From the Director

I am proud to present you with our second annual review. After our successful launch year in 2013-14, the 2014-15 academic session was devoted to significant expansion of our activities.

Our flagship postgraduate teaching programme, the two-year MA Advanced Chinese Studies, welcomed its first cohort of five students. Our one-year MSc Contemporary China Studies started recruiting its first applicants for a September 2015 start with four students. Both programmes feature brand-new courses taught as a team by dozens of SOAS China scholars working together. Following a successful application to the HEFCE Postgraduate Support Scheme, the two-year MA programme was able to offer generous scholarships to some of its students.

In research, SCI Deputy Director Dr Jieyu Liu was awarded a highly prestigious European Research Council grant of over 1 million pounds for a five-year project on Chinese families. The project will bring in a total of six postdoctoral researchers, offering a new generation of young social scientists the opportunity to develop their career at the SOAS China Institute.

In addition to our annual China Debate and our regular Monday Forums, we started a termly series of SCI Roundtables. These small gatherings bring together experts from business, government, media, and academia to discuss topical issues pertaining to China. Engaging with the debate about China across different professional communities, reaching well beyond the “ivory tower” of the university, continues to be at the heart of our mission.

This year saw the SCI host its first event in China, a high-level conference on contemporary Chinese society, co-organised with the Chinese Academy of Social Management at Beijing Normal University. A strong SCI delegation traveled to Beijing to take part in the conference, and also met with our SOAS alumni in the Chinese capital. Other China-focused alumni events were held throughout the year in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

The SOAS China Institute has rapidly established itself as an important fixture in the landscape of Chinese Studies in the UK. Our unrivalled community of China scholars, all under one roof in the centre of London, can analyse and interpret China in a way that no others can, with breadth of information across a wide range of disciplines, and with depth of understanding through our linguistic and cultural proficiency. Ours is a unique voice, and we are delighted to be in conversation with you!

Michel Hockx
Director, SOAS China Institute

The 2015 China Debate: How healthy is China?

SOAS China Institute debate provides broad perspectives on China’s health.

Food security, energy supply, environmental sustainability and rising inequality - these intertwined issues play a crucial role in the on-going health, or otherwise, of any nation. In China, the world’s most populous country, and one that has experienced the most complex and dynamic economic growth of the last two millennia, such issues are played out on a massive scale against a complex cultural and historical background, with national and global effect.

At the second annual China Debate on 29 June 2015, senior-level experts from business, media, government and academia explored the theme ‘How healthy is China?’

The speakers were Isabel Hilton OBE, CEO and Editor of chinadialogue, Sir Christopher Hum KCMG, Gonville and Caius College Cambridge, British Ambassador to China 2002-2005, Beverly LW Sunn, Founder & President, Asia Pacific Properties Mobility Limited, SGMS-T and Board Chairperson of OKAY.com, and Andrew G. Walder, Denise O’Leary and Kent Thiry Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University.

Beverly Sunn gave a humanistic perspective on the enormous potential in China and the challenges it faces; Andrew Walder drew comparisons between China and other countries, pointing out the difficulties for boosting China’s per capita income in a context of soaring inequality. Isabel Hilton OBE addressed the environmental consequences of China’s rise.

SCI Director Michel Hockx said: “SOAS China Institute harbours an explicit intention to promote dialogue about China between those who work in academia, in business, in government and in NGOs and in the media. Opinions about China are often divided and it is easy to talk only to those who share one’s own opinion. Here at SOAS we promote genuine dialogue and we bring both sides of the argument together.”

An audience of almost 300 people from across the worlds of academia, government, business and media attended the event. A recording of the event is available on the SCI website at www.soas.ac.uk/china-institute/events/the-china-debate
Teaching Success

Scholarships for first cohort of SCI students

The SOAS China Institute, as the lead applicant on behalf of a consortium of five SOAS departments and three other UK institutions, secured funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to address the UK’s strategic weaknesses in language-based area studies with reference to China, India, Japan, Korea, and the Arab world. The institutions involved are the British Inter-university China Centre (BICC), White Rose East Asia Centre (WREAC) and Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World (CASAW).

The aim of the ‘Sustainable Funding for Language-based Area Studies’ project is to reduce barriers for students and support career opportunities and promote taught postgraduate programmes in language-based area studies.

