



# China Oxford Scholarship Fund

## China Takes Centre Stage at Beijing Oxford Debate

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In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF), our Beijing Committee organised a successful launch of our first Beijing Oxford-style debate. The afternoon event took place on September 16, 2012 and was attended by Oxonians, COSF Scholars, Trustees, Committee members and supporters. The topic was "Will China Grow Without Stimulating External Hostility?". The debate drew more than 70 guests who gathered at the Western Returned Scholar Association's premises. "It was a great way to introduce this centuries-old and time-honoured Oxford tradition in China. It allowed so many Oxonians and COSF Scholars to engage in a robust discussion on China's global influence and role in the 21st century" said Zhe Zhang, one of the organisers of the debate. The event also provided an opportunity for COSF Scholars and Oxonians in Beijing to meet. COSF hopes more debates will take place in China and Hong Kong. The event also raised more than \$300 USD for the Fund. Please go to pages 3-4 for a pictorial of the Beijing Oxford Debate.



### Special Points of Interest

- *Introducing the New 2012 COSF Scholars*
- *Pictorial of Scholars' Meet Up in Oxford*

# International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- I am pleased that our first *Oxford Debate* in Beijing was a success. I very much hope that more debates will take place in the future which allow the China Oxford Scholarship Fund to continue with an Oxford tradition in China.
- It is also very gratifying to know that a number of COSF Scholars were instrumental in organising this gathering. I would like to thank Scholars Zhe Zhang, Janet Wenyi Li, Yi Duan and also the Fund's Beijing Committee for their contributions in raising the profile of the Fund in China.
- This year's new in-take of COSF Scholars is very impressive indeed. The Fund is pleased to announce the fifteen new 2012-2013 scholarship recipients to all our friends and supporters. I would also like to congratulate each of the new Scholars and express my appreciation to our sponsors and donors for making our various scholarships available for these very talented students.
- It is exciting that the 2012 Scholars have been able to meet benefactors and existing COSF Scholars before the start of the Michaelmas term. I would like to wish them all well with their studies for this academic year at the University of Oxford.

Timothy Beardson  
International Chairman



# Beijing Oxford Debate Event Pictorial



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Participants pose for group photo. Front row L-R are: William Louey, Annie Bentley, Zihao Rao, Grace Cheng, Josie Zhou and Sue Lau. Back row from L-R are Janet Wenyi Li, Weiduo Wang, Bing Bai, Xing Zhang, Minglei Zhang, Zhe Zhang and Jeremy Young



Beijing Committee Chairwoman Grace Cheng



COSF Scholar Anthony Boshen Wu participates as an audience member at the interactive event



Audience members enjoy the debate over China's role on the global stage and its future



Panelist Bing Bai answers questions from the audience



Debate team member Zihe Rao



COSF Hong Kong Trustee William Louey



COSF HK Trustee Annie Bentley



COSF Scholar and Beijing Committee member Zhe Zhang



L-R Weiduo Wang, Grace Cheng, Ethan Zou, Minglei Zhang and Jeremy Young



COSF HK Trustee Sue Lau, Zhe Zhang, Xing Zhang, Zihe Rao, COSF HK Trustee Annie Bentley, Jeremy Young and COSF Scholar Anthony Boshen Wu

The question of China’s global influence was also debated at The Oxford Union with the Chancellor Lord Patten as the guest speaker on the topic, “Who Will Own the World in the 21st Century?”. The Union event took place on October 12, 2012 with a full-house of students in attendance. Lord Patten noted that in his view, the major challenges China faces are tackling corruption, having an economic model that is less based on manufacturing export goods at cheap prices and trying to stimulate domestic consumption. He added it would not be in anyone’s interest for China to do badly on any of these fronts. As for the question of to which country the 21st century belongs, Lord Patten said in an ideal world, he believes it would be a nation with a political system that had inclusive policies.



## 2012 COSF Award Recipients

**Brian Keelan Award** Junyuan Xue is this year's £16,000 Brian Keelan Award recipient. She is reading for an MSt in History of Art and Visual Culture and is attending University College. Junyuan is from Shanghai. She is a graduate of the University of Hong Kong where she earned her BA degree in Fine Arts. During her studies, she had the opportunity to spend time as an exchange student at Yale University in the United States and at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Junyuan grew up in Shanghai and to prepare for her undergraduate studies at the University of Hong Kong, she spent one year at Fudan University. Upon completion of her studies at Oxford, her objective is to contribute to the development of the study of art history in China and to examine the role architecture might play within this discipline.



