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“China at the beginning of the XXI century”: An Interdisciplinary Faculty-Student Workshop

Jagiellonian University Confucius Institute in Kraków and Middle and Far Eastern Studies Department will host a workshop on April 26-27 2010 where faculty and students (graduate and advanced and undergraduate students) can share work in progress and discuss theoretical models and case studies in the humanities and social sciences focused on a shared theme.

The workshop will be devoted to the analysis of China at the beginning of the XXI century – the main question is “What will be China's position in the next few decades?” and the answer should be given on the basis of careful examination of current situation of China in relation to its neighbours and the rest of the world. The presentation and discussion will be divided into four panels:

Culture panel

1. Globalization and Chinese culture.
2. Asian values.
3. Unity in diversity - ethnic policy.
4. Education and science.
5. Human rights and democracy.
6. Chinese language and culture transformation.

Interior politics

1. Political system.
2. Communist Party vitality.
3. On the road to the rule of law.
4. Ideology and ethics.
5. Institutional changes.
6. National defense policy.

Economy and social sciences panel

1. Globalization and regionalism.
2. Reforms after opening up policy.
3. China after WTO.
4. Global financial crisis and China.
5. Poverty problem and floating population, internal migrations.
6. Corruption.

Exterior/ International politics

1. China relations with global powers
2. Taiwan question.
3. Global and regional security.
4. Global seek for resources.
5. Chinese soft power.
6. China in global economy.

The workshop is open to students and faculty of all disciplines in widely understood social sciences (anthropology, art, business, economics, environmental studies, history, international relations, literature, philosophy, politics, religious studies, sociology etc.) whose work engages or could benefit from analysis and relates to the Chinese past or present.

The format of the workshop is 2 days or intensive discussion of the accepted papers, alt. 20-24 papers altogether. Papers will be made available to participants before the workshop; each paper will be presented briefly (25 mins) and discussed by the participants (10-15 mins).

As the goal of the workshop is to give a chance the young scholars to meet and exchange the results of their research, we plan to invite 1-2 person from university, therefore the invited universities may organize a preselection of papers; however the final selection will be on the basis of the academic quality of the works submitted.

Applications:

Send an abstract of your proposed paper (max. 250 words) to the address below no later than 21st of March, 2010. Please use "Proposal for 2010 Young scholars conference" in the title of your email. There is no conference fee; the cost of accommodation and meals during the workshop and 1-2 long cultural programme after the workshop will be covered by CI of Cracow. The participants need to cover travel expenses by themselves.

Further inquires and abstracts please send to:

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