

Photo report: The 8th Global China Dialogue — Governance for Global Health and the Global China Academy's 10th Anniversary

Friday, 08:30-17:00, 8 December 2023 at the British Academy, followed by a Celebration Reception and Dinner at the House of Lords

The 8th Global China Dialogue forum on the theme of 'Governance for Global Health' was held at the British Academy on Friday, 8 December 2023. That evening, a Reception and Dinner were hosted at the House of Lords in the UK Parliament.

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 revealed many weaknesses in our healthcare systems and structures across the world and showed that health is a challenge that requires global governance and cooperation. Other issues such as climate change, the global prevalence of noncommunicable diseases, inadequate access to healthcare services and the lack of health workers globally also show that the need for global cooperation to deal with transnational challenges has never been greater.

The 8th Global China Dialogue explored the challenges and opportunities for global health governance, especially in the Chinese context, given China's ageing population, continued economic growth and desire to reimagine healthcare management and governance.

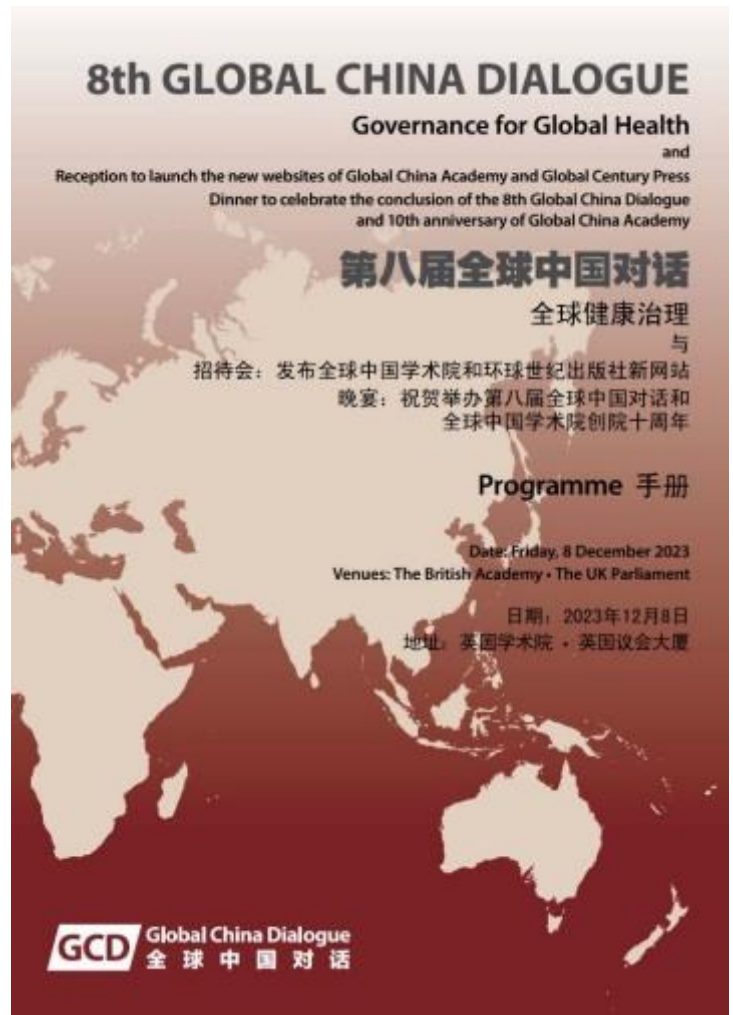
The Healthy China 2030 strategy emphasizes the need to develop the health sector in China. China has also instituted significant regulatory reforms in the health sector, while considering healthcare in the new global governance framework.

The GCD8 was co-organized by the Global China Academy in collaboration with the UCL Global Business School for Health, the ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science at Lancaster University, UK, and the College of Arts and Media at Tongji University, China. It received support and sponsorship from numerous universities, institutions and companies.

