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**Chinese – European Workshop**

**Agenda**

**Population ageing and public policy**

1-2 December, 2016

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Venue:

Room 805School of Economics, Fudan University600 Guoquan Road, Shanghai

# Organisers

Employment and Social Security Research Center (ESSRC), Fudan University and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Shanghai Coordination Office for International Cooperation

# Background

Population ageing is a long-lasting challenge to both developed and developing countries, but it comes in different forms. In Europe, the current demographic transition is a result both of the lower fertility following the baby boom after WWII and of increasing life expectancy in mature economies. In China, life expectancy has risen strongly as well over the last decades while birthrates fell, however, compared to Europe the country is far younger and economically less developed. In both regions, demographic change will have a major impact on public finance, especially the financing of programmes relating to public pensions, medical care and social care. In both regions governments have responded to these challenges with reforms. In Europe they have raised contributions, reduced benefit, postponed retirement age or kept high budget deficits – in China the most noticeable change has been the expansion of social insurance and pensions in particular, making them accessible for the whole population, but at the same time, policy makers are also concerned about population ageing.

The workshop invites scholars and policy makers from European countries and China to present and discuss their research outcomes and opinions on how policies may help economies and societies to adapt to the changing demographic conditions. Irrespective of their different institutional arrangements and different stage of economic development, policy makers in China and the EU share their concern about the financial burden of ageing societies. Comparison studies on the policies related to population ageing and the effects of those policies will contribute to current literature as well as to the understanding of the necessary reforms.

# Note to speakers:

* International Workshop (1.5 days), Chinese and Foreign Speakers, presentations should be 15-20 minutes;
* Working language: English and Chinese with simultaneous interpretation;
* The organizers will cover travel costs of speakers, including air ticket (economy), local transportation, accommodation and meals;
* Speakers are advised to use PowerPoint for presentation and sent their PPT to the organizers ([yannickringot@fes-shanghai.org](mailto:yannickringot@fes-shanghai.org)) till 14 November, 2016.

