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

The **Centre for Studies on Europe-China Cultural Heritage** was established in April 2019 in the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education of the University of Perugia thanks to an Agreement for International Co-operation between two universities: the University of Perugia and the Chongqing University of Arts and Sciences (China). The two universities host the two Units of the Centre.

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The purposes of the Centre are:

1. to promote studies on Cultural Heritage from an anthropological, sinological, religious-historical perspective, focusing on Intangible and Tangible cultural Heritage 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 PhD students and students enrolled in a specialization course.

Each Unit has at least two Members and one Coordinator. The Coordinator is chosen by the Members of the Unit and the Director of the Centre through a majority voting system.

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.

The Scientific Committee is formed by all the universities that are members 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.

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