China has changed tremendously since I first set foot there in 1986. Domestically it is a very complex country, in a constant state of flux yet seeking to achieve some form of social harmony. Internationally it is a major political and economic power, increasingly demanding to be understood on its own terms. More than ever before, critical understanding of China requires a team effort by experts across a range of disciplines, it requires genuine fluency in Chinese and genuine sensitivity to Chinese culture, and it needs direct and frequent interaction with partners in China itself. Moreover, what is needed is communication and dialogue between China experts working in different sectors and observing China from different angles or for different purposes.

SCI research has huge contemporary relevance; we have established an advanced, bilingual teaching programme in Chinese Studies; we organise events and roundtables on topics of interest to academics, students, and the wider public; we are a unique resource of knowledge and opinion for media, government, and business; we actively engage with our alumni, research and consultancy networks throughout East Asia and with academic partners in China.

The SCI does not believe in simple answers when it comes to China, but we do believe in answers. The unique quantity and variety of voices represented by our scholars and students will work towards providing those answers, and will do so in dialogues that will extend far beyond the walls of the university.

The following pages will show you who we are, what we do, and where we are headed. We have done a lot in our first year and we are very pleased to share with you the highlights.

Michel Hockx
Director, SOAS China Institute

China: the landscape

Making an impact on global conversations.

SOAS China Institute formal launch event, 28 April 2014.

The significance of China in today’s world and the need for a deeper understanding of the country were acknowledged by senior diplomatic, business and academic figures at the formal launch of the SOAS China Institute.

The launch was marked by the first event of the new SOAS China Institute Lecture Series, which will present original and valuable perspectives on China that cut across business, media, government and academia.

At the inaugural event, China: The Landscape, four senior China experts from different sectors offered their views on the their personal and professional interaction with Chinese economic, political, diplomatic and cultural reality.

The speakers were:

- Rosemary Foot, Professor of International Relations at Oxford
- Stephen Lilie, Director of Asia Pacific at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- Simon Robey, Chairman of Atlas Capital and Chairman of the Royal Opera House
- Wenguang Shao, Managing Director of Phoenix Chinese News & Entertainment Limited

In his opening speech, SCI Director Michel Hockx talked of the importance of providing a platform where Chinese experts across government, arts organisations, media, NGOs, business and academia can work together to make an impact on important global conversations. He said: “Today the largest community of China scholars in Europe joins the global conversation with and about China... Big questions facing China are global questions – at SOAS we have some of the answers – and we know we can find some of the other answers with support and with partners.”

All the speakers emphasised the need for a deeper understanding of the country, its domestic situation and its economic, political, diplomatic and cultural ties with the rest of the world. The speakers congratulated the Chinese Studies community at SOAS with the timely establishment of the China Institute, which they agreed is ideally positioned to contribute to global debates involving China.

An audience of well over 200 people from across the worlds of academia, government, business and media attended the event. A video recording of the event is available on the SCI website at http://www.soas.ac.uk/china-institute/events/launch/
MA Advanced Chinese Studies

The two-year MA Advanced Chinese Studies offers comprehensive language-based training across a wide range of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. The programme is aimed at students pursuing careers in the academic world, business, government, and the media that require a skill set which encompasses disciplinary rigour, comprehensive area knowledge and cultural and linguistic fluencies.

Programme structure:
Students on the programme take four taught courses at SOAS during their first year, including a team-taught core course provided by a range of SOAS China experts as well as a textreading seminar allowing students to integrate their Chinese reading skills into their disciplinary studies.

Further courses can be selected from available disciplines including Anthropology, Art and Archaeology, Cinema, Cultural and Regional Studies, Economics, History, Law, Literature, Music, Politics, and Study of Religions. In their second year, students will undertake an extended period of study at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, where they will follow a tailor-made bilingual programme in Chinese Studies. Options for short-term internships with local companies will be made available. The second half of the second year will be taken up with the writing of the dissertation under close supervision back in London.

Start of programme:
September intake only.

Mode of attendance:
Full time.

Course requirements:
Applicants should have at least intermediate-level proficiency in modern Chinese (HSK Level 4). The language element of the training will be tailored to meet the needs of students' existing language skills. Alternative elements are available for applicants not in need of further Chinese language training, such as native speakers of Chinese.

SOAS China Institute:
The SOAS China Institute aims to be one of the world-leading centres for China expertise and pre-eminent in London. The Institute delivers interdisciplinary research seminars and workshops; organises high profile lecture events; facilitates roundtable meetings on current affairs; and provides specialist briefings, short courses and bespoke training opportunities.