Student testimonials

HEFCE scholarship recipients 2014/15:

Jake Thurston
MA in Advanced Chinese Studies

“The MA in Advanced Chinese Studies is a programme unique in its comprehensive integration of Chinese-language materials with interdisciplinary studies of the history, society, and culture of China.”

In 2014, five new, two-year programmes at SOAS, which combine disciplinary and research methods training with intensive language tuition, were established and will continue into future academic years. These are: MA Advanced Chinese Studies, MA Intensive South Asian Studies, MA… and Intensive Arabic, MA… and Intensive Japanese, and MA… and Intensive Korean. The funding has provided 22 postgraduate scholarships across the institutions, including 14 at SOAS. It has also contributed to enhancing relevant skills for postgraduate students on existing programmes through shorter training courses and has funded a number of employer and outreach events.

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 who 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.

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Clare Everett
MA in Advanced Chinese Studies

“The most rewarding aspects of the course are working alongside a focused group of individuals who each bring a different perspective towards the study of China; the opportunity to engage with staff of the SCI, working in various fields, has shaped the focus of my research, challenged pre-conceived notions of China and encouraged me to tackle critically the wider social, political and economic issues that students of Chinese Studies must address in today’s world.”

From left to right: Clare with other students.??
MSc Contemporary China Studies

Programme structure:
Students on the programme take the core course Understanding Contemporary China and two taught option courses. Those who wish to improve their Chinese language skills may take language courses from the Faculty of Cultures and Languages and one other option course. In addition, students write a 10,000 word dissertation. This course includes the option of undertaking a 4-week internship sometime during June/July.

Start of programme:
September intake only.

Mode of attendance:
Full time (1 year) or part time (2-3 years). This course includes the option of undertaking a 4-week internship sometime during June/July.

Course requirements:
A first or upper second class honours degree from a UK university, or equivalent (e.g., minimum US GPA 3.3 to 3.5, depending on awarding university).

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CHINA IS NOW: SOAS China Institute joins forces with CRCC Asia and CBCC

On 16 June 2015, the SOAS China Institute sponsored and hosted the third event in the “China is Now” series, organised by CRCC Asia and the China-Britain Business Council. It was also at SOAS almost 10 years ago that CRCC Asia, now the world’s leading provider of internships in China, was first conceived by its founders, Dan Nivern and Ed Holroyd Pearce, who were SOAS students at the time.

The expert panel discussed Opportunities for the UK: Education, Inward Investment and Tourism, and focused on how knowledge of Mandarin, Chinese culture and economics, can be utilised to take advantage of the growing opportunities that China presents here in the UK.

‘Mandarin is the fourth most popular foreign language for UK students’

Professor Michel Hockx, Director of the SOAS China Institute, talked about trends in China-related studies in higher education in the UK, as well as the opportunities for people with knowledge of China to collaborate with Chinese educational institutions through partnerships. These trends show a growing uptake of Chinese as a study option, with 90% of UK universities now offering Mandarin tuition in some form, helping Mandarin become the fourth most popular foreign language for UK students.

Giles Blackburne, leader of the China-Britain Business Council’s China Outbound programme, explored opportunities relating to Chinese investment in the UK and the increase in high net worth individuals in China, highlighting the fact that Chinese outbound investment now outweighs inbound investment. The past year has seen a growing number of Chinese brands setting up in the UK as well as acquisitions and mergers between UK companies and their Chinese counterparts.

“The average Chinese visitor spends four times as much as any other foreign visitor to the UK” Jo Leslie, leader of Visit Britain’s GREAT China Welcome programme, talked about China as the world’s largest outbound tourism market. She presented some interesting travel trends among Chinese visitors to the UK, including the fact that the average Chinese visitor spends four times as much as any other foreign visitor to the UK, and the increase in high net worth individuals in China, which have seen a growing number of Chinese brands setting up in the UK as well as acquisitions and mergers between UK companies and their Chinese counterparts.

The panel discussion, chaired by Ed Holroyd Pearce, was rounded up with an insightful Q&A session with contributions from both students and CRCC’s second director Dan Nivern to mention but a few. The evening ended with networking drinks, once again uniting new and old China enthusiasts.
Research Success

SOAS China Institute Deputy Director secures major research grant to study modern Chinese family life.

The Deputy Director of the SOAS China Institute (SCI), Dr Jieyu Liu, has received a grant of almost €1.5 million to research Chinese families in East Asia.

