

# Global China Dialogue

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The Global China Dialogue annual forums emphasise the concepts of transculturality and social creativity in seeking to enhance public understanding of global affairs

## **Photo Highlights from the 8th Global China Dialogue —— Governance for Global Health and**

**Reception to launch the new websites of Global China Academy and  
Global Century Press**

**Dinner to celebrate the conclusion of the 8th Global China Dialogue  
and 10th anniversary of Global China Academy**

**8 December 2023 , The British Academy • The UK Parliament**

**We welcome you to this review of the 8th Global China Dialogue with the theme of Governance for Global Health and related activities. It was held at the British Academy and the UK Parliament on 8th December, 2023. The Dialogue consisted of four panels:**

- Global Health and System Integration**
- The Challenges of Global Health Governance**
- Communicating to Improve Global Health**
- Health Governance in the Digital Space**

**The Dialogue was co-organised by the Global China Academy, UCL Global Business School for Health, the ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science at Lancaster University, and the College of Arts and Media, Tongji University, China, supported and sponsored by many universities and institutions at home and abroad.**

# Global China Academy

## 全球中国学术院

A UK-based independent worldwide fellowship that advances comprehensive studies on China in the social sciences and humanities.

Taking language-based comparative and global perspectives, it adds to the sum of human knowledge and encourages participation in global society building and governance.

基于英国的独立全球性院士制机构，鼓励以语言为基础的在社会科学和人文科学领域对中国进行全球和比较的综合研究，贡献于人类的知识大厦并参与全球的社会建设与治理。

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# Global Century Press

## 环球世纪出版社

The first publisher dedicated to publishing social scientific, humanities and popular books bilingually in a global context.

Focusing especially on studies of China in comparative perspective, Chinese perspectives of the world or human knowledge, and non-Chinese perspectives of China.

世界上首家致力于在全球语境下出版双语的社科与人文的专业及大众书籍的出版社。侧重于出版中国比较研究的著述，还包括在全球语境下对世界和人类知识研究的中华视野，以及对研究中国的非中华视野。

**At the hybrid offline and online conference, scholars and experts from the UK, China, and France conducted extensive and in-depth discussions on the theory and practice of governance for global health.**

**Following previous practice, the bilingual proceedings of the Dialogue will be published.**

**This photo presentation showcases the sequence of events, including the reception to launch the new websites of the Global China Academy and Global Century Press, as well as the dinner that celebrated the conclusion of the 8th Global China Dialogue and the 10th anniversary of the Global China Academy. It features photographs and lists of chairs, along with the topics discussed by speakers in the various sessions throughout the day.**

**Messages and short videos with English and Chinese bilingual subtitles from Global China Academy Fellows and speakers who were absent are linked. These were played during the dinner session.**

# Participants at the lobby of the British Academy where registration took place



# Networking at the lobby after registration



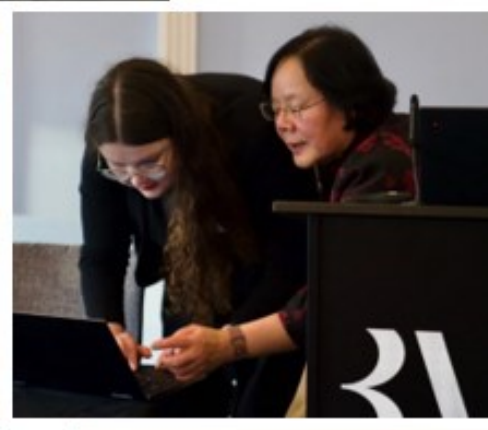
Samples of journals and book series published by Global Century Press, along with CIPG's publications, were displayed in the gallery on the first floor.



# Networking at the gallery and the Wolfson Room while the Dialogue was being set up







# Opening session

1. Greetings from the political and the academic circles
2. Keynote speeches
3. Announcement of the 10th Anniversary Global China Academy and the Reception and Celebration dinner



**Chair: Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授 FAcSS FRSA  
FGCA and Chair of Global China Academy Council Distinguished  
Professor of English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster  
University; Council Member, Academy of Social Sciences (right in  
panel)**



# 1. Greetings

## 1.1 Mr WANG Qi 王起公使, Minister of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the UK (2nd right in panel)



## 1.2 Professor Ibrahim Abubakar 易卜拉欣·阿布巴卡尔付校长， Pro-Provost (Health) Dean of Population Health Science, University College London, UK (3<sup>rd</sup> right in panel)



# 1.3 Professor LI Linxue 李麟学院院长, Dean of College of Arts and Media, Tongji University, China (3<sup>rd</sup> left in panel)



## 2. Keynote speeches

**2.1. *Global Governance and Health: Navigating the Complex Landscape*, Professor Nora Colton 诺拉·科尔顿教授视频, Director of UCL Global Business School for Health (online greeting, the presentation was delivered by Professor Colton's colleague Professor Kabir Sheikh 卡比尔·谢赫教授代读, UCL GBSH)**



## 2.2 *The Development of Healthy China in the Digital Era*, Professor HUANG Gang 黄钢教授, Founding President of Shanghai Health Medical College, Distinguished Chair Professor of Medical School of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China [Online]





### 3. Announcement of the 10th Anniversary Global China Academy and the Reception and Celebration dinner, Professor Martin Albrow 马丁·阿尔布劳教授 FAcSS, Founding and Past Honorary President of Global China Academy Announcement of founding of the Global China Academy (1<sup>st</sup> left in panel)



# Participants at the opening session (1/2)



# Participants at the opening session (2/2)



# Panel I Global Health and System Integration

Chair: Professor Jolene Skordis 乔琳·斯科迪斯教授, Institute of Global Health, University College London



# Plenary speaker of the Panel I (1/4)

***Mixed Health Systems in Asia and the Challenge of Governance,***  
**Professor Kabir Sheikh 卡比尔·谢赫教授, Global Business School for Health, former Policy Adviser for the World Health Organization (WHO)**



