

CICALICS

The China Innovation Circles and Academy - Learning, Innovation and Competence Systems

Background

The initiative of CICALICS is built upon the experience by academia in Europe and North America. The experience shows that innovation studies can be greatly strengthened when scholars form national and international networks and organize research and training together. The topic of innovation studies has received increasing support from the political level, from policy makers and business managers and an increasing number of universities and research institutes has established innovation studies and centers.

What is CICALICS

The purpose of CICALICS is to be a *meeting place* for scholars of innovation from innovation studies and centers in China and using CICALICS to reach and be a member of the global community of innovation researchers through GLOBALICS among others. Another purpose of CICALICS is *research training* of young scholars and doctoral students.

The mission of CICALICS includes the following:

1. Invite a limited number, about 30, of outstanding international innovation scholars to become CICALICS members which form *the outer circle*.
2. Create an open national-level network of Chinese innovation scholars – and public administrators / policy makers which form *the inner circle*.
3. Central nodes in both the inner and outer circle are the centers for innovation research at Tsinghua Research Center for Technological Innovation (RCTI), Zhejiang University National Institute of Innovation Management (NIIM), and the Sino-Danish Center for education and research (SDC).
4. The network organises two annual events on late August.
 - An annual *CICALICS Workshop*. The 2 days' workshop normally invites 10-20 international scholars, together with ~100 Chinese participants. The workshop is at time combined with public lectures on innovation management and policy issues.

The 2017 CICALICS Workshop will be held from August 26 to 27, Room 418, Shunde Building, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University.

- An annual *CICALICS Academy*, delivering research training to Ph.D. students from China and from abroad. *CICALICS Academy* invites both international and Chinese scholars as lecturers, some of whom would be invited from among the participants in CICALICS Workshop.

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(1) CICALICS Workshop 2017

Innovation Studies in the New Era

August 26-27, 2017

**Venue: Room 418, Shunde Building,
School of Economics and Management,
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China**

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Any Innovation Studies in the New Era Papers Are Welcome.

Selection of the CICALICS Workshop Five Papers will be submitted to *Asia Journal of Technology Innovation* (SSCI indexed) Special Issue, co-edited by Kong-rae Lee (DGIST) and Jang Hyun Kim (SKKU), Jin Chen (Tsinghua) and Jizhen Li (Tsinghua), and will be published on 2018.

CICALICS workshop also welcome papers for possible publication in the *International Journal of Innovation Studies* (<http://www.journaliji.org/index.php/iji>).

(2) CICALICS Academy 2017

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OBJECTIVE:

As an important part of China's Innovation Circles and Academy – a Network on Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems, CICALICS ACADEMY aims to provide the most advanced platform for Ph. D students and young researchers to communicate and study from famous innovation scholars, and to promote the exchange and cooperation among the network.

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The goal of CICALICS Academy is to provide research training for best doctoral students (and also some young faculties) from China and abroad working on Innovation and Competence Building Systems in the context of China and other developing economies. The CICALICS Academy 2017 will invite leading international scholars to deliver lectures both on frontier research and on methodological issues in the field of innovation studies. It aims to become a forum at which doctoral students can discuss their thesis work and establish international links with senior and junior scholars.

The Academy will be held from 24 to 25, 28-30 August 2017 in Tsinghua University, Beijing. During the weekends (August 30 and 31), all participants are invited to attend the CICALICS Workshop 2017 on “Innovation Studies in the New Era”. The best works by the Academy participants will be selected and invited to present in the workshop.

