

## **PARADOXAL CHINA: WESTERN PERCEPTIONS, EASTERN REALITIES?**

Friday, 28 November 2008

Venue: Ni Hao Stadsparkpaviljoen, Paviljoenlaan 3, Groningen, 050-526.2071

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09:30 – 10:00

**Registration** with coffee and tea

10:00 – 10:15

Welcome by Professor Sibrand Poppema, President of the University of Groningen

10:15 – 10:35

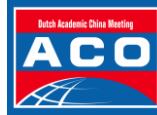
Keynote-speech: *Education and Research in China and the Dutch Scientific Community's Response*  
Mr. Dirk Jan van den Berg, President Technical University Delft & former Dutch Ambassador to China

10:35 – 10:55

Keynote-speech: *Chinese Investments in The Netherlands: Why China is attracted to The Netherlands*  
Mr. Roy Ho Ten Soeng, Chair of the Dutch-China Association (VNC) and former Mayor of Medemblik/Venhuizen

10:55 – 11:15

Conference Introduction: *ACO, China and the West: What We See is What We Want to See*  
Prof. Peter Ho, Director of the Centre for Development Studies, University of Groningen and Chair ACO

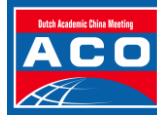


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11:15–11:30

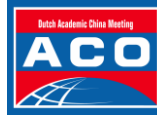
Split up in panels

<p>11:15</p>	<p><b>China's Science and Education: Collaborator or Competitor?</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Dirk-Jan van den Berg Organizer: Charlotte van Hees, senior officer, VSNU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>S&amp;T developments in China: Prospects for bilateral cooperation in research.</i> Bob Su, Professor of Spatial Hydrology and Water Resources Management, International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)</li> <li>• <i>The importance of coordination at the national and European level</i> Anoek Tso, Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences (KNAW)</li> <li>• <i>The culture of teaching and learning in China and Netherlands: A comparison</i> Wu Wei and/or Henk Frencken, resp. PhD candidate and educational advisor, ICLON, graduate school of teaching, Leiden University</li> </ul> <p>Discussions and questions</p>	<p><b>Rethinking China's History: From Mao and Red Guards to Tian'anmen</b></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Stefan Landsberger, Amsterdam University Discussants: Floris-Jan van Luyn (onder voorbehoud) and Aernout Bouwman (onder voorbehoud) Organizer: Dr. Leo Douw, Senior Lecturer, Amsterdam University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>China's Time-lag in Economic Development</i> Prof. Barend ter Haar, Leiden University</li> <li>• <i>Confucianism and Civil Society</i> Dr. Leo Douw, Amsterdam University</li> <li>• <i>The Politics of Remembering and Forgetting in Contemporary China</i> Prof. Tak-wing Ngo, Erasmus University</li> </ul> <p>Discussions and questions</p>	<p><b>Organizing Your Business: China Low Cost Producer or Source of Knowledge?</b></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Koos Krabbendam Professor of Operations Management, University of Twente Organizer: Prof. Koos Krabbendam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Innovation Systems &amp; Knowledge transfers in Global Production Networks: The Chinese case</i> Prof. Bert van der Knaap Professor of Economic Geography, Erasmus University Rotterdam</li> <li>• <i>Managing the Supply Chain with China</i> Dr. Yujian Fan China Sourcing Leader Power Packer</li> <li>• <i>Managing and Implementation of Enterprise Systems in China</i> Dr. Nel Wognum Senior researcher Management Studies Wageningen University</li> </ul> <p>Discussions and questions</p>
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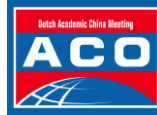
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12:30– 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> Welcome address by Prof. Frans Zwarts, Rector Magnificus of the University of Groningen		
13.30 14:45	<p><b>Human Rights and Good Governance in China: Our Values, Chinese Values?</b></p> <p>Chair: Gerard Steeghs, Minister Plenipotentiary, Dutch Royal Embassy, Beijing Organizer: Prof. Peter Ho, Groningen University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>China's Human rights and Good Governance: Implications for Foreign Policy</i> Adriaan Palm, Head Section East-Asia, DAO, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• <i>Do International Media and NGOs cover Modern China Correctly?</i> Willem Offenbergh, filmmaker/journalist, FEM Business and NRC Handelsblad, former Editor-in-Chief Amnesty International (Dutch Section)</li> <li>• <i>The Role of Human Rights in China's Building of the Rule of Law</i> Dr. Li Yuwen, Associate Professor, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, Utrecht University</li> <li>• <i>Governance of Technology and Science in China's Society: A Clash of Participation versus Authoritarianism?</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>China's Politics: Post-1989 Perceptions and Impact on Sino-Western Relations</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Frans-Paul v.d Putten, Institute Clingendael Organizer: Dr. Frans-Paul v.d Putten, Institute Clingendael</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>China's Rise: The reaction in Europe and the US, different perceptions and attitudes.</i> Jan-Willem Blankert, Director-General External Relations European Commission</li> <li>• <i>Western Perceptions of China through the Eyes of Media: Another front in the "war of ideas"</i> David Fouquet, Director The Asia Europe Project Information Service</li> <li>• <i>Perceptions of China's Handling of the 2008 Olympics, Paralympics and on the Sichuan Earthquake.</i> Ingrid d'Hooghe, Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute</li> <li>• <i>Perception in the West of Chinese Political System after 1989.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>China's Impact on Africa: New Imperialist, Donor or Partner?</b></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Meine Pieter van Dijk, ISS Organizer: Prof. Meine Pieter van Dijk, ISS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Development Studies: Asia and Africa how do they interact</i> Dr. Pieter Boele van Hensbroek, Senior Lecturer, CDS, Groningen University</li> <li>• <i>Chinese in Zambia: Illustrating Contradictions</i> Dr. Jan Kees van Dongen, Senior Lecturer Africa Studies Centre, Leiden University, and Coordinator NWO Program Africa-Asia</li> <li>• <i>China's Influence on Corporate Security and Social Support in Africa</i> Egbert Wesselink, senior advisor, IKV Pax Christi/ECOS</li> <li>• <i>China's destabilizing impact on Sudan? Oil and Security</i> Prof. Meine Pieter van Dijk Institute for Social Studies, The Hague</li> </ul>