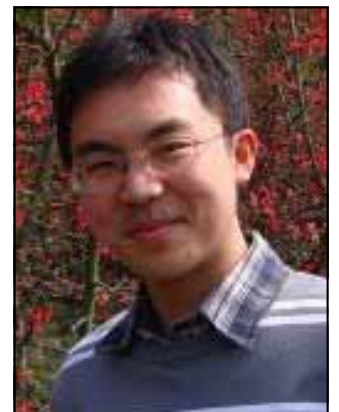
Junyuan Xue

**Hoare Family Award** Meg Jing Zeng is the recipient of the £2,500 Hoare Family Award. She is reading for an MSc in the Social Science of the Internet at the Oxford Internet Institute. Meg is at St Hugh's College. She is a Chengdu native and earned her BA degree in International Communications from the University of Nottingham's Ningbo satellite campus in China. She graduated with First Class honours. During her undergraduate studies, she was able to travel to the United Kingdom to spend one year of studies at the University of Nottingham in Britain. She was a volunteer for several University-related initiatives such as the Students in Free Enterprise and the Chinese Society as well as travelling to Tunisia to help spearhead community educational activities in impoverished villages in the country. Her academic achievements have been recognised by the University of Nottingham in Ningbo where she was awarded the Dean's Scholarship for two consecutive years as well as the Provost's Scholarship during her first year of undergraduate studies.



Meg Jing Zeng

**Tang Oxford Award** Yingqi Liu is the recipient of a £5,000 Tang Oxford Award. He is in his 2nd year of DPhil studies in Geography and the Environment. Yingqi is at St John's College. He is from Chongqing and he earned his BSc degree in Biological Science from Sichuan University in Chengdu. During his undergraduate studies, he was an exchange student at the University of Washington in Seattle where he earned a place on the Annual Dean's List. Yingqi has been a volunteer for several educational projects in China and has interned as a researcher in forestry for the Jinjyun Mountain National Nature Reserve. His interests involve examining the efficiency of Chinese environmental governance. Yingqi was the 2011 recipient of the £15,000 Dr Yungtai Hsu Scholarship offered at St John's College and the £1,000 China Oxford Honorary Award.



Yingqi Liu

**Tang Oxford Award** Si Tan received the £6,500 Tang Oxford Award. She is reading for an MSc in Nature, Society and Environmental Policy and is at Linacre College. She is from Huzhou City in Zhejiang Province. Si earned her Bachelor of Management Degree from the China Agricultural University in Beijing. Her area of study was in rural development. During her undergraduate studies, she carried out field work looking into the water resource situation in Hebei Province and was a team leader in a field survey on sustainable living for farmers. The field survey was part of a Ministry of Education programme. Her academic achievements have been recognised through the awarding of several coveted scholarships available at the China Agricultural University. Si was a volunteer for Oxfam and the Mercy Corp in Beijing.



Si Tan

**Wolfson China Scholarship** Alex Xuan Wang is the recipient of the £12,500 Wolfson China Scholarship. Alex is reading for an MPhil in Economics and is at Wolfson College. He is from Nanchong in Sichuan Province and is a graduate of the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) where he earned a first place ranking out of the 192 students in the department. His academic achievements have been recognised by the Chinese Government's Ministry of Education which awarded him over two consecutive years the coveted China's National Scholarship. Upon completion of his studies at Oxford, he would like to spend several years working at a development bank so that he can research social and economic issues of developing countries. His aim is to return to China's public sector where he hopes to play a role in helping the country to address its unbalanced economic development.



Alex Xuan Wang

**Wolfson China Scholarship** Zhengyu He was also awarded a £12,500 Wolfson China Scholarship. Zhengyu is reading for a DPhil in Materials and is at St Anne's College. He is from Shanghai and is a graduate of Fudan University where he earned his BSc in Materials Science and Engineering. He was ranked within the top 5 per cent of his class. Zhengyu was active in several leadership roles at university such as being a student leader in the Physics Department at Fudan where he was responsible for managing a team to publicize the activities of the Department. He was also one of the leading members of the University's Student Union which supported the Shanghai Expo. He was a volunteer for the Sun Flower Organisation which helps senior citizens learn how to use computers and the internet.



Zhengyu He

**Wei Oxford Award** Ginny Jingyi Wang received the £5,000 Wei Oxford Award. She is pursuing an MSc in Financial Economics and is at Oriel College. She is from Tianjin. Ginny earned her BSc in Mathematics and Economics from Nanyang Technology University in Singapore. She was one of 80,000 Chinese students awarded the Singapore Government Full Scholarship to pursue her undergraduate studies in Singapore. Her interest is in environmental protection and this has sparked her desire to study financial economics with a focus on the environmental sector.



