

Centre for Studies on Europe-China Cultural Heritage (ECCH)

REGULATION

Preamble:

The purposes and activities of the Centre for Studies on “Europe-China Cultural Heritage” (hereinafter ECCH) are:

1. to promote studies on Cultural Heritage, Classic Studies, and Language and Literature from an anthropological, literary, sinological, religious-historical perspective, focusing on Intangible and Tangible cultural Heritage and Classic Studies in China and Europe;
2. to promote interdisciplinary collaboration to encourage the exchange of theoretical and practical skills and scientific debate on cultural heritage;
3. to promote scientific exchange between researchers of each Research Unit, also in the perspective of collaboration with other University and Inter-university Centres, Departments, cultural foundations, public and private research centres;
4. to create “Research workshops” on specific subjects (Guidelines for the creation of workshops by any of the Units are set in the Regulations of the Centre);
5. to use the means of dissemination of the Centre, such as its website, international journals papers, books including co-authored books, and a journal series, if possible, in order to disseminate the scientific results obtained;
6. to promote the exchange of students, researchers, and professors from China to Europe and from Europe to China, especially between the universities involved in the Centre and their international partners;
7. to organize international conferences, seminars, training courses for young researchers and teachers, summer schools for MA and PhD students and students enrolled in a specialization course.

Art. 1 Organization of the Center

The “Centre for Studies on Europe-China Cultural Heritage” was established in the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the **University of Perugia**, thanks to the collaboration with **Sichuan University** (China), with which the University of Perugia has a pre-existing Agreement for International Co-operation (MOU signed in January 2018). The two universities host the two Units of the Centre. Each Unit has at least two Members and one Coordinator. The Coordinators are chosen by the Members of the Unit and the Director of the Centre through a majority voting system.

One of the two Units of the Centre belongs to the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the University of Perugia, and is initially composed by members of the University of Perugia working on China, i.e. Ester Bianchi and Daniele Parbuono - as the Coordinators -, Valentina Sommella, Zhang Chao (CEL), Elisa Rondini. Professors and researchers from other universities, researchers from public or private cultural institutes, and other prominent scholars can also be admitted as members of the Unit, upon submission of application.

The second Unit of the Centre belongs to Provincial-Ministerial Co-construction Collaborative Innovation Center for Chinese Multi-ethnic Cultural Cohesion and Global Communication of Sichuan University (and The College of Literature and Journalism of Sichuan University), is initially composed by Cao Shunqing and Li Fei - as the Coordinators -, Fu Qilin and Luo Lu. Professors from other universities, researchers from public or private cultural institutes, and other prominent scholars can also be admitted as members of the Unit, upon submission of application.

The Bodies of the Centre are:

- a) the Units of the Centre;
- b) the Scientific Committee;
- c) the Board of the Centre;
- d) the Director of the Centre.

Art. 2 Registered offices of the Centre

The offices of the Centre are located respectively at the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the University of Perugia, Palazzo Florenzi, Piazza Ermini, 06123 Perugia and at Humanities Building, Area I, Jiang'an Campus, Sichuan University, Chuanda Road, Shuangliu District, 610207 Chengdu. The Centre may create branch offices according to its needs and opportunities.

Art. 3 Composition of the Units of the Centre

The ECCH can include professors, researchers, and fixed-term researchers of the universities involved in the agreement, whose research focuses on the subjects relevant to the Centre, and who shall apply to the Board of the Centre which is required to give its opinion. Each Member is part of a Unit (which is a work-group made of at least two members of the Centre and defined by the Board of the Centre).

Professors from other universities, researchers from public or private cultural institutes, as well as prominent scholars can all submit their application to enter a single Unit (and therefore the Centre itself): if the relevant Unit gives a positive response, then the Board of the Centre is to decide whether accept or not the application.

Each Unit appoints one Coordinator within one month from the establishment of the Unit. The Coordinator has the right to become a member of the Board of the Centre (see Art. 6).

The Members of the Centre may establish research workshops (including disciplinary and interdisciplinary workshops) on specific subjects, and each workshop will be coordinated by one Member of the Centre, who may involve other members of other Units or experts that are not part of the Centre.

Art. 4 Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is formed by members of all the universities that are part of the Centre. The Scientific Committee can be convened by the Director of

the Centre, by the Co-Presidents of the Scientific Committee, or upon request of at least one third of the Members of the Centre. The Scientific Committee can also be convened via internet and the meeting can be held online.

The Scientific Committee has two Co-Presidents (one from each Unit), who are chosen by the Board of the Centre.

The Scientific Committee:

- a) proposes the guidelines for the scientific activities of the Centre to the Board, deciding them through majority voting system;
- b) proposes the activities of scientific co-ordination and dissemination to the Board, deciding them through majority voting system;
- c) upon request of the Board, the Scientific Committee can draft technical scientific reviews of projects or researches.

