



# China Oxford Scholarship Fund

## Scholars' Inaugural Conference

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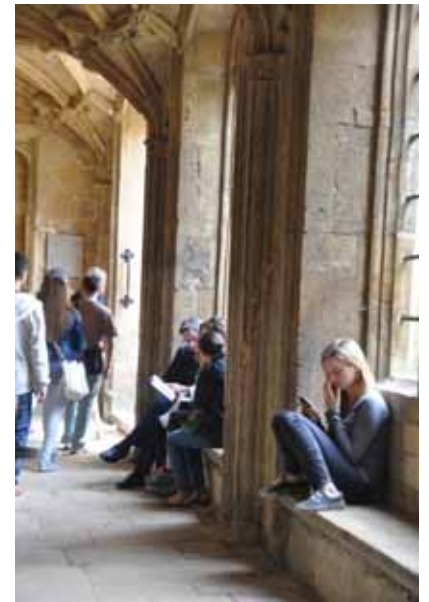


Bolton Ka Hung Chau was the conference's master of ceremonies

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The China Oxford Scholars had the opportunity to showcase their academic work at their first conference held on the 9th May 2014 at Christ Church. The event's guest speakers were Prof. Rana Mitter, the Director of the China Centre and Li Guoqiang, the First Secretary for Education at the Chinese Embassy in London. Nearly 110 students and guests attended with some students from as far afield as Liverpool, London and Manchester. The event started with a drinks reception and the conference kicked off with a video message from Chancellor Lord Patten who expressed his support of the Scholars. Those who made presentations were Yu Tao, Ray Ruiliang Liu, Feifei Deng, Alex Xuan Wang, Yuge Ma, Yingqi Liu, Carl Yuheng Ren and Xiao Wan. Scholar Bolton Ka Hung Chau helped to organise the event and Scholar Shijian Li provided the photography. A lively post-conference dinner took place for the Scholars to celebrate this event. The conference was generously sponsored by C. Hoare & Co's Golden Bottle Trust and a private donor. Videos of the conference can be seen on COSF's YouTube channel at *ChinaOxfordVideos*.



*To see things in the seed, that is genius.*

*Lao Tzu*



Lord Patten welcomes guests via video



Guest speaker Prof. Rana Mitter



Christ Church's Blue Boar Lecture Theatre



Yu Tao's analysis of China village politics



Alex Xuan Wang explains economic models



Q & A session with guests



Ray Ruiliang Liu talks on China's Bronze age



Feifei Deng presents work on oceanography



Carl Yuheng Ren explains 3D tracking



Xiao Wan talks about designing tumours in lab



Friends show their support for the Scholars



Yuge Ma expands on China-India carbon governance



Yingqi Liu talks about UK low carbon technology



Refreshment break in the Presentation Room



Wolfsonians show their support for Alex Xuan Wang



Celebrating the end of a successful conference

## Awards for 2014-2015



L-R William Louey and Annie Bentley video conferencing Will Chen, Sue Lau and Scholar alumnus Yi Duan during the interviews conducted by the Beijing Awards Panel in June.

This year's Awards Panel has had its work cut out for its members with an inspiring number of students applying to COSF's scholarship programme for the 2014-2015 academic year. The Panel is co-chaired by Hong Kong Trustees Annie Bentley and Sue Lau. They and the Panel members will have the challenging and unenviable task of selecting the scholarship winners amongst, once again, a high number of outstanding applicants. Interviews of short-listed applicants have taken place in Oxford, Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. This year the Panel found that video conferencing came in very handy for a number of candidates who were unable to attend the interviews at their respective locations.

About fifteen major scholarships are expected to be disbursed this year as well as a number of honorary awards to applicants in recognition for their outstanding academic achievements. We are also delighted to inform our supporters that Brasenose College will be sponsoring a £12,500 China Oxford Award for the upcoming academic year. The Award has a preference for the successful candidate to be studying law. We thank Brasenose College for its generous support.

Since COSF was established in 1992, it has disbursed 214 scholarships worth in total just over £1 million. The award winners for the 2014-2015 academic year will be announced in our Autumn Newsletter in October so watch this space!

## Scholars' Summer Lunch



Prof. Keith Gull speaks about St Edmund Hall's past, present and future ties with China and its students

Brilliant sunny weather and splendid surroundings welcomed the 80 guests who attended the Scholars' Summer Lunch on the 15th June 2014. The event was kindly hosted once again by the China Oxford Scholarship Fund's International Chairman, Timothy Beardson, and his wife, Clair, at Hailey House near Oxford. The lunch saw new friends joining long-time supporters in showing their endorsement of the China Oxford Scholars and the Fund's educational initiative.

The Principal of St Edmund Hall, Prof. Keith Gull, was one of the guest speakers and he made a delightful speech about the Hall's and Oxford University's long-standing ties with China. The audience even learned about how St Edmund Hall's first-ever Chinese student ended up temporarily stuck in Siberia as he made his long journey from China to Oxford! And as tradition dictates, the lunch guests enjoyed a talk by one of the Fund's Scholars. This year Scholar Yuge Ma was the invited speaker and she spoke about her childhood in China and why she became interested in China-India geo-political relations, especially in the area of low carbon governance. Yuge is at Wolfson College and is reading for a DPhil in Geography and the Environment.

The lunch guests included the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Paul Bradstock, the Minister Counsellor for Education at the Chinese Embassy, Shen Yang, and Oxford academics Prof. Bill Swadling, Prof. Roger Cashmore, Prof. Paul Craig, Prof. Andrew Briggs, Prof. Derek Siveter, Prof. Peter Holland, Prof. Joshua Silver, Prof. Michael Wooldridge and Prof. Francesco Zanetti. You can catch Prof. Gull's and Yuge's speeches on our YouTube channel. Look out for *ChinaOxfordVideos*. We also have many more photos for viewing on our Flickr webpage.



Guests enjoy refreshments in the gardens



Guest with Zhongwen Zhang and Jens Tholstrup



Gill and Peter Sunderland with Prof. Joshua Silver



Clair Beardson with Neyla and Michael Freeman



Scholar Yishu Miao with guests



Dyan Sterling, Xiaodi & Nicholas Bell and Yishu Miao



.Guests mingling in one of the gardens



Prof. Andrew Briggs, Paul & Pat Bradstock and guest



Guests enjoy the summer lunch under a marquee



Timothy Beardson welcomes guests to the lunch



Guests enjoying their 2-course lunch



Araceli Keelan and Lysanne Lyle



Lord Norrie with Qiong Liu



Prof. Zhanfeng Cui and Shen Yang, with Scholars



The guests included a few children too!



Yuge Ma talks about China and her work

## Lunch with The Wolfson Foundation



The 2013 Wolfson China Scholars had an opportunity to meet with The Wolfson Foundation over a fabulous Italian lunch in London on the 15th July 2014. The Foundation's Chief Executive, Paul Ramsbottom, and Director for Grants, Simon Fourmy, were able to meet Wolfson China Scholars Haiming Li and Qiong Lu. Haiming is reading for an MPhil in Chemistry while Qiong is reading for a DPhil in Geography and the Environment.

Both Scholars are at Wolfson College. Haiming and Qiong had the chance to update Paul and Simon on their studies at Oxford as well as having the chance to tell them a bit more about their life in China and their experiences studying in the United Kingdom. UK Trustee Rupert Villers has been hosting this gathering for the Scholars and The Wolfson Foundation annually since 2009.

The Wolfson Foundation has provided a £12,500 scholarship to each of the eleven Scholars who have been selected for a Wolfson China Scholarship. We would like to thank the Foundation for its generous support.





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