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Foreword

In 2023, we celebrate the 25th anniversary (1998 - 2023) of Erasmus University China Centre (EUCC).

This document summarizes these 25 years and also the early years before EUCC was established and addresses the following topics:

- The start of Erasmus University Rotterdam's interest for China
- The early pioneers who laid the first contacts in China
- The set-up of China Holland Education Research Centre (CHERC)
- Name change from CHERC to EUCC
- EUCC's focus and activities
- EUCC's results in the past 25 years

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) and its partner universities in China have a long and fruitful relationship. EUCC has played a pivotal role in accomplishing this. During this period, EUCC has acted as EUR's ambassador, offered advice, and coordinated and facilitated the increase and mutual understanding of the alliances between EUR and its Chinese counterparts.

During these 25 years, the academic cooperation with the Chinese partner universities, in particular for research, has been deepened and expanded, cutting cross various fields such as Medicine, Economics, Management, Law, Logistics, Social Science, and so on.

Thanks to EUCC, many qualified Chinese PhD candidates were recruited who paved the road for research cooperation for EUR's faculties, schools, and institutes. This has led to many publications in high rated journals and has reinforced the position of the EUR in the academic world.



*Ms. Weichia Tseng, MSc.
Managing Director of EUCC
May 2023*

Thanks to EUCC, many qualified Chinese PhD candidates were recruited who paved the road for research cooperation for EUR's faculties, schools, and institutes.

Today, EUCC, with offices in Rotterdam and Beijing, has evolved into a network organization in which universities, governmental agencies, and other organizations participate.

At EUCC 25th anniversary, we look back to and appreciate the valuable contacts that have been established and the great work that has been done. Also, we thank the people who (in the 1970s) made the first contacts with China, Chinese universities and later intensified the cooperation.

Of course, we give many thanks to those who have supported EUCC with vision, trust, and endless energy. All of this will not be forgotten.

History and Achievements

1. Market Exploration

EUR's relationship with China, in particular with Chinese partner universities, has a long history. EUR has been working with Chinese universities since 1975, when China first opened its doors to the world. Several professors from the Erasmus School of Economics (ESE) realized that China is a large country with a lot of (economic) potential and opportunities for academic development. This market should be explored as early as possible. An often-used slogan at that time "When the east dragon will wake, we should be there".

1.1 Experts and Pioneers



**Prof.dr. George Waardenburg
(Economist)**

Professor George Waardenburg (Head of department Development Planning ESE) was the main driving force. In 1975 he supported the initiative of a group of students to study developments in China. This resulted in a study group of 60 students and staff members from EUR, but also with participation of Leiden University (Professor Meylink Roelofs, Professor Haft en Schepel, Sinology Institute) and the University of Amsterdam (Professor Wertheim, Professor Breman). This study group has actively worked together for two years and concluded with a study trip to Shanghai in China.

The trip, showing its importance, had a committee of recommendation including Professor Jan Tinbergen (EUR's winner of the first ever awarded Nobel Prize for Economics), Professor Sanders and Professor Buijer from EUR.

During this trip, staff members and students from both sides learned from each other, did research and had many discussions together. Also lectures and seminars were given and organized.

Afterwards, the established contacts with China were continued and deepened by Professor Jaap Spronk and Professor Hans de Kruik (both from ESE) in the lead with concrete and first result of the new partnerships visits of Professor Willem Lammerts van Bueren and Professor Bert van der Knaap (both ESE) to Shanghai to give lectures at several universities.

During the same period, another result of the intensified academic relationship with China was the invitation of Professor Hans Galjaard (Cell biologist and authority in the field of prenatal diagnosis at Erasmus University Medical Centre) by the Chinese government to conduct research for birth defects in China.



**Prof.dr. Hans Galjaard
(Cell biologist)**

1.2 Sister-City relationship

In 1979, a sister-city and port-city relationship between Rotterdam and Shanghai was established. The two cities started working together in Transport, and Finance, but also in the field of education. Academic fields of focus were Medicine, Economics, Management and Law. Since then, as part of this sister-city relationship, more than 20 EUR professors from several faculties have traveled to Shanghai to establish contacts, enter into partnerships and to give lectures. At the same time, Chinese students and university staff were invited to travel to Rotterdam to study and do research at EUR.

For instance, Chinese researchers from Shanghai University of Finance & Economics (SUFU) and Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) visited Erasmus University to study and conduct research.

Mr. Weixin Huang was one of the first students who came from Shanghai University of Finance & Economics (SUFE) to study at EUR. Later, Mr. Huang was selected as PhD candidate under the supervision of Professor George Waardenburg. He has graduated as the first Chinese PhD at ESE-EUR.



PhD Candidate Weixin Huang (from SUFE) with Prof.dr. Jan Tinbergen (The first Nobel Prize Winner for Economics in the world)



Xin Shi (left) and Wenping Luo from SMU.

Also, the researchers Mr. Xin Shi and Mr. Wenping Luo came from Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) to conduct research in close collaboration with among others the Rotterdam Port Authority and the transport company P&O Nedlloyd.

Under the flag of the sister-city relationship, cooperation between the two cities and between EUR and the universities in Shanghai elaborated further. The name of EUR in Shanghai became very well known, and the academic sister-city relationship was strengthened, extended, and became very successful.

In 1985, EUR as part of the Rotterdam delegation, led by the Mayor of Rotterdam, visited Shanghai. During this visit, Erasmus University Medical Center signed an agreement with the faculty of Medicine, Fudan University. This was the first ever formal agreement between EUR and a Chinese university. As a result, the cooperation between EUR and Fudan University intensified.

This visit also aroused a broader interest in China in the Netherlands, not only at EUR but also at other Dutch universities.

