Palacky University, Olomouc and Australian National University, Canberra, Australia invite scholars from a variety of backgrounds (sinology, economics, political science, demography, geography, sociology, anthropology etc.) to propose sessions and papers for the

CONFERENCE ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSITION OF CHINA: OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

3rd – 6th April 2014

Arts Centre (Konvikt), Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic

Conference dates

Conference venue

Conference language: English

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Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Keynote speaker: Professor Jonathan Unger, ANU, Australia

In recent decades, the world has witnessed the enormous economic, social, cultural and political development of China. As the most populous country in the world, China’s transition process influences directly one fifth of the world’s population and indirectly almost all the rest of the world. Chinese economic activities cover the whole globe, Chinese living overseas constitute the largest diaspora, and China’s political and economic influence is significant. On the other hand, China and its government face many challenges, as Chinese society as well as the environment are affected by these massive processes. The conference theme is focused on the opportunities and potential threats China faces or will face in the near future.

We are seeking research presentations (20-30 minutes’ duration) or session proposals which relate to these broad themes. This could include, but is not confined to, the following areas:

- China and Asia, the world and supranational activities
- China’s economy, its plans and reality
- Social and economic processes within China
- Labour and people transiting China (micro and macro perspectives)
- Chinese abroad and the economic and social impacts on both China and the world
- Legitimacy and the legal system
- Negotiating growth and development – different approaches to the social and economic transition in China and the world (comparative studies, theories on development issues etc.)
- The ecology of transitioning China

**Deadlines:**

- The deadline for the Call for Sessions and Paper Abstracts is: 31st January 2014
- Information for notification of acceptance of abstracts: 21st February 2014
- The deadline for final registration for the conference: 9th March 2014
- The deadline for full paper submissions: 4th May 2014

**Conference fees:**

The conference is FREE OF CHARGE.

Note: Participants will cover all their personal costs, including transportation, accommodation, visas, etc. Our staff can provide you with an invitation letter for embassies if necessary. For detailed information see conference website or contact us at the e-mail: chinet.conference@gmail.com.

Submit a session proposal – [click here](#)

Each session will be given 90 minutes time. Minimum number of papers presented within one session is 2, maximum 5. Number of presenters or authors is not restricted.

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**About the City of Olomouc:**

Olomouc is the capital of the region of Central Moravia and belongs to the oldest cities of the Czech Republic. The region is distinguished for its agriculture, industry and beautiful countryside, as well as its historical and cultural traditions. The city dates back to the ninth century, when it was a power centre of the Great Moravian Kingdom, the oldest Slavonic state. Today Olomouc has above 100,000 inhabitants and its long history makes it one of the most beautiful cities of the Czech Republic, mainly due to its well preserved historical inner city (after Prague, second largest in the Czech Republic).

**About Palacky University:**

Olomouc is a charming historical university city situated in the eastern part of Czech Republic. Palacky University in Olomouc is one of the oldest universities in Central Europe. Drawing on more than a 400-year
tradition of higher education, it is nowadays an important centre for teaching and research with almost 23,000 undergraduate students in eight faculties. You can find more details about the city and the University on the following web pages: www.upol.cz/en; http://www.olomouc.eu/eng/.

About Conference venue:

The Baroque building of the former Jesuit College is one of the oldest parts of the university in Olomouc. After an exacting renovation on a grand scale, Palacky University now owns a spacious historical building with many original rooms and halls. Five fine art departments of the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education have thus gained new lecture halls, fine art studios, recording studios, representative conference halls for international venues, and rooms for its students and teachers. The historical centre of Olomouc now has another centre for culture and the arts. For more details: http://www.upol.cz/en/art-centre/

How to get there:

The nearest international airports are located in Prague and Vienna. From there you can get to Olomouc by train, bus, or car. We recommend you to fly to Prague and then take the fast Pendolino train or one of the EC/IC trains that depart from Prague’s Main Railway Station. You can check the train timetable at http://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm.

Prague Airport – Prague Main Railway station connection:

- Airport Express Bus – direct connection, departs every 30 minutes
- Public transportation: take bus 119 to final stop Dejvicka, change to Metro line A, go to stop Muzeum, change to line C, go to stop Hlavni nadrazi (Main station)
- Taxi – rather expensive (about 25 EUR or more)

Once in Olomouc, you can take a taxi (a trip within the city typically costs less than 100 CZK), tram 2, 4, 6, or you can simply walk (the faculty building is less than 20 minutes walk from the Station).

Accommodation:

Please find below a list of recommended four-star hotels in Olomouc that are conveniently located near the city center and not far from the faculty building. The price varies from about 50 EUR per night to 120 EUR per night. You can book your chosen hotel directly at the hotel webpage or via www.booking.com (Olomouc hotels: http://goo.gl/ZMbIV). If you require any help with hotel bookings then please contact our conference coordinators at chinet.conference@gmail.com.

Hotels:

- Hotel V ráji www.hotelvraji.cz
- Hotel Arigone www.arigone.cz
- Hotel Palác www.hotelpalac.cz
- Hotel U Domu www.hoteludomu.cz
- Hotel Gemo www.hotel-gemo.cz
- Hotel Alley www.hotel-alley.com
- Hotel NH Congress www.nh-olomouc.cz
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We wish you a pleasant stay in Olomouc!