The five-year project, titled ‘Doing Intimacy: A Multi-sited Ethnography of Modern Chinese Family Life’, will provide the first comprehensive study of practices of intimacy in Chinese families, their intertwining with gender and intergenerational dynamics, and interrelations with local and global change. The project will lie at the core of the SOAS China Institute’s research theme on “China: Population and Change.”

New light on global questions of family, development and modernity

The research will be rooted in case studies of Chinese communities in urban and rural China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. These sites have been selected to bring to the fore how particular socio-economic-political and cultural configurations feature in intimate family practices. The project will provide sophisticated answers to complicated questions such as: How are Chinese families changing and adapting to wider social changes? and How do different socio-economic and political configurations shape family behaviours?

Speaking about the sizeable grant from the European Research Council (ERC), Dr Liu said: “East Asia is experiencing extraordinary socio-economic development and rapid demographic transition. Through the case study of Chinese families, the project will throw new light upon global questions on family, development and modernity. I am very pleased to be awarded this grant.”

SCI Research Theme “Justice and Rights” kicks off

Chinese Law expert Dr Ernest Caldwell took the lead in starting off the SCI research theme on “justice and rights” by developing a series of workshops entitled “Law and Justice in China.” The workshops explore a wide variety of law-related issues affecting China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. The series brings together scholars from Europe and Asia for individual seminars on cutting-edge research, roundtable discussions on current events, and small scale conferences, in order to reflect upon how the issues and developments of the region’s legal past, present, and future are understood and studied.

The region’s legal past, present, and future

The first workshop of the series, “Occupation and Resistance: A Critical Assessment of the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong,” was held in November 2014 and brought together local scholars from a variety of academic disciplines to critically assess the past and future of the movement, as well as address the stakes involved for the Chinese, Hong Kong, and regional communities.

In June 2015, the 2-day workshop on “Researching Chinese Legal History in Europe: The State of the Field” brought together scholars from around Europe who are actively engaged in the study of China’s legal past to explore the methods and theories being employed to examine historical phenomena in China’s legal past and the future of Chinese legal history in Europe through a series of presentations and roundtable discussions.
China are also an integral part of this research area. Environmental aspects related to food and water in China are experiencing unprecedented economic growth, which is supported by SOAS's expertise in cultural and historical aspects of China's use of energy resources, as well as by the expertise of our dedicated Centre for Development, Environment and Policy (CEDER). This research area examines both the control of energy demands and air pollution challenges, this policy-focused research area encourages scholarly analysis of China's current and future energy use, as well as informed discussions of China's responses to climate change at both national and regional levels. Proposals formulated in this research area are supported by SOAS's expertise in cultural and historical aspects of China's use of energy resources, as well as by the expertise of our dedicated Centre for Development, Environment and Policy (CEDER).

4. CHINA: Health, Water and Food Security

Bringing together the economic, medical, and cultural aspects of food, water and health in China, and linking them to crucial questions of domestic and international security provides greater understanding of how China sustains itself as it continues to experience unprecedented economic growth. Environmental aspects related to food and water in China are also an integral part of this research area.

5. CHINA: Images and Imagination

Working with visual material ranging from art to advertising, from journalism to propaganda, we explore innovative methods to visualise how China imagines itself, and how it is imagined elsewhere. While focusing on art and culture this theme resonates across all disciplines, and produces new-style scholarly outputs that move beyond traditional books and articles.

6. CHINA: Energy and Climate

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7. CHINA: Justice and Rights

Human rights and social justice are highly contested terms framing much of the debate about China in other countries. By examining the practical implications of social, political and economic inequality in China, as well as cultural and theoretical understandings of rights and justice from a Chinese perspective, we aim to contribute independent, informed viewpoints to an often highly polarised debate.

8. CHINA: Beliefs and Communities

Questions about how religion, ideology and other cultural systems provide social cohesion but also produce tensions between different communities lie at the core of this highly complex and interdisciplinary research area. Topics will range from examination of China's governance of ethnic minorities to the historical changes in the ruling party's own belief system, and from fieldwork among religious groups in China to investigations into the culture of Chinese communities overseas.
Dr Shane McCausland

Dr Shane McCausland’s new book, The Mongol Century, was launched at the SOAS China Institute in the spring of 2015. During the year he was a frequent visitor to Shanghai where he curated an exhibition of over 100 works by the contemporary abstract painter Ding Yi (b. 1962) at the Long Museum (West Bund). He also arranged planning a retrospective exhibition of works by the ‘conceptual landscape’ painter Hong Ling (b. 1955), to be mounted at the Brunei Gallery in the summer of 2016.