For example, in 1991 Executive board members of Eindhoven University of Technology and Technical University Delft joined an EUR delegation to visit China. The EUR participants were Dr. Hans Stam (Executive Board EUR), Professor Bert Hofman and Professor Hans Jeekel (both Erasmus University Medical Center), Professor Ringeling (Public Administration), Professor Jaap Spronk and Professor Lammerts van Bueren (both ESE), Dr. Marius Nagels (Director Computing Center), Dr. Soetaert (Library) and Drs. Ton van der Pijl (Director Student Affairs). It was the start for both technical universities of fruitful new relationships with Chinese universities.



From left to right: Dr. Stam, Prof.dr. Hofman, Prof.dr. Jeekel, Prof.dr. Spronk, and Drs. Van der Pijl.



EUR delegation led by Dr. Hans Stam visiting partner universities (Shanghai, 1991).

The visit turned out to be the start of a successful relationship between EUR and various universities in Shanghai and later in Beijing, Wuhan, Guangzhou, Xiamen, and Hong Kong, among others.

1.3 Rotterdam Commercial Representative Office (RCRO)

RCRO was founded in 1987 in Shanghai. The reason for the establishment of RCRO was to give local follow-up and body to the sister city relationship between Shanghai and Rotterdam.

RCRO provides in-depth support to Dutch companies and educational institutions and assists official government and business delegations. The EUR has been a member from the start.



RCRO opening ceremony attended by former Chinese President and former Shanghai Mayor Jiang Zemin and former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers (1987).

2. China Holland Education Research Centre (CHERC)

In 1998, the China Holland Education and Research Center (CHERC) was established to coordinate and encourage further academic collaboration. Professor Willem Lammerts van Bueren was appointed by the Executive Board EUR as the first Managing Director.



Prof.dr. Willem Lammerts van Bueren (Economist)

CHERC is the result of the growing number of activities of EUR in Shanghai. The focus on China needed more coordination and support for the faculties, schools, and institutes. CHERC played therefore an important role in the internationalization of the EUR.

Since then, CHERC has become a network of Dutch and Chinese universities, companies and other organizations with the EUR and Shanghai Maritime University in the Pudong District as operating bases. CHERC states aims at the academic, economic, and cultural relations between the Netherlands and China built through projects and activities to support both gains.

CHERC was largely financed by the EUR; projects were also regularly sponsored by companies like Phillips, KLM, ING and P&O Nedlloyd, and governments such as the Municipality of Rotterdam, and the Ministry of Education in the Netherlands.

Although CHERC (Later EUCC) was founded in 1998, its roots date back to 1985, when a formal EUR delegation, as part of a Rotterdam sister-city delegation, visited Shanghai and signed our first agreement with Fudan University.



Prof.dr. Lammerts van Bueren at the Shanghai Education Fair (2000).

Each year, with the objective to develop educational and research activities in co-operation with Chinese universities, CHERC's Managing Director, China expert and pioneer Professor Lammerts van Bueren travelled to China to promote EUR, participate in the international education fairs, organize conference in Shanghai, and to introduce EUR colleagues to the Chinese partners. Vice versa many Chinese university delegations have visited EUR.

2.1 Master-Class

In 1999 Professor Lammerts van Bueren and Mr. Ton van der Pijl (Director academic affairs) selected a group of eight PhD candidates to attend a two-month Summer Master-Class at EUR, from the following universities in Shanghai:

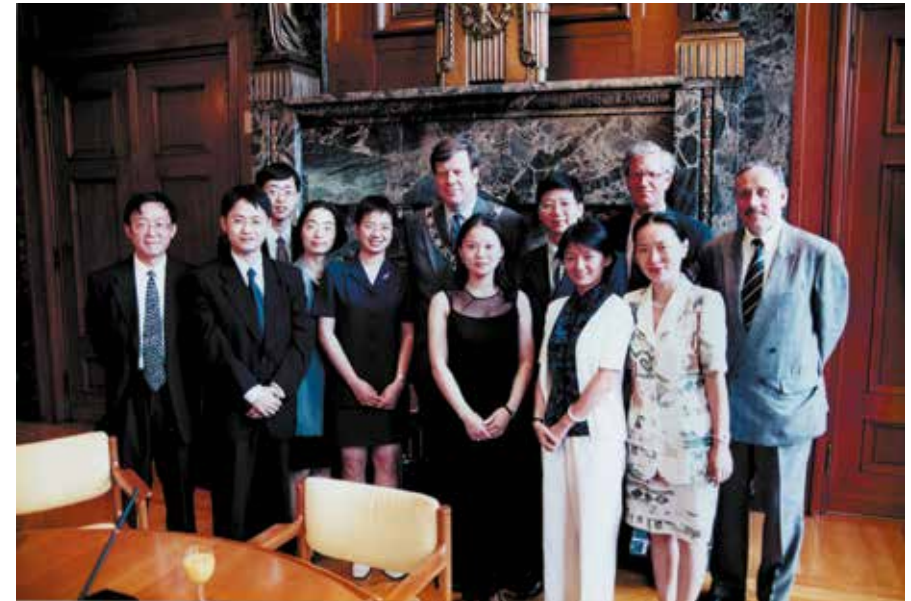
- Fudan University
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- Shanghai Maritime University
- East China University of Political Science and Law

This group of young academics were very talented PhD candidates. Most of them had graduated at their own universities already, but still wanted to graduate at EUR.

This is because Chinese students who aspire to an academic career see a PhD title from a top foreign university as essential. EUR is well regarded, and an EUR degree would boost their careers. Therefore, they sacrificed their summer holidays to join this Master-Class which was specially organized for them. In fact, this CHERC Master-Class is a double degree programme which evolved into the (China Scholarship Council) CSC-PhD programme in 2009.

During this two-month Summer Master-Class, professors from EUR schools gave lectures and organized seminars. PhD candidates gave presentations about their research allowing professors and PhD candidates to get known to each other. At the end of the Master-Class every Chinese PhD candidate had been linked to a EUR supervisor. The PhD candidates were very ambitious, hard workers and willing to do their utmost to obtain their EUR doctorate.

