



WUN PRESIDENTS FORUM 2015

Global and Local:
Reform Agendas for Higher
Education in China and the World

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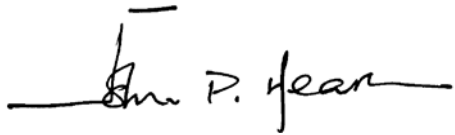
Welcome to the WUN Presidents Forum 2015. We welcome the participating WUN Presidents and also the Presidents of leading Chinese universities, along with education and research experts. The purpose is a snapshot of the dynamic changes that are driving reform in higher education and research in China and around the world.

WUN Presidents meet each year to exchange their insights into University leadership and development. In doing so they scope the broader framework and comparisons of the challenges and opportunities faced by academia and its stakeholders, especially in government, business and the communities we serve.

As such, WUN enables a global think-tank with unrivalled international experience and perspective. The discussions and recommendations from the debate inform those involved, and are communicated to relevant policy makers through position papers, publication and personal engagement of those present. Frequently, there are spin-off presentations in international conferences in related fields.

Although this is a short and focused forum, we hope also that Presidents, Vice Presidents and guests from the WUN Partnership including its Chinese members and guests from China, are able to meet, exchange views, and form contacts and friendships that are an enduring result of WUN meetings.

Our special thanks to our hosts, Professor Xu Yangsheng, President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, and to Professor Joseph Sung, Vice-Chancellor and President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Professor John Hearn
Executive Director
Worldwide Universities Network



7:15am	For delegates attending the WUN AGM – Coaches depart from the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Sha Tin
9:15am – 9:30am	Arrival and registration
9:30am – 9:50am	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Dr Max Price, Chair, WUN Partnership Board & President, The University of Cape Town • Professor Xu Yangsheng, President, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen • Welcome by Vice Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government. • Group photo
9:50am – 10:20am	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Professor Yang Fujia, President, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China <i>Chinese Dream, Chinese Educational Dream First</i> (中国梦，首先是中国教育梦) Discussion moderated by Professor Max Price & Professor Xu Yangsheng</p>
10:20am – 10:50am	Morning tea
10:50am – 12:20pm	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Advancing higher education internationalization through partnership and collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Joseph Sung, Vice-Chancellor & President, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Chair) • Professor Martin Paul, President, Maastricht University • Professor Xu Ningsheng, President, Fudan University • Professor Stuart McCutcheon, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Auckland • Professor Yonghua Song, Executive Vice-President, Zhejiang University • Open-floor discussion by all participants
12:20pm – 12:30pm	Closing remarks by Professor John Hearn, Executive Director, Worldwide Universities Network
12:30pm – 12:40pm	Coach transfer to lunch venue
12:40pm – 1:40pm	Lunch at Castle Hotel of Genzon
1:40pm – 3:40pm	<p>End of program</p> <p>For delegates attending the WUN AGM – Coaches return to Hyatt Regency Sha Tin</p>

Chinese Dream, Chinese Educational Dream First

Professor Yang Fujia, President of The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) will share with the WUN Presidents Forum 2015 his insights on China's position on higher education reform and opportunities to take part in China's higher education development.

Professor Yang Fujia is an academican of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Fellow of the Central Research Institute of Culture and History. He was made Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Nottingham after serving as Chancellor from 2000 to 2012, the first time such a title was bestowed by the university.

He graduated from Fudan University in 1958 with a degree in physics and stayed on as a teacher. From 1963 to 1965 he served his postdoctorate in the Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen.

In 1965, Professor Yang returned to Fudan University and gradually progressed to Dean of Graduate School (1987-1991), Vice President (1991-1993), and finally the President (1993-1999). While he was President, Professor Yang, among other achievements, established the Fudan Development Institute, the first think-tank in a Chinese university.

Professor Yang is an eminent physicist and a leading advocate of global education. He served as the Director of the Shanghai Institute of Nuclear Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (1987-2001), Chairman of the Shanghai Science and Technology Association (1992-1996), Founding President of the Association of University Presidents of China (1997-1999), and Vice Chairman of the Chinese Association of Science and Technology (2001-2011). He was a member of the International Association of University Presidents and the Association of University Presidents of the Pacific Rim.

Professor Yang holds honorary degrees from Soka University of Japan, the State University of New York, the University of Hong Kong, the University of Nottingham, the University of Connecticut, Macau University of Science and Technology and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.





Professor John Hearn
Executive Director,
Worldwide Universities Network

Professor John Hearn is Executive Director and Chief Executive of the Worldwide Universities Network, a partnership of nineteen research universities (www.wun.ac.uk). He is Professor of Reproductive Physiology (School of Medical Sciences) at the University of Sydney. He was awarded his PhD from the Australian National University (ANU) and served for 6-7 years each in leading research, teaching and administrative positions at the Universities of Edinburgh, London UCL, Wisconsin, ANU and Sydney. Most recently he was Vice President (Research) at ANU 2000-4, and Vice President (Academic and International) at Sydney 2004-13. He teaches first year and advanced students in science and biomedicine. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He has published 207 research papers and edited six books in reproduction and fertility, stem cell biology and biotechnology. A committed international citizen, he has worked globally in research capacity development, especially in China, India, Thailand, Kenya and Brazil. He is a senior adviser to the Australian Government, World Health Organisation and the OECD. He is Chairman of the Australia-Africa Universities Network (www.aaun.edu.au) and was (to 2013) a Board member of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and Chairman of the Board of the Sydney Confucius Institute.



