

# CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Prof. Siveter with his family at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History

We are delighted to inform friends and supporters that The Palaeontological Association has awarded its most prestigious award to Prof. Derek Siveter. The Lapworth Medal is bestowed to a palaeontologist who has made a significant contribution to the science by means of a substantial body of research based on its depth, breadth and impact. The Association honoured Prof. Siveter with the Lapworth Medal at an event at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Prof. Siveter, the former COSF Chairman of the Oxford Awards Panel, undertook both his B.Sc. and Ph.D. at the University of Leicester with his Ph.D. research concerning calymenid trilobites. His subsequent career took him on a journey through Trinity College Dublin, NCC Newbury, the University of Hull and on to the University Museum of Natural History at Oxford. Prof. Siveter's initial research on trilobites consisted of meticulous monographs that are famous for their illustrations. They are seen as raising a new bar in palaeontological publishing. Prof. Siveter collaborated with Chinese scientists in Western China and co-authored *The Cambrian Chengjiang Biota of China* with his Chinese colleagues mainly in Kunming. He, along with his twin brother, Prof. David Siveter, played a major role in assisting China in its bid to secure official UNESCO World Heritage status for the Chengjiang biota. From the China Oxford Scholarship Fund community, congratulations Derek!

# Updates from China Oxford Scholars



**Xuan Wang** was COSF's Wolfson China Scholar in 2012 and he earned his MPhil with Distinction in Economics. Xuan kicked off his doctoral studies in Financial Economics at Oxford in 2015. Xuan organised an exciting international academic conference at Oxford in the spring. The conference was the *Oxford NuCamp-Saïd Macroeconomics Conference on Money, Credit, and Financial Stability* and was held on the 5th and 6th of April 2019 at Exeter College.

The event featured an impressive contingent of speakers from academia, central banks and international organisations. Under the supervision of Prof. Dimitrios P. Tsomocos and Prof. Oren Sussman, Xuan's recent work studies are: Debt restructuring in a currency union in the absence of fiscal union; Financial stability and endogenous liquidity at the low interest rate environment; and Bank credit and default in infinite horizon.

It's no wonder the Exeter College event was a success. He also organised the inaugural Oxford Inter-departmental Macro-Finance Doctoral Research Workshop in May 2019. Xuan is in the programme committee of the 8th Oxford Financial Intermediation Theory Conference (OxFIT) this summer. He's also been busy with his participation in numerous conferences such as the 2019 EEA-ESEM meeting, the 50th Anniversary conference of the Money, Macro & Finance Research Group, the 2019 Royal Economic Society Conference, 3rd CEPR MMCN Conference, AFA Conference, and various other academic events.

At the moment, Xuan is building a two-country international finance model to analyse 'When Do Currency Unions Benefit From Default?'. Xuan's recent non-technical paper with Prof. Tsomocos is forthcoming in one of the chapters in the soon-to-be published academic book *The Economics of Monetary Unions: Past Experiences and the Eurozone*.

Xuan's doctoral studies are funded by the Clarendon Scholarship and the Saïd Foundation Scholarship. Xuan is a member of Exeter College and a lecturer in Economics at Magdalen College. He is also a peer supporter as part of the university welfare team. Prior to pursuing his DPhil, Xuan worked as an economist at the Bank of England.

Starting in the autumn in October, he will be searching and exploring academic positions. We wish him all the very best!



**Jia Sun** was a 2009-2010 Grosvenor Oxford Scholar. She attended Exeter College and earned her MSc in Financial Economics. Jia was the guest speaker at one of the splendid summer lunches hosted by COSF International Chairman Timothy Beardson and his wife, Clair at their home in the United Kingdom.

Jia is currently based in Shanghai and is partner and co-founder of Tai Partners. The company is a cross-border venture capital firm dedicated to investing in US and European technology companies looking to enter the Chinese market or build the supply chain in China. Her firm targets companies aiming to transform antiquated industries with technology solutions in areas such as lifestyle, financial services, IoT, and environment protection. Jia's work involves help clients to break into the Chinese market by taking a hands-on approach assisting entrepreneurs on IP protection, key hires recruitment, product and market strategy, and so forth. She says this also means building an ecosystem to expand with a wide swath of Chinese industry leaders as investors of the fund.