To get familiar with the Netherlands, many companies were visited. This included: ING Bank, Agon Insurance, ABN AMRO Bank, KLM, P&O Nedlloyd, Rotterdam City Hall, and the Rotterdam Harbor. The PhD candidates loved the Netherlands and were very impressed by EUR. In addition, a visit to the Mayor of Rotterdam was arranged for them too.



Visit to the Rotterdam Mayor Mr. Ivo Opstelten by the 1999 Master-Class participants.

They were very happy with this first visit to EUR and the Netherlands, enjoyed the two-month Masterclass, learned a lot and felt very rewarded.

Because of the success of the first Master-Class, a second group of eight PhD candidates from Shanghai and other Chinese cities were selected to participate in the 2001 Summer Master-Class.

Professor Lammerts van Bueren together with Ms. Weichia Tseng, who started working at CHERC in 2000, organized this two-month Master-Class with contribution of various EUR schools and faculties, to match these PhD candidates with potential supervisors.



Master-Class August 2001, organized by CHERC.

From left to right: Chinese PhD candidates, EUR staff members, EUR President Prof.dr. Van Eindhoven, Prof.dr. Lammers van Bueren, Ms. Tseng, and Mr. Van der Pijl.

After the master classes, CHERC PhD students returned to China, where they worked at their own universities and spent their summer and winter holidays each year doing research at EUR close to their supervisors. Through this so-called "Sandwich-model", which often took five or six years to complete, 12 CHERC PhD students have successfully graduated from EUR. This is a great achievement.

2.2 PhD Graduation

The first "CHERC" PhD graduation takes place in December 2000. Dr. Wenping Luo of Shanghai Maritime University, via the "Sandwich-model" and sponsored by P&O Nedlloyd and the Port of Rotterdam, has successfully graduated from EUR.



Prof.dr. Lammerts van Bueren congratulating to Dr. Wenping Luo.



All "CHERC" PhDs who have obtained their EUR doctorate (2000 – 2014)

These Chinese researchers realized that this was the result of their own efforts, hard work and wisdom, but at the same time they benefited from the good environment that EUR and Dutch society created. They appreciate this very much and still give a lot back to the EUR to this day.



Ms. Tseng and PhD candidates at the Shanghai Education Fair (2002).

Since their graduation, they are EUR ambassadors who actively promote EUR and have helped us during education fairs in China. Now being professors themselves, they also send their most qualified and best students to EUR for Bachelor-, Master- or PhD-study.

2.3 Conference

In August 2000, a Dutch mission led by Minister of Education and Sciences Mr. Loek Hermans visited Shanghai. On this occasion CHERC organized a conference where representatives of Shanghai enterprises and universities met Dutch business leaders of the delegation.



Conference August 2000, Shanghai, organized by CHERC

Participants

- Dutch companies: Philips; DSM; ABN AMRO Bank; P&O Nedlloyd; Rotterdam Harbor; KLM.
- Partner universities in Shanghai: Fudan University; Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; Shanghai Maritime University; East China University of Political Science and Law.
- Netherlands government: Minister of Education and Sciences Loek Hermans; Consul-General of The Netherlands. EUR representatives: President of EUR Prof.dr. Van Bommel; Prof.dr. Lammerts van Bueren.

3. Erasmus University China Centre (EUCC)



Prof. mr. Hans de Doelder
(Criminology)

In 2008, Professor Willem Lammerts van Bueren retired, and Professor Hans de Doelder was appointed as his successor as Managing Director of CHERC.

During that period, China Holland Education Research Centre (CHERC) was renamed Erasmus University China Centre (EUCC). With this name change the China Centre is more clearly linked to Erasmus University.

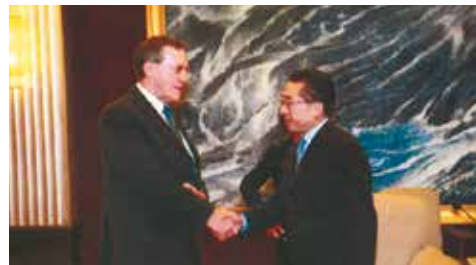
From that moment on, EUCC focused more on organizing and giving seminars and training courses. In the fields of Law, Economy, Business and Management, Maritime Affairs, Public Health, Elderly care, and Life Sciences, etc. Many seminars and training courses were organized in China as well as in the Netherlands.

Professor Hans De Doelder, as delegation leader together with Ms. Tseng organized dozens of EUR visits to Beijing and Shanghai.

During these visits, EUR colleagues were introduced to partner universities, lectures were given, and matchmakings events were held. Many staff members from different EUR schools or institutes have traveled in their slipstream to China and have made their own contributions.



Prof. mr. Hans de Doelder leads the EUR delegation to visit Shanghai (2008).



Prof. mr. Hans de Doelder meets President CHEN Xu of Shanghai Municipal Procuratorate.



President CHERC Xu receives the EUR delegation.

3.1 China Scholarship Council (CSC) PhD programme

Over the years the number of EUR research projects has grown with as consequence an increased need for talented PhD students to do this research. Unfortunately, the number of Dutch PhD student stayed behind.

At that time, EUCC introduced EUR to the China Scholarship Council (CSC). This is a non-profit institution (comparative to the Dutch Nuffic), affiliated with the Ministry of Education of China that offers financial support to Chinese PhD students to do research abroad.

Thanks to the number of Memoranda of Understanding with high rated Chinese universities EUR could sign an agreement with CSC in October 2009 that would bring many Chinese PhD candidates to EUR.

