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***CHANGE AND REFORM IN CHINA'S HIGHER EDUCATION
SYSTEM : LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS***

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Abstract

The seminar discusses major transformations of higher education that has been underway in China in comparative perspective with developments in European and American higher education. The focus is on major forces for reform including the open door policy in the late 1970s, China's commitment to higher education expansion, the rise of regional initiatives such as the Shanghai Regional Co-operation Organisation and East Asian networking such as the annual meeting of the presidents of Tokyo University, National Seoul University, Peking University and Henoi University to discuss common concerns. China's commitment to higher education expansion, the world class university initiative as well as its ambition to be the strongest destination country for international students in Asia will be covered. The seminar concludes with an analysis of local and global implications.

Biography

Dr. Wanhua Ma is Professor and Director of the Center for International Higher Education, Peking University and a graduate of Cornell University, USA. She has been invited as visiting professor to universities in the United States, Canada, Germany, Finland, Norway and Belgium. In 2003, she was recommended as a visiting professor at Berkeley, UC. In 2005/2006 she was selected as Fulbright New Century Scholar, carrying out a research project on the formation of Global research universities. In 2007 and 2011, she was nominated as Erasmus Mundus professor and scholar sponsored by the EU commission and in 2008 she received a German DAAD fellowship. She has participated in many international cooperative research projects sponsored by the Ford Foundation, UNESCO, UNDP and other organizations. She also served as education specialist or consultant for UNESCO, World Bank and other international organizations. She has published extensively on reforms of Chinese higher education, the development of American research universities, and globalization and internationalization both in English and in Chinese. In addition, she has been on the advisory boards of several international journals.