Dr Max Price
Chair,
WUN Partnership Board
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Cape Town

Max Price took up the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town in July 2008. He is vice-chair of Higher Education South Africa. From 1996 to 2006, Dr Price was dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand. As dean, he spearheaded the introduction of a new medical curriculum, led the transformation of the faculty, initiated a variety of courses and programmes, established the first University-owned private teaching hospital and also a major clinical research company.

He chaired the National Committee of Medical Deans for 4 years, and also the Medical and Dental Professions Board subcommittee responsible for accreditation of undergraduate medical degree programmes in South Africa. He has degrees from the universities of the Witwatersrand (Medicine), Oxford (BA), and London (Public Health) and has published extensively in the fields of public health policy and health science education. He has worked in hospitals in Johannesburg and in rural South Africa, was a research fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and was director of the Centre for Health Policy at Wits University. Amongst his awards are the Rhodes Scholarship, the Outstanding Young South African Award, an Honorary Fellowship of the Colleges of Medicine of SA, and the Takemi Fellowship in International Health at Harvard School of Public Health.



Professor Joseph J.Y. Sung
Vice Chair,
WUN Partnership Board
Vice-Chancellor and President,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Joseph J.Y. Sung is the Vice-Chancellor and President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, holding also the Mok Hing Yiu Professor of Medicine.

Professor Sung's research interests include intestinal bleeding, Helicobacter Pylori, peptic ulcer, hepatitis B, and colorectal cancer. He and his team proved the relationship between H. pylori and peptic ulcer diseases. They were first in demonstrating that a course of antibiotics lasting a week can cure H. pylori infection and successfully treat peptic ulcers and minimize their relapse. At the same time, Professor Sung and his team pioneered the use of endoscopic treatment for ulcer bleeding to reduce the need for operative surgery. These research results have a major impact on and have changed the practice of gastroenterology worldwide.

Professor Sung also led a group of experts from 15 Asia-Pacific countries to launch colorectal cancer screening research in 2004, and has laid down clear guidelines and promoted colorectal screenings in the region. Because of his work in cancer screening and prevention, he was honoured by the Prevent Cancer Foundation of the United States with the Laurel Award.

Professor Sung has published over 790 full scientific articles in leading journals, edited or authored more than 15 books, and refereed for more than 15 prestigious journals. His contributions to the advancement of medical sciences and academic development have been recognized with awards such as the Distinguished Award for Fighting SARS and Cheung Kong Achievement Award. In 2011, he was elected an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and in 2013 he was presented with the World Outstanding Chinese Award.



Professor Ernest Aryeetey
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Ghana

Professor Ernest Aryeetey is the Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana and a Professor of Economics. Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor he was a Senior Fellow and Director of the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. He was also Director of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) of the University of Ghana, Legon for the period February 2003 – January 2010.

Ernest Aryeetey's research work focuses on the economics of development with interest in institutions and their role in development, regional integration, economic reforms, financial systems in support of development and small enterprise development. He is known for his work on informal finance and microfinance in Africa. He has consulted for various international agencies on a number of development and political economy subjects.

Ernest Aryeetey has published with leading development journals and publishers. Among his publications are *Financial Integration and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Routledge 1998) and *Economic Reforms in Ghana: the Miracle and the Mirage* (James Currey 2000) and *African Smallholders: Food Crops, Markets and Technology*, (CABI Books 2010). He is a co-editor of "The Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa" (Oxford University Press 2012).



Professor Stephen Garton
Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Sydney

Professor Stephen Garton was appointed as the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney in August 2009.

Professor Garton is a graduate of the University of Sydney (BA) and the University of NSW (PhD) and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Royal Australian Historical Society. His area of research expertise is Australian history, although he has also published in the fields of American and British history. His major books include *Medicine and Madness: A Social History of Insanity in NSW 1880-1940* (1988), *Out of Luck: Poor Australians and Social Welfare 1788-1988* (1990), *The Cost of War: Australians Return* (1996) and *Histories of Sexuality: Antiquity to the Sexual Revolution* (2004). He is also a co-author with Shane White, Stephen Robertson and Graham White of *Playing the Numbers*, a study of the culture of the numbers rackets in Harlem in the 1920s, published by Harvard University Press in 2010. He has also published extensively in such fields as the history of psychiatry, crime, poverty, social policy, eugenics, policing, masculinity and returned soldiers. More recently he has published on the history of parole in the American South and the emergence of criminal psychiatry in New York State.

At the University of Sydney Professor Garton has been Head of the Department of History (1996-1998), an Associate Dean and Pro Dean in the Faculty of Arts (1991-1995, 1999) and a member of the Academic Board for nearly fifteen years. He was appointed Professor of History in 2000 and Challis Professor in 2004. From 2001 to 2009 Professor Garton was Dean of the Faculty of Arts, before taking up the role of Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor. In addition he has been a member of the Editorial Board of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, the Executive Committee of the Australian Historical Association and on the Council of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.



Professor Anne Christine Johannessen
Vice-Rector for
International Affairs,
The University of Bergen

Anne Christine Johannessen studied both dentistry and medicine at the University of Bergen. She has had a permanent academic position at the University since 1988, first as Associate Professor and from 1994 as Professor of Oral Pathology.

Johannessen has a secondary position in the Department of Pathology at Haukeland University Hospital, responsible for oral pathology diagnostics. She is also in charge of forensic dental identification in Western Norway and is a member the identification group of the National Criminal Investigation Service (KRIPOS).