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| **Thursday, 1st December** | |
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| 8:00 | Please meet in the hotel lobby (international participants) |
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| **9:00-10:45** | **Session 1 –** **Population ageing and its effects on pension systems in China and the EU** |
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|  | Moderator: Prof. **Feng** Jin, Fudan University, Shanghai |
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| 5’ | **Opening Remarks** by Prof. **Yuan** Zhigang, Fudan University |
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| 5’ | **Opening Remarks** by Stefan **Pantekoek**, Resident Representative, FES Shanghai |
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|  | Topics to be addressed:   * Overview of demographic trends and their effects on pension systems and intergenerational equality * What are the main features and goals of pension systems in China and selected EU countries? What are overarching challenges? |
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| 25’ | **How to control pension costs without benefit retrenchment. A critical reflection on 'Ageing Societies as Burden' in China and the European Union** Prof. Traute **Meyer**, Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, University of Southampton, United Kingdom |
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| 25’ | **Several ways to improve investment return of pension funds in China**  Mr. **Li** Lianren, Director of Annuity Department, Ping An Insurance China |
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| 40’ | **Open discussion** |
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| 10:45-11:00 | Tea/Coffee break |
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| **11:00-12:30** | **Session 2 –** **Inclusivity of pension systems** |
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|  | Moderator:Prof. **Wang** Xinmei, China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing |
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|  | Topics to be discussed:   * Overview of pension systems coverage in the EU and China: who is covered? Who isn’t but should be? * How to increase the number of contributors? * What role does the age of retirement play? * What is the potential of integrating workers from the informal economy? |
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| 20’ | **Gender differentiated retirement age policy and its impact on the gender gap in retirement income in China** Prof. **Feng** Jin, Dean of the Faculty of Public Economics; Vice Director of the Employment and Social Security Research Center, Fudan University, Shanghai |
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| 20’ | **A study on several scenarios of increasing retirement age in China** Prof. **Zhong** Renyao,East China Normal University (ECNU), Shanghai |
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| 20’ | **Measuring the social quality of social pensions in the global South**  Dr. Tobias **Böger**, Researcher at Faculty for Sociology, University Bielefeld, Germany |
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| 30’ | Open discussion |
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| 12:30 | Group photo |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch break on invitation of Fudan University  Venue: *Crowne Plaza, Handan Road 199* |
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| **14:00-17:30** | **Session 3 – Ensuring financial sustainability of pension systems** |
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|  | Topics to be discussed:   * What is the status quo of pension systems finance in selected cases from the EU and China? * What role does the private sector play? * Where are reform priorities to increase pension systems’ financial sustainability? * What are hitherto under-explored policy options? |
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| **14:00-15:30** | **Part 1: Perspectives from different countries and regions** |
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|  | Moderator:Prof.Traute **Meyer**, University of Southampton |
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| 20’ | **The ‚Austrian model' of pay-as-you-go pensions** Dr. Josef **Wöss**, Head of the Department of Social Policy, Austrian Chamber of Labour, Vienna, Austria |
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| 20’ | **Longevity Risk and Financing Gap of Chinese Public Pension** Dr. **Duan** Baige, Lecturer at the School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai |
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| 20’ | **Exploring Patterns of Public-Private Pension Mix in East Asia - The Position of the Chinese Pension System** Dr.Chung-Yang **Yeh**, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Research Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei |
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| 30’ | Open discussion |
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| 15:30-16:00 | Tea/Coffee break |
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| **16:00-17:30** | **Part 2: The policy perspective** |
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|  | Moderator:Dr. Josef **Wöss**, Austrian Chamber of Labour, Vienna, Austria **(tbc)** |
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| 20’ | **Some Key Characteristics of China's Public Pension Reform in an International Perspective** Prof. **Wang** Xinmei, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Population and Labor Economics, China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing |
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| 20’ | **The German Pension System: Yet reformed or in need of reforming?** Prof. Werner **Sesselmeier**, Institute of Social Sciences, University Koblenz-Landau, Germany |
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| 20’ | **Public Pension for Informal Employment in China: Current Issue and Future Reform** by Prof. **Zheng** Chunrong, Associate Professor, Deputy Director of the Social Security Research Center, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE), Shanghai |
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| 30’ | Open discussion |
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| 18:00 | Reception-dinner on invitation of Fudan University  Venue: *Crowne Plaza,Handan Road 199* |
| **End of Day 1** | |

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| **Friday, 2nd December** | |
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| 8:15 | Please meet in the hotel lobby (international participants) |
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| **9:15-10:45** | **Session 4: The challenges ahead: Population ageing and innovation** |
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|  | Moderator:Yannick **Ringot**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Shanghai |
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|  | Topics to be discussed:   * What are the implications of increasing automatisation and digitalisation on labour markets, pension system reform and elderly care? * How does population ageing affect societies’ ability to innovate and how can they maintain a high capacity for innovation? |
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| 20’ | **Skill demand and supply in Chinese ageing society** Prof. **Yuan** Zhigang, Director of Employment and Social Security Research Center, Fudan University, Shanghai |
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| 20’ | **Ageing population and innovation capability** Prof.Ralph **Conrads**, Professor of Labour Market Integration, University of Applied  Labour Studies of the Federal Employment Agency, Germany |
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| 20’ | **The New Economy in China: Implications to an Aging Society**  Dr. **Chen** Qin, Chief Economist of BBD Index |
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| 30’ | Open Discussion |
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| 10:45-11:00 | Tea/Coffee break |
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| **11:00-12:15** | **Session 5 – Closing Session:**  **Recommendations** |
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|  | Moderation:Prof. Traute **Meyer** and Prof. **Feng** Jin |
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| 20’ | **Summary of presentations and discussions so far** by Prof. **Feng** Jin and Prof. Traute **Meyer** |
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| 45’ | **Open Discussion** |
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| 5’ | **Closing Remarks** by Stefan **Pantekoek**, FES Shanghai |
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| 5’ | **Closing Remarks** by Prof. **Yuan** Zhigang, Fudan University |
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| 12:30 | Transfer to restaurant by bus |
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| 13:15 | Farewell Lunch on invitation of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung  Venue: *Lost Heaven on the Bund*  *17 Yan'an Dong Lu, near Sichuan Nan Lu* |
| **End of Workshop** | |