

## Finnspired-Sino Scholar Talks\_Tampere Education Talk

Theme: Can China learn from Finnish education?

**Background:** As Finnish education is becoming more and more popular in China and meanwhile China is becoming the biggest education market in the world, we are witnessing more and more educational cooperation taking place between Finland and China. However, one fundamental question is seeking for answers in the cooperation is: Can China really learn from Finnish education? and how?

To answer public curiosity, we invite Chinese education experts in Finland to discuss together with us about the raised question, and share their insights with us! Come and join us and share your ideas!

#### Agenda:

Time: April 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00

Venue: Tribe Tampere, Pinninkatu 47, 33100 Tampere

Chair: Qin He Director of Sector of Study and Training

Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Tampere (CSSA

Tampere ry)

09: 00 – 09: 30 Registration and morning coffee

09:30 – 09: 45 Opening section

Yuhang Gao, Head of Education Sector, Chinese Embassy in Finland

Dr. Antti Lönnqvist, Dean, Faculty of Management, University of Tampere

Prof. Liu Baocun, Director, Sino-Finnish Education Research Centre; Prof.

Beijing Normal University, China (video)

09: 45 – 10: 15 Keynote speech: What can China learn from Finnish Education?

by Yuzhuo Cai Adjunct Professor, University of Tampere

Director, Sino-Finnish Education Research Center

# 10:15 - 11:30 system?

#### Panel Talk: How can China and Finland learn from each other's education

Chair by Gaoming Zheng

Researcher, University of Tampere; Chairperson, Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Tampere

Panelists (In no particular order):

Bing Zuo Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Management, University of Tampere

Professor, Lingnan Normal University, China

Lijie Li Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Education, University of Tampere

Associate Professor, Tianjin Normal University, China

Jiao Cheng Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Education, University of Tampere;

Lecturer, South China Normal University, China

Tanyu Chen Customer Relation Manager, Tampere University of Applied

Sciences (TAMK)

Paula Strengell Clinical Teacher, University of Tampere; Visiting scholar in

Jinan University, China

11:30 – 12:00 Audience Q&A

12:00 Closing the event

### Registration before April 4th:

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Co-organizers (In no particular order):

Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Tampere (CSSA Tampere ry)

Sino-Finnish Education Research Center (SFERC)

Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Jyvaskyla (CSSA Jyvaskyla ry)

## Speakers and main organizers' bibliographic information



Dr. **Antti Lönnqvist** is the Dean of Faculty of Management at University of Tampere. He also holds the position of Adjunct Professor at Tampere University of Technology, where he previously worked as Professor of Information and Knowledge Management. His research interests focus on understanding how performance measurement and management practices are applied and create value in knowledge-intensive and service-oriented environments. Antti has published more than one hundred works including over fifty journal papers and several books. He is known for pragmatic, action-oriented research work in which new academic insights are created through hands-on development work of organizational management practices and tools.

Dr. Yuzhuo Cai is a Senior Lecturer and Adjunct Professor at the Higher Education Group (HEG), Faculty of Management, University of Tampere, Finland. He has been with the HEG for 15 years and was the Acting Professor of the unit from August 2013 to July 2014. He is serving as guest professor at both the Institute of International and Comparative Education, Beijing Normal University, and the Institute of China's Science, Technology and Education Policy (ICSTEP), Zhejiang University in China. He is also the Board Member & Member of Organizational Research and Meeting Scientific Committee, Triple Helix Association.

He has been long time engaged in EU/Finland-China education cooperation. He is one of the two founding members of the Chinese Education Research and Exchange Centre (CEREC) at the University



of Tampere, the first centre specialising in Chinese education research and educational cooperation with China in continental Europe. He is the board member of the Sino-Finnish Joint Learning Innovation Institute (JoLii) and the Director of Sino-Finnish Education Research Centre, JoLii. He is the coordinator of the Network of EU-China Education and Innovation Studies. He has also initiated the "This is Finnish Education" Video

Series as an innovative way to present the research insights of the Sino-Finnish Education Research Centre. The introduction video of the Series was first released during the Finnish Minister of Education's visit to Beijing in October 2017.



Prof. Bing ZUO is a visiting scholar, at Sino-Finnish Education Research Institute, Faculty of Management, University of Tampere in Finland. She received the PHD from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China. She was Funded by China Scholarship Council(2009.9-2010.9), as visiting scholar study in Ontario Institute for Studies in Education(OISE), Canada (Supervisor: Ruth Hayhoe). At present, she worked at Institute for Studies in Education in Lingnan Normal University, China. Her main research interests is organization culture and discipline of higher education, teacher education.

