EU–CHINA RIVER BASIN GOVERNANCE (RiBaGo) RESEARCH NETWORK
Third Workshop.
August 29 to September 4, 2011

PROGRAMME

Co-organisers:
Institute for Urban Development and Environment, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
University of Cambridge, Dept. of Geography
Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS)
International Institute of Macau (IIM)
EU-China River Basin Management Programme

Venues:
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
SciTech Hotel, Silver Dream Hall
Yunhu Hotel

Funding
Co-Reach
ESRC
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The Research Projects

Co-Reach – The RiBaGo Project
Co-Reach is a programme of research funded by European scholarly bodies and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences to assist in the co-ordination of research between Europe and China. Keith Richards (Cambridge), Jiahua Pan (CASS) and Tim Moss (IRS) received Co-Reach support for a project entitled River Basin Governance: IRBM in the EU and China (RiBaGo)

RiBaGo will study European structures for water management, to help understand key water governance challenges and attempts to solve them. Its workshops and research will offer an interdisciplinary, international platform to integrate natural science knowledge and social science research in IBRM, focusing on public policy, regulatory frameworks, institutional change, distributional equity, sustainability, and social impact.

RiBaGo will analyse drivers, constraints and processes of integration in river basin management in both the EU and China, by:
(i) exploring the history of IBRM in the EU through appraisal of its various interacting institutional strategies, its development of trans-boundary river basin institutions, and its relationship to scientific research needs;
(ii) assessing the need for IBRM in China, the constraints which limit the capacity to improve its water environment, and the potential for learning from the European experience and adapting it.

ESRC International Research Training Network
The UK ESRC supports international research training networks, including the River Basin Governance Research Network: The European Union and China, which involves early career researchers from the UK, EU and China in the workshop and research activities of RiBaGo.

The Network will examine institutional issues in RBM, drawing on legal, economic, social and political scholarship, and on theories of historical institutionalism, path dependency, and plural rationality; and will apply the sociology of scientific and technical knowledge to the implementation of environmental regulation.

The key intellectual aims of the Network are to investigate an "Adaptive" River Basin Management (ARBM), first using a European case to explore how negotiation and adaptation typify implementation of relevant Directives, especially in trans-boundary river basin management, and then considering how ARBM’s focus on negotiation, flexibility and subsidiarity will bear on what this European process suggests for Chinese river basin management.

The international workshops will provide training in theory and methods in the examination of IRBM and environmental governance, and opportunities for doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and early career researchers from the UK, EU and China to interact and exchange ideas and information about research experiences.
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Project Deliverables

Co-Reach – The RiBaGo Project
This project will involve the following activities:

(ii) Workshop 1. The first Workshop will be held in Macau/Guangzhou in November 2009, bringing together Chinese, European and US partners. It will include research visits to cities and water management institutions in Guangdong. The Workshop will discuss key dimensions of European water governance and key issues for IRBM in China, and will confirm a research agenda.

(ii) Research activity. Research during the project will examine issues of institutional change and governance in “integrated” and “adaptive” water management in both Europe and China. It will focus on two case studies (the Rhine and the Zhujiang), and the research will be conducted by partners from Cambridge and CASS.

(iii) Progress meeting. A progress meeting will be held in Cambridge in the summer of 2010, and will review research progress and adjust research goals as necessary.

(iv) Workshop 2. The second Workshop will be held in the early summer or 2011 and will report and disseminate the results of the research and the preceding meetings.

ESRC International Research Training Network
This project complements the aims of the Co-Reach project, and will include:

(i) Workshops. This will involve supplementing the organisation of the two Co-Reach RiBaGo international workshops (the first in Macau, China and the second in Cambridge, UK).

(ii) Participation. It will provide associated short-term opportunities for international mobility, intended to enable the participation in these international workshops. This will, in particular, broaden participation in the Workshops, especially of early career researchers.

(iii) A virtual network. This means of maintaining links amongst early career researchers, research students, and established scholars concerned with the social science of river basin governance, will be developed after the first workshop.

The International Institute of Macau and Macau Foundation
The International Institute of Macau (IIM) and Macau Foundation have generously supported the aims of these projects by providing grants to enable increased participation in the Workshops by scholars and practitioners, mainly but not exclusively from within China. The IIM was also co-organiser and one of the hosts of the first Workshop.