In her research, Johannessen has worked at the interface between medicine and dentistry and has focused on inflammatory diseases of the mouth and oral cavity cancer. She has published more than 100 scientific articles in these fields. She has worked as a dentist in Cameroon and her research has had a particular focus on developing countries. Because oral cancer occurs especially frequently in certain developing countries, she has collaborated with researchers in Kenya, Sudan, Sri Lanka and Nepal. In particular, a number of students from these countries, funded through the Quota Scheme, have taken a Master's degree or PhD in oral cancer in association with her research group. Johannessen is also affiliated to the new Centre of Excellence "Centre for Cancer Biomarkers" at the University of Bergen.

Johannessen has been Vice-Dean for Research at the Faculty of Dentistry for two periods (1999-2001 and 2005-2008). She was a member of the University Board in 2002. She was Head of the Gade Institute from 2009 to 2012 and after the reorganisation of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry was Head of the Gade Laboratory for Pathology until she became Vice-Rector for International Affairs.



Professor Paul Johnson
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Western
Australia

Prior to his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of The University of Western Australia in 2012, Professor Paul Johnson served as Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University in Victoria for four years. Before moving to Australia, Professor Johnson served three years as Deputy Director of the London School of Economics.

Professor Johnson received his doctorate from Oxford University in 1982. His research has focussed on two areas: the economic and social development of Britain since 1850, and the economic impact of population ageing.

Professor Johnson has been an expert adviser on pension reform and the economics of demographic change to the World Bank, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, the British Government and the House of Lords.

He has served on a number of professional councils, learned societies and professional bodies in the UK including the Economic and Social Research Council's Research Grants Board, the Council of the Economic History Society and the Governing Board of the Pensions Policy Institute.

Professor Johnson is a director of UniSuper, the Australian higher education superannuation fund, and a member of the fund's Investment Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Australian Research Council. He was elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Historical Society in 1987 and to the Academy of Social Sciences in 2001.



Sir Alan Langlands
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Leeds

Alan Langlands is the twelfth Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds, a major Russell Group University with a commitment to high quality education, a strong and dynamic research base and a track record of social, economic and cultural development. Before joining the University, he was the Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, responsible for promoting and funding high-quality education and research in universities and colleges with higher education programmes.

He was formerly the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dundee (2000 to 2009) and Chief Executive of the NHS in England (1994 to 2000). He has a particular interest in the scientific basis of health services, and until 2012, he chaired the board of UK Biobank – a major genetic epidemiology study funded principally by The Wellcome Trust and The Medical Research Council. He continues to chair the board of the Health Foundation, a UK-wide charity committed to improving the quality of healthcare. Alan was knighted in 1998 for his services to the NHS, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and an Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

He is a science graduate of the University of Glasgow and was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University in 2001. He also has honorary doctorates from the Universities of Dundee and Edinburgh and the National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, India. In recognition of his contributions to healthcare and professional education, he has been awarded Honorary Fellowships by the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow), the Faculty of Public Health Medicine, the Institute of Actuaries and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance. Sir Alan is also Chair of the N8 Research Partnership Board.



Professor Peter Lennie
Provost,
The University of
Rochester

Peter Lennie is Provost and Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences and Engineering and Professor of Brain & Cognitive Sciences at the University of Rochester.

He returned to Rochester in 2006 as senior vice president and Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences and Engineering. His research on visual perception and visual physiology has appeared in more than 80 publications. Lennie received his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge in 1972. A member of the National Research Council Committee on Vision, he has twice received a Merit Award from the National Eye Institute.

Lennie has held leadership roles at the University of Rochester, both as an administrator and a professor, for more than two decades, and in July 2012 he was named provost of the university. He previously served as director of the Center for Visual Science, dean of Academic Resources and Planning, and the founding chair of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences. From 1999 to 2006, he was the Dean for Science and a professor in the Department of Neural Science at New York University.



Dr Antonio Loprieno
Rector,
The University of Basel

Antonio Loprieno was born in Bari (Italy) in 1955. He attended secondary school at the European School in Brussels, where he obtained a Baccalauréat Européen in 1972. He then studied Egyptology, Linguistics, and Semitic Languages and Literatures at the University of Torino where he received his PhD and worked as an assistant.

He was subsequently awarded a scholarship by the Alexander-von-Humboldt foundation and moved to the Georg-August University in Göttingen where he was awarded a German postdoctoral degree (habilitation). Professor Loprieno taught at the University of Perugia from 1983 to 1986 and at the University of Göttingen from 1984 to 1987. He was appointed extraordinary professor of Hamito-semitic Languages at the University of Perugia in 1987, where he taught and undertook further research until 1989.

He then served as full professor of Egyptology at the University of California, Los Angeles, from 1989 to 2000, where he was head of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. During this period, he served as a guest professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris, and the University of Heidelberg. Professor Loprieno is a member of the Academy of Sciences in Göttingen, the German Institute of Archaeology, and various other national and international academic associations.

Professor Loprieno has been full professor of Egyptology at the University of Basel since the year 2000. His main research areas include Near Eastern languages and Egyptian cultural history and religion. Prior to his appointment as Rector of the University of Basel, he served as Dean of Studies of the University's Faculty of Humanities, as president of the Planning Committee, and as president of the Library Committee. He heads the Conference of Swiss University Rectors (CRUS).