# Plenary speaker of the Panel I (2/4)

*Interconnectedness and Competition in the Global Health System,*  
Professor Gerry Bloom 格里·布鲁姆教授, Research Fellow and Co-Convenor  
of the Health and Nutrition Research Cluster, Institute of Development  
Studies, University of Sussex



# Plenary speaker of the Panel I (3/4)

***Integration and Innovation: The Logic and Practice of China's Active Health Strategy in the Era of Population Ageing***, Professor HOU Shengtian 侯胜田教授, Professor of School of Management, Beijing University of Chinese Medicine. Director of the Health Industry Research Centre of the National Institute of Chinese Medicine Development and Strategy, China [Online]



第八届中国全球对话：全球健康治理  
GCD VIII: Governance for Global Health

## 整合与创新：老龄化时代中国式 主动健康策略的逻辑与实践

**Integration and Innovation: The logic and Practice of China's  
Active Health Strategy in the Era of Population Ageing**

侯胜田 北京中医药大学管理学院

HOU Shengtian Beijing University of Chinese Medicine

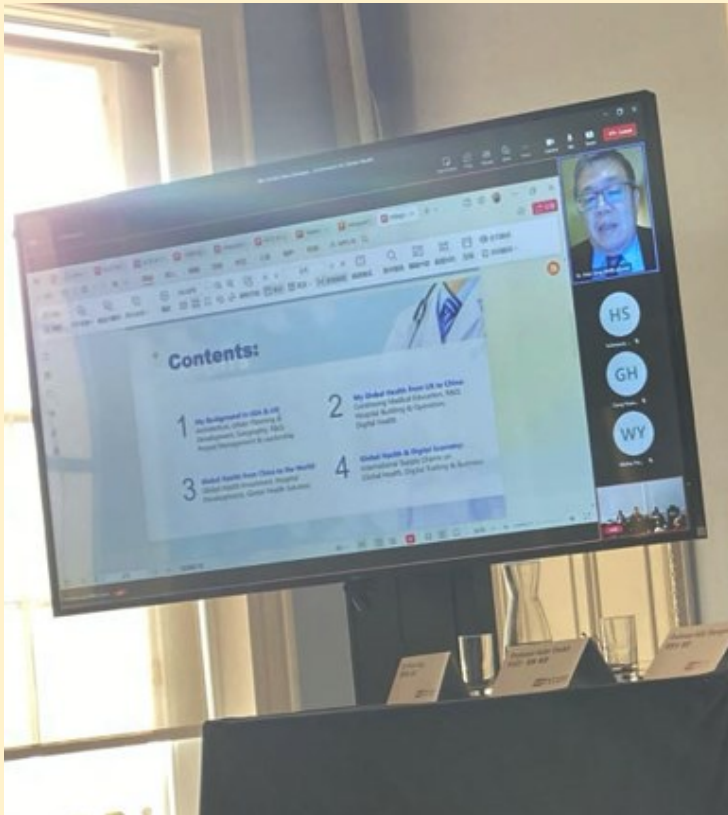
董美佳 北京中医药大学管理学院

DONG Meijia Beijing University of Chinese Medicine

2023/12/08

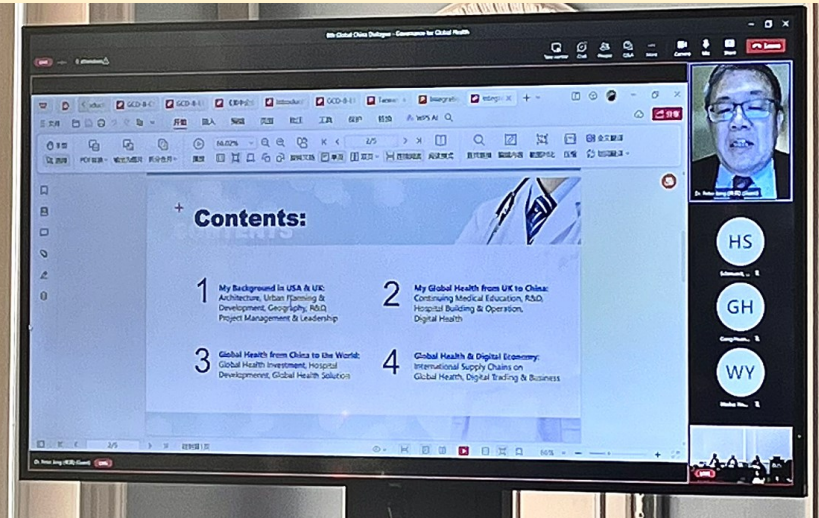
# Plenary speaker of the Panel I (4/4)

***Integration and Cooperation: The Empirical Solution of Global Health Development***, Dr Peter Jeng 郑荣昌博士, CEO and Founder of China Britain Healthcare Consulting, UK; Deputy Secretary General of EU-China Commission, Belgium [Online]





# Panel I Global Health and System Integration Discussion, Q & A



# Networking at coffee/tea break



# Panel II: The Challenges of Global Health Governance

**Chair: Ms Suzanne Wait 苏珊娜·维特女士, Managing Director of Health Policy Partnership and a Health Executive in Residence at GBSH, UCL**



# Plenary speaker of the Panel II (1/4)

***Building the Tools of Global Health Governance: the Case of Coronavirus,***  
Dr Joël Ruet 周瑞博士, CNRS researcher at i3, Ecole Polytechnique; Senior Adviser Technology for Change and President of The Bridge Tank (the G20 Think Tank Member), France



# Plenary speaker of the Panel II (2/4)

***The Problems Faced by Medical Aesthetics– Challenges in Global Health Governance, Dr LIAO Nong 廖农医师, Chief Physician of the Department of Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery at the Third Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University, China***



