Workshop and Study Trip
Beijing, 12-14 September 2018

Upon invitation by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Corvinus University’s Social Futuring Center (SFC) – operating as part of the newly founded Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies (CIAS) – attended a workshop and study tour in Beijing. Four members of the SFC delegation and six CASS researchers held presentations on the following subjects: conceptual and methodological issues concerning the measurement of social futuring, expected changes in demographics, the reawakening of Confucianism, as well as changes in systems of civilizations and politics – all with a special focus on the Chinese perspective. The presentations were followed by fruitful discussions, which were richly enhanced by CASS researchers as well as representatives of Peking University.
Program for the Workshop on Social Futuring
13 September 2018

9h00-9h30 Opening session
9h00-9h10 Welcome remarks by CASS
               Prof. HUANG Ping
9h10-9h30 Overview about the Workshop and Instructions
               Péter SZABADHEGY of SFC: Agenda, instructions, global context of the Social Futuring Index

9h30-10h30 Session I: Uniqueness of the Social Futuring Index
9h30-9h50 János CSÁK of SFC: Normative standards and distinguishing features of social futuring
9h50-10h10 Prof. ZHOU Hong of CASS: Civilization and social futuring
10h10-10h30 Discussions

10h30 Coffee break

11h00-12h00 Session II: General Logic of the Social Futuring Index
11h00-11h20 Prof. Zoltán Oszkár SZÁNTÓ of SFC: Structure, pillars and dimensions
11h20-11h40 Prof. HUANG Ping of CASS: Information system and social futuring
11h40-12h00 Discussions

12h00 Networking Lunch

14h00-15h30 Session III: Social Futuring from Chinese Perspective
14h00-14h20 Dr. LU Yang, Researcher of CASS: Population and social futuring
14h20-14h40 Dr. KONG Yuan, Research of CASS: Konfuciusm and social futuring
14h40-15h00 Dr. ZHANG Jun, Research of CASS: Some remarks on social futuring
15h00-15h30 Discussions

15h30 Coffee break

16h00-17h00 Session IV: Methodology of the Social Futuring Index
16h00-16h20 Prof. Róbert GÁL of SFC: Methods, databases and measurement
16h20-16h40 Dr. KONG Tao of Peking University: Introduction on the Social Sciences Survey Center of Peking University
16h40-17h00 Discussions

17h00-17h30 Session V: Outlook: Further Perspective on Social Futuring
17h00-17h30 Open Space: Coming together, sharing knowledge, networking

17h30-17h40 Concluding Remarks by CASS and SFC

18h00 Dinner and discussion
Chinese participants:

Prof. Huang Ping, Director General, IES, CASS
Prof. Zhou Hong (Ms.), Vice President, International Studies Division, CASS
Prof. Chen Xin, Director of the Economic Division, IES, CASS
Prof. Zhang Min (Ms.), Director of the S&T Policy Division, IES, CASS
Dr. Sun Yanhong (Ms.), Deputy Director, S&T Policy, IES, CASS
Dr. Hu Kun, Deputy Director, Economic Division, IES, CASS
Dr. Sun Yan (Ms.), researcher at the Economic Division, IES, CASS, she will be in charge of the program of the workshop
Dr. Zhang Jun (Ms.), Senior Researcher, EU Law Division, IES, CASS
Dr. Lu Yang, researcher (Ms.), Institute of Population and Labour Economy, CASS
Dr. Kong Tao, researcher (Ms.), Institute of Social Sciences Survey (ISSS), Peking University
Mr. Guo Pengfei, IES, CASS, he will be in charge of administrative and logistic issues

Hungarian Participants:

Prof. Zoltán Oszkár Szántó, the Head of the SFC
János Csák, Honorary Professor, Head of Project ConNext 2050, SFC
Eszter Monda, Research Fellow, Project Manager, SFC, she will be in charge of the program of the workshop
Péter Szabadhegy, International Affairs, Project ConNext 2050, SFC
Prof. Róbert Iván Gál, Senior Research Fellow, SFC, HDRI
Szidónia Katalin Nagy, Project Coordinator, SFC, she will be in charge of administrative and logistic issues
As part of the official program, high level leaders of CASS met our University’s delegation. Professor Zoltán Oszkár Szántó, Vice-Rector, had successful meetings with Professor Cai Fang, Vice President of CASS, as well as with Professor Huang Ping, Director of CASS European Studies Institute. The discussions included strengthening and deepening already existing relations, Chinese participation in the construction of the global social futuring index, as well as opportunities for our University and CASS to cooperate in other areas.

Meeting at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

14 September 2018

10h30 Meeting with Prof. Cai Fang, the Vice President of CASS

Other participants include:

Dr. Wang Lei, DG of the Bureau of International Cooperation, CASS

Dr. Ma Yuan, DG of the Bureau of Academic Research Planning, CASS

11h30 Lunch