The EU-China River Basin Management Programme
The EU-China River Basin Management Programme has also supported these projects by enabling some of its own participants to attend Workshops, and by supporting the involvement of European and Chinese practitioners. (see http://www.euchinarivers.org/en/index.htm)
The Programme Rationale
In the second RiBaGo Workshop in Cambridge in 2010, there was a focus on local-scale institutional partnerships. In this third Workshop, we will examine macro and meso-scale elements in the multi-level governance of river basins. The programme will therefore involve presentations by both academics and practitioners, and include significant time for discussion not only after presentations but also in “round-table discussions” with practitioners and in break-out group discussions. Each presentation will typically have 20 min plus 10 min of discussion, unless otherwise stated.

The Workshop Venues (See maps on pages 17, 18 and 19)
In August 29th the venue will be at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) Conference Hall, located at the first floor of CASS main building (n.5 Jianguomennei Avenue).

In August 30th the venue will move to the SciTech Hotel (n.22 Jianguomenwai Avenue). Sessions will take place in the Silver Dream Hall in the ground floor, near north exit (lobby being in the southern exit).

After a fieldtrip on August 31st, participants will reconvene at Yunhu hotel, Miyun County for sessions on September 1 and 2

Sunday, August 28th
Participants arrive in Beijing
Check-in at the Hotel SciTech
7 - 9 pm: Informal gathering for dinner buffet in the hotel lobby café
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Third Workshop Programme
Monday, 29th August

On macro-scale institutional partnerships for River Basin Management in China:
Challenges of multi-level and multi-scale governance

8.45 – 9.15 am – REGISTRATION

Welcoming Remarks by Co-Reach Partners
9.15 – 9.45 am
Representative of Department of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
Pan Jiahua, Director, Institute of Urban Development and Environment, CASS
Keith Richards, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge

Session 1
Introductory Presentations
9.45 – 10.45 am
Adaptive Management of Climate Change Impacts on China’s Water Sector
Xia Jun, President of the International Water Resources Association & Director of Centre for Water Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Managing Water beyond IWRM - from paradigm to pragmatism
Timothy Moss, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning

15 min COFFEE BREAK

11.00 am – 12.00 pm
Climate Capacity and Climate Change Adaptation Policy in China
Professor Pan Jiahua, CASS

US Federal Policies on River Basin Management
Mathias Kondolf and Chris Alford, University of California, Berkeley

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Third Workshop Programme
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Session 2
Multilevel Water Governance Processes: Priorities and challenges from a basin perspective
1.30 pm – 3 pm
River Basin Management and Climate Change-related Risk Management
Cheng Xiaotao, Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, Ministry of Water Resources

Cross-jurisdictional cooperation mechanisms in the Pearl River Basin
Li Xueling, Pearl River Water Resources Protection Bureau

Challenges of Water Governance in the Yangtze River Basin
Hao Li, Changjiang Scientific Research Institute, Changjiang Water Resources Commission

10 MIN COFFEE BREAK

Session 3
Multilevel Water Governance Processes: sectoral aspects
3.10 – 4.40 pm
Water pollution control and prevention policy: recent developments
Zheng Binhui, Chinese Research Academy for Environmental Sciences (CRAES)

Needs and challenges for cross-sectoral collaboration at river basin level
Shen Dajun, Dept. of Water Resources, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research

Needs and challenges of cross-sectoral Law collaboration at provincial level
Du Qun, Wuhan Institute of Environmental

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Session 4
4.50 – 5.50 pm
Panel discussion with Chinese practitioners

6-8 pm Conference Dinner
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Third Workshop Programme
Tuesday, 30th August

Historical evolution of river basin governance systems in the EU

8.45 am - Welcoming Remarks
Keith Richards – Crossing boundaries and learning by chance or design?
WFD implementation in Ireland and the EU North-South Share Programme

Session 1 - On the Rhine basin regime throughout history
9 – 10.30 am
Visions from the basin level
Stefan Hill, President of the Federal Institute for Environment and Water Management of Rheinland-Pfalz, Mainz

