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## Chinese New Year Greeting Newsletter including Global China Academy Annual Report (Special Edition for the 10th GCA Anniversary: 2013–2023)



Dear colleagues and friends,

As the Year of the Dragon 2024 ‘prowls’ forward, it is our pleasure to take this opportunity to update you on our situation and activities.

First, we would like to inform you that, at the end of 2023, we submitted our first annual return for the Global China Academy (GCA; CIO registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 17th May 2022 with the number 1198983). In order to maintain a complete record for the previously registered charity (registered on 19th November 2013 with the number 1154640), covering

the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, we submitted the last annual return to the Charity Commission. This account is expected to be closed by the end of 2024.

The year 2023 represents a significant milestone for the GCA, celebrating its 10th anniversary since its founding under the name CCPN Global. The [GCA brochure](#) (click the cover to view more details) states that the [Global China Academy](#) is a UK-based independent worldwide fellowship that encourages comprehensive studies on China in the social sciences and humanities. Taking language-based global or comparative perspectives, it aims to add to the sum of human knowledge. It also encourages participation in global society building and governance. All of this is achieved through the dissemination of academic research, knowledge transfer, social consultancy and public engagement.

Over the past decade, GCA has developed ‘three pillars’, formed by various types of [Fellowships](#) and two platforms. The platforms are [Global Century Press](#) (GCP, UK company no. 08892970), which is the world’s only independent platform dedicated to publishing uncensored work on China, and the [Global China Dialogue](#) (GCD) series, a high-end discourse platform facilitating communication between China and the rest of the world (see Part III).

GCA is governed by a [Board of Trustees](#), who are responsible for strategic oversight of the organization, running the organization in accordance with charity law and the GCA constitution, ensuring financial probity, carrying out its purposes for public benefit, acting in the charity’s best interests and making risk assessments and implementing appropriate action if any risk should occur. [The GCA Council](#) serves as an advisory body steering the Academy’s future development. Its activities span recruiting Fellows, contributing to journals,



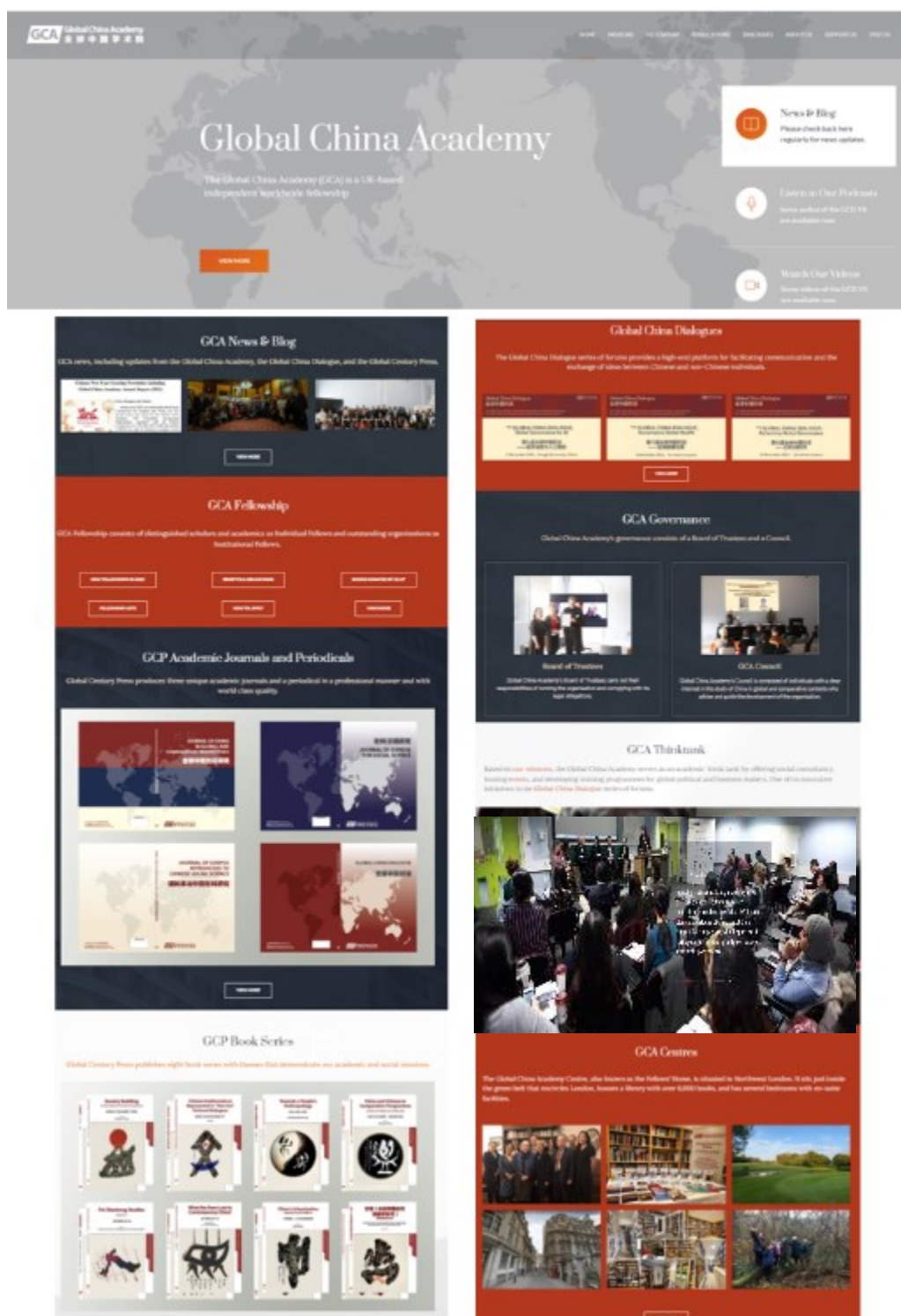
suggesting books for publication by GCP, recommending themes and speakers for GCDs, and enhancing GCA's global profile.

This report highlights our achievements in three main sections: 1) GCA and GCP new websites / Fellows' home; 2) GCA activities fulfilling its academic & social missions; 3) The 8th GCD plus 10th GCA anniversary.

## Part I: Global China Academy's virtual sites and Fellows' home

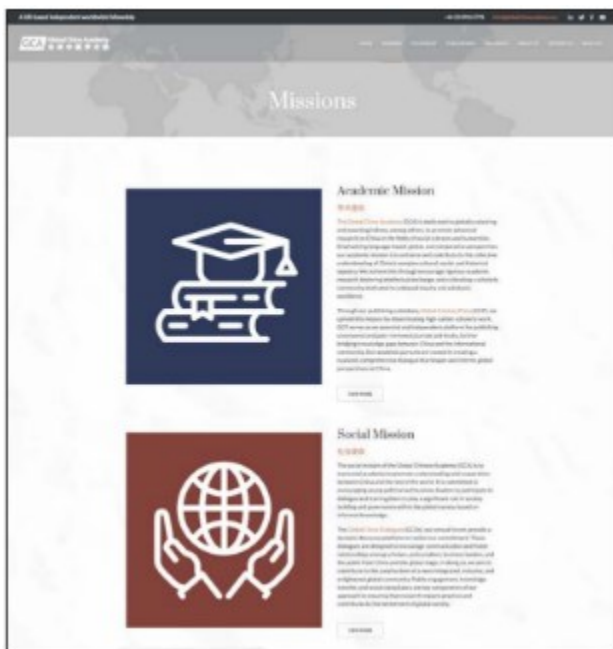
Global China Academy's virtual sites include the GCA and GCP websites. The [launch of the Global China Academy and Global Century Press websites](#) took place at a reception at the House of Lords on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The [GCD III brochure](#) provides detailed information on both websites, including some screenshots (pp. 45–55). Part I of this report covers these matters as well as the Fellows' home.

1. [Global China Academy website](#): The design and construction of the new GCA website were completed smoothly, using the right template from WordPress. However, more content still needs to be transferred from our old website. The image shows the home page of the GCA website.



