

The New Silk Road

Connecting students and universities from China and Europe

Utrecht Summer School
19-23 August 2019

International relations are shifting as multilateral trade and cooperation are being renegotiated by the US and UK. Meanwhile, China is launching the New Silk Road (or One Belt One Road) that could potentially span and integrate major parts of the world across the Euro-Asian continents.

Based on the UU-led international [research project on the New Silk Road](#), this course will explore how these new relationships are affecting cooperation between Chinese and European universities.

Globalization is increasingly contested in the West, while China claims a leading role towards a more sustainable and inclusive version of economic globalization. Should we understand this as "globalization with Chinese characteristics"? It is crucial to learn to understand China better and to have an open eye at how its rise and changing international position concerns Europe.

Cooperation in higher education and the mobility of students and researchers are major components of the new relations between China and Europe. But it is unclear how these new relationships are affecting European higher education and research:

- What types of academic flows and cooperation activities are emerging along the NSR?
- What do students experience, and how do universities respond?
- Under which (legal - regulatory and technological) conditions are these activities taking place and who defines these?
- What values are underpinning the mission of the university in Europe and in China and how will cooperation contribute towards an open society?

This course will explore these questions, based on the on-going findings from the UU-led [international research project on the New Silk Road](#).

Graduate students (research masters and PhD) from social sciences, law, economics, and cultural studies, will be invited to actively contribute by presenting their own research (plans) in this area, which will be discussed in small groups led by senior scholars.

Lecturers for this summer school will be drawn from the interdisciplinary team of high-level scholars engaged in the international research project on the New Silk Road, as well as other invited experts in the field.

Organizing Committee:

Prof. dr. Marijk van der Wende (Utrecht University - coordinator)

Dr. Yuhao Chen (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Lin Tian (Shanghai Jiao Tong University & Utrecht University)

Application deadline: see website

Fees: course fee – €600; housing fee – €200

For more information and application: <https://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/law-economics/the-new-silk-road>



Provisional Programme

Sunday 18 August

Arrival, registration, and check-in

Welcome dinner

Monday 19 August

Opening Introduction of participants

Course overview The New Silk Road: Connecting students and universities from China and Europe
[Prof. dr. Marijk van der Wende](#) (Utrecht University - Coordinator)

Lecture 1 *Divergent views on China's One Belt One Road policy*
[Prof. dr. Ching Lin Pang](#) (KU Leuven)

Discussion

Lunch

Group work 1 Presentations by students followed by group discussions and feedback from professors.

Round-up Summary and review of the day

Tuesday 20 August

Lecture 2 *The (New) Silk Road from a Global Historical Perspective*
[Prof. dr. Dominic Sachsenmaier](#) (Gottingen University)

Discussion

Workshop 1 *Views on modernity: China and the West*
Dr. Dasha During (Nanyang Technological University) and Ms. [Lily Yang](#) (University of Oxford)

Lunch

Group work 2 Presentations by students followed by group discussions and feedback from professors.

Round-up Summary and review of the day

Wednesday 21 August

- Lecture 3 *The New Silk Road: China-EU connections and the global economy*
Dr. Marc Schramm (Utrecht School of Economics)
- Discussion
- Workshop 2 *Open society, governance, citizens, data: judicial perspectives on the Chinese social credit system and privacy in the West*
Dr. QIAO Cong-rui (VU University, Amsterdam) & Mr Stijn van Deursen (Utrecht University)
- Lunch
- Excursion 1 *Highlights of the ancient Silk Roads*
Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

Thursday 22 August

- Lecture 4 *The New Silk Road: Implications for cooperation in higher education and research*
Prof. dr. Marijk van der Wende , Utrecht University
- Discussion
- Workshop 3 Sino-European university partnerships, missions and strategies
Dr. Jie Gao (Aarhus University) and Ms Lin Tian (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
- Lunch
- Workshop 4 *The Student Experience in China and Europe*
Dr. Yuhao Cen (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and Prof. dr. Marijk van der Wende (Utrecht University)
- Group work 3 Presentations by students followed by group discussions and feedback from professors.
- Round-up Summary and review of the day

Friday 23 August

- Lecture 5 *China-EU relations, foreign policy and diplomacy*
Dr. Ingrid D'Hooghe (Leiden University & Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for Foreign Relations)
- Discussion
- Lunch
- Excursion 2 *The Chinese Special Collections (Asian Library of Leiden University)*
- Round-up Summary and review of the day – evaluation of the course
- Farewell dinner