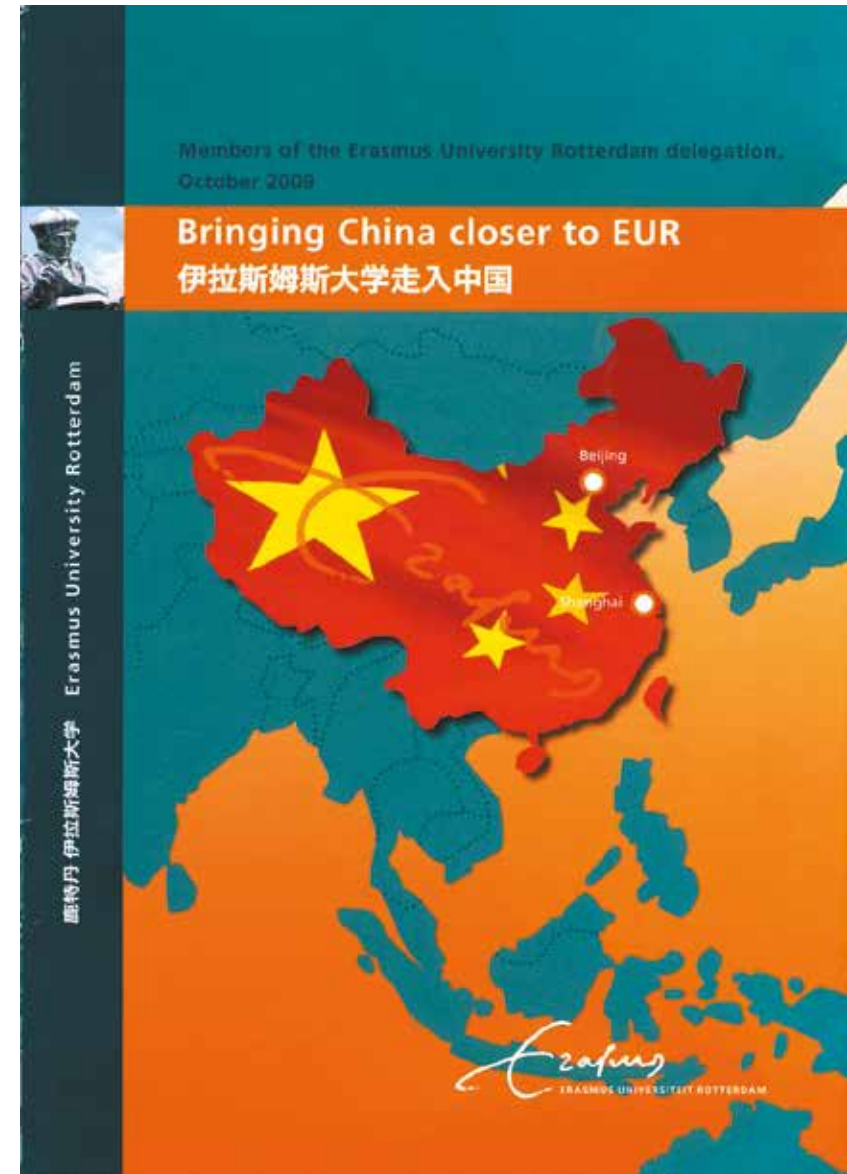
The agreement includes:

- Chinese students who have completed a master's degree programme can go abroad to conduct research at a top university, with a CSC grant, for four years (48 months).
- This grant concerns living, health insurance and a return ticket.
- Foreign universities who receive these CSC PhD students do not charge tuition fees and at the same time offer all kinds of facilities (computer account, workspace, etc.) to the students without charging costs.

Since the start in 2009, EUCC has acted as a liaison between CSC and EUR and is responsible for the implementation of the CSC PhD programme. It takes care of the annual recruitment of research proposals and the recruitment of PhD students. EUCC also takes care of the interviews of the candidates by the professors and the further administrative processing.

The cooperation with CSC is important for the EUR and has been very successful and fruitful with almost 400 PhD candidates till today (2023). Therefore, the agreement of CSC - EUR has been successfully extended every four years since the start in 2009.

After signing the contract with CSC, in order to increase our promotion and recruitment efforts and activities in China, EUR opened an EUCC branch office in Beijing in 2009. Since then, the number of self-paid Bachelor- and Master-students, and CSC funded PhD candidates has grown. Every year, EUR has welcomed hundreds of Bachelor- and Master-students and dozens of CSC PhD candidates.



Flyer China visit 2009. It shows the two cities with EUR representation, EUCC office in Beijing (opened that year) and RCRO office in Shanghai, opened in 1987.



Ms. Weichia Tseng, MSc

In 2013, Ms. Weichia Tseng became the successor of Professor Hans De Doelder, who retired that year.

To meet the growing demand for qualified PhD students, Ms. Tseng and Ms. Selano LI (EUR representative in the Beijing office) have intensified contacts with existing partner universities and expanded their scope from Beijing and Shanghai to other cities, for instance Wuhan, Guangzhou, and Xiamen.



Ms. Selano Li, BSc

The CSC PhD programme is very important for EUR. It brings the following benefits:

I. Social benefits

- The knowledge of researchers is bundled and well used.
 - SMART Port, cooperation between EUR (Erasmus School of Economics, Rotterdam School of Management, and Rotterdam port Authority) and Shanghai in port/logistics areas.

- The large population research between Erasmus University Medical Center and Medical school of Fudan University.
 - Aging problem, cooperation between Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management and China.
 - Emigration and urbanization, cooperation between Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Shanghai.
 - Water management, cooperation between Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and China Academy Social Sciences.
- Social issues (such as: aging, climate change, energy transition, etc.) are current topics for researchers. The implementation and results of innovative solutions therefore provide new insights, which can be important in the future when such issues arise in the Netherlands as well. Thanks to the collaboration and research by CSC PhD students, the research results and recommendations are already present in the Netherlands.
 - The business community also benefits from the research results, diversity of insights, and experiences that researchers have brought.