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	<p>Dr. Sjaak Swart, associate professor, Science and Society Group, University of Groningen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>China's Civil Society, NGOs and Social Movements: Signs of Democratization?</i> Prof. Peter Ho, professor and director, CDS, Groningen University</li> </ul>	<p>Boi Boi Huong, Journalist/Sinologist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>China in Africa</i> Andrew M. Fischer, Lecturer in Population and Social Policy, Institute for Social Studies, The Hague</li> </ul>
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14:45– 15:00	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>		
15.00 16:30	<p><b>Chinese Investments in The Netherlands: Is China Taking over?</b></p> <p>Chair: Haico Ebbers Organizer: Prof. Haico Ebbers, University Nyenrode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A framework to explain Chinese FDI Outflow: CIC and Sovereign Wealth Fund</i> Prof. Haico Ebbers, Director China Centre, Universiteit Nyenrode</li> <li>• <i>Chinese companies: Examples of strategies, success and failures</i> Dr. Jianhong Zhang, Senior researcher, Universiteit Nyenrode</li> <li>• <i>Culture as an Explanandum of Chinese</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Needles, Mushrooms and Dried Animals: Chinese traditional medicine versus Western knowledge</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor Dr. Oliver Kayser, Pharmaceutical Biology, University of Groningen Organizer: Prof. Henk Kauffman, University Medical Centre Groningen (UMCG) Discussant: Dr. Sicco van der Heide Biochemist; Laboratory of Allergy and Lung Diseases, Laboratory Centre, Groningen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Introduction to the Panel</i> Professor Dr. Oliver Kayser Dr. Mei Wang, Senior Researcher TNO, SU BioMedicine</li> <li>• <i>Chinese medicine, a source of inspiration for drug development?</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Media after the Olympics: The Chinese King Kong under control?</b></p> <p>Chair: Yiu Fai Chow, Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam Organizer: Dr. Jeroen de Kloet, Amsterdam University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Medals, Media and King Kong – Spectacle in the age of globalization</i> Dr. Jeroen de Kloet, Assistant Professor Mediastudies, University of Amsterdam</li> <li>• <i>Reporting the Olympics – Reflections of a Journalist</i> Sigrid Deters, Journalist Wereldomroep</li> </ul>



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	<p><i>companies: Are Chinese managers capable to survive in mature markets?</i> Fons Lamboo, Director of China Link</p> <p><i>Chinese ODI, challenges for Chinese companies operating abroad</i> Boudewijn Poldermans, CEO AETICO</p> <p>Discussion and questions</p>	<p>Pharmacognosy and TCM Prof.Dr. Rob Verpoorte Senior researcher, Dept Pharmacognosy, Section Metabolomics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Facts and fictions around TCM</i> Zhu Y.P. TCM, Hwa To Centre for Chinese Medicine, Groningen</li> </ul> <p>Other participants: Cees van der Gondel (Chief Scientific Officer, Leiden University, Inst Biology); Paul van der Logt (Principal Scientist Unilever Research); Mw Marja Pronk Health Care Consultant and Allergene Registration</p> <p>Discussion and questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>What's in a flame? Mediation of the Olympic Torch Relay</i> Wei Liu, PhD student Amsterdam School of Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam</li> <li><i>More than a smile? Olympic volunteers as the new model citizens</i> Gladys Pak Lei Chong, PhD student Amsterdam School of Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam</li> </ul> <p>Discussion and questions</p>
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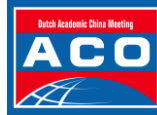
**Plenary meeting and discussion**

Chair: Prof. Peter Ho, CDS, University of Groningen

- 16:30–17:00 Whither China? Whither Human Rights, Product Quality, Chinese Investments and History?
- 17:00–19:00 Drinks and Exclusive Chinese Banquet accompanied by Live Music by Swart's Band

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