The GCA's new website outlines its academic and social missions and provides an overview of the organization's governance, fellowship, facilities and activities.

## Missions



GCA has maintained its independence since its founding and is committed to transparency regarding its sources of funding. GCA's constitution is also available upon request.

The following policies can be found on the GCA website:

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The GCA's suite of Fellowship pages provides information on the benefits and obligations of Fellowship, along with an explanation of the different kinds of Fellowship, and how to subscribe or make a nomination for Fellowship.

The website also provides a database of Fellows, with biographical data and information about their specialisms.

The [Guideline for Nomination and forms](#) have been developed and are available for download.

One of the benefits of Fellowship is use of the GCA library, which has 6,000 books on China, comparative studies on China, global studies and social sciences and humanities and access to the [GCA Centre's facilities](#).





## Publications

Our subsidiary company, Global Century Press (GCP), is the first publisher dedicated to publishing social scientific and humanities academic and popular books bilingually on China and comparative topics in global contexts. Under its Open Access model, readers can freely access and download most of GCP's book and journal content, without any payment or subscriptions.

GCP has developed three cutting-edge academic Journals. They are [\*Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives\*](#), [\*Journal of Chinese for Social Science\*](#) and [\*Journal of Corpus Approaches to Chinese Social Science\*](#). It also publishes the [\*Global China Dialogue Proceedings\*](#) series and eight book series with themes that demonstrate our academic and social missions.

Clicking 'View more' on any journal or book series will take you to the GCP website for further exploration of the works.



## Dialogues

The [Global China Dialogue \(GCD\)](#) series of forums aims to enhance the understanding of current global affairs and common interests through public dialogue and discussion between Chinese and non-Chinese academics, political and business leaders, experts, professionals and practitioners and interested laypeople, using interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives.

The GCA website contains detailed information about GCDs past and present. The home page of the current GCD will contain basic information about the GCD and the forum programme as a PDF to download, as well as forms for potential speakers to submit an abstract and for attendees to register.

The home page of each past GCD contains the forum programme as a PDF, along with detailed information on each panel and related media about the event, plus a link to the *Proceedings*, published by Global Century Press. Click 'View more' to be taken to the Global Century Press website, where you can access, read and download the *Proceedings* for the relevant GCD.

Clicking on a panel on the home page takes you to a page dedicated to that panel, containing text and images from the day.



# Global China Dialogue VIII

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 co-operation to deal with transnational challenges has never been greater.

The 8th Global China Dialogue (GCD VIII) will be held on the 8th December at the British Academy. It will explore these 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.

**8th GLOBAL CHINA DIALOGUE**  
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**Programme for the 8th Global China Dialogue (GCD VIII), 8th December, 2023**

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**Photo Highlight: Global China Dialogue VIII (2023) New Website Launches for Global China Academy and Global Century Press, and 30th Anniversary of Global China Academy.**

**Photo Highlight: Register and Opening Session, including Guest's Special Address, Keynote Speeches, and Announcement of Events Relating to GCA's 10th Anniversary.**

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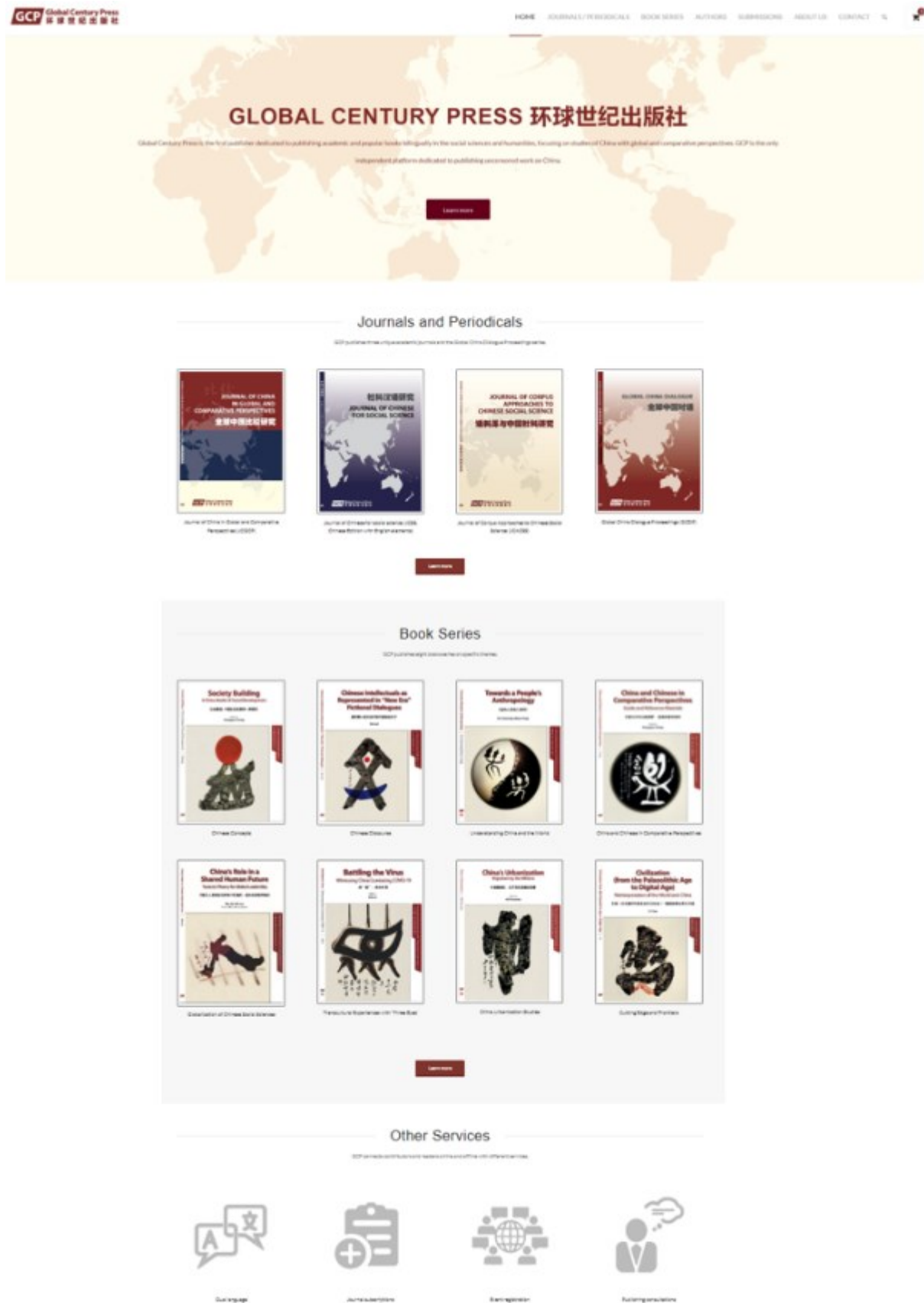
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**Global China Dialogue Proceedings, No. 8, 2024**

Global China Academy organizes and takes part in [other academic events](#) focusing on China with global and comparative perspectives, including events coinciding with the Global China Dialogues.



2. **Global Century Press website:** Designing the new GCP website posed a challenge owing to the need to integrate three key elements: e-commerce, books and journals, and dual-language content in English and Chinese. Typically, books and journals are hosted on separate websites in the English-speaking world, while publishers' websites and e-commerce platforms are distinct in China. Integrating our previous e-commerce system into the new GCP website proved to be difficult. However, the collective efforts of our IT staff, graphic designer and publishing expert turned our innovative ideas into a successful reality. The image shows the Home page of the GCP website.



Each journal and book series has its own sub-website. The one shown is for the [Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives](#) (JCGCP). In addition to the search bar on the Home page, the search bar on this page allows you to search for everything within the journal.