II. Scientific benefits

- International cooperation and participation in the world top increase the quality of education and research. By sharing information, acceleration in research is realized. Research continuously builds on the work of others.
- Due to continuous investment in education and research, the quality of Chinese universities has improved enormously. The world ranking of Chinese universities has been increasing for years and the number of publications is also increasing.
- Our Chinese partner universities (Peking University, Tsinghua University, Fudan University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University) are in the top 100 worldwide and the first two of them are even among the top 20.
- The arrival of Chinese researchers from these universities not only provides research teams, but it also enriches research areas. This results in more high ranked journal publications and more brand awareness of the EUR in the world.

- Thanks to the cooperation with these universities, EUR gains access to talents, data, fieldwork, and resources so that EUR can retain its top position in science.

III. Economic benefits

- In emerging economies, such as China, prosperity has improved enormously in recent decades. As a result, more and more Chinese students can afford to study at foreign universities.
- Every year, millions of bachelor- and master-students graduate in China, including many talented, motivated students who want to continue studying abroad.
- EUR attracts many Chinese self-paying students and from 2010 also researchers with CSC scholarships for high-quality and fundamental research.

The role of EUCC

In order to recruit the best students, EUCC has organized many on-line events where EUR Chinese staff members and CSC PhD students could share their experiences, especially during the Covid pandemic. The recruitment results are even better than before the pandemic.

Every year, EUCC promotes EUR by visiting (partner) universities and uses (Chinese) media channels to attract qualified CSC PhD candidates.

Moreover, for the CSC PhD programme, EUCC offers the following support and services:

- Application schedule.
- CSC PhD Call (issued by the Rector).
- Email with announcement for the start of this programme and the PhD Call to Deans and Directors of graduate schools.
- Application form & English requirements.

- Promotion and recruitment
 - Admission procedure
 - Selection procedure
- Application procedure
 - Collect & pre-assess documents
 - Inform potential supervisor
 - Interview applicants
 - Prepare acceptance letter for supervisors
 - Apply for CSC Scholarship.
- Email with announcement of candidates list to:
 - Supervisors
 - HR and Administration
 - Rector, Deans and Directors of graduate schools.
- Set up of a WeChat group online for new PhD candidates, for:
 - Orientation
 - Sharing information.
- Communicate with schools/institutes/faculties for Hospitable agreement (Gastvrijovereenkomst) and Visa application.
- Pre-departure meeting (in China).
- Welcome Event (at EUR).
- Monitoring the progress.
- Assistance and support in solving problems between supervisors and candidates.

CSC PhD programme results

The CSC PhD programme is a success. Up till now 368 full time PhD candidates have started at EUR of which 98 have obtained their EUR doctorate. See Appendix C. EUR CSC PhD Overview (2010-2023).

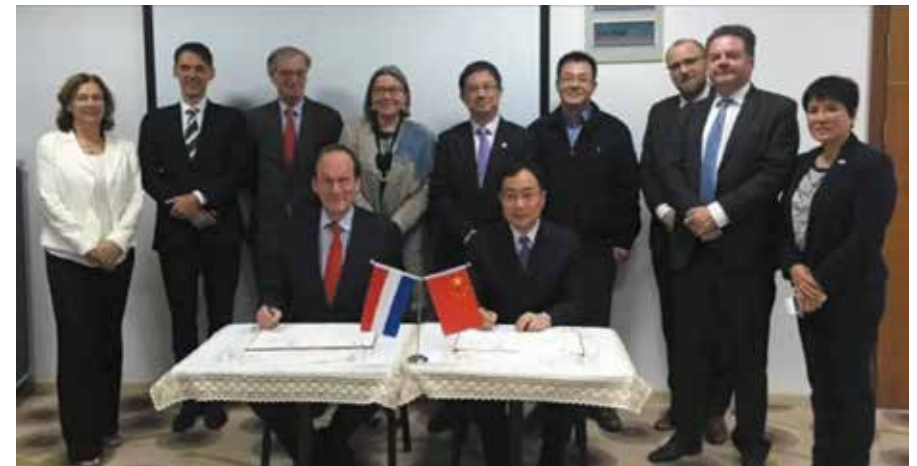


All CSC PhDs who have obtained their EUR doctorate (2014 – 2023).

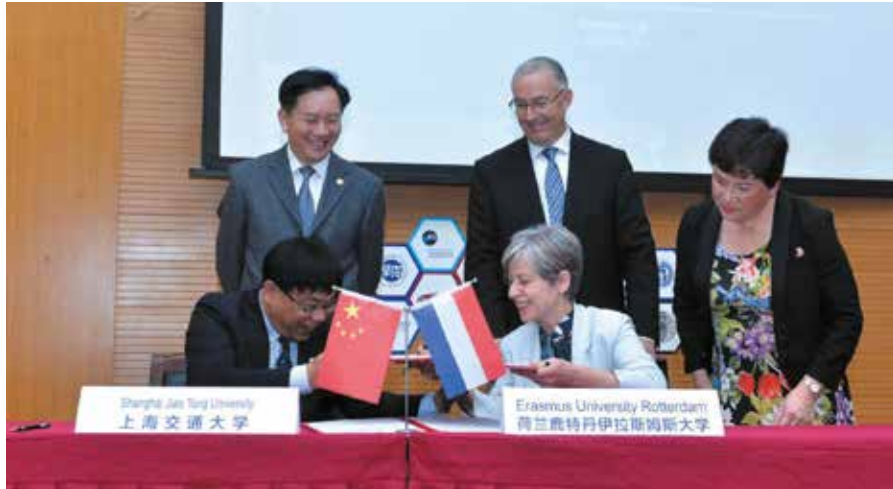
3.2 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU's)

Between 2006 and 2020, EUR formalized its academic cooperation with Fudan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Peking University, Tsinghua University, etc. (see Appendix A) through university level Memoranda of Understanding.

International cooperation is essential and international (researcher) talent is needed to strengthen our research teams at EUR through, among other things, knowledge, and exchange. The added value of an academic network and exchange of researchers between the EUR and Chinese partners universities ensures a broader view of the world and quality improvement of research. This has kept EUR among the world top and allows EUR to maintain that level.