Reinhard Vogt, Head of Cologne Flood Management Centre

15 MIN COFFEE BREAK

Session 2 – On the Rhine basin regime throughout history
10.45 -12.15
Visions from the sub-basin level in the Rhine
From the Wupper basin district
Georg Wulf, Deputy Director, WupperVerband (Wupper Catchment Association)

From the Rhine Delta and Rhine West basin district
Steven Visser, Visser Water Management

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Third Workshop Programme
Tuesday, 30th August

Session 3 - On the Danube basin regime throughout history
2 pm – 3.30 pm

A vision from the basin level
Wolfgang Stalzer
Appointed President for the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

A vision from the sub-basin level
Peger Laszlo
Head of River Basin Department, Hungarian Central Directorate

15 MIN COFFEE BREAK

Session 4 - Perceptions on trans-national learning between the EU and China
3.45 – 4.45 pm

EU-China River Basin Management Programme: Water Allocation and Pollution Load Management ... a very Chinese approach ... Will it work?
Simon Spooner, EU-CHINA RBMP

Cross-regional learning - or transferability of experiences/institutions from one context to another: a focus on EU’s WFD and China
Jens Newig, University of Leuphana

Break-out group session on the possibilities and limitations of trans-national learning
4.45 – 5.45 pm
Break-out groups will discuss issues emerging from the preceding sessions, with early-career researchers acting as rapporteurs.

6.00 - 8 pm
Dinner at Chinese Restaurant, SciTech Hotel

8.15 pm – 10.30 pm
Transfer to Yunhu Hotel, Miyun county
Field trip to water conservation projects in Miyun Reservoir Catchment

Departure – 8.30 am
The fieldtrip will include a visit to projects of the Soil Conservation Station at Shixia county in the morning.
Lunch will be served at Yunhu Hotel.
In the afternoon, a visit to the Great Wall, Mutianyu section will be arranged.

*Evening*
Group discussions will consider the future of the RiBaGo project/network.
Rapporteurs will present feedback on Friday at 2 pm
Adaptive River Basin Management and Adaptation to Climate Change

The original RiBaGo objectives included an analysis of the concept of adaptive river basin management (ARBM). Day 4 will therefore variously consider the concept and practice of adaptation as a means of coping with natural uncertainties, and as a characteristic of institutional change. This discussion will take place against the background of additional adaptation efforts in response to climate change.

Opening remarks
9.00 – 9.30 am
ARBM and Climate Change Adaptation
Tim Moss, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS), Erkner

Session 1 – Adaptive River Basin Management and Climate Change
9.30 – 11.00 am
Water Security and Adaptive Governance in Transboundary Rivers: Lessons from Australia and Western North America
Dustin Garrick, University of Oxford

Water Scarcity, Migration and Conflict
Gareth Walker, University of Oxford

Virtual water transfer – the alternative to water scarcity
Dabo Guan, University of Leeds

15 MIN COFFEE BREAK

Session 2 – Adaptive River Basin Management and Climate Change in South China
10.45-12.15
Impacts of climate change and human activity to the surface runoff in southern China
Chen Xiaohong, University of Sun Yat-sen

Preliminary Analysis of Climate Change in East River Basin
Deng Jiaquan, Pearl River Hydraulic Research Institute, MWR

The Political Economy of Water Resources Conservation in China: Reconciling Bureaucratic Conflicts in Conserving Dongjiang’s Water Resources
Carlos Lo, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
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Third Workshop Programme
Thursday, September 1st

12-15- 2 pm LUNCH

Session 3 – Adaptive River Basin Management and Climate Change Adaptation
2 – 4 pm

A framework to assess the institutional capability for resilient adaptation to water shortages
Frank Sondershaus, Institute of Regional Development and Structural Planning, Erkner, Germany

The Governance of Groundwater Ecosystem Services - Lessons Learnt From a Comparative Case Study Analysis
Kathrin Knuppe, University of Osnabrück

Governance of Transformations towards Sustainable Water Management - Combining Institutional Analysis and Participatory Modelling
Johannes Halbe, University of Osnabrück

Role of NGOs in states' compliance with international river basin agreements: the case of Mekong river.
Yumiko Yasuda, UNESCO Centre for Water Policy and Law, Dundee

15 min coffee break

Session 4 – Break-out Discussion Group
4.15 – 5.15 pm
Complementarities amongst research and practice in adaptive river basin management, and research and practice for climate change adaptation.

