



Dear all,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the opening ceremony of the new Fudan European Center for China Studies at University of Copenhagen.

This centre is a new and exciting collaboration between Fudan University, China, and University of Copenhagen and it will be the first of its kind in Europe with focus on research in the interaction between China and Europe. Our common ambition is that this academic platform will strengthen Fudan University's position in Europe and give Danish and European researchers and students access to among others topical seminars with highly qualified Chinese colleagues, weekly updates on Chinese politics, and cross-cultural workshops.

Minister for Research, Innovation and Higher Education, Mr. Morten Østergaard, Ambassador of China to Denmark, Mr. Li Ruiyu, Vice-President of Fudan University, Prof. Lin Shangli and Rector of University of Copenhagen, Prof. Ralf Hemmingsen will attend the event.

Furthermore, Prof. ZHANG Jun an internationally renowned economist from Fudan University presents his views on how China can sustain its fast economic growth, hereafter Prof. Niels Thygesen, our own internationally renowned scholar, will match him with his viewpoints seen from a foreign economists perspective.

The opening ceremony takes place at University of Copenhagen, Committee Room 3, Nørregade 10, on Tuesday 16 April from 15:30 to 17:30. The ceremony is followed by a reception. Please, sign up for the event at sec@nias.ku.dk - latest on 10 April.

We look forward to seeing you.

On behalf of Fudan University and University of Copenhagen,

Kind regards,

Geir Helgesen

Director of Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS)



Programme of the Opening Ceremony

15.00-15.20 Arrival of guests.

15.30-16.00 Minister for Research, Innovation and Higher Education: Mr. Morten Østergaard
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16.00-16.45 Professor ZHANG Jun: Can China Sustain its Fast Economic Growth?
Professor Niels Thygesen: Viewpoints from a foreign Economist

16.45-17.30 Reception

Venue: Committee Room 3, Nørregade 10, Copenhagen K.



ZHANG Jun is a Chang-Jiang Professor of Economics at Fudan University, and Director of the China Center for Economic Studies, as well as Deputy Dean of Fudan Development Institute. Prof. Zhang has been Adjunct Professor for over 20 prestigious universities both in and out of China. As one of the leading economists in China on China's economic transformation and development, he has been a respected commentator on China's economic reform who speaks regularly on Chinese TV stations, BBC, CNN, and other main networks. His views on Chinese economy have been widely cited by domestic and international print media, including Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and New York Times and he has been invited to speak at many events worldwide.



Niels Thygesen has worked primarily on European monetary and financial integration, and served on several expert groups throughout the past four decades, including as an independent member of the group of mainly central bank governors which prepared the plan for Economic and Monetary Union in 1988-89. He has been an adviser to the central bank of Denmark, the Danish and Swedish governments, the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund (to coauthor a review of IMF advice up to the Asian crisis) and the OECD; he was Chairman of the Economic Development and Review Committee in the OECD 2000-8. Today, he is Chairman of the INET Center for Imperfect Knowledge Economics at the University of Copenhagen.