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The Chinese Communist Party and the Politicization of Traditions

Workshop
Zurich, June 6–8, 2013

Program

Thursday, June 6, 2013

- 14.00–14.15 Welcome Address by Simona Grano, Philipp Hetmanczyk and Ralph Weber
- 14.15–15.15 Natalia Lisenkova (University of Zurich)
Domestic Factors of Chinese Foreign Policy: Nationalism as a National Security Issue
- 15.15–16.15 Giorgio Strafella (University of Nottingham and University of St. Gallen)
'Marxism' as Tradition in CCP Discourse
- 16.15–16.45 Coffee Break
- 16.45–18.15 Expert Session with Gary Rawnsley (University of Leeds)
Chinese Soft Power and Public Diplomacy: A Mid-Term Assessment

Friday, June 7, 2013

- 09.30–10.30 Nele Noesselt (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)
Relegitimizing the Chinese Party-State: 'Old' Sources of Modern Chinese Power
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00–12.00 Ai Jiawen (University of Melbourne)
Official Marxists vs. Neo-traditionalists: The Story of a Cultural Symbolic City and the Vanishing Statue of Confucius

12.00–14.00 Lunch Break

14.00–15.00 Julie Remoiville (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)
**Involvement of Local Authorities in Popular Religion in Urban
Context: A Micro-Sociological Study in Contemporary Hangzhou**

15.00–16.00 Philipp Hetmancyzk (University of Zurich)
**From 'Feudal Superstition' to 'Intangible Cultural Heritage': Party
Ideology and the Changing Role of Religion**

16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

16.30–18.00 Keynote Address, André Laliberté (University of Ottawa)
**The Selective Retrieval of Religion in the Communist Party's Quest for
Legitimacy**

19.00 Conference Dinner, Zunfthaus Zum Grünen Glas (by invitation only)

Saturday, June 8, 2013

09.30–10.30 Anna Ahlers (University of Bonn)
Local Party and Cadre Discipline

10.30–11.00 Coffee Break

11.00–12.30 Expert Session with Benjamin Lim (Reuters, Beijing)
Taking the Dragon's Pulse

General Information

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Abstract	China today is economically and politically a global actor. Given China's power and influence (which is likely to increase in the future), its central political force, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), remains relatively unknown, both in terms of its internal decision-making processes and its ideological position. The workshop is devoted to dissecting the second of these aspects, i. e. the ideological position(s) of the CCP. The topic is approached via an investigation of "the politicization of traditions," meaning the references to philosophical and religious traditions on the side of the CCP.
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