**Dr. Lijie Li** is an associate professor at Primary Education College, Tianjin Normal University and now a visiting scholar at Education Faculty , University of Tampere. She received her doctor degree in Comparative Education from Beijing Normal University in 2010. Currently she has hosted one general project from the Ministry of Education, a key project of Tianjin's 12th Five-Year Plan of Education , three teaching reform projects and a project of general course construction. More than her 20 academical articles published on CSSCI journals, including Global Education Outlook, Research on Educational Development, Foreign Educational Research, Comparative Education Research ect, and over 30 articles published at general core journals .





Dr. Cheng Jiao is a lecturer at the School of Vocational and Technical Education and Training at South China Normal University. She also holds a position as Chairman of the Labour Union at the School of Vocational and Technical Education and Training. She graduated as Doctor of Education from South China Normal University in 2014. Her research interests include comparative research on education policies in vocational education and adult education. In the recent years, she has taught courses on research methods, and education history, etc. She has carried out and participated several research programs with partners as well. She is visiting the University of Tampere Faculty of Education in the academic year 2017 - 2018. From March 2017, she started joining a collaborative research project Comparative Study on the Sustainable Development of Vocational Education in Finland and China. And during

the one year visiting period, she has been joining in the Equajust research group with Anja Heikkinen from Faulty of Education, and she has been facilitating cooperation between education institutions in Tampere and Guangdong province, China. She hopes to build bridge on the practical and research cooperation between Tampere and Guangdong Province.

Tanyu Chen is a positive and passionate education lover and contributor. Teacher has always been her dreamed profession since her childhood. After years of hard studies, she ideally graduated from one of the top Chinese teacher education university and eventually becoming a teacher in a high school, where she could devote all her knowledge, skills, passion and enthusiasm in education at work. However, the practical teaching experiences are far from what is been taught by theory, which actually has led thousands of "why questions" from her daily work... With all sorts of questions, Tanyu came to Europe to seek the answer. Taking further study in Europe has enriched her knowledge and competencies from different perspectives, still, Not only couldn't she find the answer to the previous question, but it was even becoming more perplexing, Until one day, Tanyu went to a Finnish



school, a Finnish classroom, experienced a Finnish way of teaching and learning, those confusions, doubts, and predicament seems to have suddenly become clear, the Finnish way of education solutions - learning by doing, Tanyu has a motto, "Keeping to your original aspiration leads you to success". In order to

promote the most beautiful Finnish education to the rest of the world, Tanyu is currently working in TAMK Global Education and in charge of education training and cooperation between Finland and China.



Paula STRENGELL is a medical doctor specialized in psychiatry at School of Medicine, Tampere University, working as a clinical teacher. She is a doctoral candidate at Tampere University doing research on addiction among pregnant women. She is experienced in addiction psychiatry and works also as a consultant for the Finnish National Health Insurance Institution. She has been teaching twice at Jinan University, Guangzhou, China, as part of the teacher exchange program between Jinan and Tampere universities. Her publications are in the field of addiction psychiatry, services for addicted mothers and education.

Dr. **Lingling Jing**, associate professor of School of Management, Harbin Normal University, she received Ph.D. from School of Economics and Management, Harbin Engineering University in 2009. Her research area is organization and management of higher education. She is now a visiting scholar at HEG(Higher Education Group), University of Tampere to research in the higher education comparison between China and Finland.





Qin He is a master degree student in Tampere University of Technology, majoring in data engineering and machine learning and minoring in physics. She graduated from East China University of Science and Technology University with Bachelor degree in Mathematics and Applied mathematics. She has won the national and international mathematics modeling contest 3<sup>rd</sup> place separately. She is currently the Director of Sector of Study and Training in Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Tampere (CSSA Tampere ry), and one of the main organizer of the Finnspired-Sino Talk.

Gaoming ZHENG is a doctoral candidate in Faculty of Management, University of Tampere in Finland, researching on quality assurance of doctoral education collaboration between Europe and China. She is also engaged in several international projects, such as 'EU-China-Doc Project' and 'LEAD' Project, Project of Capacity building of Finnish-Chinese educational cooperation professionals. Her paper "Towards an analytical framework for understanding the development of a quality assurance system in an international joint programme" was awarded the Best Paper Prize at the Eu-Spri Forum Early Career Researcher (ECC): "Science, Innovation and the University: Keys to Social Impacts" in 2016. Her research area covers doctoral education, internationalization of higher education, quality assurance.



Besides being active in higher education research, Gaoming Zheng is active on Chinese-Finnish educational and cultural exchanges and cooperation. She currently serves as the Chairperson of Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Tampere (CSSA Tampere ry), and vice Chairperson of Chinese Students and Scholars Association in Finland (CSSA-Finland ry).