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Dr Janku Andrea Janku Publications

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Ms Zhaoxia Pang SOAS at The International Conference on TCFL in Higher Education
On 9 July 2014 The 12th International Conference on Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language in Higher Education opened at Regent’s University London. This is an annual event organised by British Chinese Language Teaching Society (BCLTS), which was established in 1997 and has since developed into a leading organisation of Chinese language teachers in the UK universities. During the conference, about 130 scholars and teachers from UK and other countries came to the meeting to present and share their research findings; discuss and debate the current issues in this field. Scholars and teachers from SOAS played an active role in this great success of the conference. Professor Michel Hockx, Director of SOAS
China Institute, was invited as the first keynote speaker to present his view on the key issues of the study of China, Chinese culture and Chinese language. His speech was warmly welcomed and accompanied by several applause from the audience.

Dr. Yan Cui, Senior Lecturer of Department of China and Inner Asia at SOAS, presented her paper on Localization of Teaching Materials Development; Ms. Zhaoxia Pang, Lecturer of Department of China and Inner Asia, chaired the session on Essay Writing and she was also elected as a committee member of BCLTS. Last but not least, Dr. Lianyi Song, Principle Lecturer of Department of China and Inner Asia, was nominated as senior advisor of BCLTS which is going to be formally confirmed.

Another Record Year for SOAS in Chinese Bridge Competition

At the 13th Chinese Bridge Competition UK held on 22nd March 2014, all three contestants from SOAS achieved brilliant results. Frederic Gelati-Meinert (coached by Dr. Lianyi Song), Arianna Guarnieri (coached by Frederic Gelati-Meinert) and Frederic Gelati-Meinert (coached by Dr. Yan Cui) both of whom learned Chinese at SOAS as their degree modules won the third prize. All three of these contestants from SOAS were invited to go to China to join the Grand Competition on behalf of UK university students.

Dr Tim Pringle

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Dr Damian Tobin

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Dr Ulrich Volz

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The success of these contestants is also directly attributable to the great skills and professional efforts of their personal coaches who all work in the department of China and Inner Asia at SOAS and are also members of SOAS China Institute.

SOAS CHINA Institute in the Media

A global platform for academics and the wider world.

- The SOAS China Institute offers nearly 50 experts from a range of disciplines – from finance, politics, languages and culture, SOAS is also home to The China Quarterly – one of the most cited area studies journals in the world.
- SOAS China Institute’s academic staff members have provided expert commentary on a wide range of issues. SCI Director Professor Michel Hockx frequently provides commentary on China and other languages, in particular on teaching and learning Mandarin in UK schools. He has published articles in The Conversation on this subject and provided commentary on Voice of Russia. He is also an expert on Chinese cultural policy and media censorship and comments frequently on those topics.

History

Professor Hockx and Dr Lars Laamann provided commentary on the 25th anniversary of the 1989 people’s movement. This was featured on Sky News and in The Conversation. Dr Laamann’s eye-witness account, in particular, in The Conversation, proved extremely popular with readers. Art Historian Dr Shane McClusland described the first paper money under the rule of Kublai Khan in China for a BBC World Service programme on the history of money.

Politics and economics

The political impact of science and technology was covered by Dr Enze Han commenting on the Chinese moon landing on ITV News; Dr Hong Bo was a guest on CNBC, providing political insight on the significance of the Chinese Premier Li Keqiang’s visit to the UK. Dr Tim Pringle, Professor Hockx and Dr Han provided commentary and analysis on the Hong Kong protests across Sky News, Deutsche Welle, The Conversation and Monocle Radio. During the Suirflower protests in Taiwan in March and April, Dr Daiydds Feli was frequently quoted in the Taiwanese media. He published two pieces of analysis on the movement: ‘Occupy Taiwan and the rule of Kublai Khan in China for a BBC World Service programme on the history of money.

Contemporary society

SCI Deputy Director Dr Jeyu Liu consistently offers insight on culture and society. The topics she has covered include the greening process in China, stress level among Chinese school pupils and sexuality in China, as featured in BBC Radio 4, Times Educational Supplement and BBC China respectively. In addition, Dr Liu has been interviewed by the BBC The World Tonight (on the impact of Malaysian Airline tragedy upon Chinese families), Danish Broadcasting Corporation (on gender inequality at work) and The Guardian (on Chinese middle class and food consumption). Professor Hockx has also provided in-depth analysis on internet culture and censorship in China, publishing articles in Chinaline and in The Conversation. As the Director of the SOAS China Institute, he is also the spokesperson for the Institute’s mission and was interviewed by The Economist, as well as by Propeller TV, the premium channel for the UK-China community which is broadcast on Sky.

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Bespoke Training

The SOAS China Institute works together with the SOAS Enterprise Office to provide bespoke training programmes related to China which have been specifically designed for particular clients according to their requirements or bid specifications. The enterprise team liaises closely with the client throughout preparation and delivery to ensure programmes are of a high standard whilst the institute is responsible for identifying and coordinating the most suitable expertise for a particular request. The duration, content and delivery style of these programmes are wide-ranging. A couple of recent programmes are provided to illustrate the range of expertise available at SOAS.

