment, geopolitics of energy, etc.)

**Topic 4: Territorial and social reconfigurations** (contributions may focus on, but are not limited to, the following topics : centre-local relations, demography, urban and rural development, social policies, social stratification and social groups, migration, inequalities).

**Topic 5: Civil society and social movements** (including: what theoretical and empirical tools for the study of state-society relations? Social mobilization and the digital sphere, the dynamics of the public sphere, rights consciousness/rules consciousness, etc.)

**Topic 6: Communities, institutions and the self in post-Mao China** (including topics such as: social values, moral economies, religious communities, consumption, etc.)

**Topic 7: Intellectual debates and cultural production** (contributions may focus on, but are not limited to : literature and arts, cinema and television).

### **Who can apply?**

The Conference is designed for doctoral candidates and recent PhDs in humanities and social sciences currently in China or planning to be in China in the summer of 2016, either European nationals or affiliated with a European university or research institute, regardless of nationality. Among the different disciplines that will be considered: anthropology, law, economics, geography, history, literature, international relations, political sciences and sociology.

### **Practical arrangements:**

The conference will sponsor part of the domestic travel within China and/or accommodation in Beijing for selected participants (this will be confirmed to the participants once their proposals are accepted by the scientific committee); however, no funding is available for international travel.

### **Registration details and schedule**

- (1) A paper title and abstract (up to 20 lines) in English is to be sent **by 15 February 2016** to Mr Henry WU: [cefc@cefc.com.hk](mailto:cefc@cefc.com.hk).
- (2) The selected participants will be notified by 15 April 2016
- (3) The final papers (up to 8000 words) should be sent by 31 May 2016
- (4) Selected papers may be published in the journal *China Perspectives/ Perspectives chinoises*.

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**Schedule and location:** Beijing, 4-6 July 2016

**Deadline for submission:** 15 February 2016

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