Among the international scholars that lectured in CICALICS Academy during the past several years were Bengt-Åke Lundvall (Aalborg University), Keun Lee (Seoul National University), and Shulin GU (China Academy of Science). For CICALICS

Academy and Workshop 2017, we have John Ulhoi (Aarhus University), Wesley Sine (Cornell University), Jorge Niosi (Universite du Quebec a Montreal), Anthony Arundel(UNU-MERIT), Jiatao (J.T.) LI (HKUST), as the panel of international scholars.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

Academic activities include

- (1) Lecture series delivered by well-known international and Chinese scholars. Each lecture is followed by open discussions. Focus of lectures will be on new advances in innovation studies, competence building systems and research methodology;
- (2) Presentations by participating young scholars of their own research work, followed by comments from both senior and junior scholars.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

Doctoral students working on innovation-related topics in the new era are highly encouraged to apply for admission to this Academy. First priority will be given to those students who are at dissertation stage and have developed a research question.

It is expected that the admitted students present an original paper/chapter related to their dissertation work or ongoing research in the field of innovation studies, innovation systems and economic development. This may include research objectives, analytical framework and method, source of data, as well as potential or achieved results.

How to Apply for CICALICS Workshop & Academy

Perspective applicants should send:

- (1) one page of description of paper/dissertation topic or research questions, for **Workshop**;
- (2) a finished paper or a dissertation chapter (about 15-20 pages in length) with an abstract of no more than 500 English words for **Academy**.

to **Dr. Fei Yu (yufei@sem.tsinghua.edu.cn)**, not later than **24 July 2017**, the early the better.

Submission and acceptance

The paper or dissertation chapter is what you will present in the Academy. Senior lecturers who will teach research methodology may take them as input in organizing their lectures.

FEES:

- (1) No application or admission fee for the CICALICS Academy and Workshop.
- (2) Participants should in principle pay travel cost and local accommodations by themselves. Campus hotel will be available for CICALICS Academy students. The total cost for local accommodations is around 200 RMB Yuan or \$30 per day. But CICALICS Academy students need to tell us if you want to live inside the campus before **24 July 2017**.

SELECTION AND ADMISSION:

Admission decision is based on research excellence. Totally ~30 doctoral students will be selected. Admission notice will be sent out not later than 31 July, 2017.

Any special questions, please email to Dr. Jizhen Li (lijizhen@gmail.com)

Draft Program: CICALICS Academy (August 24-25, August 28-30, 2017, Beijing) Tsinghua Shunde Building Room 418				
	Morning Session 8:30-12:00 am		Afternoon Session 1:30-5:00 pm	
	8: 30-10:00am	10:30-12:00am	1:30-3:00pm	3:30-5:00pm
August 24 (Thursday)	Registration and Opening (8:30-9:00am) (Prof. Jin Chen)	Topic: TBD (9:00-12:00 am) (Prof. John Ulhoi)	Topic: TBD (Prof. John Ulhoi)	
August 25 (Friday)	<u>The institutional foundations of innovation and entrepreneurship</u> (Prof. Wesley Sine)	<u>The institutional foundations of innovation and entrepreneurship</u> (Prof. Wesley Sine)	<u>The institutional foundations of innovation and entrepreneurship</u> (Prof. Wesley Sine)	<u>The institutional foundations of innovation and entrepreneurship</u> (Prof. Wesley Sine)
CICALICS 2017 Workshop, August 26 ~ 27, 2017 (Saturday & Sunday) Room 418, Shunde Building, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University				
August 28 (Monday)	<u>Innovation policy</u> (Prof. Jorge Niosi)	<u>Industrial policy</u> (Prof. Jorge Niosi)	Students presentation (Group 1)	Students presentation (Group 2)
August 29 (Tuesday)	<u>Innovating in the public sector</u> (Prof. Anthony Arundel)	<u>Innovating in the public sector</u> (Prof. Anthony Arundel)	Students presentation (Group 3)	Students presentation (Group 4)
August 30 (Wednesday)	<u>MNCs and innovation</u> (Prof. Jiatao (J.T.) LI)	<u>MNCs and innovation</u> (Prof. Jiatao (J.T.) LI)	<u>Instituion and innovation</u> (Prof. Jiatao (J.T.) LI)	General discussion & Closing Session