Tailored Programme for senior managers from Chinese art auction houses
Client: Chinese Association of Auctioneers (CAA)
Regional focus: Asia/UK

Background and Requirements
The main objectives of the programme were to find out more about the business side of running an auction house and to learn about best practice from leading auction houses in the UK.

Approach
The course was a combination of classroom-based lectures, discussion groups and visits to museums and auction houses, including the opportunity to participate in live auctions. Sessions were delivered by academics and auction house practitioners, giving participants a real insight into the subject area rather than a purely theoretical approach. As most of the group did not speak English, all sessions were delivered via simultaneous translation equipment.

The course at SOAS concluded with presentations from some of the Chinese auction houses to an invited audience. The group then went on to do a sightseeing tour of the UK, which included visits to country auction houses, antique markets and famous sights.

Outcomes and Benefits
Participants benefitted from the opportunity to exchange ideas and to study with colleagues from other auction houses in China, whilst also being able to engage with, and learn from, some of the leading experts in the UK.

“The event provided our auction houses with an excellent opportunity. I suggest that after our return to China, we should have a meeting to share our experiences and learning in London, in order to get a better understanding of the rules and policies of Sotheby’s and Christie’s”.

Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) – 2 week Summer Leadership Programme
Client: Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Background and Requirements
Each year SOAS provides a 2-week study programme for participants on the CUHK Leadership Development Programme which was established to nurture the leadership potential of selected students. The course focuses on ‘London as a global city’ and is part of a two-year credit-bearing programme at CUHK. The partnership with SOAS, University of London is aimed at promoting globalisation and contemporary social change.

Approach
The programme combines lectures on topics such as urban regeneration, creative industries, immigration and multiculturalism with visits to a wide range of locations such as the Olympics site, Kew Gardens, the East End and Brixton as well as a day trip to Bristol where participants attend a graffiti workshop. The itinerary is designed to provide important synergy with the emerging themes of global awareness and community engagement in other components of the programme. Students look at how globalisation has transformed the politics, economy and culture of London and by considering urban development in the capital they are encouraged to assess the future challenges and opportunities of Hong Kong as a world city.

Outcomes and Benefits
Staff and students are able to experience London from many different perspectives and interact with a wide range of people from academics to practitioners. Members of Parliament and students. Having reflected on the programme one of the students wrote, “I got to truly appreciate how diverse London is as a city, and how globalised and different Londons could be from one another. It was like seeing a mini globalised world with all its interactions."

CUHK students attending a graffiti workshop

“‘The whole event organised by the team led by Dr. Tao Wang (from the Professors to the PhD students) made our study trip very impressive. I hope in the future, we can have more communications with British counterparts, and welcome them to visit China as well.”
Working with SOAS alumni and excellent partners in China and the surrounding region, the SOAS China Institute (SCI) has been actively engaging in raising SOAS’ profile in East Asia and fostering global relationships. Professor Michel Hockx visited Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hangzhou in December 2013, as part of building strong links with alumni in the region, and promoting the work of the SCI.

With networking events in the four cities, SOAS alumni were treated to talks by Hockx, Professor of Chinese at SOAS and a specialist in Modern Chinese literature. His talk, entitled ‘Inside the Great Firewall: Internet Culture in the People’s Republic of China’ gave alumni a critical perspective on internet censorship in China.

In Singapore, Hockx was joined by Carol Tan (Professor of Law at SOAS) and alumnus Dr Farish Noor of Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, who graduated from SOAS with an MA South East Asian Studies. A Malaysian political scientist and historian, Noor spoke about the impact of his SOAS studies and said: “SOAS is an institution of higher learning that is unique in the gallery of institutions of higher learning in the UK, and its history is inevitably intertwined with that of empire, colonialism, anti-colonialism, postcolonialism and the postmodern present. Living as we do in this postmodern age marked by our incredulity towards meta-narratives, perhaps we ought to accept that SOAS is likewise a contested signifier that has many meanings to many people; and as an institution of some historical weight and standing, perhaps the time has come for a complex accounting of itself as well.”

Recent developments have underscored the importance of SOAS’ work in the wider region, building on its expertise in the languages, civilisations and societies of the region. The new SOAS China Institute was established earlier in the autumn, and the third Indonesia Kontemporer was staged at SOAS’ campus in London’s central district of learning and heritage. In October the School received an extraordinary £20 million donation to support the study and preservation of Southeast Asian art. Zeba Salman, Head of Alumni Relations, who was part of the delegation, said: “This visit was a great opportunity to reconnect our international alumni-body with current academics and with each other, and to hear about important developments at SOAS. We are working to grow and enhance our worldwide network of alumni and friends, and it’s with thanks to their generosity and support that we are able to bring multiple benefits to the life and work of the School - such as creating additional learning resources, enhancing academic and social facilities and providing scholarships to ensure that we continue to attract the most talented students from all backgrounds.”

