

Conference:

## **Social Developments in China and Europe**

### **An exchange of experiences and perspectives of Civil Society Organisations in China and Europe**

The process of globalization triggered not only a global economy but created common concerns and strengthened cooperation on many different levels. During the last decade multifaceted collaborations advanced between European and Chinese Civil Society Organizations. Cooperation exists in the fields of legal advice, capacity building, academic exchange and exchange of expertise.

Also, in the two main fields of third sector activities – *environmental protection* and *social security* – exchanges started to develop. While European Civil Society Organizations began to organize exchange and cooperation along topical themes only since the beginning of the 1990s, in China the search for international cooperation and linking-up globally was a basic feature of the third sector development from the very beginning.

Transnational perspectives expand among both Chinese and European Civil Society Organizations could provide new perspectives, new alliances and new cooperation on common global concerns of the Civil Societies.

The **conference** should enable Chinese and European Civil Society Organizations to become aware of each other, to identify common goals and objectives, to provide space for exchange of experiences, learning from each other and strengthening contacts.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>September, 28.09 – 30.09.2009</b> (28.09: starting at 15.00 h, 30.09: closing at 13.00 h)
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Veranstaltungszentrum Europahaus Wien</b> Linzer Straße 429, A-1140 Vienna <a href="http://www.europahauswien.at">www.europahauswien.at</a>
<b>Costs:</b>	20 Euros (no meals included) 50 Euros (meals included) 100 Euros (accommodation for 2 nights and meals included)

*Conference Language: English, Chinese (translation is offered)*

## PROGRAM

### 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2009

- 3.00 pm Introduction: EU-China Civil Society Forum  
Franz Halbartschlager (Südwind Agentur)
- 3.30 pm Two keynote speeches: Social Security and the Role of Civil Society Organisations: Perspectives from China and Europe  
Mu Qiao (Centre for International Communication Studies, China)  
Klaus Heidel (Werkstatt Ökonomie, Germany)
- 4.30 pm Break**
- 5.00 pm Panel Discussion: *Social Security and the Global Crisis*  
4 experts (China and Europe)  
Tong Xin (Department of Sociology, Peking University)  
Sepp Wall-Strasser (Austrian Trade Unions)  
Monina Wong (Labour Action China)  
N.N. (Kritische Soziale Arbeit)
- 7.00 pm Dinner (Europahaus)

### 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2009

- 9.00 am Introduction to the program of the day
- 9.30 am Parallel Workshops for sharing of experiences and strategies; presentation and discussion of 4 case studies in each working group (2 China, 2 Europe)

#### **Workshop 1: Workers Rights**

Moderation: Staphany Wong (EU-China Civil Society Forum)  
Monina Wong (Labour Action China)  
April Lai (Worker Empowerment)  
Claudia Schürz (weltumspannend arbeiten)  
Wolfgang Greif (GPA)

#### **Workshop 2: Migration**

Moderation: Téclaire Ngo Tam (Südwind)  
Baowei Wei (Little Birds Hotline)  
Wu Min (Education for Migrant Workers, Beijing)  
N.N. (Beratungszentrum für Migranten und Migrantinnen Wien)  
Esther Maria Kürmayer (Schwarze Frauen Community)

#### **Workshop 3: Gender**

Moderation: Nora Sausmikat (Asienstiftung)  
Weifan Chen (Cultural Development Centre for Rural Women)  
Xiaoxian Gao (Research office of Shaanxi Women)  
N.N. (WIDE – Network Women in Development)  
N.N. (Frauenhetz)

<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunchbreak</b>
14.30 pm	Perspectives for cooperation Short Reports for the Working group and already existing practice examples Presentation and Discussion Michaela Königshofer (Clean Clothes Kampagne, Austria) Sally Choi (Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Honk Kong) Peter Franke (Arbeitswelten, Germany)
<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
5.00 pm	“Migrant Workers” in China: fiction and reality Short films screenings and panel discussion Baowei Wei (Little Bird Hotline) Daniel Fuchs (University of Vienna, Department of Chinese Studies) Wu Min (Education for Migrant Workers, Beijing) Lu Jun (Beijing Yirenping Centre)
7.00 pm	Dinner in a traditional Viennese Winehouse (“Heuriger”)

### **30<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

9.00 am	Social Security: Concepts and Visions Short inputs and discussions Markus Auinger (Südwind) Tong Xin (Department of Sociology, University of Beijing) Klaus Heidel (Werkstatt Ökonomie)
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.00 am	Outcomes and Evaluation Klaus Fritsche (Coordinator of the EU-China Civil Society Forum) Mu Qiao (Centre for International Communication Studies)
12.30 am	End



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The **EU-China Civil Society Forum** is a network of Civil Society Organisations in Europe and in China to ensure that the relations between China and the European Union promote social justice, contribute to the protection of the environment and strengthen human rights.

The EU-China Civil Society Forum therefore aims to:

- Enable informed public debate on China and Europe-China relations within the EU, a debate grounded on diversified images of China and solutions to problems sought constructively, rather than confrontational isolation
- Support political institutions within the EU and its members in shaping relations with China according to social, human rights and ecological objectives
- Ensure that labour standards and additional social and ecological standards are adhered to in Chinese affiliated companies and supplies of European enterprises
- Promote an increased level of understanding and cooperation between European and Chinese Civil Society actors.

## Participants from China

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## Practical matters

### Travel allowances

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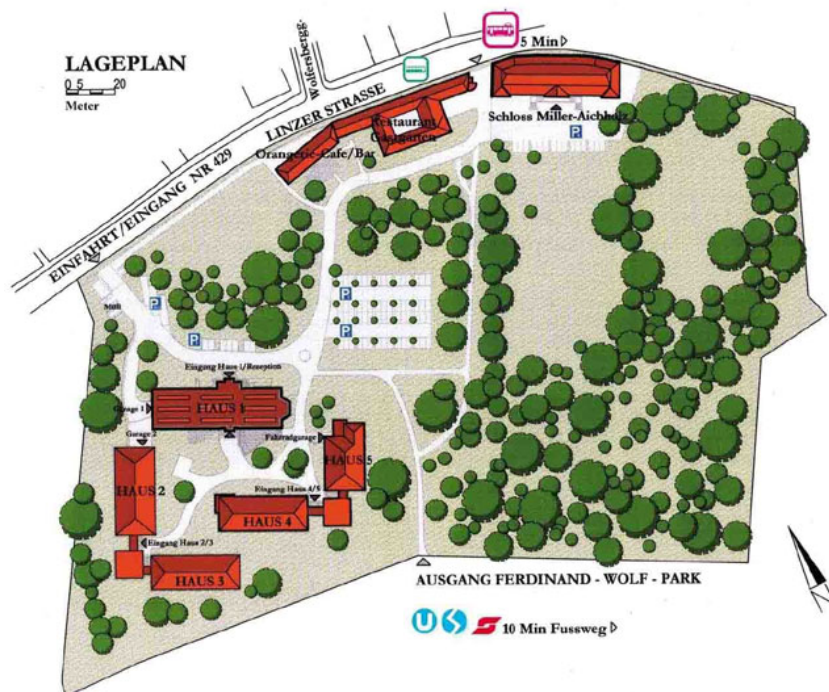
### Conference Venue

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You can use the enclosed registration form or you can register by sending an informal message by fax or e-mail.

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