Professor Stuart McCutcheon
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of
Auckland

Professor McCutcheon completed his Bachelor's degree with first class honours at Massey University in 1976, and was then appointed to the lecturing staff of that university while undertaking a Ph.D in metabolic physiology. From 1982 to 1984 he was a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell University, New York, while the recipient of a Harkness Fellowship. His research interests included how biological processes such as fetal and neonatal growth and lactation are regulated. He was appointed Head of the Department of Animal Science at Massey University in 1990, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research) in 1994, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor in 1999.

In November 2000, Professor McCutcheon was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University of Wellington. On 1 January 2005 he took up the position of Vice-Chancellor of The University of Auckland. He also chairs the University's research commercialisation company, Auckland UniServices Limited.

Professor McCutcheon has served in an advisory capacity to a number of Government agencies and producer boards, and been a director or board member of: the New Zealand Dairy Research Institute; the Wellington Regional Economic Development Trust; the Wellington College of Education; the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research; Universitas 21 and U21 Global; The University of Auckland Foundation; and the UK and US Friends of The University of Auckland. In 2004-5 he was Chair of the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee. He is presently Chair of the Universities New Zealand Research Committee.



Professor Katherine Newman
Provost & Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs,
The University of Massachusetts Amherst

Katherine S. Newman is the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where she is also the Torrey Little Professor of Sociology.

She was previously the James Knapp Dean of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University; the Malcolm Forbes Class of 1941 Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs and the Director of the Institute for International and Regional Studies at Princeton University; the Dean of Social Science at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University; and the Malcolm Wiener Professor of Urban Studies in the John F. Kennedy School of Government. She has also taught at Columbia University and the University of California, Berkeley.

Newman is the author of 12 books on topics ranging from urban poverty to middle class economic insecurity to school violence. Her most recent book is entitled *After Freedom: The Rise of the Post-Apartheid Generation in Democratic South Africa* which was published in April, 2014, the twentieth anniversary of Nelson Mandela's election. Her forthcoming book, *Learning to Labor in the 21st Century* (January, 2016) argues that the United States should follow the lead of Germany in developing the system of apprenticeship to prepare young people for productive careers.



Professor Don Nutbeam
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Southampton

Don Nutbeam is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southampton and a Professor of Public Health. The University of Southampton is one of the UK's most successful research universities and a founder member of the Russell Group.

Professor Nutbeam is a member of the Board of Directors of the Higher Education Academy (appointed Chair from 2014) the UK peak body supporting best practice in university teaching and learning; and a Board member of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA), the body representing universities in employment relations and superannuation. He is also a Board member of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership, a government backed, business-led organization responsible for economic development in Central Southern England.

His career has spanned positions in universities, government, health services and an independent research institute. From 2003-9 he was in senior academic roles in the University of Sydney, as the first Academic Provost of the University from 2006, and prior to that as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences) from September 2003. For the period 2000-2003 he was a senior public servant, Head of Public Health in the UK government Department of Health.

He has substantial international experience in both developing and developed countries, working as an advisor and consultant for the World Health Organisation over a 25 year period, and as consultant and team leader in projects for the World Bank.



Professor Martin Paul
President,
Maastricht University

Professor Martin Paul has been President of Maastricht University (UM) since May 2011

Martin Paul studied medicine at Heidelberg University in Germany and did his thesis work in pharmacology at the University of California San Diego (UCSD). After a distinguished career as a researcher and educator - he has authored more than 200 research papers in the fields of molecular medicine, clinical and experimental pharmacology and cardiovascular disease - Professor Paul has entered academic management. He was Dean of the Medical Faculty of the Freie Universität and from 2004 to 2008 and Dean and Vice President of the Executive Board of the Medical Faculty of the Charité Medical Centre in Berlin. From 2008 to 2011, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences at UM and Vice President of UM Medical Centre.

Apart from his local responsibilities, Professor Paul has worked actively to improve academic management on the European level. In this context, he has served as Chair of DEAN, a European Network of deans and academic managers and on the board of the European Centre for Strategic Management of Universities. Currently, he serves on the board of the Dutch Association of Universities and an elected member of the Netherlands Academy for Technology and Innovation. Professor Paul is also a member of several boards in providing scientific advice or supervision to academic institutions in Europe and beyond.



Professor Deborah Smith
Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research,
The University of York

Deborah Smith trained as a biochemist at the University of Southampton and held post-doctoral fellowships at MRC Mill Hill, NIH Bethesda (USA) and Imperial College London before joining the academic staff of the Imperial Biochemistry Department. Following appointment to a Chair and serving as Associate Head of Department and Associate Chair of the Graduate School of Life Sciences and Medicine, she moved to the University of York in 2004 to establish the Centre for Immunology and Infection and further her research interests in neglected tropical diseases.

Deborah was Head of the Biology Department at York from 2010-2013 when she was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research. Externally to York, Deborah has chaired the MRC Infections and Immunity Board and been a member of MRC Strategy Board (2007-2010), and has co-chaired the Science Funding Interview Panel of the Wellcome Trust (2011-2014). She has participated in international research reviews for organisations including Genome Canada, the Institut Pasteur Paris, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Copenhagen Research Forum and FCT Portugal. Deborah was awarded an OBE for Services to Biomedical Sciences in 2010.