Opening session

Greetings from political and academic figures

Chair: Professor [Tony McEneary](#) 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)



Speakers (from left to right):



- Minister **Wang Qi** 王起 of the Chinese Embassy to the UK said that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on global public health and socio-economic development. Only by joining hands to build a global community of health for all can we effectively maintain and promote the safety and sustainable development of human life and health.
- Professor **Ibrahim Abubakar** 易卜拉欣·阿布巴卡尔, Pro-Provost (Health) and Dean of Faculty of Population Health Sciences at UCL, emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing major global health challenges, such as the climate crisis, infectious diseases and health inequalities. He underscored the necessity of collaborative efforts, data-driven policies and equitable access to healthcare to improve health outcomes worldwide.
- Professor **LI Linxue** 李麟学, Dean of the College of Arts and Media and Distinguished Professor of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at Tongji University, stated that the health sector is increasingly becoming a focal point of attention for the entire society. In the fields of urban planning and urban environmental design, healthy cities, communities and architecture, there is vast potential for development in emerging technologies such as big data, intelligence, simulation and green low-carbon construction.
- Professor **Martin Albrow** 马丁·阿尔布劳, the Founding and Past Honorary President of the Global China Academy, provided some insights into the GCA's history and announced the 10th anniversary of the Global China Academy, including a reception and celebration dinner.



The photos below illustrate keynote speeches, panel discussions and closing remarks at the Global China Dialogue, as well as the Reception and Dinner. Additionally, there are images from the Q&A sessions and networking opportunities during breaks. It is hoped that this combination of images and text will promote dynamic dialogue for interested readers, regardless of whether or not they participated in GCD8.

Keynotes speeches



‘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]. Her presentation was delivered by Professor Colton’s colleague Professor Kabir Sheikh 卡比尔·谢赫教授代读, UCL GBSH). Click to download the following items: [greetings](#), [speech notes](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).



‘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]. Click to download the PowerPoint presentation in [English](#) and [Chinese](#).



Group photo at the end of the Opening session.

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 speakers (from left to right):

- ‘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). Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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. Click to download the [speech notes](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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]. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#) (in Chinese and English).
- ‘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]. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

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 speakers (from left to right):

- ‘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 (G20 Think Tank Member), France
- ‘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. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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] Click to download the PowerPoint presentation in [English](#) and [Chinese](#).
- ‘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. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Panel III: Communicating to Improve Global Health

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



Plenary speakers (from left to right)

- ‘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. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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. Click to download the PowerPoint presentation.
- ‘Evolution of Traditional Chinese Medicine Discourse in British Newspapers: A Corpus-Based Diachronic Study’, Professor QIAN Yufang 钱毓芳教授, Director of Institute of Corpus and Discourse Studies, School of Foreign Studies, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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]. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Panel IV: Health Governance in the Digital Space

Chair: Dr Kim Yahya 金·叶海亚博士, a biomedical scientist who has worked in a variety of settings from academia to biotech companies in the UK



Plenary speakers (from left to right)

- ‘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. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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]. Click to download the [PowerPoint presentation](#).
- ‘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. Click to download the [speech notes](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

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 (right)



Closing remarks:

- ‘An Off-the-Cuff Summary of the Dialogue’s Main Themes’, Professor [Tony McEnergy](#) 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. He highlighted the interdisciplinary and engaging discussions that had occurred throughout the day, touching on various aspects of health, governance, trust and the role of traditional and modern medicine. The Dialogue emphasized the importance of listening, valuing diverse perspectives and the enriching nature of such exchanges. It also hinted at future discussions on AI and ethics, emphasizing the critical intersection of healthcare, decision-making and ethical considerations in the deployment of AI technologies. The day was summarized as insightful, stimulating a broadened perspective on health and governance, underscored by the foundational role of trust in scientific and medical expertise.
- ‘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]. Fan Daqi’s closing speech was delivered in Chinese. He focused on the imperative of open cooperation and building a global health community. He discussed the impact of the pandemic, the importance of addressing global health governance and the need for dialogue and cooperation beyond geographical and systemic differences. Fan emphasized the role of think tanks, universities and research institutions in knowledge sharing and collaborative research to enhance global health governance. He advocated for a common health community, emphasizing sovereign equality, equity and the consideration of vulnerable groups’ rights and well-being. Fan also highlighted China’s contributions to global health governance and called for increased international cooperation to build a community with a shared future for mankind. Click to download the speech notes in [Chinese](#) and [English](#).