# Plenary speaker of the Panel II (3/4)

*Challenge from an Ageing Society—The Urgency and Strategy of China's Health Industry Development*, Professor YIN Weihai 殷卫海教授, Professor and Deputy Dean of the School of Biomedical Engineering at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China [Online]



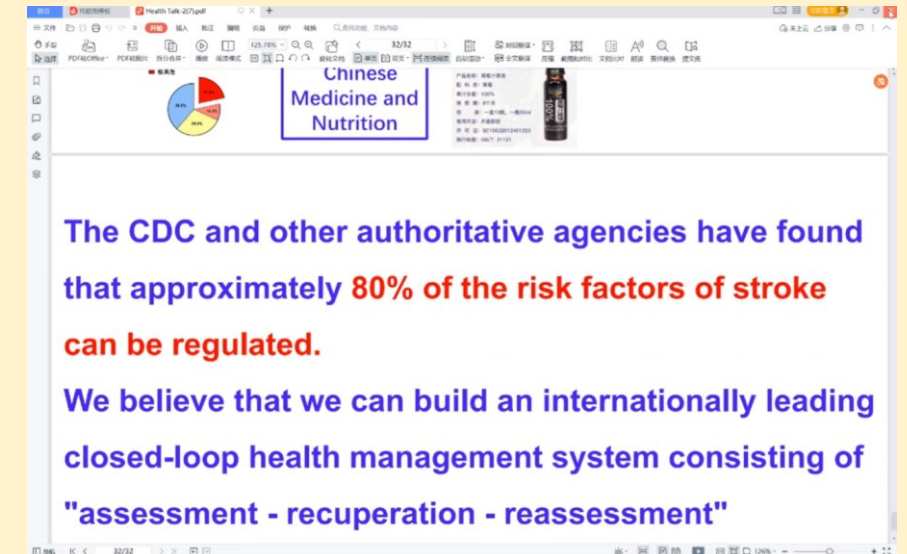
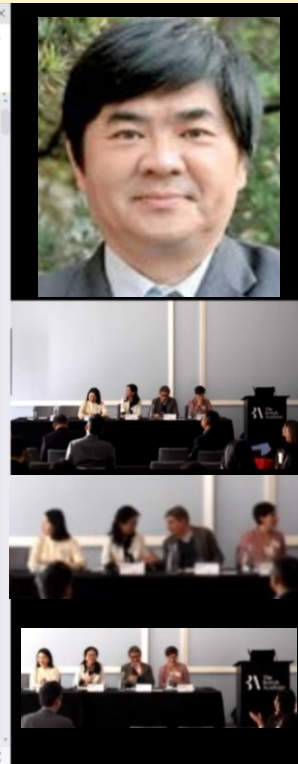
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Challenge from Aging Society---The Urgency and Strategy of China's Health Industry Development

Prof. Weihai Ying

School of Biomedical Engineering and Med-X Research Institute, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

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Chinese Medicine and Nutrition

The CDC and other authoritative agencies have found that approximately **80% of the risk factors of stroke can be regulated.**

We believe that we can build an internationally leading closed-loop health management system consisting of "assessment - recuperation - reassessment"



# Plenary speaker of the Panel II (4/4)

*Utilising Multi-disciplinary Research to Promote Global Health System Preparedness: Early Evidence from China*, Dr Yuxi Zhang 张予曦博士,  
Assistant Professor in Health Policy and Systems, Global Business School  
for Health, University College London, UK



# Panel II: The Challenges of Global Health Governance Discussion, Q & A





# Networking at Lunch





# Panel III: Communicating to Improve Global Health

Chair: Professor Paul Baker 保罗·贝克教授, Department: Linguistics and English Language, Lancaster University



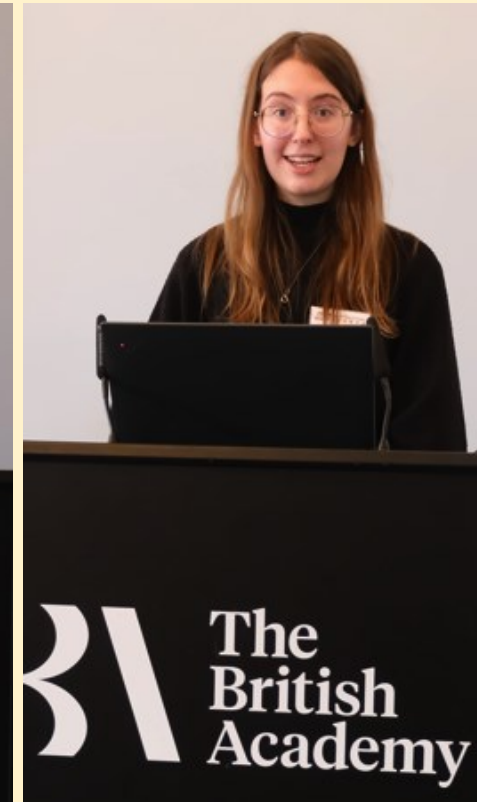
# Plenary speaker of the Panel III (1/5)

*Understanding and Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy*, Professor Elena Semino 埃琳娜·塞米诺教授 FAcSS FRSA, Director of the ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science, Lancaster University, UK



# Plenary speaker of the Panel III (2/5)

***Public Communication about Dementia: Identifying and Challenging Stigma***, Dr Gavin Brookes 加文·布鲁克斯博士, Reader in Linguistics and UKRI Future Leader Fellow with an interest in corpus linguistics, discourse analysis and health communication, Lancaster University; and Dr Emma Putland 艾玛·普特兰博士, Senior Research Associate, Lancaster University, UK



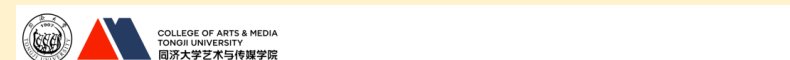
## Plenary speaker of the Panel III (3/5)

***Evolution of Traditional Chinese Medicine Discourse in British Newspapers: A Corpus-Based Diachronic Study***, Professor Yufang Qian 钱毓芳教授, Director of Institute of Corpus and Discourse Studies, School of Foreign Studies, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China