Professor Yonghua Song
(宋永华常务副校长)
Executive Vice-President,
Zhejiang University
(浙江大学)

Professor Yonghua Song is a fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, a fellow of International Euro-Asia Academy of Sciences and Vice-President of Chinese Society for Electrical Engineering (CSEE). He received his BEng and PhD from Chengdu University of Science and Technology and China Electric Power Research Institute in 1984 and 1989, respectively. In 2002, he was awarded DSc by Brunel University for his original achievements in power system research. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Tsinghua University from June 1989 to March 1991. He then held various positions at the University of Bristol, University of Bath and John Moores University from 1991 to 1996.

In January 1997, he was appointed Professor of Power Systems at Brunel University where he was Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies from August 2004. In January 2007, he took up a Pro-Vice-Chancellorship and Professorship of Electrical Engineering at the University of Liverpool, holding Executive President position at Xi'an Jiaotong – Liverpool University in Suzhou, China. In 2009 he was appointed Assistant President for International Affairs of Tsinghua University and was Director of Chinese National Office of the Recruitment Program of Global Experts (1000 Talents Program) until December 2012



Sir Eric Thomas
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Bristol

Professor Sir Eric Thomas is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bristol, a position he has held since September 2001. He was awarded a Knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2013 for services to Higher Education.

He graduated in Medicine from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1976 and proceeded to obtain his MD by thesis in research into endometriosis in 1987. He trained as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and worked at both the universities of Sheffield and Newcastle. In 1991 he was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Southampton and then became Head of the School of Medicine there in 1995 and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Biological Sciences in 1998. He was a Consultant Gynaecologist from 1987 to 2001.

In July 2013, Sir Eric was appointed as the new UK Education Champion by the Government as part of its strategy to promote the UK education sector internationally. Sir Eric will also co-chair the new International Education Council alongside the Universities and Science Minister, David Willetts.

From 2011-2013, Sir Eric was President of Universities UK. He was previously Vice-President of UUK, Chair of its England and Northern Ireland Council and Chair of the Research Policy Committee. He was a Trustee and then Chair of CASE Europe from 2007-2014 and a member of the CASE Board in North America from 2010-2014.

Sir Eric is a Trustee of IntoUniversity and a Lay Trustee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He chaired the government Taskforce into Increasing Voluntary Giving in Higher Education, which reported in 2004. He was Chair of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) from 2003 – 2007 and was a member of the Board of the South-West Regional Development Agency from 2002 to 2008.

He is a Deputy Lieutenant of the City and County of Bristol and is married with two children.



Professor Gill Valentine
Pro-Vice-Chancellor –
Social Sciences,
The University of Sheffield

Gill returned to the University of Sheffield as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Social Sciences in September 2012 having previously worked at the University between 1994-2004 in the Department of Geography. In between Gill was Head of the School of Geography at the University of Leeds where she also served as Director of the Leeds Social Science Institute. Before settling into an academic career Gill trained as a journalist, working for Haymarket Publications and BBC Wales.

Gill's research interests are focused in three interconnected areas: social identities and belonging; childhood, parenting and family life; and urban cultures and consumption. Although, she trained as a Geographer much of Gill's work has been interdisciplinary involving collaboration with social science colleagues from Departments of: Education, Sociology and Social Policy, Information Studies and Theology and Religious Studies. Her research has been supported by the award of 14 grants (value of >£4 million) from the European Research Council, Economic and Social Research Council, Arts and Humanities Research Council, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and The Leverhulme Trust, as well as research contracts from Government Departments and Non Governmental Organisations (e.g. Gambling Commission, and Citizens Advice Bureau). She has supervised over twenty Ph.D. students.

Gill has (co)authored/edited 15 books (with translations in Japanese, Chinese and Korean) and over 170 journal articles/reports. She was a co-founder and co-editor of the international journal *Social & Cultural Geography* (2000-08), and co-editor of *Gender, Place and Culture* (1999-2004) and is currently on the editorial boards of *Children's Geographies* and *Geography Compass* and a commissioning editor of a Taylor Francis book series. Gill's research has been recognised by the award of a Philip Leverhulme Prize and a Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographies Gill Memorial Award: for contributions to Geography and gender.



Professor Xu Yangsheng
(徐扬生校长)
President,
The Chinese University of
Hong Kong, Shenzhen
(香港中文大学(深圳))

Professor Xu Yangsheng received his PhD degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He worked at Carnegie Mellon University and subsequently The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He is a former Pro-Vice-Chancellor/Vice-President and Professor of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering at CUHK. In August 2013, Professor Xu was appointed the first President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen.

Professor Xu is dedicated in the research on robotics, intelligent systems and control, and aerospace, including service and space robotics, wearable interface and intelligent vehicles. He has published six books and over 300 papers in academic journals and international conferences. He is an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Fellow of the International Academy of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, and Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Science.



Professor Bai Chenguang
(白晨光党委副书记、纪委书记)
Vice Chairman of University
Council,
Chongqing University
(重庆大学)

Professor Bai Chenguang was born in Lanzhou, Gansu Province. He is a Professor and Doctor Supervisor of Chongqing University. He graduated from the Department of Metallurgy at Chongqing University and started working there in 1982. He was a visiting scholar at the University of Toronto from 1995 to 1997.

He is a member of the Standing Committee of CPC Committee, Vice Chairman of University Council of Chongqing University, standing director of the Salary Administration Research Branch of Chinese Association of Higher Education, and President of the Personnel Management Seminar of Chongqing Colleges and Universities. He was a judge of the National Science Foundation of China and a member of the Chinese Society for Metals.

