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Global China: China Postgraduate Network Annual Conference

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China has never existed in isolation. Its politics, economy, culture and society have always been influenced by external forces. Similarly China itself has had, and continues to have a political, economic and cultural impact on the world beyond its borders. The China Postgraduate Network's annual conference seeks to explore the global engagements of China and the Chinese from a multi-disciplinary perspective covering all disciplines in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. China's global influence and influences raise a number of questions that the conference seeks to address. What is China's role and place in the 21st century world? How have China's relations with other countries been shaped by its economic rise since the 1980s? How far back can China's global influence, and global influences on it, be traced? What is the future for 'greater China' in a globalising world? What can China's global past tell us about its global future? How far has popular culture in China been influenced by global media and the internet? What impact has China's popular and literary culture had outside of the Chinese speaking world? By answering these diverse questions our aim is to situate China within and increasingly globalised world and to identify the potential for future interdisciplinary research.

We welcome abstract submissions from scholars of all disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. Multi-disciplinary approaches are encouraged. We also welcome panel submissions comprising of 3-4 participants. Possible areas of inquiry include, but are not limited to:

- Movement: the impact of past and present migration into and out of China.
- World systems & globalisation: The impact of the rise of China in the 21st century on global power and economic dynamics.
- Soft power: China's past and present cultural diplomacy.
- Empires and nations: The impact of external empires on China and China's status as an empire or nation state.
- Technology: The Internet and social media in greater China.
- Global culture: China and the politics of international awards (Nobel prizes, Oscars).
- Transnational Education: Foreign universities in China and Chinese students abroad.
- Transnational public policy: global influences on China's state services.
- Greater China: The prospects for greater China post-Umbrella and Sunflower movements.
- Minorities: What impact have civil rights movements and discourses of rights for minority groups had on greater China.

As a postgraduate conference, we are open to submissions from all postgraduate students with an interest in China. Abstracts should be between 250-300 words in English. Please send abstracts to chinapostgraduatenetwork@gmail.com by **Tuesday, 31st March 2015.**