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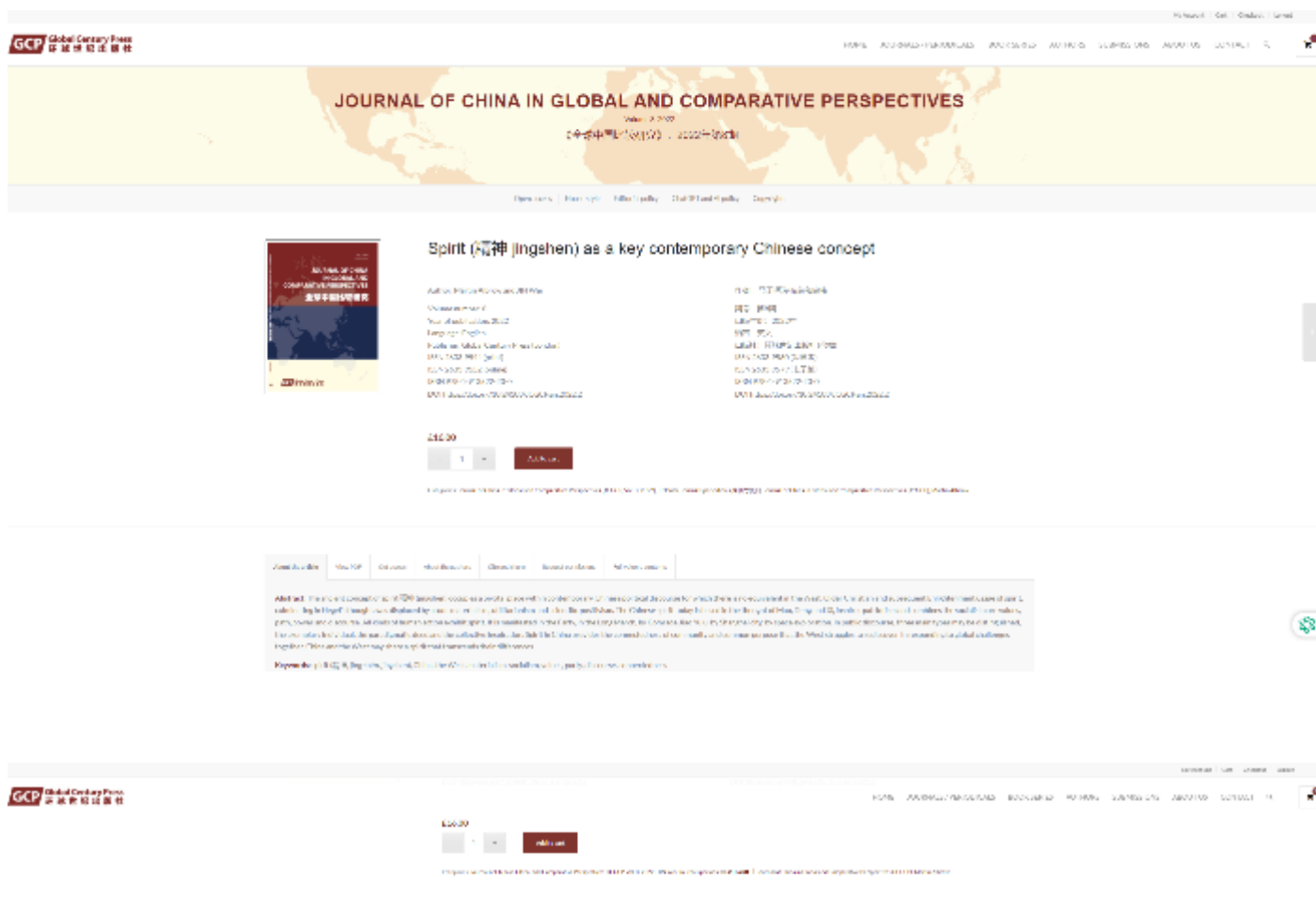
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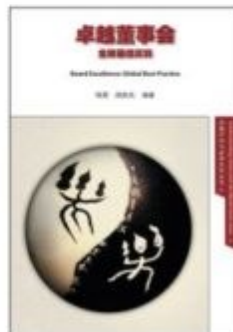
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In 2023, GCP published a [house style guide](#): It consists of three parts. Part I sets out guidelines for submitting a manuscript. Part II sets out style guidelines for writing and formatting a manuscript and the best way to provide text, images and diagrams. Part III explores GCP’s dual-language styles and rules, developed with both English and Chinese academics, graphic designers, editors and proofreaders over the last few years, and offers an example of the dual-language information (a service unique to GCP) that is displayed at the end of each book. In addition to the design of the GCP website, the following highlights some of GCP’s unique features and characteristics, along with some examples.

**Cover design:** For the covers of the journals and the [Global China Dialogue Proceedings](#) series, we use a complete map of the world as the background with different, contrasting versions of the design. [Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives](#) (JCGCP) has three horizontal bars of colour, whereas [Journal of Chinese for Social Science](#) (JCSS) and [Journal of Corpus Approaches to Chinese Social Science](#) (JCACSS) feature ‘black on white’ and ‘white on black’ treatments on the front and back covers. Together, these images illustrate our overarching theme of ‘global and comparative perspectives’.





The covers of the book series feature calligraphy paintings (书画) selected from the transcultural works of British–Chinese calligrapher and artist Yizhou Zhao (赵翼舟), one of the finest contemporary Chinese calligraphers in the world. Each image is based on a Chinese character or phrase that to a certain extent reflects the theme of each series. For example, the Chinese character 旦 (dawn) is used for the ‘Chinese Concepts’ series; 文明 (civilization) for the ‘Chinese Discourse’ series; 乐 (happiness) for the ‘Understanding China and the World’ series; 鑑 (鉴 reflect, scrutinize, comparison) for ‘China and Chinese in Comparative Perspectives’ series; 人 (people or human beings) for the ‘Globalization of Chinese Social Sciences’ series; 众 (the masses or crowd) for the ‘Transcultural Experiences with “Three Eyes”’ series; 心 (heart) for the ‘China Urbanization Studies’ series; and 幽人 (people who are uniquely independent and creative because they live in seclusion) for the ‘Cutting Edge and Frontiers’ series. Some of the characters are directly used as the title of the image, and some offer more elaborate and specific meanings, e.g. ‘Man is man’s prisoner’ (《人是人的囚徒》) and ‘Mass media’ (《大众与传媒》). In the case of ‘Everybody can enjoy his own happiness’ (《各乐其乐》), the image represents *yin* and *yang*, the typical Chinese way of thinking. The artist’s rich process synthesizes the materials (including acrylic on watercolour paper, ink on rice paper, and oils) and techniques found in China and the West, and draws on the histories of both spheres to offer a dialogue between them. With deep aesthetic and philosophical underpinnings, informed by his many transcultural experiences between Chinese and Western cultures, Zhao’s work strikes a balance between tradition and innovation and illustrates the aims of both GCA and GCP.



**English and Chinese dual language information:** Global Century Press publishes social scientific and humanities academic and popular books bilingually. GCP provides English and Chinese dual-language information in all books and in some journals. In the case of an English book, the Chinese part of the dual-language information is designed to assist Chinese readers. Similarly, two of the journals are in Chinese, and the English part of the dual-language information includes material to help non-Chinese speakers appreciate endeavours in this field outside the English-speaking world. Currently, GCP publishes three cutting-edge academic journals, a proceedings series and eight book series that encourage the study of China in global and comparative perspectives. These transcultural products demonstrate how GCA contributes to global academia and participates in building a global society. The extended sections called ‘About the book series’ and ‘Other book series published by Global Century Press’ provide readers with a bigger picture beyond the individual book.