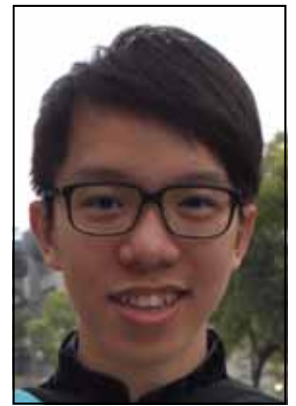
Ginny Jingyi Wang

**Winkler Oxford Award** Paton Pak Chun Yam received the £2,500 Winkler Oxford Award. Paton is reading for a DPhil in Experimental Psychology and is at Lady Margaret Hall. Paton is from Hong Kong and graduated from Lingnan University where he earned his BSc with First Class Honours. He later attended the University of Hong Kong where he earned, with distinction, a postgraduate certificate in psychology. Paton continued his education at The Chinese University of Hong Kong where he completed his Master of Philosophy in Psychology. Paton was a volunteer for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady Maclehole Centre as a tutor to mostly South Asian school children. He is also musically talented. He earned a Diploma in Piano Performance from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.



Paton Pak Chun Yam

**China Oxford Award** Samuel Tsun Sum Tsang received a £5,000 China Oxford Award. He will be reading for an MSc in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition and is at Kellogg College. Samuel is from Hong Kong and is a graduate of a double-degree programme at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Institute of Education. He earned his BA degree in English Studies as well as a Bachelor of Education degree in English Language. Samuel graduated within the top 10 per cent. He enrolled in an English Language Immersion programme in Australia at the University of Wollongong. He has been awarded numerous scholarships during his undergraduate studies as well as participating in student association and international conference activities.



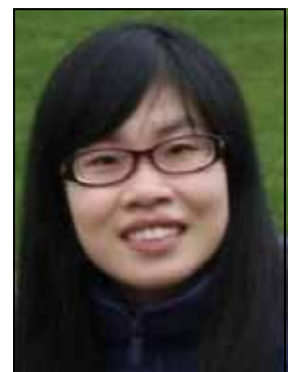
Samuel Tsun Sum Tsang

**China Oxford Award** Ruiliang Liu received a £5,000 China Oxford Award. He is reading for an MSt in Archaeological Science and is at St Cross College. Ruiliang is from Shandong Province. He earned his BA in Preservation Science and Technology for Cultural Heritage from the Northwest University in Xian where he was ranked first place in his class. During his undergraduate studies, Ruiliang was a volunteer guide for various museums and temples in China. His conservation experience covers preservation projects for the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses for Qin Shihuang in Xian, the Guangzhou Opium War Museum and the Jinan Huayang Palace where he worked on preserving frescoes. His aim is to be an accomplished researcher in China in the area of cultural relics preservation.



Ruiliang Liu

**China Oxford Award** Lilian Lingling Hu received a £1,000 China Oxford Award. She is studying for an MSc in Education and is at Lady Margaret Hall. She is a graduate of the University of Nottingham and its satellite campus in Ningbo in China. She earned her BA degree in English Language and Literature. Lilian is from Ningbo in Zhejiang Province and was awarded the Best Student of the 2008-2009 academic year as well as being awarded a Provost Scholarship. Lilian was involved in a number of extracurricular activities which earned her the Gold Award for two consecutive years in the University of Nottingham UK's School Representative Accreditation Scheme. Lilian was also recognised for her volunteer work with the UK charity vInspired. She hopes to play a role in the development and teaching of educational technology in China.



Lilian Lingling Hu

**China Oxford Award** Ken Gee Kin Ip was awarded a £1,000 China Oxford Honorary Award. Ken is from Hong Kong. He is reading for a Bachelor of Civil Law degree and is attending Corpus Christi College. Ken is a graduate of the City University of Hong Kong earning a Bachelor of Laws degree. During his undergraduate studies, he participated in summer law course programmes at the University of Oxford and Monash University in Australia. Ken is interested in playing a role in the advocating fair administration of justice and equality under law in China.



Ken Gee Kin Ip

**China Oxford Award** Chang Liu was awarded a £1,000 China Oxford Honorary Award. She is reading for an MSt in Chinese Studies and is at St Antony's College. Chang is from Liaoning and she graduated from the East China Normal University in China. She earned her BA degree in History. Chang was awarded several scholarships such as the coveted China's Ministry of Education's National Scholarship as well as being recognised as the Best Student at the East China Normal University with Chang receiving for two consecutive years the Special Scholarship for Excellent Student. Chang's academic work will cover Chinese research and educational development during the Qing Dynasty in the 20th century. She believes there is room for raising more awareness in researching history and the humanities in China.



Chang Liu

**China Oxford Award** Joseph Yee Yan Wong was also awarded a £1,000 China Oxford Honorary Award. Joseph is reading for a Bachelor of Civil Law degree and is at Magdalen College. He is from Hong Kong and earned his Juris Doctor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Joseph also earned his MPhil degree in Economics and Finance at the City University in Hong Kong. He was able to participate in an exchange programme at Peking University. Joseph received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Throughout his studies in Hong Kong, he was awarded a number of major scholarships with two consecutive scholarships from the Bank of China HK Foundation disbursed by the HKUST. Joseph also secured work experience at a number of chambers and major law firms in Hong Kong.