Fudan University - EUR MoU signing by vice-presidents from both universities (2016).



Shanghai Jiao Tong University - EUR MoU signing by presidents from both universities in presence of the Mayor of Rotterdam Mr. Ahmed Aboutaleb (2019).

3.3 China visits

In order to continue and intensify the cooperation with partner universities, EUCC organized several trips to China.

Yearly, one or two China visits are organized by EUCC. Often EUR delegations join the Mayor of Rotterdam's trip to China, therewith contributing to the sister-city relationship between Shanghai and Rotterdam.

The most recent visit (pre pandemic) to China was in April 2018, when an EUR delegation, under the leadership of President Ms. Kristel Baele, joined Minister Bruins' "China Life Science & Health" mission to China, organized by Erasmus University China Centre (EUCC).

Main purposes of this visit:

- Visiting partner universities
- Renewing MoU with Peking University at university level
- Renewing agreements with partner universities at school level
- Discussing further collaborations
- Organizing seminar with Beijing Arbitration Commission

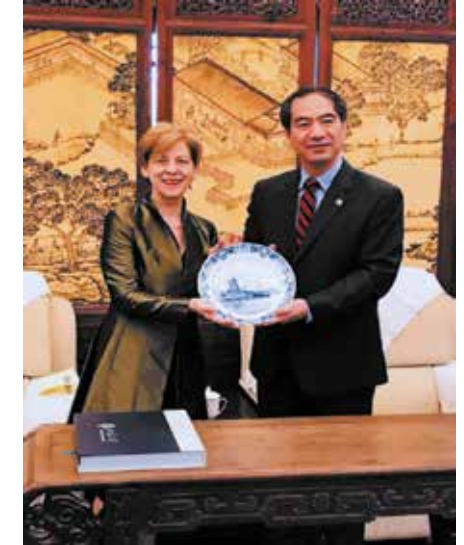


President of Peking University receives the EUR delegation 2018 Minister Bruins also joined the meeting.

During this mission, the EUR delegation paid visits to eight (partner) universities and renewed one MoU at university level and five agreements at School level as well, in the presence of Minister of Health, His Excellency mr. Bruins.



The MoU between Peking University and EUR was signed by both presidents on April 10th, 2018.



After the signing, both presidents exchanged gifts.

Next to the above, Erasmus School of Law extended their agreements with four partner universities:

- School of Law, China University of Politic Science & Law
- School of Law, Peking University
- School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- School of Law, Fudan University

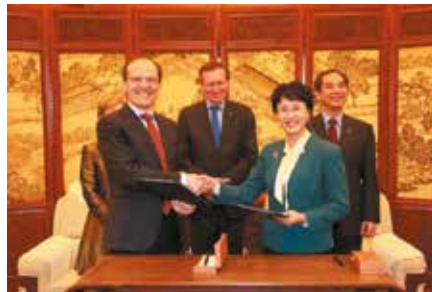
The Erasmus School of Economics signed a research contract in the field of Risk Management with:

- School of Economics, Peking University

The following promising agreements have been made:

I. Erasmus School of Economics:

Professor Onno Steenbeek, who is an expert in pension systems, signed on behalf of Erasmus School of Economics an agreement with the School of Economics, Peking University.



After the signing of agreement.



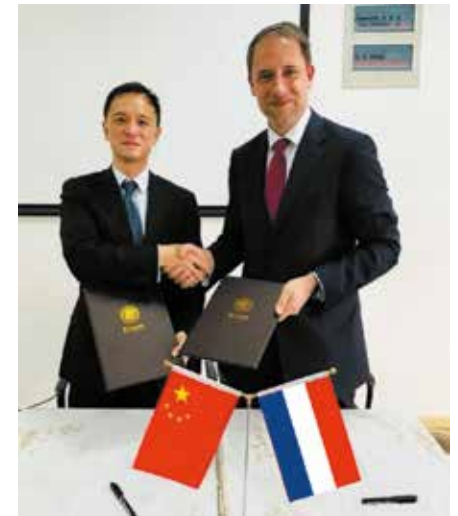
Prof.dr. Chris de Zeeuw and President of Peking University.

II. Erasmus University Medical Center:

Professor Chris de Zeeuw, expert in Life Sciences, has made arrangements with Institute Bio-X Center, Shanghai Jiao Tong University to start a joint research project in that field. Initial steps for a similar agreement with Peking University were made.

III. Erasmus School of Law:

Professor Fabian Amtenbrink (representing Erasmus School of Law) and the School of Law of Shanghai Jiao Tong University have expressed their willingness to invite each other to take part in collaborative research projects.



After the signing of agreement.

IV. Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management (ESHPM):

As one of the keynote speakers, the Dean of ESHPM has given a presentation at the Sino-Dutch Seminar on Healthcare and Innovation that was organized by the Ministry of Health on the occasion of the visit of the Minister of Health his Excellency Mr. Bruins to Beijing. The speech "Initiatives of good management which improves efficiency/reduces cost in health care in the Netherlands" was well-received according to the various responses.

The added bonus of this kind of trips is that often scientists and academics from diverse areas can meet each other and can start collaborative research projects. In this way interesting connections have been made between ESHPM and ESE in the area of "Life expectancy and costs for health care and pensions". Further EUR was invited to participate in joint-research with the Peking University Medical School Hospital.

EUCC organized and coordinate the trip and also made a trip report with action list and follow up activities.



Minister Bruins with both presidents and EUR delegation.

3.4 Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) 100th anniversary

In November 2013, to celebrate its 100th anniversary, EUR invited their partner universities globally. China was well represented. The (vice-)presidents of all 10 Chinese partner universities came over to Rotterdam. This proves the good relationships EUCC has and the sincere appreciation for EUR among our partners. A special ceremony has been organized to renew MoU's with most of the partners.