Dr Rachel Harris


Dr Tian Yuan Tan


Dr Rossella Ferrari

In October 2014 Dr Ferrari hosted a public conversation with director Meng Jinghui in Turin on the Italian premiere of his play “Rhinoceros in Love,” and gave a lecture at the University of Turin. Her book Pop Goes the Avant-Garde: Experimental Theatre in Contemporary China (2012) was featured in the BBC Radio 3 documentary Enter the Dragon-Chinese Theatre in the 21st Century” (Sunday Feature, 19 Oct 2014), in which she was interviewed.

Professor Bernhard Fuehrer

A New Perspective on Historical Interpretations of the Book of Songs

The Book of Songs (Shijing or Mao Shi) comes with an extensive body of exegetical material. As part of a project set up by Professor Bernhard Fuehrer and Professor Chang Pao-San (Foguang University, Taiwan), a workshop on the early reception of the Shijing up to the authoritative Mao Shi zhu shu (The Songs according to the Mao tradition, with commentaries and a sub commentary), edited by a group of scholars around the eminent Tang scholar Kong Yingda (574 – 648), was held at SOAS in early July 2015. At this workshop, Professors Chang Pao-San, Bernhard Fuehrer, Che Hsing-Chien (Cheng-Chi University, Taipei), Andrew Lo (SOAS, University of London) and Shih Chen-Tao (National Taiwan University, Taipei) presented papers on commentarial structures and exegetical strategies in this early commentary compendium. Professor Joachim Gentz and Dr Jakob Klein of the Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh, and at the SOAS Workshop was a group of scholars around the early commentary compendium.

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Prof Andrew H-B. Lo

Prof Andrew Lo, an expert on premodern Chinese literati culture and a highly popular teacher of traditional literary and documentary texts, became Emeritus Professor of Chinese after his retirement in September 2015.

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The SCI Roundtable: Discussion Series on China

The academic year 2014-15 saw the inauguration of a series of informal discussions focusing on China-related issues under the title of ‘SOAS China Institute Roundtable Discussion Series on China’. We intend that this series will be a regular feature of the SOAS China Institute calendar in the coming years.

The SOAS China Institute places a high premium on seeking to serve the entire community of those interested in and engaged with China. One of the Institute’s major goals is to foster a community of interest among specialists on contemporary China, and during the two years of its existence it has already been the catalyst for a number of important outreach initiatives. The Roundtable Discussion Series is a further aspect of public face of the Institute’s activities. In particular, it is designed to promote links between academic and non-academic experts and others whose interest in China is more policy and business-oriented. Accordingly, it brings together representatives of government, banking and business, and media in order to discuss with academic colleagues topics of shared concern relating to recent and current developments in China.

Policy and business insights

At least one meeting takes place each term, with speakers drawn from the academic community of Chinese Studies in the UK, elsewhere in the EU and – when circumstances permit – further afield. Participation in the discussion meetings is by invitation in order to ensure that the number of attendees can be kept to a level that will permit informal and candid discussion.

The inaugural meeting of the Roundtable Discussion Series took place at SOAS on 9 February 2015, when Prof. Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard (Director of the Asia Research Centre at Copenhagen Business School) spoke on ‘State-Owned Enterprise Reform, Vested Interests, and Party-Business Relations in China’.

The response to all three meetings was extremely positive, and the evidence suggests that the Roundtable Discussion Series promises to meet a very real need among London’s professional community of ‘China watchers’. Among non-academic institutions represented in the audiences have been the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Asia-Pacific Directorate), China-Britain Business Council, Royal Institute of International Affairs, and Royal Society for Asian Affairs. Corporate sector representation has included Arinna Capital, CITIC CLSA, Coal Pension Trustee Services, Craigmore Sustainables, Legal and General Investment Management, London Export Corporation, Matheson and Co. Ltd., USB-AG and the 48 Group. Other attendees have included representatives of ChinaDialogue, Financial Times, Oxford Analytica and Trusted Sources.