# Plenary speaker of the Panel III (4/5)

***Making Global and Local: Viruses as a Media*, Professor WANG Xin 王鑫教授,  
Head of Department of Communication, College of Arts and Media, Tongji  
University, China [Online]**



**Making Global and Local: Viruses as Media**  
制造全球和地方：病毒作为一种媒介

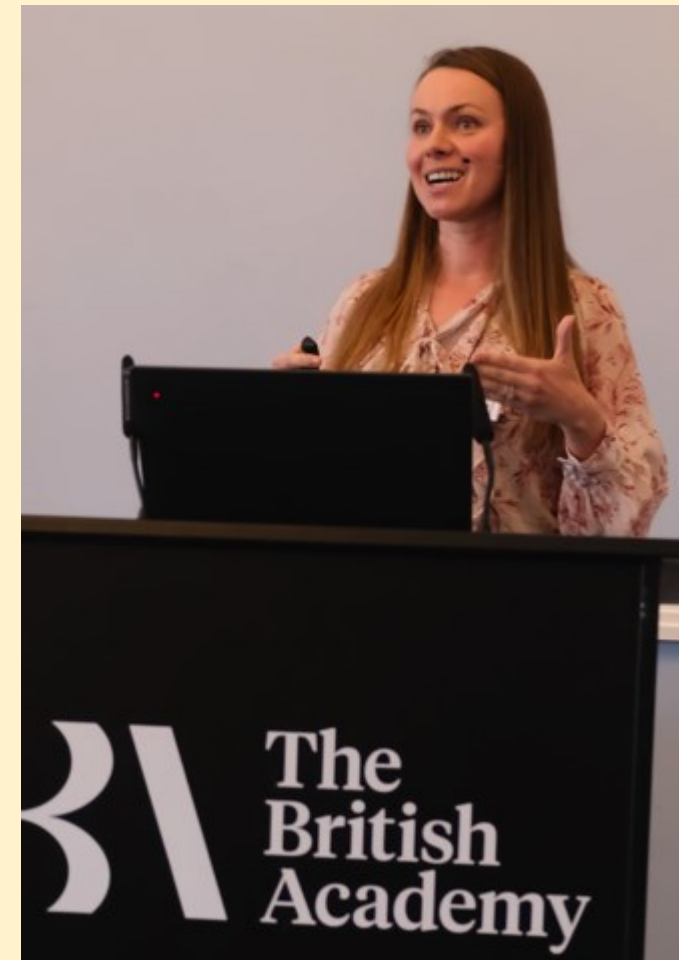
**WangXin Tenured Professor**  
College Arts and Media Tongji University

王鑫 同济大学艺术与传媒学院  
长聘教授 博士生导师



# Plenary speaker of the Panel III (5/5)

***Supporting Health Engagement and Co-creation***, Dr Marzena Nieroda 马泽纳·涅罗达博士, Lecturer in Marketing and Commercialization for Healthcare at UCL Global Business School for Health (GBSH), University College London, UK





# Panel III: Communicating to Improve Global Health

## Q & A



# Panel III: Communicating to Improve Global Health Discussion



# Networking at coffee/tea break



## Panel IV: Health Governance in the Digital Space

**Chair: Dr Kim Yahya 金·叶海亚博士, a biomedical scientist and have worked in a variety of settings from academia to biotech Companies in the UK.**



# Plenary speaker of the Panel IV (1/4)

***Capitalising on the Health Data Gold Mine: Using Federated Learning to Engage China in the Global Health Data Space***, Professor Simcha Jong 辛查·钟教授, Professor of Management and Healthcare Innovation, Director DBA Health programme, UCL Global Business School for Health, UK



# Plenary speaker of the Panel IV (2/4)

***The Evolution of Health Governance in the Digital Health Space,***  
**Professor Adam Dubis 亚当·杜比斯教授, Deputy Director of Research and Programme Lead for MSc Digital Health and Entrepreneurship at UCL's Global Business School for Health, University College London, UK**



# Plenary speaker of the Panel IV (3/4)

***Hainan Free Trade Port: Challenges and Opportunities for Health***, by Professor **NING Yi 宁毅教授**, Professor and Dean of School of Public Health, Hainan Medical University, China [Online]



## Hainan Free Trade Port: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges for Health

**Yi Ning, ScD, MPH, MD**  
**Hainan Medical University**



# Plenary speaker of the Panel IV (4/4)

*A New Culture of Governance for an Inclusive Digital Future,*  
Dr Dimitrios Kalogeropoulos 迪米特里奥斯·卡洛格罗普洛斯博士, Health  
Executive in Residence at GBSH, UCL and CEO of Global Health and  
Digital Innovation Foundation, UK





# Panel IV: Health Governance in the Digital Space

## Q & A, Discussion



# Closing session

**Chair: Professor Xiangqun Chang 常向群教授 FRSA FGCA and President of Global China Academy; Honorary Professor of University College London (2015-20); Distinguished Professor of Nankai University of China; UK**



# Closing Remarks (1/2)

***An Off-the-Cuff Summary of the Dialogue's Main Themes, Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授 FAcSS FRSA FGCA and Chair of Global China Academy Council; Council Member of Academy of Social Sciences; Distinguished Professor of English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster University***



# Closing Remarks (2/2)

***Upholding the Spirit of Open Cooperation, Building a Healthy Global Society for Mankind***, Mr FAN Daqi 范大祺副院长, Deputy Director and Chief Translator / Editor of the Academy of Contemporary China and World (ACCWS), China [pre-recorded video]



# Global China Dialogue VIII is closed

## Thank you very much for your participation!

### 第八届全球中国对话圆满结束，非常感谢各位的参与!

### 17:00-19:00 Break 休会





## **19:00-19:50 Reception**

**19:00-19:30 Drinks and networking**

**19:30-19:50 Launch two new websites for Global China Academy and Global Century Press**

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# 19:30-19:50 Launch two new websites for Global China Academy and Global Century Press