"I have many enjoyable and fond memories of Oxford. It has always been a centre of innovation in the UK. I'd like to work with entrepreneurs in Oxford to help them enter the Chinese market when applicable. I would also like to exchange thoughts with people who are interested in cross-border venture investing" says Jia. Before co-founding Tai Partners, Jia was an investment professional at Morgan Stanley Alternative Investment Partners. She was based in Hong Kong and was in charge of Asia coverage.



#### **Letter from Feifei Deng**

I am a COSF scholar alumni who was awarded the Tang Oxford scholarship in 2010 and 2011. I attended Wolfson College. I am currently working as a post-doctoral scientist at Helmholtz Centre for Materials and Coastal Research in Geesthacht in Germany.

I attended the University of Oxford from 2010-2014, studying for a DPhil degree in Earth Sciences. My doctorate study at Oxford focused on the development of chemical toolbox for investigating ocean processes key to understanding the changing climate and ocean environment. During my doctorate project, I was given great opportunities to work with many enthusiastic and intelligent scientists from around the world and to join them for oceanographic surveys on research vessels sailing across the Atlantic.

The great joy arising from exploring the unknown of the ocean has since then motivated to continue work as a post-doctoral researcher in the University of Oxford to expand my DPhil research to other parts of the ocean after my I graduated in 2014. After having had almost eight great years in Oxford exploring the open ocean, the part nearly intact by human activities, I started to wonder what science could do to help understand and protect

the coastal areas which are being more severely affected by human activities and the changing climate. The opportunity to seek for answers arose when I moved to my current position in March, 2019. During my current position at Helmholtz Centre for Materials and Coastal Research, I will direct my research towards understanding the coastal areas which is more affected by human activities and in turn its change will affect us more.

During my post-doctoral position in Germany, I will incorporate the chemical toolbox that I have developed during my doctorate research into newly developed analytical and modelling tools to look into how coastal areas, like the North Sea coast, have been affected by human activities, such as mining, agricultural productivities, off-shore wind farms, as well as by the changing climate. I am very excited about projects here as I am able to use my knowledge to do something that will readily benefit the community I am living in, which is what I have been always wanting to do as I have benefited greatly from the support I was given by the COSF community in the past.



**Tianqi Han** was a 2017 COSF Pay It Forward Scholar earning his MBA at the Said Business School. He attended Kellogg College. He was listed by Forbes Magazine as one of the 2018 Forbes “30 Under 30” people to watch. Tianqi was recognised for his social entrepreneurial work for the “APEC Voices of the Future” initiative. We’re delighted Tianqi has caught the attention of Forbes Magazine. Since 2012, Forbes’ “30 Under 30” list has recognised the brightest entrepreneurs, innovators and game-changers under the age of 30 who are transforming business as usual and changing the world. “I’m humbled to be listed and excited to be a part of this wonderful community,” says Tianqi.

During his studies at Oxford, Tianqi founded the “Oxford Emerging Markets Summit” which led to a big and successful event in March 2018. It attracted more than 200 teachers and students across Oxford, Cambridge and other universities.

Tianqi is currently working for three organisations. He is the CEO (China) for the “APEC Voices of the Future” which is the only youth development platform of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). It nurtures talented young people to represent China and join world leaders at APEC summits. The Voice of the Future’s Weibo account so far has had 700 million hits and 100,000 young people have joined its activities. He is also the International Co-Chair and China President of the “G20 Young Entrepreneurs’ Alliance” which represents one million young entrepreneurs in G20 countries and aims to leverage its network to facilitate international business and technology cooperation.



Lastly, Tianqi is the China ambassador for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Youth League which is a youth development group under the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Secretariat. It aims to connect top young leaders along the Belt & Road countries.