Evening
Co-authors may discuss joint papers prior to the Friday morning session
RiBaGo Publications
A set of papers is being planned and prepared involving Chinese and European co-authors, with a view to publishing these in the International Journal of River Basin Management. During the morning, the joint authors will summarise the aims, objectives, and draft content of their papers, and offer these for comment and critique by the Workshop participants. Each session will include three presentations and discussions of 30 minutes, which may vary in nature according to the authors’ preferences.

Morning Sessions - Critical review of planned publications
Session 1
9.00 -10.30 am
Science and institutions in water management
Keith Richards and Feng Mao

Spatial fit and hydropolitics: managing power asymmetries in river basin governance
Tim Moss and Fred Lee

Organising cross-sectoral collaboration in river basin management: the Rhine and Pearl River basins
Andre Silveira, Sandra Junier, Frank Huesker and Fan Qunfang

10.30-10.45 COFFEE BREAK
Session 2
10.45 am - 12.15 pm
The Evolution of Water Law – a comparative view from the EU and China
Paulo Canelas de Castro and Du Qun

Chinese and European River Basin Management Institutions: comparative views
Andre Silveira and Simon Spooner

Experiments with the Water Framework Directive in California
Mathias Kondolf and Chris Alford
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Third Workshop Programme
Friday, September 2nd

12.15 – 1.30 LUNCH

Session 3
1.30 – 3.00pm
The future of RiBaGo
This will be an opportunity to review constructively what RiBaGo has achieved; feedback from graduate rapporteurs of the evening discussion on the possible future for RiBaGo.

3.30 pm
Departure to Beijing Airport

8.35 pm
Flight CA1497 to Zhengzhou for Yellow River Fieldtrip
At Beijing Airport on Arrival on the 28th August
If you have informed us of your arrival time and flight number, we will try to have someone at the airport on the 28th August to meet you and direct you to the taxi stand. We expect this will be Lina Chun, and she will have a board with your name on it. At other times, or if you have not told us of your arrival details, please just follow the instructions in the next paragraph.

Getting to the Hotel
For the journey between Beijing International Airport and the conference hotel (either the SciTech Hotel in Central Beijing, if you arrive on August 28th, 29th or 30th; or the Yunhu Hotel in Miyun, if you arrive on August 31st or September 1), we recommend that you take a taxi. It is important, however, that you queue in the taxi stand and avoid the several car drivers offering transportation at the arrival hall.

At the taxi stand, drivers should use their meters and not try to fix an amount a priori. However, this still happens sometimes. By the meter, the cost of the taxi journey may be between 100 and 150 Yuan, depending on traffic, to/from SciTech Hotel, as well as to/from Yunhu Hotel. You will need to show the hotel address in Chinese to the taxi driver. You will find this information on the following pages, where a map is also shown.

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Logistical information

Your Powerpoint presentation
It would be much appreciated if you could bring your Powerpoint presentation on a USB - removable disk or memory stick, and if you could save it in an earlier Windows Version (ie, use the “Save as” Powerpoint 97-2003 option in Office 2007, and do not save as pptx files), to reduce the risk of possible incompatibilities.

Visa and Passport
A visa is needed and a tourist visa will be accepted. Your passport must be valid for the next 6 months, that is until Feb, 2012.

Currency
The currency in China is the yuan;
1 Yuan = 0.10 euro
1 Euro = 9.2 Yuan

Electricity supply
Electricity plugs in China are diverse, some have three pins like in the UK, but two-pin plugs are also common. It is strongly recommended to bring a universal adapter with you.

Health Advice
It is advisable to boil all non-bottled water before drinking.
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Venue for 29th of August

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
Jianguomen n.5, Beijing

Map indicating the way between SciTech Hotel and CASS building
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Venue for 30th of August

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Silver Dream Hall, GroundFloor

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Venue from August 31 to September 2

Yunhu Hotel, Miyun

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