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PHBS-UK Public Discussion

Engage with China: Constructively or Confrontationally

4.15pm Wednesday 21 June 2023

Peking University HSBC Business School UK Campus
Foxcombe Hall, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HR

“We do not live in a miserable zero-sum world: their gain is our gain. A stable, prosperous and peaceful China is good for Britain and good for the world. In 2017 research, British research, convinced the Chinese agriculture ministry to act against the danger of antibiotic resistance by restricting colistin, an antibiotic used in animal feed. Sales fell by 90%, making everyone in the world safer. To sum up China itself in one word, whether ‘threat’, or ‘partner’, or ‘adversary’, that is impossible, impractical and – most importantly – unwise.”
(The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs James Cleverly).

The focus of the discussion would be on the topic, “How do scholars regard James Cleverly’s view towards the engagement with China?”

3.30 – 4.00pm Registration and tea/coffee

4.00 – 4.30pm Professor Peter Dobson (University of Oxford)

Sino-UK Collaboration - How has it impacted the UK Research?

4.30 – 5.00pm Professor Xiong Yu (University of Surrey)

Research and Innovation: China’s Engagement in the UK

5.00 – 5.30pm Professor Gerhard Stahl (Peking University)

EU and China Relations: Between Collaboration and Confrontation

5.30 – 5.50pm **Questions and Discussion**

5.50 - 6.00pm **Closing Address**

The Baroness Uddin (the House of Lords, the UK Parliament)

Speakers



Prof Peter Dobson was the Director of Oxford University's Begbroke Science Park until 2013. He was also the Strategic Advisor to RCUK on Nanotechnology. He now has affiliations to several universities: Bristol (Physics); UCL (Chemistry); Birmingham (Chair of the NERC Nano facility) Warwick Manufacturing Group (Principal Fellow). He is also on the Strategic Advisory Board of the EPSRC Quantum Technology programme. He founded three companies in Oxford: Oxonica, Oxford Biosensors and Oxford NanoSystems. He is also an advisor to a company in the US, Bikanta that sells nanodiamonds for biomedical applications, founded by a former student. He was also involved in helping another 7-8 companies form and grow locally in the Oxford region.



Professor Yu Xiong is Associate Vice-President for External Engagement, University of Surrey. Previously he was Associate Dean International of the University (2020-2022). Professor Xiong is the founding director of the Surrey Centre for Innovation and Commercialization, where he brought in approximately 2 million pounds in funding to facilitate the relevant activities in the university ecosystem. He is also the founding director of Surrey Academy for Blockchain and Metaverse Applications, where he brought in an additional 2 million pounds of funding to support the university's education/training/research in blockchain business applications. Professor Yu Xiong is currently the Chair Professor of Business Analytics in Surrey Business School and an academic member in the Department of Business Transformation. He is also the Chair of the Advisory Board of the UK's All Party Parliamentary Group on Metaverse and Web 3.0, and a Board member of the All Party Parliamentary Group of Blockchain. Professor Xiong's research focuses on sustainable and technological issues in global supply chains.



Professor Gerhard Stahl graduated in economics and became a research assistant to the chair of public finance at the Technical University in Berlin. Since August 2014 he has been teaching as professor at the Peking University HSBC Business School in Shenzhen in China. In addition he teaches as visiting professor at the College of Europe. Until April 2014 he was an EU Official, the former Secretary-General of the Committee of the regions of the European Union. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee and the Management Board of the IFO-Research Institute in München. Recently he has published a book on EU-China relations between collaboration and confrontation.



Manzila Uddin is a pioneer in the field of women leadership in both charitable sector as well as political activism. She was appointed in 1998 as a Member of the House of Lords, British Parliament, by Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition for her contribution to advancing women's rights and disability advocacy. Former advisor to British Prime Ministers on community cohesion, preventing radicalisation and improving women's participation at a local and national politics, she has also served as a Non-Executive Director of Carlton Television, Board member of City University and Oxford Brooks and Select Committee on European Affairs and has chaired Government Task Forces.

As a mother of a son who lives with Autism and learning disability, she is a devoted champion of disability rights and served as a Board member of Autism Speak.

She is an officer of All party Group on International Students, Africa, Race and Education, Future Generation and Co-chair of Metaverse and Web 3 and continue to campaign on civil liberties