**GCP style rules for Chinese and related names:** our style rules are based on *The Chinese Phonetic Alphabet Spelling Rules for Chinese Names* (published jointly by AQSIQ and the Standardization Administration of China in 2011). Over the last decade, some rules have been challenged. GCP has made adaptations and introduced its own style rules for Chinese and related names. For example: normally a Chinese surname (or family name) is composed of a single-character name (e.g. Zhao, Qian, Sun or Li) or a two-character name (e.g. Ouyang, Sima). Occasionally, names are formed by two surnames (e.g. Ouyang Chen). Additionally, children born after China's 'one child policy' implemented in the 1980s may also have multi-character surnames, which are created by joining the surnames of parents together to denote 'lineage succession', e.g. Zhang (father's surname) + Yang (mother's surname) = Zhangyang. There are two ways to write Chinese names in pinyin or English. One is to write the Chinese surname in capitals followed by the first name with only an initial capital (e.g. ZHANG San, WANG Laowu). GCP adopts this usage for all names of Chinese individuals from the mainland. Another way is to write the surname first, without full capitalization, followed by the first name, such as Zhang Yimou. In accordance with convention and increasingly common usage in the West, GCP renders some well-known names, especially those of politicians or social celebrities, in this way.

**GCP style rules including rendering Chinese–English dual languages:** for example, the Times New Roman typeface cannot display certain Chinese pinyin characters in a standardized Chinese way. The 'á' in pinyin 'diyuán' (地緣 geography) looks different from the italic 'dìyuán'. This letter always appears the same in the roman or italic instances of the GB-PINYIN-D font commonly used in the Chinese publishing industry. Nevertheless, GCP still uses Times New Roman to represent pinyin characters.

Currently, GCP is applying the house style and rules to all existing publications. The standardized publications will be uploaded to the GCP website, and printed copies will be sent to UK deposit libraries. All DOI numbers will be submitted to Crossref. Completing this task is expected to take one year.

At GCP, every journal or book is a transcultural product. This process is carried through every step of production. The transcultural partnership between authors, editors, copyeditors, proofreaders, graphic designers, and typesetters is at the heart of GCP's model and exemplifies everything that GCP and GCA strive for. These transcultural products showcase how GCA contributes to global academia and participates in building a global society.

**GCP's policies:** in 2023 GCP also completed development of our policies. They are not unique, but feature our own characteristics. They are now available in the [Our Policies](#) section of our new website:

- [Privacy and GDPR policy](#)
- [Copyright policy](#)
- [Open access policy](#)
- [Editorial policy](#)
- [ChatGPT and AI policy](#)
- [Cookies policy](#)

The Privacy and GDPR policy and the Cookies policy are shared across the GCP and GCA websites.

### **[3. Global China Academy Centre / Fellows' Home](#)**

The year 2023 marked the 10th anniversary of the Global China Academy (GCA), which was founded in 2013 as CCPN Global. GCA's operations are supported through outsourcing to experts in various fields, such as website design and maintenance, graphic design, translation, copy editing and more. Additionally, individuals who align with our academic and social missions significantly contribute on a voluntary basis. As an independent non-profit academic institution, our independence is evident in the transparency of our funding sources, which are available for scrutiny by anyone at any time, and in Global Century Press's commitment to publishing uncensored work on China.

One of the panels of the [7th Global China Dialogue \(GCD\)](#) was '[Reforming the Institutions](#)'. Professor [Martin Albrow](#) 马丁·阿尔布劳, Funding and Past Honorary President of GCA, encouraged the GCA to reform itself into a sustainable institution. In addition to leveraging existing publication revenues, GCD-based income and small fellowship subscriptions, in 2023 we initiated our own version of a 'reform and opening-up policy' which encompasses 'outreach and invitation', following consultation and approval from the GCA Board of



Trustees. This innovative policy involves utilizing the property occupied by the GCA Centre to create funding opportunities through extensive networking (see Part II or click [here](#) for details).

The GCA Centre, also known as the Fellows' Home, is a residential house in Northwest London, not used by a family. The photos below detail the [exterior and interior of the property and facilities](#).



Driveway and garden suitable for functions and parties, which can be held in all weathers, day and night.



Function rooms



Libraries



Galleries





There are 9 bedrooms. 3 studios: one with a double bed (top), one with two small twin beds (bottom), and one with a single bed (middle).



2 double bedrooms: one with a king-size bed (top) and one with a small double bed (bottom), each en-suite  
 1 twin bedroom (top), 1 double bedroom (bottom), and 2 single bedrooms, all with a shared toilet and shower room.



Kitchen and Dining area

The owner of the house has never charged anyone for its use and never will. Previous uses have included free accommodation for speakers and participants of our events, volunteer work for GCA, and a one-week stay for GCA Fellows (see Benefit No. 10 of [Fellowship Benefits](#)). Since 2023, we have received donations for uses unrelated to GCA purposes and for exchanges with other resources for the benefit of GCA. The Centre features a library with over 6,000 books and nine bedrooms some with en-suite facilities. We welcome both GCA Fellows and other visitors. For all enquiries regarding the use of the Centre or Fellow's Home for accommodation, functions, or other events, please complete the 'Contact Us' form at the end of the [GCA homepage](#).



The Course



The Clubhouse



Members Snooker Bar



The Gardiner Room



The Upper Lounge Bar



The Molloy Suite



Leg of Mutton Pond



View from footpath to Barnet Road



Nut Wood near Leg of Mutton Pond



Fields on Mote End Farm are used to keep horses for its livery stables



Rising Sun Farm Camping site

The Global China Academy Centre sits just inside the Green Belt that encircles London and, being 10 miles from central London, is away from the immediate hustle and bustle of traffic. Within a few minutes' walking distance from the Centre are attractions such as the [Mill Hill Golf Club](#), [Moat Mount Open Space](#), [Moat Mount Outdoor Centre](#) and [Scratchwood](#). The GCA website provides [additional information](#) and details for [planning visits](#) to the GCA Centre, which aims to offer a comprehensive and welcoming environment for all visitors. The website also describes [five 'walk and talk' routes in the neighbourhood of the Centre](#).

To reach the Centre, several commuting options are available. We offer free local pick-up and can also arrange transport to and from airports. Please schedule your visit in advance by completing the 'Contact Us' form at the end of the [GCA homepage](#).

Click [here](#) for more details.



## Part II. GCA Activities on Academic and Social Missions

Part II of the report details, in chronological order, our efforts to promote academic exchange, research dissemination and cultural communication, along with some reform-related activities, outcomes and potential long-term benefits, all contributing to our academic and social missions.



In early **January**, during her trip to Seoul, GCA's President, Professor [Xiangqun Chang](#) 常向群, met with GCA Life Fellow Korean sociologist Professor [HAN Sang-Jin](#) 韩相震 from Seoul National University, and his wife, Professor Shim Young-Hee from Hanyang University (left photo above), at Dongmyeong. Professor Han, who is also the Chairman of the Joongmin Foundation for Social Theory (JMF) and the Europe-Asia Research Network (EARN), reminisced about their productive field visit to the Qinghe Community in Beijing in 2016, alongside Professor Martin Albrow, Founding and Past Honorary President of GCA. This visit was organized by the GCA Council's former Chinese Chair, Professor [LI Qiang](#) 李强 (1949-2023), then Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Tsinghua University and President of the Chinese Sociological Association.

At the [4th Global China Dialogue](#) in 2017, Professor Han presented a paper titled 'A Cosmopolitan Interpretation of Fei Xiaotong's Study of Chinese Culture: How Company Can Work for the Cultural Project of the Belt and Road'. While in London, he and Professor Shim had conducted an interview with Professor Lord Anthony Giddens 安东尼·吉登斯, their third interview with Giddens over the past three decades. These interviews were all published in *Confucianism and Reflexive Modernity* (2019). During the COVID-19 pandemic, Professor Han led a research project that conducted three rounds of global survey questionnaires related to COVID-19 and citizens' lives, covering 33 metropolitan cities in the world.





From **April 4–11**, Professor Xiangqun Chang took part in various academic activities in China, including lectures, seminars and a notable international conference, all held at prestigious universities. These events focused on China’s path to modernization and the pursuit of common human values. Professor Chang presented on topics such as corpus-assisted global governance analysis, social science methodologies in the big data era and the contribution of Chinese social sciences to global knowledge. The activities underscored the importance of interdisciplinary research, the impact of big data on social sciences and the potential for international academic collaboration.

