

The aims of ECRAN are to provide policy briefings, both short and long term, to the European Commission, to operate as a bridge between the EU policy making community and academics and specialists on China, and to create a stronger sense of community amongst those working on aspects of China within the EU. We aim in particular to provide briefings, publications, seminars, annual conventions, and a web site on which material on EU China relations will be placed (this will be in operation shortly), for discussion and analysis. Our three key areas are to focus on the politics, economy and society of contemporary China and provide advice and research within these.

It would be excellent to involve anyone interested and engaged in China-related work in the EU, and to have them amongst our network of expertise. We would be arranging funded research for short and longer term projects, details of which will start to be sent out this month.

Anyone interested in being involved and wanting further details of the project should contact me direct on Kerry.Brown01@gmail.com.

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TOChina Summer School (27. Juni - 8. Juli 2011)

The TOChina Summer School tackles the complexity of today's global China through a 2-week, super-intensive program featuring leading China experts from around the world, a vibrant international class, and an informal environment designed to encourage in-depth discussions and first-rate networking. European experts feature prominently in the faculty line-up, as you can see.

Training runs Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 5 pm. Lectures address both China's long-term, structural transformations, and the most topical trends informing current international debate. The TOChina faculty is selected to provide timely, cutting-edge insights, engage in extensive Q&A sessions, and devise case-studies and role-games for maximum impact. Seminar sessions led by young scholars from the Asia-Pacific region provide further opportunities for discussion in a more informal context.

Among confirmed speakers for this edition are Richard Baum (University of California Los Angeles), Kerry Brown (Chatham House), Kent Deng (London School of Economics), Gustaaf Geeraents (Vrije Universiteit Brussel & BICCS), François Godement (Sciences-Po & Asia Centre), Louis Kuijs (World Bank China office), Geun Lee (Seoul National University), Anja Senz (University of Duisburg-Essen), Ashley Tellis (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), Gudrun Wacker (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Wang Yiwei (Fudan University).

All information on eligibility criteria, application procedures and living in Italy are available on the TOChina website at www.to-asia.it/to-china. Competition tends to be intense, and early application is highly recommended. Several scholarships are available, covering tuition fees ("Zerotasse" scholarships) and tuition + accommodation ("Freetorino" scholarships).

Applications are invited from professionals, postgraduate students who have achieved a Bachelor honours degree at 1st or 2:1 level, and undergraduate students enrolled in a China/Asia-related course having completed at least one year of course. A small number of ad-hoc auditors interested in some sessions will be admitted.

Erster Internationaler JLPP-Übersetzungswettbewerb

Ziel des Japanese Literature Publishing Project (JLPP) ist die weltweite Verbreitung zeitgenössischer japanischer Literatur. Es werden junge Talente gesucht, die japanische Werke ins Englische oder Deutsche übersetzen können. Ausschlusskriterium für die Teilnahme ist professionelle Erfahrung - bitte nur Neulinge.

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