Chinese Partner University Presidents and EUR President Pauline van der Meer Mohr.

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3.5 EUCC 20th anniversary

In August 2018, EUCC celebrated its 20th anniversary with a conference at the EUR-campus. More than 300 participants attended this meeting including: EUR President, Deans, Directors of Graduate schools, supervisors, staff members from EUR, representatives of Rotterdam City Hall, representatives of Embassy of China, Chinese companies in the Netherlands, the former EUCC Managing Directors Professor Lammerts van Buren and Professor De Doelder, and as special guests several EUCC alumni and CSC PhD alumni (who travelled from China to Rotterdam to participate in this celebration), and current CSC PhD students at EUR.

Professor Lammerts van Buren, in his role as Chairman of the conference, introduced the speakers:

- The president of the EUR, Ms. Kristel Baele, who fully affirmed the achievements of EUCC in the past 20 years and wishes EUCC to keep growing, and to keep delivering great results in the coming years.
- Professor Jaap Spronk from RSM, who recalled the history of 1970s, when he led his students for the first time to visit China and later, when he saw the big and impressive changes in China.
- Professor Johan Kros from Erasmus MC who has shared his experience in coaching a Chinese CSC PhD student who graduated with honors. This had made him a very proud supervisor.
- PhD alumni, who described their successful careers so far and expressed how proud they are having graduated at EUR. They have promised to keep promoting EUR and to continue the cooperation.



Prof.dr. Huixia Liu from North-west University Xi'an (EUCC Alumni).

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Mr. Ton van der Pijl.

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First three Chinese PhD's at EUR:
From left to right: Dr. Yuan Gao,
Dr. Lei Lei and Prof.dr. Weixin Huang.
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From left to right: Dr. Guoyong Liang, Prof.dr. Guohua Zhang, Ms. Tseng, Prof.dr. Huixia Liu, Prof. dr. Wei Pei and Prof.dr. Lian Cheng. They are Chinese EUCC and CSC PhD alumni who joined EUCC 20th celebrating.



EUCC 20th anniversary attendees.

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EUCC's efforts has resulted in over one hundred Chinese students obtaining their PhD at EUR since 1992. Many of them returned to China to work as university professors, deans and even vice president and court president. They are grateful to the EUR, and they want to give something back. Every year they send good and qualified students to EUR and act as our ambassadors. Also, some of them are still working with their former EUR supervisor, do research in China and are publishing academic articles together. Some of them, after their graduation, are working at EUR as post doc or are working at various companies in the Netherlands and contribute to Dutch society.

3.6 EUCC achievements

- Thanks to EUCC, the EUR has become well known in China and the many good contacts are still maintained with great success.
- Signed 10 MoUs at university level with Chinese universities (all of these universities are among the top 10 in China, four of them are world-class) and with Chinese government agency (China Scholarship Council - CSC).
- Closed more than 50 agreements at faculty level (including Hong Kong and Taiwan).
- Organised more than 30 China trips (including: matchmaking events, lectures, seminar, conferences, and workshops).
- Recruited hundreds of self-paying Bachelor-students and Master-students every year.
- Delivered more than hundred Chinese PhDs.
- Set up alumni network for both Chinese PhDs and Chinese EUR staff members.

In 2023, EUR celebrates its 110th birthday and meanwhile EUCC celebrates its 25th anniversary.

EUCC is proud of its contribution to EUR's internationalization and the steps made in Dutch Chinese academic cooperation.

Appendix

A: Memoranda of understanding (MoU's)

Fudan University (**QS 34; THE 51**), Cooperation Since 1985, MoU in 2006

Peking University (**QS 12; THE 17**), Cooperation Since 2000, MoU in 2008

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (**QS 46; THE 52**), Cooperation Since 2000, MoU in 2008

Shanghai University of Finance & Economics, Cooperation Since 1977, MoU in 2008

China Scholarship Council, Cooperation and MoU Since 2009

Renmin University of China, Cooperation since 2000, MoU in 2012

Tsinghua University (**QS 14; THE 16**), Cooperation Since 2000, MoU in 2014

Wuhan University, Cooperation Since 2008, MoU in 2014

Sun Yat-Sen University, Cooperation since 2012, MoU in 2019

Xiamen University, Cooperation since 2012, MoU in 2020

Rankings are based on QS Top Universities 2023 and Times Higher Education 2023.

B: Erasmus University China Centre (EUCC)

Professor dr. Willem Lammerts van Bueren

Managing Director (1998 - 2008)

Professor dr. Hans de Doelder

Managing Director (2008 - 2013)

Ms. Weichia Tseng MSc

Managing Director (2013 – 2023)

EUCC Activities:

- Advising on China policy to the Executive Board, deans and staff members and actively contributing to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be concluded with the top Chinese universities.
- Stimulate, coordinate, and facilitate academic cooperation between EUR and Chinese partner universities.
- Guiding, advising, and facilitating EUR staff members and students to establish contacts with Chinese universities and government institutions.
- Managing relationships and ensure that cooperation is established and continued.
- Advising, coordinating, and supervising the preparation and implementation of trips, seminars, and workshops in China in which the Executive Board, faculties and staff members are involved.
- Coordinating, supervising, and supporting faculties with promotion of educational programmes and recruitment activities on the Chinese education market.
- Closely involved in the recruitment and selection of Chinese PhD candidates.
- Monitoring progress of CSC PhD students, providing personal guidance, and maintaining regular contact with both supervisor and PhD students.
- Contributing to the preparation and implementation of reception of Chinese delegations.