To find out more about how you can get involved with SOAS’ global alumni network, please contact Zeba Salman on z.salman@soas.ac.uk or call +44 (0)20 7898 4138.
AC Graham Memorial Lectures

The annual AC Graham Memorial Lectures commemorate the scholarly contributions of Professor Angus Graham (1919-1991), who taught classical Chinese philosophy and language at SOAS from 1950-1984 and was widely seen as one of the world’s greatest authorities on Confucianism and Daoism. The Memorial Lectures, which have been held since 2010, each year bring a renowned academic expert on Chinese philosophy to SOAS to deliver two public lectures and teach a “master class” for MA and PhD students. They form a highlight in the events calendar for all those interested in classical and premodern Chinese culture.

In 2014, the Memorial Lectures were delivered by Professor Roger Ames from the University of Hawai’i. Professor Ames is a world-leading figure in the study of Chinese philosophy, known especially for his unrivalled ability to make Confucianism accessible and relevant in today’s global context. His well-attended lectures focused on Confucian role ethics, conceptions of human nature and religiousness, and featured extensive and passionate discussion.

SOAS Online Radio has made available a feature profile of Professor Angus Graham and recordings of previous AC Graham Memorial Lectures, at http://soasradio.org/angus-graham-memorial-lectures.

SOAS China Institute

2013-2014 was an exciting period for SOAS China Institute. The Centre continued to build its profile internally and externally with its events programme with some lectures attracting audiences of close to a hundred people, including many from the wider business, media, and diplomatic community. Our regular seminar series commenced in October 2013 and included talks by:

- Paul Pickowicz (University of California) “The Tangled Dynamics of Independent Filmmaking in Contemporary China”
- Maria Menshikova (State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg) “Date, history, and restoration of a ceramic Lohan sculpture from Yizhou”
- John Garnaut (Fairfax Media) “The Rise of Xi Jinping and the Destruction of Bo Xilai”
- Manjari Chatterjee Miller (Boston University) “Wronged by Empire: Colonial Memories and Victimhood in India’s and China’s Foreign Policy Today”
- William A. Callahan (London School of Economics) “Citizen Ai: Warrior, Jester and Middleman”
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- Michel Hockx (SOAS), Andrea Janku (SOAS), Lars Laamann (SOAS), Patricia Thornton (Oxford) “June Fourth 1989: An Overview”
- Prof Jeff Wasserstrom (University of California, Irvine) and Ms Isabel Hilton (chinadialogue) “Ways of Writing about China for Different Audiences”
- Kathrine Morton (Australian National University) “China’s Rise and Global Future of Global Governance”
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- Professor Bruce Dickson (George Washington University) “Can China Be Governed?”
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Events Listing

Conference
5-6 September 2013
The Weber Group of the British Sociological Association and University of Bonn Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Studies ‘Law as Culture; Max Weber and China: Culture, Law and Capitalism

Workshop
27 September 2013
The Fu Manchu Complex and Representations of East Asians in the Contemporary Arts and Media
Daniel York, Jennifer Lim and Justin Audibert: author, creative producer and director of The Fu Manchu Complex, Sir Christopher Frayling (Professor Emeritus, Royal College of Art), Dr Adele Lee (University of Greenwich), Dr Emma Mawdsley (University of Cambridge), Dr Amy Ng, writer and historian, Dr Amanda Rogers (University of Swansea) and Dr Ashley Thorpe (Royal Holloway, University of London)

Lecture
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Book Launch
11 March 2014
Gender in Chinese Music

Delegation
20 March 2014
Visit of Chinese delegation from the China Tibetology Research Center

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Launch - Panel Debate
28 April 2014
4 speakers

Workshop
16 May 2014
Graduate Student Master Class
David Wang

Workshop
5-6 June 2014
National Chung Cheng University, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Training
23 June 2014
Training date for Chinese Delegates

Seminar Series
14 October 2013
Professor Paul Pickowicz (University of California) The Tangled Dynamics of Independent Filmmaking in Contemporary China

China’s Rise and Global Future of Global Governance

7 March 2014
Professor Bruce Dickson (George Washington University)
Can China Be Governed?

14 March 2014
Maria Menshikova
Date, history, and restoration of a ceramic Lohan sculpture from Yizhou

30 April 2014
Manjari Chatterjee Miller
Wronged by Empire: Wronged by Empire: Colonial Memories and Victimhood in India’s and China’s Foreign Policy Today

12 May 2014
Susanne Y P CHOI
Patriarchy Unbound: Male Rural-to-Urban Migrants Negotiating Marital Power in China
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