

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

International Workshop on University Reforms

to be organized by the Institute of Higher Education,
East China Normal University, Shanghai

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THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION REFORMS

This workshop is the fifth in a series of International Workshops on University Reforms that brings together researchers and policy makers interested or involved in different dimensions of change and reform in higher education. Previous workshops have taken place in Vancouver (University of British Columbia), Vienna (University of Klagenfurt), Tokyo (University of Tsukuba), and Dublin (Dublin City University). East China Normal University is one of China's traditional yet most dynamic universities and its Institute of Higher Education, the host of the workshop, is well known among higher education researchers for the quality of its research and graduate education.

Higher education reforms are triggered by a number of factors, both external and internal, including economic globalization and the emergence of international markets for higher education, the changing relationship between universities and the state, the move from 'mass' to 'universal' higher education, the commercialization of university research, and the call for greater institutional autonomy, efficiency and accountability. The earlier workshops focused on several of these themes.

The Shanghai Workshop will concentrate on the theme of internationalization of higher education and the implications of these developments for policy, institutional, as well as for staff and students. Contributions are especially invited on the themes of government and institutional policy, international student and staff mobility, and quality issues on cross-border higher education. If there is space in the programme, other themes with a relevance to higher education policies and reform will be considered, too.

Like the former workshops, the workshop language will be English, with no simultaneous translation being provided. Presenters wishing to present in Madarin can do so, provided that they make available copies of an English translation of the full paper prior to the workshop and that supporting slides are either in Madarin and English, or in English only.

Papers and panels are invited to address these or other related themes. Please send proposals of between approximately 400 for papers and up to 1,000 words for panels by or before April 1, 2008 to the Workshop Secretariat (see below).

Presenters will be notified by April 25 if their proposal has been accepted. Letters of invitations will be sent to participants whose papers have been accepted in order to allow them to apply for visa with the respective Chinese consulates.

As with the earlier workshops, the number of participants will be limited to a maximum of 75 participants in order to allow for a thorough exchange and discussion.

The workshop will take place at the Conference Centre on the ECNU City campus.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the following higher education associations:

- Chinese Society for Higher Education
- Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (CSSHE)
- Japanese Society for Higher Education (JSHE)

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