We hope that the SOAS China Institute’s Roundtable Discussion Series will contribute significantly to breaking down the compartmentalised nature of academic and professional expertise on contemporary China in London. In so doing, we seek to exploit some of the synergies between these two constituencies. In short, we hope that the meetings will help foster and strengthen a community of interest among academic and non-academic specialists on China in London and further afield.

First Sino-UK Symposium on Social Governance co-hosted in Beijing by SOAS China Institute and Beijing Normal University

Chinese and European scholars came together at Beijing Normal University’s Jingxi Hotel on 16 and 17 September to discuss a wide range of issues relating to social governance issues in China.

The symposium was co-hosted by the SOAS China Institute (SCI) and Beijing Normal University’s China Academy of Social Management (CASM). It was organised by Professor Zhao Wei, Director of Labour Studies, BNU; Dr. Jieyu Liu and Professor Robert Ash (respectively, Deputy Director and Professional Research Fellow, SCI).

Prior to the opening of the symposium, Professor Michel Hockx, SCI Director, and Professor Wei Liquin, Dean of CASM, signed a memorandum of understanding. By the terms of this agreement, the two sides will seek in the coming years to promote regular scholarly exchanges and other forms of academic co-operation.

In addition to more than 20 scholars from BNU, Chinese participants in the Symposium included academics from Beijing University and the Women’s Studies Institute of China, as well as government officials (including the Director of the Medicines and Food Administration Bureau), representatives of the ‘Journal of Social Governance’, and various media organisations.

In order to maximise the benefits of this collaboration, the two sides will seek in the coming years to promote regular scholarly exchanges and other forms of academic co-operation.

In addition to Michel Hockx, Jieyu Liu and Robert Ash, SOAS was represented by Professor Peter Ho, Dr. Tim Pringle and Dr. Damian Tobin. Presentations were also made by Professor Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard, Director, Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School, Professor Douglas B. Fuller, Zhejiang University; and Mr Rod Wye, Associate Fellow, Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Among the topics discussed at the Symposium were issues relating to environment, food security and food safety, ageing and migration, urbanisation, the social mobility of state owned enterprise executives, trade unions and employment relations, banking reform, and technological innovation.

The conference was conducted in English and Chinese, with simultaneous translation provided by BNU.

Feedback from the Conference has been extremely positive and confirms that this first collaborative exercise between SCI and CASM provided a valuable forum for an informed and candid exchange of views on important issues affecting China.
SOAS China Institute in the Media

The SOAS China Institute provides a global platform for debate about China, reaching well beyond the confines of the university. Media engagement is key to our mission to bring academic voices into dialogue with those of other experts. In the 2014/15 academic year, the Institute’s academic staff members have provided expert commentary on a wide range of issues. SCI Director Professor Michel Hockx frequently provides commentary on languages, in particular on teaching and learning Mandarin in UK schools. He is also an expert on Chinese cultural policy and media censorship and comments frequently on those topics.

Art
Art historian Dr Shane McCausland was featured extensively in Chinese media regarding the exhibition by Ding Yi he curated: Diancang, Artouch.com, Art289, Phoenix TV, Artron.Net and here, Hiart.cn, Leap (Yishu) and International Channel Shanghai.

Education
Professor Hockx provided insight on Chinese education in The Sun in reference to the BBC’s ‘Are Our Kids Tough Enough? Chinese School’ programme. In addition, Dr Jieyu Liu has been interviewed for BBC World News on the differences between British and Chinese schools. Professor Hockx has also provided commentary to CNN on the increasing popularity of private education in China.

Politics and economics
During the Umbrella Movement protests in Hong Kong in 2014, Dr Damian Tobin, Dr Enze Han and Professor Hockx published pieces of analysis on the movement in The Conversation: ‘Protests a warning to China of dangers posed by Hong Kong wealth gap’, ‘Hong Kong democracy protesters care about their own future, not the mainland’s’ and ‘Splits emerge in protest ranks as Hong Kong stand-off continues’ respectively.

Dr Han also provided commentary in The Economist on how the Kokang conflict is causing problems for China, whilst Dr Tobin provided commentary on China’s new Silk Road initiative in Forbes.

Economic insight on China’s housing bubble, economic transformation and restructuring was covered by Dr Ulrich Voiz and Dr Hong Bo in the China Economic Daily.