He conducts research mainly in the field of metallic mineral metallurgy and the modern metallurgical technology development. He has undertaken over 20 research projects, including the Process Intensification Principle, Micro-control Mechanism and New Method of Vanadium Titano-magnetite's Effective Abstraction of the national 973 Program, 7 national and 5 provincial projects of 863 Program, such as the Fabrication of High-value New Materials in Vanadium Titano-magnetite. He has published more than 120 theses at home and abroad, has been a participant editor of a monograph, obtained third prize for scientific achievements at provincial and ministerial level twice, and has applied for 15 patents, including eight for invention.



Professor Chen Gang
(陈岗副校长)
Vice President,
Jilin University
(吉林大学)

Professor Chen Gang received his PhD in Physics in 1987 at Jilin University. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the same University. He was supported by the Catholic University of Louvain in 1988 to conduct joint research. He did his post-doc at the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1990 and 1994 respectively. He worked at Emory University and Oak Ridge National Laboratory as visiting scholar in 1997, 1998 and 2000 respectively. In 2002, he worked at Mainz University and was invited to work at the University of Tokyo as a guest professor.

Professor Chen received his full professorship at Jilin University in 1994. He has served in various leadership positions including Dean of the Department of Material Science, Director of the Research Institute of Material Science, Executive Deputy Dean of the College of Science and Engineering, and Director of the MoE Key Laboratory of Automobile Material. In 2006, he was appointed as Deputy Dean of Graduate School and was promoted to Executive Deputy Dean of Graduate School in 2008. In 2010, he became Vice President of Jilin University



Professor Gong Ke
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President,
Nankai University
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Professor Gong Ke obtained his PhD in Technical Science from Technical University Graz in 1986. He returned to China and engaged in electronics and wireless communication research and education. He has previously served as Vice President of Tsinghua University and President of Tianjin University, and is currently President of Nankai University.

He serves as Vice President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and the Chair of its Committee on Information and Communication (CIC). He is the Vice Chairman of the China Association of Higher Education (CAHE), and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Standing Committee of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST).

He has had many years of practical experience and studies in higher education development, especially in carrying out quality education, deepening teaching reform, improving university governance, promoting scientific innovation and enhancing international cooperation.



Professor Hong Dayong
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Professor Hong Dayong is Vice President of Renmin University of China (RUC), and previously served as Vice Dean of Sociology and Population Studies School, Vice Dean of Graduate School, and Director of Academic Affairs Office. He is also a Professor of Sociology whose main research field is in environment, poverty, development, and social policy. He acquired his B.A. in History (1989) from the Department of History, and his M.A. in Sociology (1992) and PhD in Sociology (1999) from the Department of Sociology at RUC. He was a Visiting Scholar in the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan and the Department of Sociology at Oklahoma State University. He also conducted research in the Department of Social Work at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and in the Department of Social Work at the University of Hong Kong.

Professor Hong also serves as Director of Environmental Sociology Institute at RUC; Chair of Research Committee on Environmental Sociology at the Chinese Sociological Association; Secretary-General of Steering Committee on Sociology Teaching in Higher Education at the Ministry of Education of the PRC; and Vice President of Beijing Sociological Association. He has received awards such as Beijing Outstanding Teacher Prize in 2013, Baosteel Corporation Outstanding Teacher Prize in 2012, National-level Teaching Team Prize in 2010, and the 6th National-level Excellent Teaching Achievement Prize in 2009.



Professor Li Fei
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Professor Li Fei got his B.S. in Geophysics at the University of Science and Technology of China from 1978 to 1982, and got his M.S. and PhD at the Institute of Geodesy and Geophysics of Chinese Academy of Sciences from 1985 to 1992.

From 1992 to 1995, Professor Li served as the Director of the resource exploration project in East Lake High-tech Development Zone at Wuhan; from 1995 to 2000, he was a Professor at the School of Earth Science and Surveying Engineering, former Wuhan Technical University of Surveying and Mapping; from 2000 to 2005, Deputy Dean of the Graduate School of Wuhan University. From 2005 to 2009, Professor Li served as the Director of the Office of Development Planning and Discipline Designing, and a Professor at the School of Geodesy and Geomatics, at Wuhan University. And from 2009, he has worked as one of the Vice Presidents of Wuhan University.



Professor Li Guangxian
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Executive Vice President, Sichuan University
(四川大学)

Professor Li Guangxian is Executive Vice President and Professor of Polymer Science and Engineering at Sichuan University (SCU). Professor Li received his PhD from Fudan University in 1989. He then spent three years as a post-doctoral researcher in the area of multiphase polymer blends at Heriot-Watt University. In 1993, he joined the faculty at SCU and later chaired the Plastic Engineering Department from 1994 to 1997. From 1997 to 2005, he was the Director of Science and Technology Office and in February 2005, he became the Vice President of SCU and was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2007. As an academic and administrative leader at SCU, Professor Li has initiated a number of large-scale collaborative research projects involving various entities within the University, including "985 Engineering" and "973 Program". In addition, he has led significant initiatives for campus expansion and faculty development.

