

Networks in Chinese Society:
An Interdisciplinary Faculty-Student Workshop

University of Oxford
Pembroke College, April 13-14, 2010

Call for student papers

Workshop description

Pembroke College will host a workshop where faculty and students (graduate and advanced undergraduate students) can share work in progress and discuss theoretical models and methodologies developed in the humanities and social sciences focused on a shared theme.

The workshop will be devoted to the analysis of networks in Chinese society and Chinese participation in regional and global networks. On the larger agenda are such questions as: Under what conditions do networks appear? Equally important, under what conditions do they disintegrate? How do networks interact with formal organizations for the distribution of goods and services such as the state or the family? How do the structure and development of networks in different domains (art, business, literature, politics, or religion) compare? What strategies and tactics are deployed in the formation and transformation of networks? What are the pros and cons of different conceptualizations of networks and network analysis ranging from the mathematical models of social network analysis (SNA) and the anthropological critique thereof, to relational social and political theory?

The workshop is open to students and faculty in any discipline (anthropology, archeology, art, business, economics, environmental studies, geography, history, international relations, linguistics, literature, philosophy, politics, public health, religious studies, sociology) whose work engages or could benefit from network analysis and relates to the Chinese past or present.

The format of the workshop is 2 days of intensive discussion of the accepted papers. Papers will be made available to participants before the workshop; each paper will be presented briefly (10 mins) and discussed by the participants (30-40 mins).

Applications

Submit an abstract of your proposed paper (max. 250 words) to the following address no later than January 15, 2010.

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The abstract should be accompanied by the application form (see attachment).

Some funding is available to successful applicants traveling long-distance to help with travel and/or lodging. Those in need of support should indicate estimated costs on the application form.

Enquiries

Questions regarding the workshop should be addressed to Dr. Hilde De Weerd at hilde.deweerd@pmb.ox.ac.uk

Venue

Pembroke College, founded in 1624 and dating back to the fifteenth century, is located in central Oxford. It hosts one of the largest communities of undergraduate and graduate students in Chinese Studies (and Asian Studies) at Oxford and promotes excellence in these fields through dedicated undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships. For more information, go to <http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/>