# Chair: Professor Maria Jaschok 叶玛丽教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, Senior Research Associate of the Contemporary China Studies Programme in the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford









# Brief introduction of the two websites, by Professor Xiangqun Chang 常向群教授 FRSA FGCA and President of Global China Academy; Honorary Professor of University College London (2015-20); Distinguished Professor of Nankai University of China





# Participants at the launch new websites



# 19:50-22:30 Dinner to celebrate the conclusion of the 8th Global China Dialogue and 10th anniversary of Global China Academy



# Dinner

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## Chairs:

**Speeches**, Professor Elena Semino 埃琳娜·塞米诺教授 FAcSS FRSA, GCD Organizing Committee member, Director of the ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science, Lancaster University (left in photo)

**Presentation of certificates, reading greeting messages & watching videos from absent GCA Fellows and GCD 8 speakers**, Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授 FAcSS FRSA FGCA and Chair of Global China Academy Council, Council Member of the Academy of Social Sciences, Distinguished Professor of English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster University (right in photo)







# Speeches

**Chair:** Professor Elena Semino



## **Speakers:**

- Professor Martin Albrow 马丁·阿尔布劳教授 FAcSS, Founding and Past Honorary President of Global China Academy; Former President of the British Sociological Association
- Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授 FAcSS FRSA FGCA and Chair of Global China Academy Council, Council Member of the Academy of Social Sciences; Distinguished Professor of English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster University
- Dr QIAN Zhenhua 钱振华博士, Co-Chair of Global China Academy Council; Shanghai International Corporation Association of SMEs, China
- Professor Robin Cohen 罗宾·科恩教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy; Emeritus Professor and Former Director of the International Migration Institute, University of Oxford



# Speeches (1/4)

**Speaker:** Professor Martin Albrow 马丁·阿尔布劳教授 FAcSS, Founding and Past Honorary President of Global China Academy; Former President of the British Sociological Association



## Speeches (2/4)

**Speaker:** Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授 FAcSS FRSA FGCA and Chair of Global China Academy Council, Council Member of the Academy of Social Sciences; Distinguished Professor of English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster University



# Speeches (3/4)

**Speaker:** Dr QIAN Zhenhua 钱振华博士, Co-Chair of Global China Academy Council;  
Shanghai International Corporation Association of SMEs, China



# Speeches (4/4)

**Speaker:** Professor Robin Cohen 罗宾·科恩教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy; Emeritus Professor and Former Director of the International Migration Institute, University of Oxford





# Presentation of certificates (1/4)

**Presenter:** Dr Frances Wood 吴芳思博士, Trustee of Global China Academy Board of Trustees; former Curator of Chinese Collections at the British Library

## **GCA Fellows 院士 recipients :**

- Professor HOU Shiyuan 郝时远教授, Academician and former Associate President and former Director of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (absent, in China)
- Professor Nora Ann Colton 诺拉·科尔顿教授, the Director of the UCL Global Business School for Health (GBSH) (absent, in Manila)
- Professor LI Linxue 李麟学教授, Dean of the College of Arts and Media at Tongji University, China

# GCA Fellows recipients

Presenter: Dr Frances Wood 吴芳思博士; recipient: Professor LI Linxue 李麟学教授



## Presentation of certificates (2/4)

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### **GCA Associate Fellows 准院士 recipients :**

- Professor QIAN Yufang 钱毓芳教授, Director of Institute of Corpus and Discourse Studies, School of Foreign Studies, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China; Editor of the *Journal of Corpus Approaches to Chinese Social Sciences*
- Dr Gavin Brookes 加文·布鲁克斯博士 , Reader in Linguistics and UKRI Future Leader Fellow with an interest in corpus linguistics, discourse analysis and health communication, Lancaster University, UK, Executive Editor of the *Journal of Corpus Approaches to Chinese Social Sciences*
- Professor WANG Xin 王鑫教授, Head of Department of Communication, College of Arts and Media, Tongji University, China; Executive Editor of the *Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives* (Chinese Edition) (absent, in China)



# GCA Associate Fellows recipients

Presenter: Dr Frances Wood 吴芳思博士; recipient: Professor QIAN Yufang 钱毓芳教授



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Presenter: Dr Frances Wood 吴芳思博士; recipient: Dr Gavin Brookes 加文·布鲁克斯博士



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### **GCA Institutional Fellows 院士单位 recipients:**

- The UCL Global Business School for Health (GBSH)
- The ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science at Lancaster University, UK
- The College of Arts and Media at Tongji University, China (absent, in China)
- The Institute of Linguistics, Sun Yat-sen University, China

# GCA Institutional Fellows recipients

Presenter: Professor Xiangqun Chang 常向群教授; recipient: Professor Simcha Jong 辛查·钟教授, GBSH representative



# GCA Institutional Fellows recipients

Presenter: Professor Xiangqun Chang 常向群教授; recipient: Professor Elena Semino 埃琳娜·塞米诺教授, CASS representative



# GCA Institutional Fellows recipients

Presenter: Professor Xiangqun Chang 常向群教授; recipient: Professor LI Xuelin 李麟学教授, CAM representative