Q & A sessions



Networking during registration, tea/coffee breaks and lunch





Reception and Dinner to Celebrate the Conclusion of GCD8 and the GCA's 10th Anniversary, 19:00-22:30, 8 December 2023 at the House of Lords, the UK Parliament

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



Reception: 19:30-19:50 Launch of two new websites for GCA and GCP



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 to 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 of the new websites

Dinner: celebrating the conclusion of the 8th Global China Dialogue and the 10th Anniversary of Global China Academy

Dinner: 20:10-20:25 (after starter) Speeches



Chair: 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)



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 (left in photo). Click to download [speech notes](#) in dual languages.
- 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 (second left in photo). Click to download [speech notes](#) in dual languages.
- Dr [QIAN Zhenhua](#) 钱振华博士, Co-Chair of Global China Academy Council; Shanghai International Corporation Association of SMEs, China (second right in photo). Click to download [speech notes](#) in dual languages.
- 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 (right in photo). Click to download [speech notes](#) in dual languages.

Dinner: 21:15-21:25 (after main course) Presentation of certificates

Chair: Presentation of certificates, Professor [Tony McEnergy](#) 托尼·麦肯尼教授 (right in photo)



Presentation of certificates to GCA Individual Fellows

Presenter: Dr [Frances Wood](#) 吴芳思博士, Trustee of Global China Academy; 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, 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 (left)

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 (centre)
- 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 (right)
- Professor [WANG Xin](#) 王鑫教授, Head of Department of Communication, College of Arts and Media, Director of Research Centre for Chinese Discourse and Global Communication at Tongji University (absent, in China)

Presentation of certificates to GCA Institutional Fellows

Presenter: Professor [Xiangqun Chang](#) 常向群教授



GCA Institutional Fellows Recipients 院士单位:

- [The UCL Global Business School for Health \(GBSH\)](#), UK. Recipient: Professor Simcha Jong 辛查·钟教授, GBSH representative (left)
- [The ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science](#) at Lancaster University, UK. Recipient: Professor Elena Semino 埃琳娜·塞米诺教授, CASS representative (centre)
- [The College of Arts and Media](#) (CAM) at Tongji University, China. Recipient: Professor LI Linxue 李麟学教授, CAM representative (right)

Presentation of certificate to GCA Council member:

Presenter: Professor [Tony McEnergy](#) 托尼·麦肯尼教授, Chair of Global China Academy Council



