

Forschungsgruppe Politik und Wirtschaft Chinas Research Group on the Political Economy of China

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Objectives of the research group:

- gaining fresh insights and deepening research on the economic and political system of contemporary China
- applying universal social science research methods to China
- while taking seriously the distinctiveness of the Chinese context
- maintaining strict standards of independent scholarly research
- holding regular workshops with national and international, academic and non-academic China specialists

Qualifications of the members of the research group:

- they are educated in political science, economics, business administration or legal studies and they belong to the top performers in MA-level exams.
- they have acquired solid Chinese language capabilities (some are native speakers) so that they can use original Chinese sources for their research.
- they have resided and studied in China for longer periods, are residing there currently, or go on frequent research trips to China.
- by combining these capabilities they are qualified to contribute fresh insights and balanced judgements that go beyond euphoric "China hype" or emotional "China bashing".

| Members of the research group | Main focus of research |
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| Andreas Begon, reporter with major broadcasting institution; MA Trier University in political science and history | media and media regulation in Hong Kong |
| Dr Andreas Blume, IPR specialist with a major German corporation; PhD in political economy, Trier University; MA in political science and business administration | protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) |
| Bjoern Conrad, PhD candidate; MPP Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; MA Trier University in Chinese studies and political science | the making of China's policies toward the European Union |
| Maximilian Eisl, army officer; PhD candidate, Federal Army University Munich; MA economics | cooperation across the Taiwan straits |
| Dr Joern-Carsten Gottwald, professor in political science, Cork University, Ireland; formerly assistant professor at Trier University; PhD Free University Berlin; MA in political science, economics, Chinese studies | regional development strategies |
| Isabelle Gras, PhD candidate; MA Trier University in political science, economics and Chinese studies | industrial policy in Shanghai |
| Sandra Heep, PhD candidate; MA Free University of Berlin in philosophy and political science | Chinese investments in Europe |
| Dr Sebastian Heilmann, full professor of Comparative Government / Political Economy of China, Trier University. | economic policy-making and regulation; policy process |
| Carolin Heuer, federal ministerial official; MA Heidelberg University in economics and Chinese studies | trade unions and labor law |
| Dr Kristin Kupfer, Beijing-based journalist; PhD Bochum University in Chinese politics; MA Trier University in political science and Chinese studies | new religious groupings; social development |
| Dr Cuiping Pang, financial analyst at Shanghai-based bank; PhD Trier University in business administration; MA Trier University in business administration and political science | Chinese investment banks |
| Dr Svenja Schlichting, head of China desk at national business association; PhD Trier University in political economy; MA Free University of Berlin in economics | financial system internationalization |
| Dr Nicolas Schlotthauer, senior bank economist; PhD University of Wuerzburg in economics; MA in economics | Capital market investment |
| Dr Dirk Schmidt, senior lecturer of political science at Trier University; PhD Saar University in political science; MA political science and history | foreign and security policy |
| Dr Nicole Schulte-Kulmann, senior researcher in a research project on financial regulation funded by the German National Research Foundation; PhD Trier University in political science; MA political science and public law | legal cooperation; anti-money laundering policy; China's transnational relations |
| Lea Shih, PhD candidate in political science; MA Trier University in political and media sciences; BA Beijing Foreign Languages University | media regulation |
| Anselm Stolte, senior business consultant; MA in industrial engineering and management, Technical Univ. Berlin/Univ. of British Columbia; MA Chinese Studies, Free Univ. of Berlin | investment fund industry |
| Árpád Széchényi, senior business consultant; MA University of Munich in business administration, philosophy and Chinese studies | capital market |