# Presentation of certificates (4/4)

**Presenter:** Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授, Chair of Global China Academy Council

**Recipient:** Dr QIAN Zhenhua 钱振华博士, Co-Chair of Global China Academy Council









# Reading greeting messages & watching videos from absent GCA Fellows and GCD 8 speakers

**Chair:** Professor Tony McEnery 托尼·麦肯尼教授

## **Messages:**

- Congratulations on the opening of the 8th Global China Dialogue. The Dialogue is most urgent at the current stage of world history. — Professor KOMAI Hiroshi 駒井 洋教授 FGCA, a Japanese sociologist and Professor Emeritus at the University of Tsukuba and Shigakukan University, Japan.
- Global China Academy is a very influent and prestigious international institution promoting a very fruitful and intense dialogue between social scientists from China and different countries. During the last ten years the number of academic events and publications by Global Century Press Journals are very high. As Life Fellow of the GCA, I am really honoured to participate to the scientific life of this beautiful institution. I hope we will more and more establish new cooperations in sociology, especially about what we called with my Chinese colleagues Post-Western theory to develop more dialogic and non-hegemonic social sciences, to open new academic spaces and produce hybridizations between located knowledge in China and in Europe. I would consider it is a big challenge for the future of social sciences. Happy Birthday to GCA, a great success and a very bright future! — Professor Laurence Roulleau-Berger 罗兰教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, Emeritus Research Director at National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR)



# Watching videos from absent GCA Fellows and the 8<sup>th</sup> GCD invited speakers (virtual contribution)

- Professor XIE Lizhong 谢立中教授, Founding Fellow and Chinese President of Global China Academy
- Professor Carsten Herrmann-Pillath 何梦笔教授, Founding Fellow and Vice-President of Global China Academy (European engagement)
- Professor Shigeto Sonoda 園田茂人教授, Founding Fellow and Vice-President of Global China Academy (Asian engagement)
- Professor Peter van der Veer 彼得·范德维尔教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy
- Professor Prasenjit Duara 杜赞奇教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy
- Professor GU Yueguo 顾曰国教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy
- Professor HOU Shiyuan 郝时远教授, Fellow of Global China Academy (2023)
- Professor Lawrence Gostin 劳伦斯·戈斯汀教授, invited speaker of the 8<sup>th</sup> Global China Dialogue
- Professor Andrew Bastawrous 安德鲁·巴斯塔罗斯教授, invited speaker of the 8<sup>th</sup> Global China Dialogue

Professor XIE Lizhong 谢立中教授, Founding Fellow and Chinese President of Global China Academy, Distinguished Chair Professor and former head of Department of Sociology of Peking University, China



Good evening, everyone: I'm delighted to extend my congratulations on the successful conclusion of the 8th Global China Dialogue. This year also marks a significant milestone—the 10th anniversary of the Global China Academy's establishment.

Congratulations to all involved in this remarkable journey. Over the past decade, thanks to your concern, support, and active participation, the Global China Academy has successfully organized many activities. Additionally, Global Century Press has published a wide range of uncensored works on China, significantly contributing to the promotion of scholarly exchange in China studies worldwide. Looking ahead, I sincerely hope the Global China Academy will continue to receive your unwavering support, enabling it to grow and excel even further

Professor Carsten Herrmann-Pillath 何梦笔教授, Founding Fellow and Vice-President of Global China Academy (European engagement), Permanent Fellow at the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt University, Germany

Ten years at Global China Academy, my heartfelt congratulations. What a decade: Trumpism, COVID-19, all these geopolitical tensions rising and creating an increasing distance between China and the so-called West. I think this is really a worrying trend, and an institution like the Global China Academy has a task to contribute to reversing this trend. When I was a student, there was a China scholar who was famous, or I would say even infamous, for his neologism when dealing with China. One of his favourite neologisms was 'impansionism.' He argued that China was never, and will never be, a political power that pursues expansion in global terms like in the past, and some would say even today. Western countries define 'impansionism' as being just attractive to the world, just attracting people, capital, all that without doing anything. That's deep, as you know, in the Taoist principle, the principle of non-action, Wu Wei. And I'm afraid that in the past decade, somehow, China also lost part of this wisdom. And I strongly believe, and that's what I've experienced in my career of almost 40 years now dealing with China, that China is incredibly attractive and has always been incredibly attractive. That was also the topic in my video message last year. An institution like the Global China Academy can contribute exactly to this, making China attractive to the world. This does not mean to embellish China, but simply opening up, telling the truth, and also entering critical discourse. Actually, to a large degree, what is often called liberal values is the key to openness. And also, I think a key to non-action. China does not need to be afraid of any flies entering an open window. That's what Mr. Weggel argued. It is true, about thousands of years of history of Chinese civilization. I wish Global China Academy the best for the next decade, that it will contribute to communicating Chinese thinking, Chinese debates, Chinese ideas to the world, and entering a multilateral intellectual dialogue. Thank you.



Professor Shigeto Sonoda 園田茂人教授, Founding Fellow and Vice-President of Global China Academy (Asian engagement), Professor of comparative sociology and Asian studies at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo, Japan



Hello, my name is Sonoda Shigeto, a Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia at the University of Tokyo. Congratulations on the 10th anniversary of the Global China Academy. As you know, a variety of opinion polls reveal that people's ideas and evaluations regarding the rise of China differ significantly from one country to another, even among Asian countries. Thus, I think it's quite necessary for intellectuals to promote dialogue, especially intellectual dialogues between people in China and those in the global community. I hope that the Global China Academy will continue promoting these intellectual dialogues. Thank you.

Professor Peter van der Veer 彼得·范德维尔教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, Emeritus Professor and former Director of the Study of Religious Diversity at the Max Planck Institute, Germany.



Dear colleagues at the Global China Academy, I'm terribly sorry I cannot be present at the event today, as I'm currently in China serving as a visiting faculty member at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou. I'm very pleased to be back in China. I have not been here for more than three years, and it's really important to reestablish contacts after the Covid period, especially when academic exchange has become threatened. I believe that the Global China Academy can play an important role in this effort of reestablishing contact. I wish you much success.



Professor Prasenjit Duara 杜赞奇教授,  
Life Fellow of Global China Academy,  
Distinguished Professor of East Asian  
Studies, Duke University, USA



Good day, everybody. My name is Prasenjit Duara, and my Chinese name is DU Zanqi. I am the Oscar Tang Professor at Duke University. I was a student of China and global history. As a Fellow of the Global China Academy, I'm delighted to congratulate the Academy on conducting the 8th Global China Dialogue. In a period of increasing tensions around the world, which is making life so difficult for many millions of people, it is, I believe, imperative that as scholars, we maintain open dialogue in various areas of life between the major powers.