*Above top row photos from left to right:* At Xiamen University, Professor Chang delivered a talk titled ‘Realization of Goal-Oriented Cooperative Projects Promoting the Common Value of Mankind’ at the International Conference: Chinese Path to Modernization and Pursuit of Humanity’s Common Values at Xiamen University. At Wuhan University, she gave a lecture on ‘A Corpus-Assisted Social Scientific Approach: A Textual Analysis Methodology in the Era of Big Data’ at the School of Sociology and Marxist School. A seminar at the Centre for Media Development Studies at Xiamen University discussed the same topic.

*Second photo in the centre row right and photos in the bottom row:* Professor Chang delivered a seminar titled ‘How Chinese Social Sciences Contribute to the Construction of Humanity’s Edifice of Knowledge’ to the faculty of the Sociology Department. Later, she presented a lecture to the faculty and students of the Sociology Department on ‘A Text Analysis Method in the Era of Big Data: Corpus-Assisted Research Based on Case Studies’ at Nakai University. Professor [ZHU Huanglei](#) 朱光磊 (Middle in white in the bottom right photo) participated in the lecture.

Professor Xiangqun Chang’s academic activities in China highlighted the crucial interplay between modernization, common human values and the transformative power of big data in social sciences and construction of human knowledge. Click [here](#) for more details.



From **April 18–21**, Professor Chang engaged in a series of academic lectures, seminars and exchanges across prestigious institutions in Beijing, delving into topics such as the corpus-assisted analysis of ‘reciprocity’ (*lishang-wanglai*), the contributions of Chinese social sciences and the application of big data in textual analysis within social sciences. These activities highlighted potential collaborations, the integration of digital tools in research and the pivotal role of Chinese social sciences in global governance and knowledge dissemination.’

*Above top row photos from left to right:* Professor Chang delivered a lecture at Beijing University of Technology, focusing on ‘The Realization of Goal-Oriented Cooperative Projects, Promoting the Common

Value of Mankind: A Corpus-Assisted Analysis of ‘reciprocity’ (*lishang-wanglai 互适*). Later, she gave a lecture at the Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), titled ‘A Text Analysis Method in the Era of Big Data: Corpus-Assisted Research Based on Case Studies’.

*Centre row photos from left to right:* Short meeting at the Ministry of Education’s Research Base – Centre for Sociology Theory and Methodology at Renmin University of China. The Centre Director had been promoted to Vice-President of Renmin University in October. Seminar on the same topic as the CASS lecture.

*Bottom row photos from left to right:* Meeting at the Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University, with Professor HAN Sang-Jin from Seoul National University, focusing on discussions about potential collaboration. Additionally, the sad passing in December of Professor LI Qiang, former Dean of the School of Social Sciences and the Chinese Chair of the GCA Council, was noted. Academic exchanges and a visit to the Institute of Public Communication at the School of Journalism, Renmin University of China. A meeting at Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) with Professor XU Baofeng to develop collaborative projects. A meeting over dinner with Professor [GU Yueguo](#) 顾曰国 and his wife, Professor LAN Chun 蓝纯, who are both Executive Editors of Global Century Press academic journals.

Professor Chang’s efforts bridge cultural and disciplinary divides, enriching the global academic community with valuable insights from Chinese social sciences. Click [here](#) for more details.



In addition to her academic activities, Professor Xiangqun Chang also carried out activities to fulfil GCA’s social mission. These included attending meetings and visiting sponsors of the Global China Dialogues series, demonstrating her commitment to advancing global dialogue and collaboration in various fields.

*Above left photo:* A meeting at the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies (ACCWS) to advance GCA’s social mission, focusing on the 8th Global China Dialogue on Governance for Global Health. Discussions highlighted global challenges and emphasized collaboration. The *Journal of Contemporary China and World Studies* agreed to sponsor the event, pending a report on Governance for Global Health.

*Centre and right photos:* Meetings and visits to two sponsors of the Global China Dialogues series: Xueshuzhi, an academic platform, and Xueshuwan, a tech enterprise. Both reaffirmed their support and offered services for broadcasting and recording dialogues. Click [here](#) for more details.

From **17 April** to **early May**, GCA Council Chair, Professor [Tony McEnergy](#) 托尼·迈肯里 FAcSS, Distinguished Professor of Lancaster University, was appointed as a Distinguished Chair Professor at Xi’an Jiaotong University (XJTU). A renowned expert in corpus linguistics, he engaged in various academic activities including inaugurating the ‘McEnergy Corpus Research Centre’ at XJTU’s School of Foreign Languages and delivering insightful lectures at several universities. These lectures, covering topics such as ‘Language Matters’, ‘Corpus Linguistics, Learner Corpora, and Second Language Acquisition’ and the application of corpus linguistics in the era of ‘Big Data’, highlighted the dynamic and evolving nature of corpus linguistics and its potential to tackle complex social issues, emphasizing the importance of continuous innovation and critical evaluation in research methods.

*Above top row photos:* Ceremony of appointment of Professor McEnergy to Distinguished Chair Professor at XJTU. Vice President XI Guang presented him with a certificate and unveiled the McEnergy Corpus Research Centre at XJTU. Professor McEnergy then delivered a lecture titled ‘Language Matters’, emphasizing the importance of language in society and demonstrating innovative linguistic research methods. The lecture concluded with a Q&A session involving faculty and students.

*Centre row photo from left to right:* Professor Tony McEnergy gave a lecture at the School of Foreign Studies of XJTU. Later, he delivered a speech titled ‘Corpus Linguistics: Past, Present, and Future’. Professor McEnergy gave an academic report titled ‘Language Matters’ at the School of Foreign Languages of Zhejiang Gongshang University, in a session chaired by Professor [QIAN Yufang](#) 钱毓芳.





Bottom row photos from left to right: Professor McEnery delivered a lecture titled ‘Language Matters’ at Shanghai International Studies University, hosted by Professor HU Kaibao. He later gave an academic lecture titled ‘Discourse, Language Learning, and Learner Corpora’ at the School of Foreign Studies, Xi’an Jiaotong University, as part of the ‘High-End International Expert Masterclass Series’. Click [here](#) for more details.



On **May 5**, during Dr [Grace Yuan Cheng](#) 程原’s visit to the UK, the GCA Board of Trustees held a hybrid meeting, chaired by Ingrid Cranfield. [Charles Grant](#) 查尔斯·格兰特 participated online. The second photo from the left above shows, from left to right, Dr [Thomas Clarke](#) 托马斯·科拉克, Dr [Frances Wood](#) 吴芳思, [Ingrid Cranfield](#) 英格丽德·克兰菲尔德, Dr Yuan Cheng and Professor Xiangqun Chang.

On **May 11**, Professor Xiangqun Chang presented four copies of the mainland Chinese edition of *China and the Shared Human Future: Exploring Common Values and Goals* to the author, Professor Martin Albow, on behalf of the China National Publications Import & Export (Group) Co. Ltd., which co-developed this publication project with GCP. She also presented four copies of the English edition of the book published by Global Century Press (shown in the third and fourth photos above).



On **May 23**, Professor Xiangqun Chang was invited to give a presentation at the inaugural China-Focused Research Forum hosted by SOAS, University of London. This event was organised by the student societies of SOAS, LSE and King’s College London. Dr Lianyi Song 宋连谊, Principal Teaching Fellow in the



Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at SOAS (third from the right in the third photo above), oversaw the proceedings. Dr Song is one of the founding editors of the [Journal of Chinese for Social Science](#) (JCSS), which GCP publishes. This forum represented a good opportunity to foster engagement among students dedicated to China studies and the learning of the Chinese language. Sam Hardy (third from the left in the third photo above), chaired the forum. The attendees included two Chinese sociologists among the four Chinese Visiting Fellows. They are notable for being the first Visiting Fellows from China after the COVID pandemic.