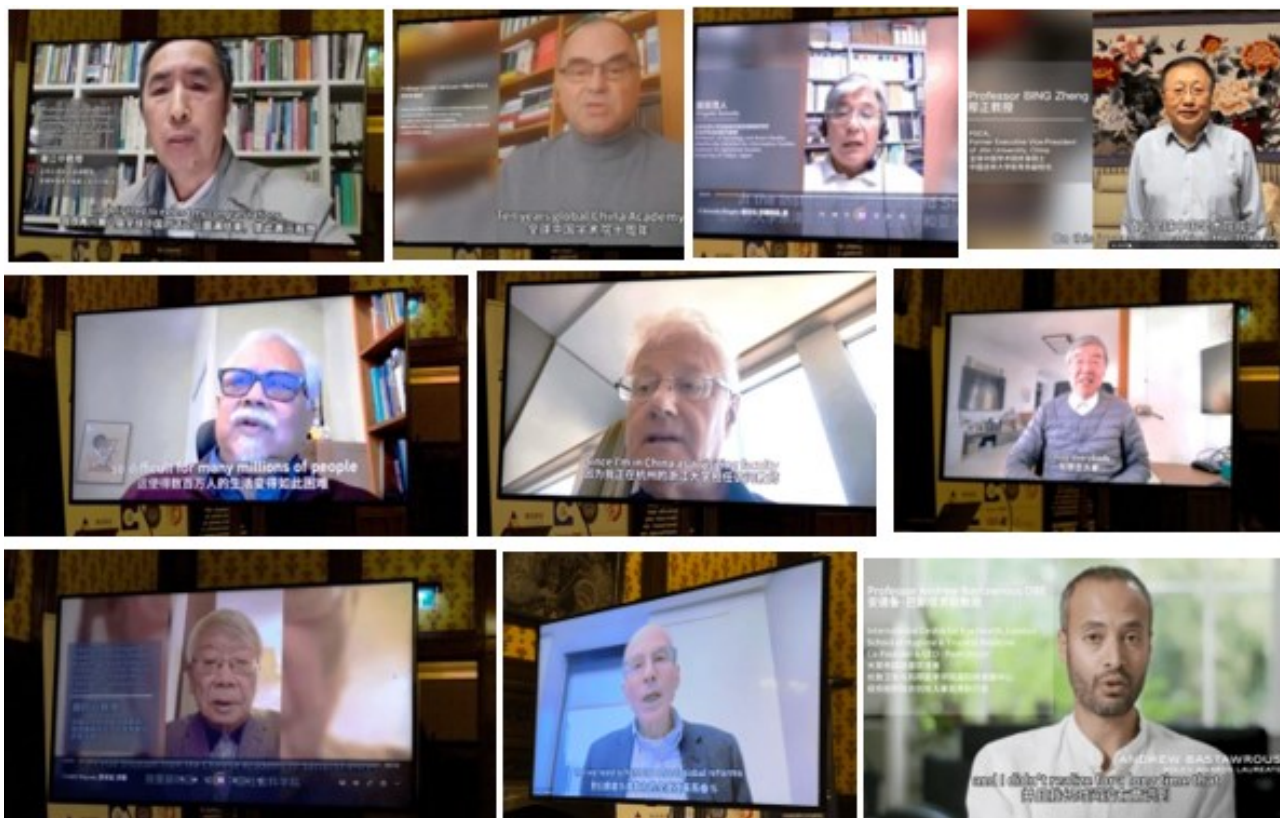
Recipient: Dr [QIAN Zhenhua](#) 钱振华博士, Co-Chair of Global China Academy Council

Dinner: 21:15-21:25 (after dessert) Greeting messages and videos



Chair: Professor [Tony McEnergy](#) 托尼·麦肯尼教授, reading greeting messages and watching videos from absent GCA Fellows and GCD8 speakers (left)

Greeting messages were received from Professor [KOMAI Hiroshi](#) 駒井 洋教授 FGCA, a Japanese sociologist and Professor Emeritus at the University of Tsukuba and Shigakukan University, Japan; Professor [Laurence Roulleau-Berger](#) 罗兰教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, Emeritus Research Director at National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR).



Videos with English and Chinese dual language subtitles:

Videos from absent GCA Fellows: 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 (top left); 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 (top second left); Professor [Shigeto Sonoda](#) 园田茂人教授, 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 (top second right); Professor [BING Zheng](#) 郟正教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, former Executive Vice-President of Jilin University, former Vice-President of the Chinese Sociological Association, China (top right); Professor [Prasenjit Duara](#) 杜赞奇教授, Life Fellow of Global China Academy, Distinguished Professor of East Asian Studies, Duke University, USA (centre left); 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 (centre second left); 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 (centre right); 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 (bottom left)

Videos from absent invited speakers: Professor Lawrence Gostin 劳伦斯·戈斯汀教授, Founding O'Neill Chair in Global Health Law, Georgetown University (bottom centre); Professor Andrew Bastawrous 安德鲁·巴斯塔罗斯教授 OBE, International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Co-Founder & CEO – Peek Vision (bottom right)

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Afterwards, Professor [Martin Albrow](#) and Dr [Frances Wood](#) expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Professor Xiangqun Chang for her dedication and hard work in ensuring the success of the 8th Global China Dialogue and the 10th Anniversary of the Global China Academy. As the event came to a close, participants gathered in groups, exchanging warm greetings and farewells and taking photos to capture the occasion.

The Global China Dialogue Organising Committee is pleased to share feedback from a participant, which underscores the impactful nature of our events and the wide-reaching benefits they offer to attendees from diverse professional backgrounds.

‘I wish to send my most heartfelt thanks to Professor Chang for the wonderful and most successful event yesterday. Although my expertise is in family law and not the health sector, I feel 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

More information is available on the GCD8 website:
<https://globalchinaacademy.org/global-china-dialogue-8>.