As someone originally from India, I also believe China and India should open more lines of dialogue and exchange. We need to create a global civil society that is invested in dialogue for peace. And now, have a productive conference and my best wishes to all of you. Goodbye now.

Professor GU Yueguo 顾曰国教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, Emeritus Research Professor of Linguistics in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China.



Hello there, I'm Gu Yueguo, an absent fellow greeting everybody from Beijing, PRC, because I have immersed myself in two national projects on gerontic discourse which I must complete. I miss everybody, and the 10th GCA anniversary dinner in particular. Have a good time in London.

Professor HOU Shiyuan 郝时远教授, Fellow of Global China Academy (2023), Academician and former Associate President and former Director of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Hello to all the experts, I am Hao Shuyuan from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations on the 10th anniversary of the Global China Academy's series of important academic achievements. At the same time, I am also very pleased to have received academic honors. I would like to specially thank Professor Xiangqun Chang and the experts who recommended me to join the academic team of the Global China Academy.

Here, I can only simply express a wish and convey my own desire. That is to say, receiving academic honours is in fact also taking on an academic responsibility. In the future, I am willing to engage in academic exchanges and cooperation with all my colleagues at the Global China Academy and jointly make our own efforts to fulfill this academic responsibility. Thank you all.



Professor BING Zheng 邢正教授 FGCA, former Executive Vice-President of Jilin University; former Vice-President of the Chinese Sociological Association, China.



On this joyous occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Global China Academy, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and sincere congratulations to the Global China Academy and Professor Chang Xiangqun.

Since its establishment, the Global China Academy has actively organized scholars from China and the UK, strengthening academic and cultural exchanges and promoting academic communication and publication activities. It has played a very important role in organizing academic events and connecting scholars, building a bridge between Chinese and British scholars. Through this bridge, many Chinese and British scholars have enhanced their understanding, exchanged academic ideas, tightened their connections, and fostered friendships through mutual exchanges and visits.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly wish the Global China Academy to attract more talented individuals, gather more academic strength, jointly promote Sino-British friendship, and advance academic research around globalization, leading to more academic exchanges and scholarly achievements.

Professor Lawrence Gostin 劳伦斯·戈斯汀教授, invited speaker of the GCD 8, Founding O'Neill Chair in Global Health Law, Georgetown University



Hi, I'm Larry Gostin, and I'm the Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Global Health Law here at Georgetown University. I'm sorry I can't be with you at the Global China Dialogue. I've been very deeply involved in global health governance, and during the pandemic, the unthinkable happened. The United States, in a dispute with China, put the WHO in the middle of a geostrategic squabble and withdrew from the World Health Organization. President Biden reversed that on his first day in office, but it shows the importance of robust US-China dialogue on global health governance.

Right now in Geneva, there are two transformational negotiations going on: one for the reform of the International Health Regulations and another for a pandemic treaty. It's critically important that we grasp this opportunity for fundamental reform in global health governance throughout the world to make our world safer, fairer, more equitable, and if we fail to do that after all of the suffering of COVID-19, we will have lost that opportunity for a generation. So, my message to all of you is that we need to fight for robust global reforms with strong alliances north and south, east and west, and to establish transformational new norms for global health and global health equity in the coming year. I send you my very best wishes and wish that I could be with you. I hope next year I can.

Professor Andrew Bastawrous 安德鲁·巴斯塔罗斯教授 OBE, invited speaker of the GCD 8, International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Co-Founder & CEO - Peek Vision