Dr Dafydd Fell was frequently quoted in the Taiwanese and British media. He published a piece about trust issues in political parties: ‘Alternative politics offer choices’ Taipei Times (2014) and has been interviewed about Taiwan’s next president being a woman in BBC Woman’s Hour and The Guardian.

Contemporary society
SCI Deputy Director Dr Jieyu Liu consistently offers insight on culture and society in China. The topics she has covered include female roles in society as China becomes wealthier; how different Chinese generations view the reasons for embarrassment; homosexuality and illegal practice of gender determination, as featured in The Telegraph, BBC World Service and the BBC Chinese Service.

Professor Hockx has been interviewed by the Daily Mail (on China’s first school for butlers), The Diplomat (on China’s censorship on virtual private networks), The New York Times (on China forcing authors to provide real names when publishing online) and the South China Morning Post (on Mo Yan and the influence of Chinese literature abroad today).

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. Here are some examples.

In 2015, SOAS welcomed a large number of diplomats who are being posted to different parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, many of them from Ireland but also from Sweden and Norway. Mr Shane Ryan, Third Secretary in the Irish Embassy in Beijing, came to SOAS for a 2-day briefing in July which included sessions providing historical, political, economic, legal and cultural context to prepare for his new role. Mr Ryan had the opportunity to meet a range of SOAS experts including Professor Michel Hockx, Dr Jieyu Liu, Professor Robert Ash, Dr Ernest Caldwell, and Yintong Betser from Active Anglo Chinese Communications, who advised on Chinese business etiquette.

Historical, political, economic, legal and cultural contexts
The SOAS China Institute also provided substantial input for the annual training programme for a group of graduate recruits from the company John Swire and Sons. Each year the company sends its recruits to SOAS for an intensive one-week orientation on Asia, with an emphasis on mainland China and Hong Kong since these are the areas where much of the Swire business is concentrated. China insights were provided by Dr Jieyu Liu, Professor Robert Ash, Dr Julia Strauss, Dr Ernest Caldwell and Emeritus Professor Hugh Baker. The programme also included a visit to the Swire archives held at SOAS. Julie Makinson who looks after the Swire archives and spends one day a week at the Swire office brought out a selection of significant documents to illustrate to the participants key developments in the company’s history and its activities in East Asia.

One of the participants in the 2015 Swire programme said:

“I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the lectures over the last week. I think a huge amount of content has been squeezed into a short amount of time and I have learned a lot – it was especially fascinating for me to learn more about countries that were not involved in my degree course (Chinese). Every lecturer has provided a very interesting perspective on each of their subjects and I have really enjoyed having not only learnt about the country/subject in question but also the personal stories and experiences of the lecturers.”
The annual AC Graham Memorial Lectures commemorate the scholarly contributions of Professor Angus C. Graham (1919-1991), who taught classical Chinese philosophy and language at SOAS from 1950-1984 and shaped the discourse on classical Chinese philosophy for decades. The Memorial Lectures, organized by Prof Bernhard Fuehrer and held since 2010, each year bring a renowned scholar 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.

The 2015 Memorial Lectures were delivered by Professor Michael Nylan (University of California at Berkeley) who spoke on “Manuscript Culture in Early China, Graham vs. excavated texts” and “Vital Matters: Zhuangzi and A.C. Graham”. In the master class she treated advanced research students and colleagues from SOAS, Cambridge and Oxford to her readings of selected passages from the chapter “Kang Gao” 康誥 in the Shangshu 尚書/ Shujing 书经. Dr Michael Loewe (Cambridge) delivered a note of thanks after the second public lecture. The well-attended lectures of Professor Nylan were followed by Q&A sessions that exhibited an extremely high level of scholarship.

2014-2015 was an exciting period for SOAS China Institute. The Institute 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. The Institute’s regular Monday Forums commenced in October 2014 and included talks by:

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China Quarterly

Editor: Professor Chris Bramall
The China Quarterly is the leading source for serious scholarship on contemporary China and Taiwan. Rigorously peer-reviewed and edited to the highest standards, the journal publishes timely, in-depth, accurate and comprehensive research. International in scholarship, The China Quarterly provides readers with an indispensable aid to understanding modern China, through articles, research reports and book reviews.

