



DRAFT PROGRAMME

DIALOGUE WITH CHINA ON *HARMONIOUS SOCIETY*: GOVERNANCE, PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL COHESION

Thursday 4 – Sunday 7 November

1055th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

in co-operation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Chatham House and with support from Rio Tinto and the Ford Foundation

A meeting at Wilton Park to explore China's debate on how to achieve a "harmonious society" within a "harmonious world" and to exchange thinking on how shock waves generated by the credit crunch may be turned to positive effect in restructuring economies and employment to develop societies that are both productive and harmonious: What are the implications for business and financial sectors? What can be done to improve market access and rebalance towards domestic consumption? What are the appropriate governance and civil society mechanisms to ensure sustainable development? How to balance respect for the environment, and limited resources, with pressure for continuous economic growth? How to build social cohesion while respecting the rights of the individual? What is the optimum balance for growth between central/ national and regional administration? What should be the relationship between citizenship, faith-based thinking and the limits of the market? What are the implications of the call by President Hu Jintao to speed up restructuring of the pattern of China's economic growth and the debate over ending the dual resident registration system which differentiates between urban and rural China?

Speakers invited and themes proposed (* to be confirmed)

Held in the immediate run-up to a visit to China by the UK Prime Minister, the conference will spearhead a series of multi-faceted Wilton Park China Dialogues, to be held in the UK and China. It will provide opportunity to contribute to discussion, led by Wilton Park CEO Richard Burge, on themes to be addressed by this project that will examine ways of working with China as a key player in the economic, political and commercial global spheres.

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER

1300-1430 Participants Arrive
Buffet lunch available

1500 - 1515 1 **Welcome to Conference and Introduction to Wilton Park**
Iain FERGUSON
Chairman, Wilton Park, Steyning

1515 - 1645 2 **CHINA IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**
FU Jun
Professor, School of Government, Peking University, Beijing

Peter NOLAN

Sinyi Professor of Chinese Management, The Judge Business School,
Cambridge

Stephen KING
Chief Economist, HSBC, London

1645 - 1730 Conference Photograph followed by Tea/Coffee

1730 - 1900 3 **Conference Chair:**
Adela GOOCH
Programme Director, Key States, Wilton Park

CHINA: TOWARDS A HARMONIOUS SOCIETY WITHIN A HARMONIOUS WORLD

SHI Weimin
Professor, Institute of Political Sciences, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing

WANG Changjiang
Central Party School, Beijing

1915 Reception

1945 Dinner hosted by:
Richard BURGE
Chief Executive Officer, Wilton Park

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER

0800-0900 Breakfast

0900- 1045 4 **CHINA: SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT; ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**
Christine SHIELDS
Head of Country Risk Research, Standard Chartered Bank, London

Franz JESSEN
Head, China Unit, External Relations, European Commission, Brussels

LIU Chengli
Research Fellow, China Center for Comparative Politics & Economics, Beijing

LI Wei
Economist, Standard Chartered Bank, Shanghai

1045 – 1115 Coffee/ tea

1115 - 1245 5 **CHINA'S CIVIL SOCIETY; THE UK'S *BIG SOCIETY* -- A GOLDEN AGE FOR DEVELOPMENT?**
A conversation between:
Philip BLOND
Director, ResPublica, London

Willy LAM
Adjunct Professor of History & Political Economy, Chinese University of Hong Kong

1300 – 1500 Lunch

1355 – 1455 Optional tour of Wiston House gardens led by Robert Mitchell

1500 – 1645 6 **SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT: ENSURING RESOURCE SUPPLY**
Elizabeth ECONOMY
C.V. Starr Senior Fellow, Director for Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations,
New York

MAO Xianqiang
School of Environment, Beijing Normal University, Beijing

ZHAO Jimin
Director, China Environment and Energy Programme, Environmental Change
Institute, University of Oxford

Debra VALENTINE
Group Executive Legal and External Affairs, Rio Tinto, London

1645 – 1715 Tea / Coffee

1700 – 1845 7 **WORKING GROUPS**
i. **Extending public participation in decision making**
Ian SECKINGTON
Head, Asia Research Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

ii. **Guaranteeing resource supply**
CHAIR: Kate WESTGARTH
Visiting Scholar, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

Christopher ALDEN
Reader in International Relations, Department of International Relations,
London School of Economics and Political Science, London

iii. **The nation and the regions: achieving the right balance**
CHAIR: Rod WYE
Former Deputy Head, Research Analysts, Foreign and Commonwealth
Office, London

Christopher HUGHES
Reader in International Relations, London School of Economics and Political
Science, London

1900 Dinner

2100 **Working groups reconvene as necessary to finalise suggested action
points in answer to the question “what are five priority actions to be taken
in this area that will make a key difference in the next 5 years?”**

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER

0800-0900 Breakfast

0900-1030 8 **RURAL URBAN FLOWS: FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**
Michal MEIDAN
Analyst, Eurasia Group Asia

Tim SUMMERS
Centre for East Asian Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Lina SONG
Professor of Economic Sociology and Social Policy, China Policy Institute,
University of Nottingham

1030-1100 Coffee/ Tea

- 1100-1230 9 **GOVERNANCE AND THE RULE OF LAW**
Lord Neil DAVIDSON
 QC, Former Advocate General for Scotland
- LAI Hairong**
 Executive Director, China Centre for Overseas Social and Philosophical
 Theories, Beijing
- Jack YU**
 International Policy Advisor, The Law Society of England & Wales, London
- 1245-1445 Lunch
- 1445-1615 10 **CHINA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD**
Joseph FEWSMITH
 Director, East Asian Studies Programme; Department of International Relations
 and Political Science, Boston University, Boston
- WANG Yiwei**
 Professor, Fudan University; Scholar-in-residence at Chinese Mission to EU,
 Brussels
- 1615-1645 Tea/Coffee
- 1645-1700 11 **5 MINUTE FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUPS**
- 1700-1815 12 **CONCLUDING SESSION;
 LOOKING AHEAD – CHINA 2020**
Kerry BROWN
 Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House, London
- Bobo LO**
 Independent scholar and consultant, Brighton
- 1830 Reception
- 1930 Conference Dinner
- SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER**
- 0800 Breakfast and pay bills
- 0915 Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

This conference is open to those with expertise to share or an interest in the theme; our aim is to have a broad spread of nationalities and institutions represented. The full cost of participation is £1,690. This covers three nights accommodation and all meals during the conference, attendance at all sessions, and courtesy coach from and to Gatwick airport at the beginning and end of the conference. Special rates may be available for those from non-OECD countries and also academics and NGO representatives. Enquiries about participation and local travel to: Susan Bruce, Conference Administration Manager, Tel: +44 (0) 1903 817789; Fax: +44 (0) 1903 815244; Email: susan.bruce@wiltonpark.org.uk
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