Art. 5 Board of the Centre

The Board is initially composed by the coordinators of the two units. The first Board of the Centre is in charge for four years, issues the first Regulations of the Centre, and its duties are as follows.

After the first four years, the Board will be composed by the Coordinators of each Unit.

The Board is valid for four years and shall be convened at least once a year, via internet if need be.

Its duties are:

- a) to elect the Director;
- b) to issue the Regulations of the Centre;
- c) to help the Director to implement the guidelines for the activities of the Centre;
- d) to approve the initial and final balance, within the limits of its powers;
- e) to decide through a qualified majority voting system of two-thirds of the members to amend these Articles and propose any amendment to the competent bodies of each University involved in the agreement;
- f) to resolve who can join the centre according to the provisions under Art. 4 and the duration of their involvement according to the Regulations of the Centre of each member;
- g) to resolve who can join the agreement according to the provisions under Art. 8 next in case other Universities wish to join the Centre;
- h) to accept or reject any requests from the Scientific Committee;
- i) to propose and approve the scientific activities of the Centre;
- l) to control the initiatives and the publications of the Centre.

Art. 6 The Director and Co-Director

The Director is chosen within the Perugia Unit and is elected by the Board through a majority voting system (online voting is accepted): the Director holds the office for four years and cannot be elected more than twice in a row. The Director

represents the Centre, promotes and coordinates its activities. More specifically, s/he:

- a) convenes and presides over the Board meeting;
- b) convenes and presides over the Scientific Committee and promotes its activities;
- c) submits to the Board any matters falling within its competency to seek its opinion and approval;
- d) at the end of every year the Director provides the Board with a report on the activities of the Centre;

In case the Director is not able to attend the meeting, s/he can appoint a Member of the Board as her/his proxy for no more than six months.

The Co-Director is to be chosen within the Sichuan Unit and is elected by the Board through a majority voting system (online voting is accepted): the Co-Director holds the office for four years and cannot be elected more than twice in a row.

Art. 7 Involvement of new Universities

Other universities can join the Centre, provided that they submit a formal request to the Director of the Centre: their request will be examined and eventually approved by the Board.

In order to carry on its purposes, the Centre, through specific agreements, can collaborate with private, public, Italian or foreign bodies that are interested in the purposes as they are described in Art. 3.

Art. 8 Resources and Financial cooperation

The two units equally contribute to the function and activities of the ECCH centre as follows:

I. The Centre can receive funds from Universities, Research Projects, and Public and Private Institutions; it can do it through the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the University of Perugia, or the Provincial-Ministerial Co-construction Collaborative Innovation Center for Chinese Multi-ethnic Cultural Cohesion and Global Communication of Sichuan University.

Any fund received from external bodies and any profit arising from the activities that are carried out on behalf of third parties (e.g. agreements, services upon payment, etc.) is used for the development of the Centre according to its general interests.

The Members, as far as their commitment at their university allows, carry out the activities for the Centre for free since these activities will be considered part and parcel of their research.

II. The Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the University of Perugia contributes to the centre by:

- allocating a space for the Centre at Palazzo Stocchi, Piazza Morlacchi 30, 06123 Perugia;
- providing the spaces, rooms and equipment that are available at the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education;
- providing each Member of the Units with unlimited access to the libraries of

- the University;
- providing each Member of the Units with unlimited access to the University online services;
- providing each Member of the Units with unlimited access to the computer rooms of the University;
- providing visiting Member with a workspace at the Registered Office of the Centre;
- providing rooms for classes or seminars, meeting rooms, show rooms and rooms for public meetings;
- providing the technical and administrative room; meeting room; secretariat; offices for administrative staff; break room.

III. The Provincial-Ministerial Co-construction Collaborative Innovation Center for Chinese Multi-ethnic Cultural Cohesion and Global Communication of Sichuan University contributes to the centre by:

- allocating a space for the Centre at Humanities Building, Area I, Jiang'an Campus, The College of Literature and Journalism of Sichuan University;
- providing the spaces, rooms and equipment that are available at The College of Literature and Journalism of Sichuan University;
- providing each Member of the Units with access to the libraries of the University;
- providing each Member of the Units with access to the University online services;
- providing each Member of the Units with access to the computer rooms of the University;
- providing every visiting Member with a workspace at the Registered Office of the Centre;
- providing rooms for classes or seminars, meeting rooms, show rooms and rooms for public meetings;
- providing the technical and administrative room; meeting room; secretariat; offices for administrative staff; break room.

Art. 9 Validity and Publicity

These Regulations has an unlimited validity and can be amended as per Art. 6 Par. b herein. These Regulations of the ECCH are sent to the Coordinators of the Units of the Centre (and those under agreement/convention) so that they keep them in their registered offices and made them available to the Members.

These Regulations and CA can be posted on the website of the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the University of Perugia or in any other website specifically proposed by the Board of the Centre.