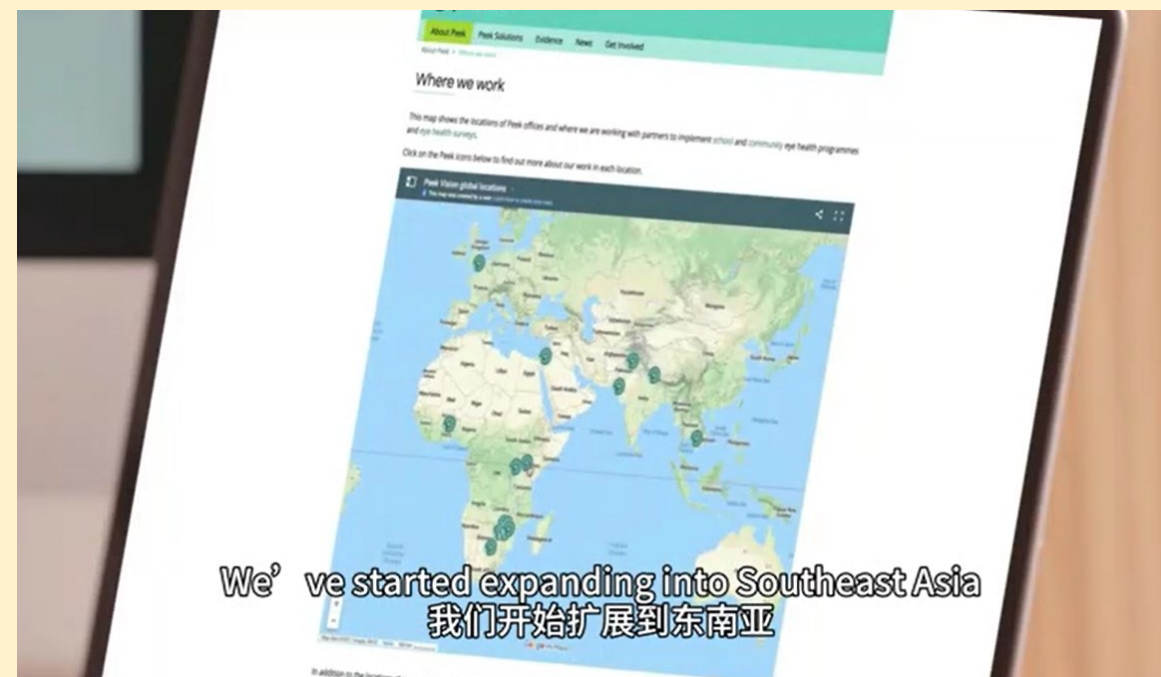
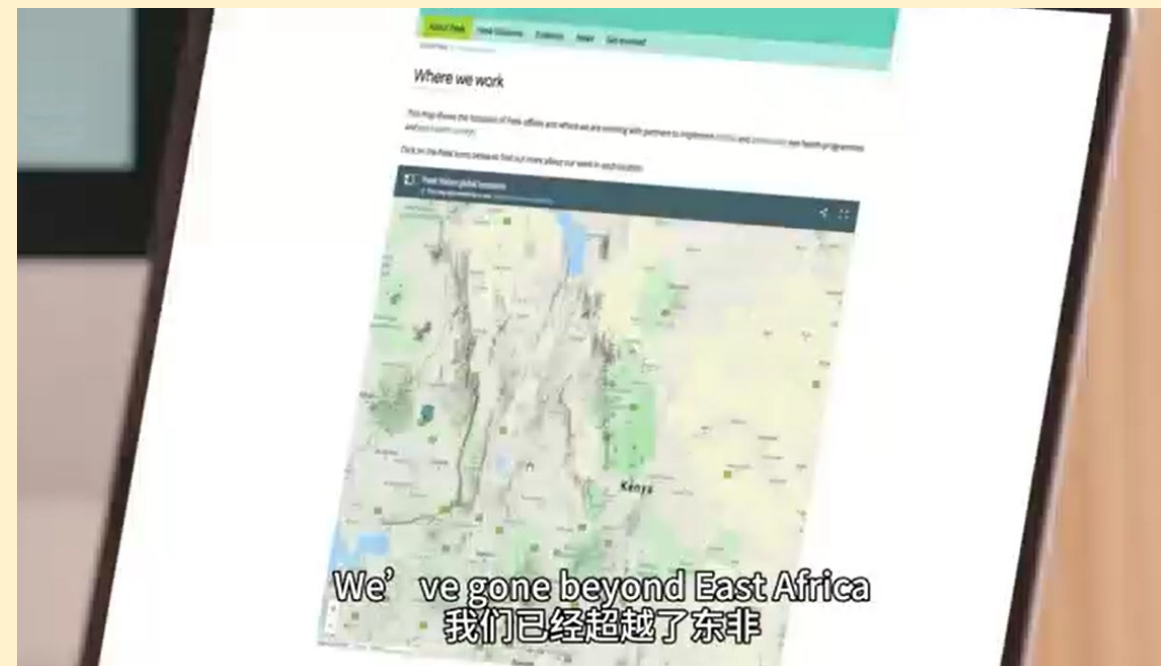


About the age of 12, I wasn't doing great at school, and for a long time, I didn't realize that the reason I was struggling was that I couldn't see. When I did go and get an eye test, with the trial lenses on, I just remember being totally blown away by how this world, that had been soft, suddenly came into really sharp, vivid focus. In my field, in eye care, there's still a massive gap. At least a billion people lack access to the basic eye services they need and are vision impaired as a consequence. Most of them just need a pair of glasses or a cataract operation, so the issue is not about delivering new innovations anymore; it's about innovating the delivery of existing solutions. There's a problem there, and if you are going to overcome it, it's about either moving services closer to the people or providing a way that people can move to the services, and that, for me, is the core of our work.

When I received the Rolex Award in 2016, we had completed a program in schools with our partners in Kenya, where around 20,000 children had been screened, and those who required treatment had received it. We'd built one model that we felt was scalable. The Rolex Award had several impacts, both on me personally and on my organization. One of the biggest changes in the last couple of years has been that we've moved away from hardware-focused work, such as looking at images at the back of the eye, and really focused on identifying those individuals who are currently invisible to ensure that they reach the service that can meet their need, and then tracking whether that service has worked for them.

We've gone beyond East Africa. We've started expanding into Southeast Asia, and one of the most exciting programs at the moment is in Pakistan. In total, what's the population that is now able to access the services? We've got incredible partners there, and they've managed to connect more than 60 different health centres, which are serving a population of more than 400,000 people. That's just the start. We've chosen difficult places to work, but within that, we are choosing the populations in those countries who have the least ability to access or pay for services, so if you get the ingredients right, the potential for change is actually even bigger.

Fantastic, so we're talking about 30 million people here that we could be reaching? That's hugely exciting. If we just maintain what we are doing now, the numbers of people losing sight are going to triple over the next 30 years, so my ambition is not so much about numbers but about turning the tide. Can we hit that tipping point where, rather than the numbers going up, we can start to bring them down? There isn't an end to this journey; it's an infinite game.











**The dinner marked the conclusion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Global China Dialogue forum and associated events.**

# **Selected Feedback from a Public Participant**

**I wish to send my most heartfelt thank you to Professor Chang for the wonderful and most successful event yesterday. Although my expertise is in family law and not the health sector, I felt I have benefited so much by attending the event, listening to all the talks and the research and insight from the various speakers. They were all fantastic and their hard work behind the research is outstanding and so much appreciated.**

**I especially would like to thank Professor Chang for inviting my friend Qing Miao and me to the dinner at the House of Lords. It was not planned by us, but we were both delighted and felt privileged to have been there. The presentation of the certificates and the various speakers sending their messages and greetings from the UK and abroad were extremely moving and uplifting. It was a real encouragement that the good work which has been started must continue and the gain will in time benefit us all.**

**I wish the GCA every success in all you do and once again thank you so much for the opportunity to be included in the attendance yesterday.**

**—— *Brenda Wong Robinson* (Associate at Buckles Solicitors LLP)**

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