

Research Workshop
**Political and Philosophical Traditions in Comparison:
Sino-European Dialogues on Liberty, Government and Community**
University of Exeter, 16 and 17 May 2018.

The Workshop's main focus is on the interaction between European and Chinese political languages and traditions. Its main aims are to assess processes of transculturation between Chinese and European, or more broadly Western, political discourses, and to investigate the different ways in which key political themes and ideas are conceptualised in Chinese and European languages and political experience.

The Workshop is organized around three main themes: (1) ideas of liberty and progress; (2) ideas of the individual in relation to community, family, and political society; (3) democratic and meritocratic criteria for good government. Each theme will be discussed in two sessions on the basis of pre-circulated classical or modern texts from both Chinese and European traditions of political and philosophical thought. The format of the sessions will be that of a reading group, with two participants offering brief comments on the texts and topics at the start, followed by open round-table discussion.

The Workshop is also intended to establish a more permanent Network on the way in which political languages and tradition translate and intermingle across transcultural divides, thus promoting greater contacts and collaboration across different academic institutions in Europe and China.

Participants in the Workshop will include scholars from several Academic Institutions in China and Europe, who are working in different disciplines, but with a general interest in political and philosophical thought.

Participation in the workshop is subject to space availability. If you are interested, please, contact Dario Castiglione (d.castiglione@exeter.ac.uk) by the end of April. Background texts will be pre-circulated by the end of April.

The Workshop will take place from 2pm on Wednesday 16 to 5.30pm on Thursday 17. The Wednesday sessions will be in Reed Hall on Campus, while the Thursday sessions will be in the Mercure Rougemont Hotel in Exeter (located in front of the Central Station).

Programme

Wednesday 16 May

The Wednesday sessions will be in **Reed Hall** (Exeter University, Streatham Campus)

Ahmed Ibrahim Room

2.00-2.15pm Arrival (Coffee)

2.15-3.45pm Liberty and Progress – Session 1

Introductions by: Li Hongtu (Fudan, Shanghai) and Tongdong Bai (Fudan, Shanghai)

Chair: Dario Castiglione (Exeter)

3.45-4.15pm Coffee/Tea

4.15-5.45pm Liberty and Progress – Session 2

Introductions by: Fan Jongpeng (Fudan, Shanghai), Yin Zhiguang (Exeter)

Chair: Dario Castiglione (Exeter)

Thursday 17 May

The Thursday sessions will be at the Mercure Rougemont Hotel (Queen Street, Exeter)

Devonshire B Room

8.45-9.00am Arrival (coffee)

9.00-10.30am Individual and Community – Session 1

Introductions by: Sun Xiangchen (Fudan, Shanghai), Robin Durie (Exeter)

Chair: Sarah Lucas (Exeter)

10.30-10.45am Coffee

10.45-12.15pm Individual and Community – Session 2

Introductions by: Zhang Yue (Exeter) and Ross Carroll (Exeter)

Chair: Lynette Mitchell (Exeter)

12.15-13.30pm Lunch

13.30-15.00pm Democracy and Meritocracy – Session 1

Introductions by: Ren Junfeng (Fudan, Shanghai), Yves Sintomer (Paris 8)

Chair: Joe Foweraker (Exeter)

15.00-15.15 Coffee

15.15-16.45 Democracy and Meritocracy – Session 2

Introductions by: Duan Demin (Peking, Beijing), Emilie Frenkiel (Paris 14)

Chair: Alexander Weiß (Hamburg)

16.45-17.15 Concluding discussion on Research Network