C: EUR CSC PhD Overview (2010 - 2023)

Table 1 EUR CSC PhD by Year (2010 - 2023)

Year	Candidates	Graduated	Joint PhD Post-doc
2010	7	6	
2011	15	12	
2012	14	10	1
2013	15	14	
2014	20	12	2
2015	25	16	2
2016	18	11	4
2017	35	14	6
2018	19	3	4
2019	31		4
2020	42		7
2021	68		24
2022	59		20
Total	368	98	74

Table 2 EUR CSC PhD by School/Institute (2010 - 2023)

School/Institute	Candidates	Graduated	Joint PhD Post-doc
EMC	204	59	16
ESL	38	16	9
RSM	44	4	31
ESE	8	2	5
ESSB	31	8	6
ESHPM	10	3	1
ESHCC	16	4	5
ESPHIL	1		
ISS	13	2	
IHS	3		1
Total	368	98	74

Legend

EMC	Erasmus University Medical Center
ESL	Erasmus School of Law
RSM	Rotterdam School of Management
ESE	Erasmus School of Economics
ESSB	Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
ESHPM	Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management
ESHCC	Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication
ESPHIL	Erasmus School of Philosophy
ISS	International Institute of Social Studies
IHS	International Institute of Housing and Urban development Study

D: Chinese PhD graduates from EUR (1992 - 2023)

- 1992** Professor dr. Weixin HUANG
- 1994** Dr. Lei LEI
- 1995** Dr. Yuan GAO
- 2000** Professor dr. Wenping LUO
- 2001** Dr. Xiaoqian MA
- 2003** Professor dr. Xianquan LIU, Professor dr. Yun ZHAO
- 2004** Professor dr. Ping HE, Professor dr. Bo TANG, Professor dr. Yiwen FEI, Professor dr. Deyuan LI, Dr. Guoyong LIANG
- 2005** Professor dr. Guohua ZHANG, Dr. Yingying ZOU
- 2008** Professor dr. Chen ZHOU
- 2009** Professor dr. Ting LI, Professor dr. Jiaqi YANG, Dr. Fan LIU
- 2010** Professor dr. Xiandong ZHANG
- 2011** Dr. Zhenyu GAO, Dr. Weiwei XU, Dr. Xiang FENG
- 2013** Dr. Yijing WANG
- 2014** Professor dr. Guangdong XU, Professor dr. Wenqi LIU, Associate Professor Chen LI, Associate Professor Haiyan WU, Dr. Ben REN, Dr. Rui CAI
- 2015** Professor dr. Yun MA, Professor dr. Wei PEI, Associate Professor Tianshi WANG, Dr. Zhouqiao WU, Dr. Xiaona LIU, Dr. Wei SUN
- 2016** Professor dr. Zhenxing HUANG, Associate Professor Qianyun WANG, Associate Professor Wenting JIAO, Associate Professor Xinying ZHOU, Associate Professor Yanwei LI, Associate Professor Yang FENG, Dr. Chiheng JU, Dr. Xiaolei SHI, Dr. Pengfei WANG, Dr. Yijin WANG, Dr. Xiao PENG
- 2017** Associate Professor Jingjing LIU, Associate Professor Lei XU, Associate Professor Qiushi LIANG, Associate Professor Ruxi WANG, Associate Professor Yuebang YIN, Dr. Kuikui ZHOU, Dr. Changbin ZHU, Dr. Juan LI, Dr. Bo YANG
- 2018** Associate Professor Yixin XU, Associate Professor Zhihao YANG, Dr. Wanlu CAO, Dr. Wenshi WANG, Dr. Ling HUANG, Dr. Wenhui WANG, Dr. Guoying ZHOU, Dr. Yunan XU, Dr. Cheng BIAN, Dr. Wen DANG, Dr. Danyang DU, Dr. Guannan BAI
- 2019** Dr. Bin WU, Dr. Tao LU, Dr. Ziyu LIU, Dr. Fan JIA, Dr. Pengyu LIU, Dr. Lei YANG, Dr. Lu WANG, Dr. Zhangling CHEN, Dr. Buyun MA, Dr. Changbo QU, Dr. Yayun SHEN
- 2020** Dr. Xiao XUN, Dr. Qiqi FU, Dr. Qiong GONG, Dr. Jingni YANG, Dr. Shan LI, Dr. Min XU, Dr. Junwen YANG, Dr. Hui LIU, Dr. Wenhao ZHANG, Dr. Meng LI, Dr. Shangwei WU, Dr. Du DU, Dr. Zongye CAI, Dr. Jiaye LIU, Dr. Sunrui CHEN
- 2021** Associate Professor Sha ZHU, Dr. Zhen LV, Dr. Manzhi ZHAO, Dr. Shu LI, Dr. Yun LIU, Dr. Anran ZHANG, Dr. Runyu ZOU, Dr. Zhouhong GE, Dr. Zeyun FENG, Dr. Peifa YU, Dr. Xumin OU
- 2022** Dr. Yuhan JI, Dr. Xiaofei XU, Dr. Chaoping ZHANG, Dr. Xiaolu WANG, Dr. Yiyun LIAO, Dr. Wantli MA, Dr. Jinluan CHEN, Dr. Yihua CHEN, Dr. Wei LIU, Dr. Peiqian WU, Dr. Shuai CHEN, Dr. Shuang ZHANG, Dr. Yang LI, Dr. Yunlong LI, Dr. Xiaofang ZHANG, Dr. Ling WANG, Dr. Shaojun SHI, Dr. Yuan FANG, Dr. Maike LIU
- 2023** Dr. Mannan LUO, Dr. Dawei XU

E: Background Information

- Professor George Waardenburg (Economics development, Erasmus School of Economics)
- Professor Jan Tinbergen (the first Nobel prize winner for Economics in the world)
- Professor Jaap Spronk (Rotterdam School of Management)
- Professor Willem Lammerts van Bueren (Statistics, Erasmus School of Economics)
- Professor Bert van der Knaap (Erasmus School of Economics)
- Professor Albert Hofman (Public Health, Erasmus University MC)
- Professor Hans Jeekel (Erasmus University MC)
- Dr. Hans Stam (EUR Executive Board member)
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