From **4–10 July**, the GCA Centre welcomed guests from Hong Kong and Macau. While the GCA Centre has previously hosted speakers and participants for GCA events, offering free accommodation in exchange for volunteer work, this occasion marked the first time it was opened to GCA friends for networking purposes, aiming to fulfil both our academic and social missions. Introduced by Professor Chang’s golfing friend, Kai Liang 梁凯, an Ambassador of the Hampton Court Golf Club and Director of Business Development of MEL Science (second from the left in the first photo above), Dr Pu Zhai 翟普, President for Ascendant Capital Partners (Asia) Limited, Hong Kong (on the right in the first photo) and his daughters were accommodated by the Centre. Dr Zhai introduced some of his friends, including guests from Macau (third from the right in the first photo), Singapore (first and second on the left in the second photo) and London, including Dr Chen and her husband (first and second from the left in the right photo) and Dr Frank Guo 郭凯军, Chairman of New Beacon Group, later became sponsor of the [8<sup>th</sup> Global China Dialogue](#) (in the centre of the second photo).

Also in **July**, Dr Guo (centre in the fourth photo) attended a meeting with DU Yichao 杜烽超, who visited the UK in preparation for the Wuxi City delegation in August. He is Director of the Wuxi Institute of New Culture, a PhD student of UCL and GCA Associate.



On **July 19**, Professor Xiangqun Chang visited the home of Mr Mark Lee, GCA’s Graphic Designer, and Mrs Sarah Lee, GCA’s Librarian (both in the second photo above), in Sheffield. In addition to discussing GCA’s work, they enjoyed playing hide and seek in their ‘secret garden’ and explored unique rooms with different colours and their work studio. During their visit after the 7th Global China Dialogue in 2021, they contributed to the development of the [GCA Centre’s five ‘walk and talk’ routes](#) and enjoyed Routes 1 and 2. A few days later, Professor Chang hosted a farewell meal for the retired GCA Administrative Manager, Zhufeng Sheng (left in the fourth photo).



On **July 22**, the two Chinese sociologists whom Professor Chang had met at SOAS in May visited the GCA Centre. They were Dr QIN Chen (standing in the picture in the first photo above), Associate Professor at Hohai University, and Dr YUE Shaohua (pictured with his family of four in the first photo), Associate Research Fellow at the Jiangsu Academy of Social Sciences. Dr Yue’s wife, Dr ZHANG Haihua, is a Visiting Fellow at LSE from Nanjing Agricultural University. All of them graduated from Nanjing University under the supervision of either Professor SONG Linfei, former President of the Jiangsu Academy of Social Sciences

and the Chinese Sociological Association, or Professor ZHOU Xiaohong, the founding Dean of the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences at Nanjing University. They enjoyed our ‘walk and talk’ route 2.



From 6–8 August, Mr Kai Liang attended a meeting with DU Yichao at the GCA Centre in preparation for the Wuxi (London) Promotion Conference scheduled for August 9. The following day, Professor Chang met Mr David Liu, Manager of the Brocket Hall Golf Club, and Mr Kai Liang and his son to discuss preparations for the 8th Global China Dialogue: Governance for Global Health. A few days later, David Liu 刘大为’s family and relatives visited the GCA Centre. They all shared GCA’s social mission and expressed their support for GCD II. David Liu later became GCA’s Domestic Manager.



On August 9, supported by UCL Global Engagement and accompanied by DU Yichao, Professor Chang met with a delegation from Wuxi’s Economic Development Zone at the UCL Global Business School for Health (GBSH) at UCL East. Professor Adam Dubis and his colleagues provided a guided tour to the guests. During the meeting, Professor Dubis introduced GBSH’s focus on health-related business education, while Director YANG Jianping highlighted the role of Wuxi’s Economic Development Zone in technological innovation and healthcare advancement.

Later, GCA and GBSH colleagues met at the Four Seasons Hotel to attend the Wuxi (London) Promotion Conference, co-organized by the China–Britain Business Council (CBBC). Dr Michael Spence AC (left in the top row photo), President and Provost of UCL, conveyed his best wishes for the successful collaboration between the parties involved. Professor Martin Albrow (centre in the top row photo) delivered a speech praising Wuxi’s rich history, cultural heritage and economic development, positioning it as a globally significant city and highlighting the potential for collaboration between Wuxi and London. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by representatives from UCL, GCA and Wuxi’s Economic Development Zone, focusing on global health innovation collaboration. Group photos included significant figures such as Sir Charles Bowman, DU Xiaogang 杜小刚 and Professor Martin Albrow. In a thank you letter, DU Xiaogang expressed gratitude to Professor Albrow for his support and highlighted the successful outcomes of the Wuxi Economic and Trade Delegation’s visit to the UK. The letter acknowledged GCA’s role in enhancing Sino–British relations and invited further collaboration.





From **September 10–11**, LI Li 李黎, the Founder and Honorary Curator of the Guangzhou Thirteen Hongs Museum, spent two days at the GCA Fellows' Home. She is a Visiting Fellow at the Fitzwilliam Museum and a Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge. The museum is located on the historical site of the Qing Dynasty trading posts in Guangzhou. It houses more than 6,600 artifacts, highlighting Guangzhou's significant role in the ancient Maritime Silk Road and its exclusive maritime trade with Europe and America. A large number of Western-style products that incorporate Chinese elements showcase the shared beauty between China and the West during the 18th and 19th centuries, representing the outcomes of transcultural exchange. Their importance today highlights the early stages of globalization, emphasizing the critical importance of mutual understanding and cooperation in shaping a global society, international relations, and trade. During LI Li's stay, she and Professor Chang visited the British Library, attended the 'China's Hidden Century' exhibition at the British Museum, and played golf at Bocket Hall.



On **September 13**, some GCA colleagues gathered socially at the GCA Centre and Mill Hill Golf Club. Professor Martin Albrow (left in the second photo above) discussed his upcoming trip to China. Professor Xiangqun Chang shared her experiences of adopting a new lifestyle of living alone in an 'empty nest' and 'living with separation' (Charles Stafford, 2003), after her husband, Dr Thomas Clarke (GCA Trustee, on the right in the first photo), moved to his father's house after the COVID-19 and decided to stay there even after his father's passing. Dr Frances Wood (second from the left in both photos) shared her knowledge about the history of the Guangzhou Thirteen Hongs and expressed appreciation that GCP was considering publishing an oral history of Isabel Crook (1915–2023), who she knew very well.



In **October 13**, Professor Chang and David Liu were invited by LI Li to attend Lucy's Festival of Giving, where they met Dr Xin Fan 范鑫 (second from the right in the first photo above), a 'global citizen' who has studied and taught at universities in China, Germany, the USA and the UK. He serves as Director of Studies in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES) and as a Teaching Associate in Modern Chinese History at the



Faculty of AMES. Professor Chang and Dr Jane Greatorex (on the left in the first photo) exchanged their details. She is a Senior Tutor, Graduate and Undergraduate Tutor, Director of Studies in Pre-Clinical Part II Veterinary Medicine, and Honorary Scientist at Public Health England. The event provided a valuable opportunity for networking and sharing insights among professionals from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds.



From **October 15–25**, Professor Martin Albrow visited China with a programme customized according to personal preferences and institutional invitations, supported by the Embassy of the PRC in London, the Global China Academy and the School of Journalism and Communication at Tsinghua University.

*Above top row photos:* On October 16, after being greeted by GAO Anming, the Deputy President of the China International Publishing Group, YU Yunquan, Director of the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, and LI Yunkai, President of New World Press, which published Professor Albrow’s books, a seminar took place on China and the shared human future.

*Above second row of photos from left to right:* A seminar on the Belt and Road Initiative and global governance, arranged by GCA, the School of Journalism and Communication at Tsinghua University and the Shanghai International Corporation Association of SMEs; a seminar presentation on ‘The Rise and Present Prospects of Globalization Discourse’ at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS); and a lecture on ‘The Decline of the West’ at Renmin University.



