

Final Report: Junior Research Stay at Peking University

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This is my first research stay at Peking University. I have a two-month plan to give a keen insight into the mechanism and dynamics of ongoing reform of oil and/or power state owned enterprises (SOEs) in China under the grand international climate change negotiation and/or global energy transition/industrial restructuring. It has been a fruitful and helpful experience to return to PKU after 2 years since I got my master degree from here.

I am grateful to my host professor, Pro. Dr. Huan Qingzhi, a famous leader and advocate of environmental politics research in mainland China. He is my previous supervisor during my master stage studies and still active in building a nationally wide academic network or platform of socialist ecological construction and participating in the promotion of global green left-wing international dialogue with the financial helping from Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung. Dan Wu (PhD Candidate in Graduate School of East Asia Studies, FU Berlin) and I were talking with him about his experiences in field works and tactics involved in building personal contact and relationship with staffs in China's governments, its research institute and SOEs. He further expressed his willingness to cooperate with our Environmental Policy Research Center (FFU), although Professor Miranda Schreurs has left.



I finished a chapter within a projected book edited by Pro. Huan about China's stance and policy in international climate change negotiations with help from my friend Ms. Wang Yuhe, the 2016 UAS spring campus junior fellow, she is a PhD candidate majoring in international politics in School of International Studies, PKU and supervised by Pro. Dr. Zhang Haibin, a very well-known scholar in the field of climate change negotiations and environmental diplomacy research in mainland China. I also met with several PhD students in Peking University that I got familiar with before to discuss about challenges of our research and possibilities of cooperation and communication in the future.

I am also grateful to Pro. Dr. Zha Daojiong, School of International Studies, PKU. He is an expert working in field of non-traditional security and international political economy and has broad personal relationship with SOEs in China. He talked to me about the issues that need to be addressed in writing doctoral thesis and I talked to him the possibility of inviting him to become a member of the doctoral thesis committee. He happily received the invitation and also enthusiastically introduced me to Mr. Chen Weidong. Mr. Chen Weidong was previously executive vice president and chief strategy officer of China Oilfield Services Limited (COSL) and also chief researcher in Energy Economy Institute within China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC). In a conversation of nearly two hours, he told me a lot about China's energy development trends, and recommended some noteworthy research directions, including contemporary power system reform. This confirms it is correct that Pro. Miranda once told us that power system reform is very significant in China's energy transition. What's more, as a long-term middle-level leading cadre in the SOEs, he was talking about a substantial number of practitioner experiences.



I came to visit Pro. Dr. Wang Liping, she is director of department of political science in School of Government, PKU. Fifteen years ago, she visited Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science for one year when she was a lecturer in PKU. She invited me to join graduate level class Theories and Methods in Comparative Politics hosted by her. I tried my best to participate three lectures of it from middle of March to beginning of April.



I contacted Pro. Dr. Wang Xuedong, deputy dean of Institute of International Studies/Institute of South China Sea Strategic Studies at Sun Yat-sen University. He expressed the possibility of establishing long-term contacts with me and working with me in the future. I also contacted Pro. Dr. Ran Ran in School of International Studies, Renmin University of China. She expressed her willingness

to answer my questions of confusion and problems in process of doing environmental politics research. She holds a doctoral degree in political science from University of Duisburg-Essen.

I went to visit Pro. Dr. Lian Yuru, School of International Studies, PKU. She is also alumni of the Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science at the Free University of Berlin. I had a few hours of in-depth exchange with her in German green living culture, German environmental politics studies. She has recommended some literature on my research topic. I visited a few lectures and discussions on the doctoral program of the School of International Studies and the lectures on the master degree program of very famous Yenching Academy.



The last but not the least, I want to thank Ms. Zhu Siying, a very efficient staff with enthusiasm in Center of international cooperation of PKU. Thank you very much for the generous financial support provided by UAS project. Through the people and things I have come into contact with, I believe that I have made a small contribution to expand the visibility of our FU Berlin and UAS project.

I stayed at Keyuan Community (科源社区) located at south side of Peking University Zhongguanyuan Global Village (北京大学中关村新园) for almost seven weeks. From here, it is very convenient for me to get into PKU main campus and find shortcut to nearest transportation tools, because I once was a graduate student here. But I think it is much difficult for you to communicate and get along with local people if you want to rent a proper room at cheap price in this community, most of them cannot speak foreign languages. Therefore, I do not recommend this community for successor to stay.



I often studied in the main library of Peking University and found related academic information from CNKI.NET with the help of a PKU network account. I collected from the Chinese energy and power industrial newspapers and magazines more than three hundreds of interview report in public, most of them involved energy transition and power system reform. These are valuable second-hand information.



This is the forth spring I spent in Beijing, capital and second largest city of fast growing and ever changing China. I am so happy that air quality of these days is not bad. I enjoyed 'Peking Blue' due to convening of the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the 12<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress and the 5<sup>th</sup> session of 12<sup>th</sup> National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.