Joseph Yee Yan Wong

**China Oxford Award** Xin Zhang was also awarded a £1,000 China Oxford Honorary Award. Xin is reading for an MJur in Law and is at St Anne's College. Xin is from Jingjiang in Jiangsu Province and is a graduate of the Chinese University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) where she was on a full scholarship and was awarded her LLM in International Law. Xin also earned her BA degree in English at CUPL. Xin worked for three years as an assistant in the Office of Prosecutions at the International Criminal Court in The Hague in the Netherlands. This was after Xin participated in the first International Criminal Court Trial Competition which led to an internship and eventual employment. Upon completion of her studies, Xin would like to play a role in raising awareness of the importance of international criminal law in China.



Xin Zhang



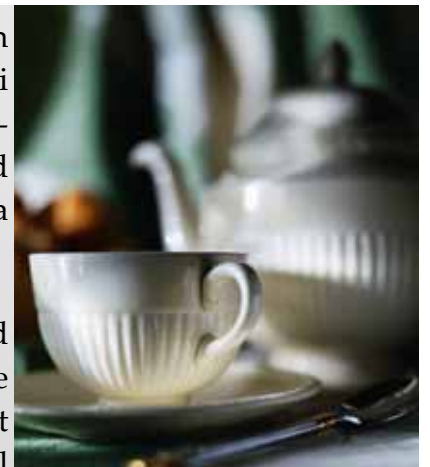
# Welcome to Oxford



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A number of the new 2012 Scholars had the opportunity to meet with COSF supporters upon their arrival at Oxford. On October 5, Araceli Keelan of the Brian Keelan Award kindly hosted a traditional afternoon tea gathering for the students at the home of her friends Jens and Felicity Tholstrup. Araceli has kindly made this informal gathering a bit of an autumn tradition for the incoming new Scholars every year.

“It was a a cold and rainy Saturday and most of us are new to Oxford and this country. Mrs Keelan and her friends greeted us like we were family. We had a wonderful English afternoon tea and a pleasant chat about, literally, everything. She and her friends already made me feel at home”, said Ginny Jingyi Wang. Also present was COSF Scholar Sophie Feifei Deng who was on hand to welcome her fellow new Scholars. “I do appreciate that Araceli held this afternoon tea for the COSF scholars. It was very nice of her to share so many useful tips about British culture especially since most of the new scholars have never been to the United Kingdom before. And thanks very much to Mrs Felicity Tholstrup for hosting this afternoon tea with all the very delicious British tea and cakes”, said Sophie. Those who attended the tea party were Ruiliang Liu, Meg Jing Zeng, Samuel Tsun Sum Tsang, Ginny Jingyi Wang, Zhengyu He, Alex Xuan Wang and Junyuan Xue. The Fund would like to express its appreciation to Jens and Felicity for opening their home once again to welcome the new Scholars right before the start of the Michaelmas term.



## University Club Meet-Up



L-R Jerome Hui, Joseph Yee Yan Wong, Ken Gee Kin Ip and Paton Pak Chum Yam

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The University Club was the venue for the COSF Scholars' Meet-up this year on the evening of 5th October. The informal gathering was open to all COSF Scholars in the United Kingdom. A number of current and former Scholars were able to meet and greet this year's new group of scholarship winners. They had the chance to share their experiences with more than a dozen of the new group of Scholars over refreshments and snacks at the University Club's Main Meeting Room.

"It's really great for the new students to have the chance to meet with the Scholars from previous years. Having just arrived at Oxford, the new students always have lots of questions (and cultural shock), so it's rewarding that we, the past Scholars, can pass on any advice and continue to establish the networking", said Dr. Jerome Hui, a COSF scholar in 2005 who helped with the organisation of the meet-up and a similar one a few years ago.

COSF UK Trustee Dyan Sterling was present to also welcome the new Scholars on behalf of all the Trustees of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund and to wish them well with their studies. COSF UK Awards Panel member Prof. Derek Siveter from Oxford's Earth Sciences Department and emeritus Prof. Richard Tur of Oriel College were also present for the evening gathering.





Jerome Hui welcomes the Scholars



Lilian Lingling Hu and Chang Liu



Suyu Liu, Sophie Feifei Deng & Ginny Jingyi Wang



Xin Zhang, Prof. Richard Tur and Junyuan Xue



Prof. Derek Siveter and Si Tan



Lei Xu, Bolton Ka Hung Chau & Paton Pak Chun Yam



Dyan Sterling, Ruiliang Liu, Xin Zhang and Jane Qian Liu



Dr Haidong Shan and Ken Gee Kin Ip

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