In February 2015 leading historians and political scientists took part in a 2-day China Quarterly workshop on living legacies of the Cultural Revolution. A special issue journal and paperback volume on this topic will be published in 2016 to mark the 50th anniversary of the launch of the Cultural Revolution.

Alumni Report

As the SOAS China Institute continues to showcase the School’s world-leading expertise in matters related to the region, we are pleased to have the active support of our alumni body as we build our outreach programmes and global relationships.

Professor Michel Hockx met with alumni in Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing, in November-December 2014, and in September 2015, as part of establishing stronger relationships with alumni in the region and promoting the work of the SCI.

As part of the Institute’s first annual conference in Beijing in September 2015, a pre-conference alumni networking reception took place in the city’s historic Shijia Hutong district. SCI director Professor Michel Hockx opened the evening and introduced SOAS alumnus Maxim Parr (BA Modern and Classical Chinese 2002), as CEO of Atlas Capital Group, Maxim kindly sponsored the evening event. The evening followed with an insightful talk by Dr Damian Töön, lecturer in Chinese business and management at SOAS, who shared his research on banking reform and the internationalisation of the Renminbi. A second talk, by Renda University’s Dr Xiao Gang, provided a valuable Chinese academic perspective on recent Chinese economic development.

In other news, SOAS alumnus George Wei Sze Shun (LLM 1978), was appointed to the Singapore Supreme Court in May 2015. Head of School of Law, Professor Paul Kohler, said: “We were delighted to hear the news of George Wei’s elevation to the Supreme Court; the appointment adds another line in the long list of School of Law alumni making major contributions to Singapore’s legal community and civil society.’

On an adventurous note, alumnus Joshua Dominick (MA Chinese Studies 2005) launched an epic handcycling journey across China in April 2015, using his translation skills to help promote sport for disabled people in China through handcycling. Joshua’s interest in the country began with its language and a fascination with the world’s oldest surviving pictographic script.

“As the name suggests,” said Joshua, “handcycles are hand-powered bicycles for individuals with limited use of their lower extremities, which have become increasingly popular in the United States. In recent years there has also been more effort in China to engage the disabled community and integrate its members more fully into society. We hope to contribute to this by bringing adaptive sports and the philosophy of a healthy physical and mental lifestyle to people in China with disabilities, specifically those with spinal cord injuries.”

We look forward to working collaboratively with our alumni supporters in China and the surrounding region as we develop our plans for the School’s centenary celebrations in 2016.

To find out more about how you can get involved with the SOAS’ global alumni network, please contact Zeba Salman on z.salman@soas.ac.uk or call +44 (0)20 7898 4138.
Our sincere thanks go to those individuals and organisations who have generously supported our work this year. Your support gives us the freedom to explore new intellectual avenues, attract the most able and engaged students and showcase to a wider audience current thinking and the latest research on China. Thank you all for your generosity.

We would especially like to thank Dr Seng Tee Lee and the Lee Foundation.
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Events Listing

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7 October 2014
China Goes West: Chinese Outbound Investment in the EU
Joel Backaler

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18 October 2014
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SOAS Jing-Kun Opera Society

**Seminar**
21 October 2014
Current Challenges for the Chinese Economy
Zhang Liqing

**Seminar**
29 October 2014
RMB Internationalisation and China’s Financial Reform and Opening
Haishong Gao, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

**Panel Discussion**
3 November 2014
Occupation and Resistance: Critical Assessments of the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong
Ernest Caldwell

**Lecture**
19 November 2014
The Funding in the UK for Higher Level Academic Exchange, Study and Research Between the UK and China
UCCL

**Seminar**
10 December 2014
Development in Tibet: A Tibetan Perspective
Phuntsog Wangyal

**Seminar**
8 January 2015
Taiping Christianity: The Mission and Theology of Hong Xiuquan
Cari Kilcourse

**Reception**
28 January 2015
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3 February 2015
Is Hong Kong Dreaming the Impossible Dream?
Anson Chan

**Lecture**
9 February 2015
State-Owned Enterprise Reform, Vested Interests, and Party-Business Relations in China
Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard

**Lecture**
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Goran Malmqvist

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Shane McCausland

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Peter Nolan

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Michael Nylon

**Book Launch**
13 May 2015
A Perfect Crime
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China is Now: ‘Opportunities for the UK’
CRCC Asia and China-Britain Business Council

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Chinese Legal History in Europe: A State of the Field
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