Professor Li's research lies in the areas of polymer science and engineering. His contributions in polymer research and education have resulted in a number of awards and recognition throughout his career. In 1996, he received the national outstanding faculty award by Bao-Steel Foundation, and in the same year, he was selected as a cross-century outstanding researcher by the Chinese Ministry of Education. In 1998, Professor Li was recognized by the central government among the nation's top 10,000 talents in science and technology. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Chinese Materials Society and also the member of the advisory committee of Materials and Engineering Division of Natural Science Foundation of China. On the local level, Professor Li was appointed twice, in 2003 and 2008, as the member of science and technology council by Sichuan provincial government. Professor Li has conducted nearly 20 national and provincial level sponsored research projects and published more than 140 academic papers in academic journals over the years.



Professor Li Jiajun
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(天津大学)

Professor Li Jiajun was born in Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province. He received his Bachelor's degree from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Tianjin University in 1982, and was a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering for nine years. He received his Master's degree from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering in 1988. After obtaining his PhD in Materials Engineering at the University of Wales in 1995, he returned to Tianjin University to continue his academic career. He served as the Deputy Director of Metallurgical Teaching and Research Office at the School of Materials Science and Engineering for two years before becoming the Dean of the School for one year.

He was appointed as Deputy Director of the Tianjin Municipal Education Commission in 1998, and then President of Tianjin Polytechnic University from 2001 to 2003. He served as Chairman of Tianjin Municipal Science and Technology Commission, and Head of Tianjin Intellectual Property Office until he was appointed President of Tianjin University in January 2011. Professor Li's research interests focus on metallic materials and composite materials.



Professor Luo Qingming
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Luo Qingming is the Executive Deputy Director of Wuhan National Laboratory for Optoelectronics (WNLO) and Vice President of Huazhong University of Science and Technology. He is a Fellow of the International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and the Optical Society (OSA).

His research interests focus primarily on multi-scale optical bioimaging and cross-level information integration. Since 1996, he has been devoted to new techniques and novel applications in life sciences, including laser speckle imaging (LSI) and combination with optical intrinsic signal imaging (ISI), small animal imaging of fluorescence diffusion optical tomography (fDOT) coregistered with micro-CT, micro-optical sectioning tomography (MOST), and functional near infrared (NIR) imaging.

He is currently leading the project “Visible Brainwide Networks” at single-neuron resolution and the Chief Scientist of National Major Scientific Instruments and Equipment’s Development Project “Instrument Development and Application Demonstration of the Micro-Optical Sectioning Tomography System”. He created “the most detailed three-dimensional map of all the connections between the neurons in a complete mouse brain” and “demonstrated the first long-range tracing of individual axons in the mouse brain”. He is also the chief scientist of the project “Novel Technologies and Methods of Optical Molecular Imaging for Protein Function in vivo” supported by the National Basic Research Program of China.

Professor Luo holds 60 patents and has published more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed journal with an h-index of 40 according to Google Scholars.



Professor Ruan Shuangchen
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Vice President,
Shenzhen University
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Professor Ruan Shuangchen was born in Shaanxi Province. He earned a Bachelor of Science (1986) and Master of Science (1989) degree in optics from the Department of Physics at Northwest University, and his PhD from Tianjin University in 2004. He has been a professor since 1994. His research fields include solid state laser systems; ultrafast pulse generation and measurement; and fibre-optics laser. He has published more than 200 research papers and received several awards for contributions to science and technology advancement, including from the Chinese Academy of Science. He has worked at Shenzhen University since 1999.



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President Wang was born in Xianxian County, Hebei Province in 1958. He was admitted into the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) in 1977 and received his Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD degrees at HIT. He was a senior visiting scholar at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Arts et Métiers in France from 1987 to 1989. He was promoted into professorship in 1993. In 1998, he served as the Vice President of HIT. In 1999, he was Director and CPC Chairman of the Department of Science and Technology, Heilongjiang Province. From March 2002 to April 2014, he assumed the presidency of HIT and served as the 10th, 11th and 12th NPC delegates.

His research interests include robotics automatic control theories, remote sensing technology, spatial robotics technology, medical-aid robotics system, medical equipment and instruments, image processing for biology medicine, and computer-aid medical technology. He sits on the Degree Board of the Chinese State Council and the Referee Panel of the National Science and Technology Award. He is a member of Electromechanical and Vehicle Engineering Faculty, Science and Technology Committee, the Chinese Ministry of Education, the vice president of the Chinese Astronautics Society, the executive president of Robotics Committee, China Automation Society, and the vice director of Panel Committee of Lunar Exploration Science and Application. He was recognized as the Excellent Youth Scholar in China for contribution to a specialized field, the professor of the best ethics, and the May First Model Worker Award.

In February 2006, the National Agricultural Science Academy of France conferred to President Wang an award for his contribution to pushing forward the Sino-French agricultural cooperation. It is the highest honor conferred by France in the national agricultural science and technology. In 2006, he was granted the Knight of the French Legion of Honor.



Professor Wei Minghai
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Vice President,
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Professor Wei Minghai received his Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (1984), MBA from Tulane University (1999) and PhD in Economics from Xiamen University (1991). His current research areas are capital market and investor protection, corporate finance and investment, corporate governance and accounting.

In 1991, Professor Wei started teaching in the School of Business at Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU). He was appointed as associate professor in 1992 and professor in 1994, and started as a doctoral supervisor in 1998. In 2004-05, he was a Fulbright research scholar at Carnegie Mellon University. At SYSU, he also held positions as Accounting and Audit Department Head, Deputy Dean and Dean of School of Business, Director of the Office of International Cooperation and Exchange, Chairman of Industry Group and Assistant to President of SYSU. Since September 2011, he has been Vice President of SYSU.



