Glasgow–Peking Comparative Higher Education Symposium Co-Imagining Shared Futures of Higher Education in Diverse Contexts, Histories, Cultures, and Traditions

Seminar Suite 237C, Advanced Research Centre (ARC), University of Glasgow 22–23 July 2025

1.00 000			
Day 1 – Tuesday, 22 July			
09:00-09:30	Coffee and Registration		
09:30-09:45	Conference Opening / Welcome Remarks		
09:45-10:30	Keynote – Theme 1: Higher Education in a Digital World Title: Speculatively Re-Imagining Digital Futures for Learning Speaker: Prof. Jen Ross, University of Edinburgh, UK		
10:30-11:15	Paper Presentations – Theme 1		
	 Educating Humans for a Machine World: The New Mandate of Higher Education Umar Adam Ibrahim, Nurbol Aidarbayev, Greg Thomas Hay (SDU 		
	 University, Kazakhstan) Higher Education and Third Mission: How, For Whom and Why 		
	Bahar Cemre Karaagacli (University of Glasgow, UK)		
	• The University of Tomorrow Umidakhon Narimanovai (The Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan)		
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-12:15	Group Discussions – Theme 1		
12:15-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-13:45	Panel – Theme 2: Spaces, Policies, and Resources of Higher Education		
	 Place-Based Higher Education in the Anthropocene – Dr. Anna Wilson (University of Glasgow, UK) 		
	 Higher Education and Industrial Clusters in China: A Quintuple-Helix Perspective – Dr. Wei Ha (Peking University, China) 		

13:45-14:15	Paper Presentations – Theme 2
	 Accountability to Students through Representation in the UK Qian Jiang (University of Glasgow, UK)
	 Quality Assurance in Transnational Higher Education in GBA Dr. Colin Keyu Zhai (Lingnan University, HKSAR)
14:15-15:00	Group Discussions – Theme 2
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:00	Panel – Theme 3: Pathways and Experiences of Higher Education
	 Diversified Pathways in Undergraduate Talent Cultivation – Prof. Chunhua Qin (Peking University, China)
	 Liberal Arts Education in a Technologized World – Dr. Leping Mou (University of Glasgow, UK)
16:15-16:45	Paper Presentations – Theme 3
	 Reflexive Agency in Chinese Students' Transitions – Yu Hao (University of Oxford, UK)
	 Social Class, Geographic Origin, and Inequality in International Education – Danchen Yan (University of Glasgow, UK)
16:45-17:30	Group Discussions – Theme 3
17:30-19:00	Poster Session + Drinks / Snacks
	 Data-Centric Knowledge Production – Yanyan Du (Liaoning Normal University, China)
	 Digital Governance in Higher Education – Zhonglin Wang (Liaoning Normal University, China)
	 Brazil's Science without Borders Program – Ícaro de Oliveira Rosa (Macquarie University, Australia)
	 Sino-Swiss STEMM Collaboration Patterns – Xiaona Wang & Alis Oancea (University of Oxford, UK)
	5. ChatGPT and International HE – Anan Chen (Peking University, China)
	6. Mental Health and Spatial Heterogeneity – Dr. Colin Keyu Zhai (Lingnan University, HKSAR)
	 Academic Performativity in Malaysia – Nur Izham (University of Glasgow, UK)
	 Early-Career Academics in China and Scotland – Lu Li (University of Glasgow, UK)
	9. Challenging Deficit Narratives – Huiyang Lyu (University of Glasgow, UK)

Day 2 – Wednesday, 23 July		
09:00-09:30	Coffee and Registration	
09:30-10:15	Panel – Theme 4: Co-Imagining Futures from Diverse Contexts and Traditions	
	 Modern Universities: Berlin & École Polytechnique – Dr. Johannes Schmees (University of Derby, UK) 	
	Catholic Intellectual Traditions – Prof. Stephen McKinney (University of Glasgow, UK)	
	 Liberal Arts and Deweyan Democracy – Prof. Leonard Waks (Temple University, USA) 	
10:15-11:00	Paper Presentations – Theme 4	
	 Decolonial Curricular Practices – Dustin Hosseini (University of Glasgow/University of Strathclyde/University of Cumbria, UK) 	
	• Critical Relationality in HE – Haley Sneed (University of Glasgow, UK)	
	 Inclusion of Indigenous Epistemologies – Dr. Zheng Ma (University of Toronto, Canada) 	
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:00	Group Discussions – Theme 4	
12:00-12:45	Panel – Theme 5: Internationalization amid (De)Globalization and Challenges	
	 Ethical Partnerships in Global HE – Miguel Lim (University of Manchester, UK) 	
	 Paradox of Overseas Degrees in Post-2020 China – Dr. Wenqin Shen (Peking University, China) 	
	 Re-orientalising China in Internationalisation Studies – Dr. Benjamin Mulvey (University of Glasgow, UK) 	
12:45-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:15	Paper Presentations – Theme 5	
	 Returnee Academics in Joint Venture Universities – Dr. Bowen Zhang (Durham University, UK) 	
	 Chinese Students and Generative AI – Zhixi Li (University of Glasgow, UK) 	

	 Cross-Cultural Supervision Challenges – Dr. Liyuan Zhuang & Dr. Colin Mack (University of Glasgow, UK) 	
14:15-15:00	Group Discussions – Theme 5	7
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15-16:00	Panel Discussion - Reflections from Group Discussions	
16:00-16:45	Collaborative Planning – Blogs, Position Papers, Special Issue/Edited Book	1 mar
16:45-17:00	Closing Remarks	The second