Call for Papers

The Chinese Dream(s)

An international workshop arranged by:

The Confucius Institute for Innovation and Learning
The Research Center on Development and International Relations

Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, Aalborg University, Denmark

Time: 13 – 14 November, 2014

Ever since President Xi Jinping in 2013 used The Chinese Dream as the new political slogan of the Chinese government, China observers, journalists and the Chinese public have debated the exact meaning of the term, its implications, as well as the motivation for introducing this particular slogan. Compared to previous political slogans such as “The Three Represents” or “Harmonious Society”, the recent Chinese Dream is multi-layered, allows for various interpretations and raises an array of questions: “Whose dream is the Chinese Dream?”, “Is there only one dream or several different dreams?”, “Is the Chinese Dream an individual or a collective project?” and “How does the Chinese Dream compare with for instance the American Dream?” It is not only the definition of the slogan that is interesting, but also how quickly the term has caught on with the general public – in marked contrast to earlier political slogans that remained the property of internal Chinese Communist Party (CCP) discussions and official publications.

In order to discuss these questions The Confucius Institute for Innovation and Learning and The Research Center on Development and International Relations will host an international workshop at Aalborg University on 13 - 14 November, 2014.

Themes of the workshop include but are not limited to the following:

- Historical and philosophical perspectives on the Chinese Dream(s)
- Global perspectives on the Chinese Dream(s)
- Roles of culture in the construction and negotiation of the Chinese Dream(s)
- Political debates on the Chinese Dream(s)
- Economic and materialistic aspects of the Chinese Dream(s)
Workshop form:

Paper presentations, opponent discussions, panel debates, discussions with audience, and informal network building activities.

Important dates:

30 June: Initial registration

20 August: Abstract submission (max 250 words): chinesedreams@cgs.aau.dk

30 October: Full paper submission

13 – 14 November: Workshop

Expected outcomes:

Publications:

- A special issue of The Journal of China and International Relations

Research network: Establishment of an international research network in this field

Sign up:

Please sign up for the workshop no later than 30 June by sending an email to: chinesedreams@cgs.aau.dk

Practical information:

The workshop will be held at Aalborg University, Aalborg Campus. Participation is free of charge and lunch is included on 13 - 14 November for all participants. The conference dinner on 13 November is included for paper presenters.

Conference chairs:

Professor Xiangyun Du, Department of Learning and Philosophy, Aalborg University.
Professor Xing Li, Department of Culture and Global Studies, Aalborg University.