Professor Wu Yueliang
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Vice President,
University of Chinese
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Professor Wu Yueliang is a well-known theoretical physicist. He is a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Third World Academy of Sciences, and currently serves as the Vice-President of the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Professor Wu graduated from Nanjing University in 1982 and received his PhD from the Institute of Theoretical Physics (ITP) at CAS in 1987. From 1987 to 1996, he held positions at Dortmund University, Mainz University, Carnegie-Mellon University and the Ohio-State University. In 1996 he joined ITP as Associate Professor and later on as Professor. During 1998-2003, he was Director of the High Energy Physics Division at ITP and from 2003 to 2012, he served as Deputy Director and Director of the Institute. In 2011, he served as the founding Director of the State Key Laboratory of Theoretical Physics. He has also served as Director of the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics China at CAS since 2006. He is the Chief Scientist of the national 973 Project on "Theoretical and Pre-experimental Studies of Dark Matter and Dark Energy".

His research area concerns elementary particle physics, quantum field theory, symmetry principle and cosmophysics. He initiated and organized numerous international and national conferences and workshops and has been invited to serve on the editorial boards of national and international journals.

Professor Wu's research has received support from the National Science Fund of China for Outstanding Young Scientists. He was awarded Distinguished Scholar by the Ministry of Sciences and Technology and the Ministry of Education, and he won the State Natural Science Award of China.



Professor Xu Ningsheng
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Professor Xu Ningsheng is President and professor at Fudan University. He was awarded a BSc degree in Semiconductor Physics in 1982 from Sun Yat-Sen University (SYSU). From 1983 to 1986, he followed his postgraduate research training at Aston University (Aston) and was awarded a PhD degree in 1986. In 2013, he was awarded an Honorary DSc degree by Aston where he worked as a researcher after his PhD studies. In 1996, he was appointed Professor of Physics at SYSU, and was Head of the School of Physics and Engineering for a period of time. He served as Director of the State Key Laboratory of Optoelectronic Materials and Technologies from 2002 to 2014. He was President of SYSU from December 2010 to October 2014, and since October 2014 has been President of Fudan University. He was a member of the 8th, 9th, 10th Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and is deputy of the 12th National People's Congress.

His current research is focused on electron emission cold cathode materials, including nanowires, nanotubes and diamond and related thin films, and their applications. He has experience as chairman and member of steering committees of international academic organizations, including the International Vacuum Micro/Nanoelectronics Conference, International Field Emission Symposium and Society of Information Display Beijing Chapter. He is now the chairman of Vacuum Society of China and a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, UK. He has published over 100 scientific research papers in international journals, chapters in an academic volume published by Academic Press, London and a chapter in an encyclopedia published by American Scientific Publishers. Also, he is an inventor who holds patents in China, US, UK and other European countries. In 2009 he was elected as academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and in 2011, as member of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. He has been serving in a number of national expert committees, including China 973 and 863 national key programs. He is currently a member of the expert committee for the 13th National Five-Year Plan.



Professor Zhou Zuoyu
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Zhou Zuoyu is Vice President of Beijing Normal University (BNU) where he is responsible for international communication, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan affairs, international Chinese learning and continuing education.

As the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Education at BNU from 2009 to 2011, he devoted himself to uniting the scattered academic units within the university into a giant Faculty. From 2011 to 2014, he was sent to Xinjiang Normal University from BNU as a Vice President to help the university pursue excellence in academic affairs.

Zhou specializes in higher education administration, higher education assessment and the research on leadership. He led many research programs funded by the National Social Science Fund and won second prize for the Third Excellence Achievement Award in Educational Research of China. He has written, edited, and translated many books and has more than 60 publications in world-famous journals such as Journal of Education for Teaching. He is the Vice Chairman and Secretary General of Chinese Association of Higher Education Evaluation, the standing fellow of the Chinese Association of Higher Education Administration, a board member of the Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research, and an editorial board member of London Review of Education and Journal of Education Studies.

Zhou received his doctoral degree in Education from Beijing Normal University and was a visiting scholar at Boston College and Indiana University. As a Fulbright scholar, he studied at Stanford University and UCLA in 2008.



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Born in Jiang Xi Province, Professor Zhu Min received his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and PhD degree in Materials Science in 1982, 1985 and 1988 respectively from Dalian University of Technology. He became an Associate Professor in the Department of Material Science at Dalian University of Technology in 1990 and Professor at South China University of Technology (SCUT) in 1995. In 1999, he received the Excellent Young Scientist Fund from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, and in 2002 he was appointed as Cheung Kong Professor by the Ministry of Education.

Previously, Professor Zhu held positions as Croucher Visiting Scholar, Humboldt Research Fellow and Visiting Scientist at the City University of Hong Kong, Technical University of Berlin, Tokyo University, the University of Sydney, and National Institute of Materials Research(Japan). From 1998 to 2008, Professor Zhu had served as Deputy Director of the Department of Mechatronic Engineering before becoming the Director, and Dean of the School of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering. He was appointed the Vice President of SCUT in November 2007.

Professor Zhu has been engaging in teaching and research in material science and engineering. His research focuses on mechanical alloying, nano metallic materials, hydrogen storage material, shape memory alloys, and thin film micro-battery. In recent years, he has undertaken a series of projects sponsored by the National Natural Science Foundation, Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Science and Technology's 973 Program, 863 Program, Cheung Kong Scholars and Innovative Research Team, among others. Professor Zhu has published over 100 papers in international peer reviewed journals.