*Above third row of photos from left to right: Keynote speech ‘Contribution of Chinese Modernization to World Development’ at the ‘Dialogue between China and the World – 2nd International Forum on Chinese Modernization in Global Perspective’ and panel discussions at Renmin University.*

*Above fourth row photos from left to right: Lecture on ‘Towards a Human Community of a Shared Future’ at the School of Journalism and Communication, Tsinghua University; roundtable discussions at the 8th China Global Think Tank Innovation, organized by the Centre for China and Globalization and the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, in partnership with China-West Dialogue, USA.*

Professor Albrow’s visit to China, featuring a series of engaging seminars and lectures, highlighted the importance of international dialogue and collaboration.

Click [here](#) for more details.



From **October 27–29**, Professor Tony McEnery hosted and took part in the ‘International Conference on Frontiers of Corpus-based Interdisciplinary Research’ at Xi’an Jiaotong University’s School of Foreign Studies. The event, co-organized by several prestigious institutions, featured plenary speeches from renowned scholars including Professor McEnery and others from around the world. McEnery emphasized the evolution of corpus linguistics and the importance of exploring beyond current limitations, while Professor QIANG Yufang, GCA Associate Fellow, highlighted the growing acceptance of traditional Chinese medicine in the West, despite existing scepticism, and suggested ways to improve its international understanding. The conference consisted of 14 sub-forums covering various interdisciplinary applications of corpus research. It attracted over ten leading experts in corpus research and participants from more than 110 universities globally, facilitating rich discussions and the exchange of innovative ideas.

Click [here](#) for more details.



From **October 27–29**, during the Asian Art in London event, the GCA Centre welcomed Fellows and guests from Cambridge. The distinguished visitors included LI Li, Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College (LCC); Alison Vinnicombe, Praelector, Registrar, Archivist and Dean of Discipline LCC; Dr James Lin, Curator of the Asia



Department at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge; Jeni Kong, Trustee of the Confucius Better World Foundation and daughter-in-law to the 78th generation descendant of Confucius, notably the only person of non-Chinese ethnicity; Rory Hutton, Designer at Rory Hutton Ltd; and Dr Kim Yahya, Principal Scientist at WaveBreak. David Liu played a key role in hosting the event. This was the first time the GCA Centre had received guests for non-GCA events. A total of eight individuals from eight different disciplines and five ethnic backgrounds came together, united by their shared interests. The discussions were lively and engaging.



From **November 7–10**, Dr Yuan Cheng (second from the right in the first photo above), a GCA Trustee, visited the UK. Coincidentally, she is a friend with Dr Pu Zhai from the Oxbridge Alumni Network. Following Dr Zhai's recommendation in early July during his stay at the GCA Centre, Dr Cheng and Professor Chang met Dr Cheng and Professor Chang together with David Liu (on the right in the first photo) met with some professionals, including Alan Fang 方宏 (a lawyer who later became GCA Legal adviser, second from the left in the first photo), his wife Katie Zheng 郑凯蒂 (a solicitor who later became GCA Administrative Manager, on the left in the first photo), Dr Ian Zhu (an accountant, on the right in the second photo), and Terry Ho (an accountant, second left in the third photo). Many of them attended the 'Rory Hutton: Gardening in Linocut' exhibition, where they recognized elements of Chinese culture in the linocuts.



On **December 7**, participants and volunteers of the 8th Global China Dialogue (GCD VIII) delighted in preparing snacks and cakes for the Tea Party scheduled at Lucy Cavendish College's 'Fellows' Home' – Marshall House. Wang Conghan, a PhD candidate from Zhejiang Gongshang University (rightmost in the first photo), and Sha Yuze, a PhD candidate from Lancaster University (pictured in the second photo), created a Christmas Tree Cheese Ball Appetizer. Additionally, a volunteer from China assisted in making an Italian Pandoro Christmas Tree Cake.





On **December 8**, speakers Professor [LI Linxue](#) 李麟学 and Dr [QIAN Zhenhua](#) 钱振华 and volunteers of Global China Dialogue VIII visited the University of Oxford and were warmly welcomed by GCA Fellows. Their agenda included a meeting at Christ Church College with Professor Maria Jaschok, GCA Life Fellow, a visit to the Bodleian Library and the Dickson Poon University of Oxford China Centre, and tea at the home of Professor Robin Cohen. Click [here](#) for more details.

Professor Cohen, a Life Fellow of the GCA, kindly donated ten books, each signed by him, to the GCA library. This collection spans topics such as global migration, cultural diversity and the dynamics of international relations, enriching the GCA's resources for research and education in sociology and related disciplines. The donated books included *Modernities in Northeast Asia*, *Global Diasporas: An Introduction*, and *Refugia: Radical Solutions to Mass Displacement*. Click [here](#) for more details.



Also on **December 8**, The 8th Global China Dialogue – Governance for Global Health was held, and the Global China Academy celebrated its 10th Anniversary (see Part III and Click [here](#) for more details).



On **December 9**, the Global China Academy (GCA) delegation visited Lucy Cavendish College (LCC) at the University of Cambridge and received a warm reception. The GCA emblem was placed at various locations, including outside Warburton Hall (top row, left two photos). The top right photo shows the delegation, which consisted of GCA staff, speakers and volunteers of GCD VIII, alongside LCC staff.

*Middle row photos, from left to right:* Professor Dame Madeleine Atkins, President of LCC, gave a presentation (centre row above, left and centre photos) and Professor Xiangqun Chang and Dr QIAN Zhenhua presented gifts to Dame Atkins (centre row, right photo). After the presentation, Professor Chang highlighted the global vision and commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals outlined in the GCD brochure, demonstrating the shared interests between GCA and LCC, which also included fostering future global leaders and innovators with entrepreneurial mindsets, dedicated to making a positive impact on humanity and the planet.

*Bottom row photos, from left to right:* Dr Jane Greatorex of LCC (third from the left in the first photo) with a guest at Marshall House; Jeni Kong (on the left in the second photo) with some GCA staff; and the Christmas Tree Cheese Ball Appetizer and Italian Pandoro Christmas Tree Cake made by our volunteers. The sketch of the rugged tree, drawn by Professor [LI Linxue](#) during his visit to Cambridge, symbolizes resilience and steadfastness, enduring values shared by GCA and LCC. Click [here](#) for more details.



From **December 11–12**, the GCA Council's Co-Chair, Dr Qian Zhenhua, President of the Shanghai International Cooperation Association of SMEs visited the UK. In addition to participating in the 8th Global China Dialogue and celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Global China Academy, we also arranged some academic visits and meetings.

*Above left photo:* Professor Martin Albrow and Professor Lord Anthony Giddens met to discuss COP28, held in Dubai in 2023, focusing on energy transitions, climate finance and the first Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement. Dr Qian, who received a copy of Giddens's book, mentioned his company's eco-friendly practices and efforts to promote sustainability.

*Above centre photo:* Dr Qian met with GCA Treasurer Dr Thomas Clarke to discuss China's complex global relationships, including Taiwan, South China Sea disputes and its influence on ASEAN countries. They explored the challenges facing democracy, such as nationalism and misinformation, and China's role in global progress.

*Above right photo:* Professor Xiangqun Chang and Dr Qian visited the Centre for European Reform (CER) in Westminster and met Director Charles Grant, a GCA Trustee. The CER analyses European integration and the geopolitical dynamics involving China and Asia, focusing on China's global influence and its effects on Europe and the Indo-Pacific. The discussions highlighted the importance of strategic European responses to China and cooperation with Asian nations for regional stability. Grant mentioned his connections with China's academic circles and Dr Qian suggested organizing a collaborative conference in Shanghai on shared interests.

Click [here](#) for more details.

On **December 12**, we were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Professor LI Qiang, aged 73, in Beijing, following an illness that did not respond to treatment. Professor LI was a Founding Fellow of the GCA, Chinese Chair of the GCA Council, and Distinguished Professor at Tsinghua University, China.

