Glasgow–Peking Higher Education Symposium
Co-Imagining Shared Futures of Higher Education in Diverse Contexts, Histories, Cultures, and Traditions

Seminar Suite 237C, Advanced Research Centre (ARC), University of Glasgow
22–23 July 2025

Day 1 – Tuesday, 22 July	
09:00–09:30	*Coffee and Registration*
09:30–09:45	*Conference Opening / Welcome Remarks*
09:45–10:30	**Keynote – Theme 1: Higher Education in a Digital World** **Title:** *Speculatively Re-Imagining Digital Futures for Learning* **Speaker:** Prof. Jen Ross, University of Edinburgh, UK **Chair:** Dr. Anna Wilson, University of Glasgow
10:35–11:15	**Paper Presentations – Theme 1** • *Educating Humans for a Machine World: The New Mandate of Higher Education* Umar Adam Ibrahim, Nurbol Aidarbayev, Greg Thomas Hay (SDU University, Kazakhstan) • *Higher Education and Third Mission: How, For Whom and Why* Bahar Cemre Karaagacli (University of Glasgow, UK) **Chair:** Prof. Stephen McKinney, University of Glasgow
11:15–11:30	*Coffee Break*
11:30–12:10	**Group Discussions – Theme 1**
12:10–13:00	*Lunch*
13:00–13:40	**Panel – Theme 2: Spaces, Policies, and Resources of Higher Education** • *Place-Based Higher Education in the Anthropocene* – Dr. Anna Wilson (University of Glasgow, UK) • *Higher Education and Industrial Clusters in China: A Quintuple-Helix Perspective* – Dr. Wei Ha (Peking University, China) **Chair:** Dr. Leyla De Amicis, University of Glasgow

13:45–14:25	**Paper Presentations – Theme 2** • *Accountability to Students through Representation in the UK* Qian Jiang (University of Glasgow, UK) • *Quality Assurance in Transnational Higher Education in GBA* Dr. Colin Keyu Zhai (Lingnan University, HKSAR) **Chair:** Prof. Stephen McKinney, University of Glasgow
14:30–15:10	**Group Discussions – Theme 2**
15:10–15:25	*Coffee Break*
15:25–16:05	**Panel – Theme 3: Student Experience, Agency, and Outcome of Higher Education** • *Liberal Arts Education in a Technologized World* – Dr. Leping Mou (University of Glasgow, UK) • *Mental Health and Spatial Heterogeneity* – Dr. Colin Keyu Zhai (Lingnan University, HKSAR) **Chair:** Dr. Anna Wilson, University of Glasgow
16:10–16:50	**Paper Presentations – Theme 3** • *Reflexive Agency in Chinese Students' Transitions* – Yu Hao (University of Oxford, UK) • *Social Class, Geographic Origin, and Inequality in International Education* – Danchen Yan (University of Glasgow, UK) **Chair:** Dr. Leping Mou, University of Glasgow
16:55–17:30	**Group Discussions – Theme 3**
17:30–19:00	**Poster Session + Drinks / Snacks** 1. *Brazil's Science without Borders Program* – Ícaro de Oliveira Rosa (Macquarie University, Australia) 2. *Sino-Swiss STEMM Collaboration Patterns* – Xiaona Wang & Alis Oancea (University of Oxford, UK) 3. *ChatGPT and International HE* – Anan Chen (Peking University, China) 4. *Academic Performativity in Malaysia* – Nur Izham (University of Glasgow, UK) 5. *Early-Career Academics in China and Scotland* – Lu Li (University of Glasgow, UK) 6. *Challenging Deficit Narratives* – Huiyang Lyu (University of Glasgow, UK)

Day 2 – Wednesday, 23 July	
09:00–09:30	*Coffee and Registration*
09:30–10:10	**Panel – Theme 4: Co-Imagining Futures from Diverse Contexts and Traditions** • *Catholic Intellectual Traditions* – Prof. Stephen McKinney (University of Glasgow, UK) • *Liberal Arts and Deweyan Democracy* – Prof. Leonard Waks (Temple University, USA) **Chair:** Dr. Leping Mou, University of Glasgow
10:15–11:10	**Paper Presentations – Theme 4** • *Decolonial Curricular Practices* – Dustin Hosseini (University of Glasgow/University of Strathclyde/University of Cumbria, UK) • *Critical Relationality in HE* – Haley Sneed (University of Glasgow, UK) • *Inclusion of Indigenous Epistemologies* – Dr. Zheng Ma (University of Toronto, Canada) **Chair:** Dr. Leyla De Amicis, University of Glasgow
11:10–11:20	*Coffee Break*
11:20–11:50	**Group Discussions – Theme 4**
11:50–12:45	**Panel – Theme 5: Internationalization amid (De)Globalization and Challenges** • *Ethical Partnerships in Global HE* – Dr. Miguel Lim (University of Manchester, UK) • *Paradox of Overseas Degrees in Post-2020 China* – Dr. Wenqin Shen (Peking University, China) • *Re-orientalising China in Internationalisation Studies* – Dr. Benjamin Mulvey (University of Glasgow, UK) **Chair:** Dr. Jack Lee, University of Glasgow
12:45–13:30	*Lunch*
13:30–14:25	**Paper Presentations – Theme 5** • *Returnee Academics in Joint Venture Universities* – Dr. Bowen Zhang (Durham University, UK) • *Chinese Students and Generative AI* – Zhixi Li (University of Glasgow, UK)

	• *Cross-Cultural Supervision Challenges* – Dr. Liyuan Zhuang & Dr. Colin Mack (University of Glasgow, UK) **Chair:** Dr. Benjamin Mulvey, University of Glasgow
14:30–15:00	**Group Discussions – Theme 5**
15:00–15:15	*Coffee Break*
15:15–15:55	**Panel Discussion –** Reflections from Group Discussions
16:00–16:45	**Collaborative Planning –** Blogs, Position Papers, Special Issue/Edited Book
16:45–17:00	**Closing Remarks**