Following his passing, Professor [XIE Lizhong](#) 谢立中, Chinese President of the GCA, and Professor Xiangqun Chang, President, sent a joint letter of condolence, and Professor Martin Albrow, Founding and Past Honorary President, also wrote a letter of condolence with Professor Chang, expressing both personal and institutional grief. Professor LI Qiang's wife, ZHANG Hua, mentioned that Professor Li Qiang had been battling health issues exacerbated by repeated COVID-19 infections over the past year. She expressed her heartbreak over his sudden passing and resolved to celebrate his life and legacy.





Renowned for his contributions to sociology, Professor LI authored over 20 books and 260 academic papers, leaving a lasting impact on his field. His roles included Lifetime Professor at Tsinghua University and leader in various academic societies. Tributes from colleagues and students alike reflect his profound influence and the significant void his departure creates in the academic community. Professor LI's intellectual legacy, his compassionate heart and his unwavering dedication to sociology and education will be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him and learning from him.

The photo on the right was taken in 2007 during Professor LI Qian's visit to the UK. He is pictured in front of a giant pine tree, which in Chinese culture symbolizes longevity and immortality, resilience and steadfastness, and purity and integrity. In our hearts, he will be remembered much like the enduring spirit of the pine tree. Click [here](#) for more details.

Recommended by the Chinese President of Global China Academy, XIE Lizhong FGCA, Professor of Peking University, Professor [BING Zheng](#) 郟正, Life Fellow of GCA, former Vice-President of Jilin University, has been appointed as Chinese Chair of the GCA Council. In his video greetings for the 10th Anniversary of the Global China Academy on December 8, 2023, Professor Bing said,

‘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 for 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.’ Click [here](#) for more details.

The passing of Professor LI Qiang, a founding figure of the GCA, was a moment of profound loss but also a time to honour his legacy and contributions to sociology and the GCA's development. His memory, like the symbolic resilience of the pine tree he admired, will continue to inspire the GCA community. As the GCA moves forward, it remains dedicated to enriching academic discourse, promoting global health outcomes and bridging cultural divides. The appointment of Professor BING Zheng as the new Chinese Chair of the GCA Council underscores a continued commitment to academic excellence and global collaboration.

The GCA's activities in 2023 affirm its role as a pivotal platform for advancing global understanding and cooperation, setting a strong foundation for future achievements and collaborations.

## Part III: The 8th Global China Dialogue — Governance for Global Health and the Global China Academy’s 10th Anniversary

I/II The 8th Global China Dialogue — Governance for Global Health,  
Friday, 08:30-17:00, 8 December 2023 at the British Academy

The 8th Global China Dialogue forum – ‘Governance for Global Health’ held at the British Academy on Friday, 8 December. The Reception and Dinner will be hosted at the Houses of Lords, in the UK Parliament that evening.

The Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 revealed many weaknesses in our health care 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 co-operation to deal with transnational challenges has never been greater.

The theme of the 8th Global China Dialogue is ‘Governance for Global Health’. It will explore 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.

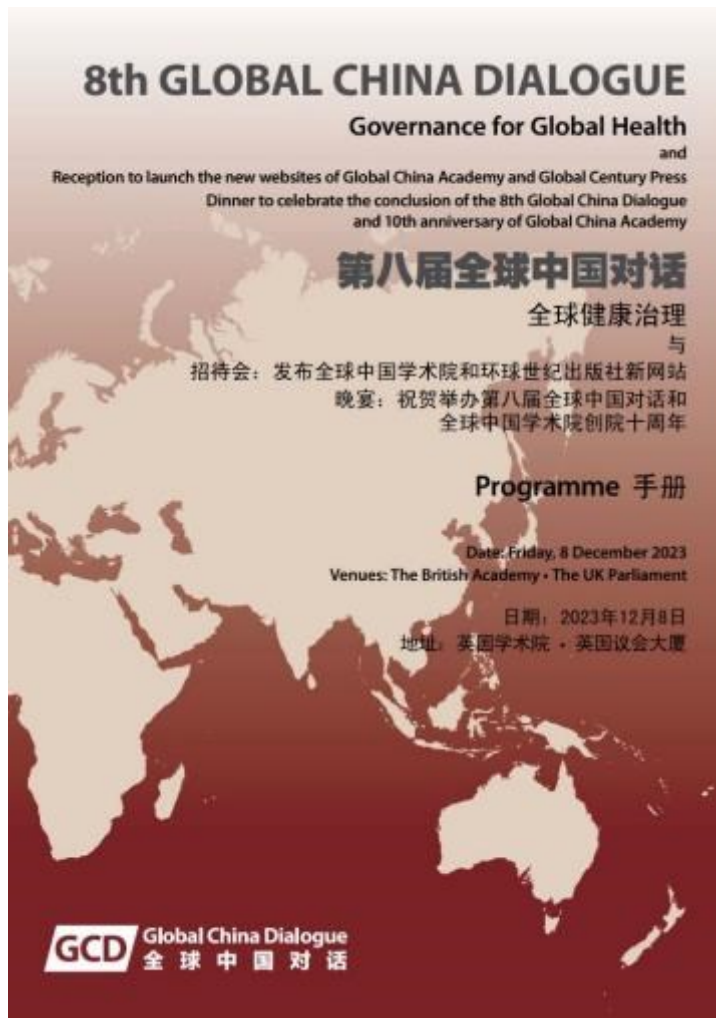
The Healthy China 2030 strategy emphasizes the need to develop the health sector in China. China has also instituted significant regulatory reforms in the health sector, while considering healthcare in the new global governance framework.

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. Click [here](#) to download GCD8 brochure.

### Opening session

Greetings from political and academic figures

**Chair:** Professor [Tony McEnergy](#) 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 in the UK, said that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on global public health and the 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 the 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 include basic information from the keynote speeches, each panel discussion, closing remarks, 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 preserve the dynamic dialogue for interested readers, regardless of whether they participated in the GCD VIII forum.

## Keynotes speeches:



‘Global Governance and Health: Navigating the Complex Landscape’, Professor [Nora Colton](#) 诺拉·科尔顿教授视频 (top photos), Director of UCL Global Business School for Health (online greeting, the presentation was delivered by Professor Colton’s colleague Professor Kabir Sheikh (left right in bottom photo) 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 (left in bottom photo) 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 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 dual languages).
- ‘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 (the 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:** Chair: Professor Paul Baker 保罗·贝克教授, Department: 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 and have 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** (left and right):

- ‘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. He highlighted the interdisciplinary and engaging discussions 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 at the 8th Global China Dialogue was delivered in Chinese. He focuses on the imperative of open cooperation and building a global health community. He discusses 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 emphasizes the role of think tanks, universities, and research institutions in knowledge sharing and collaborative research to enhance global health governance. He advocates for a common health community, emphasizing sovereign equality, equity, and the consideration of vulnerable groups' rights and well-being. Fan also highlights China's contributions to global health governance and calls 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 during the GCD VIII.





Networking during registration, tea/ coffee breaks and lunch time









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

## Reception 1/2: 19:00-19:30 Drinks and networking





## Reception 2/2: 19:30-19:50 Launch 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 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



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

### Dinner 1/3: 20:10-20:25 (After starter) Speeches



**Chair:** 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)



**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 2/3: 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 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 (left in photo).

**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 (middle in photo); 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 in photo)

#### Presentation of certificates to GCA institutional Fellows

**Presenter:** Professor [Xiangqun Chang](#) 常向群教授 FRSA FGCA, President of Global China Academy, Honorary Professor of University College London (2015-20); Distinguished Professor of Nankai University of China





**GCA Institutional Fellows 院士单位 recipients:** The UCL Global Business School for Health (GBSH), UK. Recipient: Professor Simcha Jong 辛查·钟教授, GBSH representative (left in photo); 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; The College of Arts and Media at Tongji University, China. Recipient: Professor LI Xuelin 李麟学教授, CAM representative

**Presentation of certificates to GCA Council member:**

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



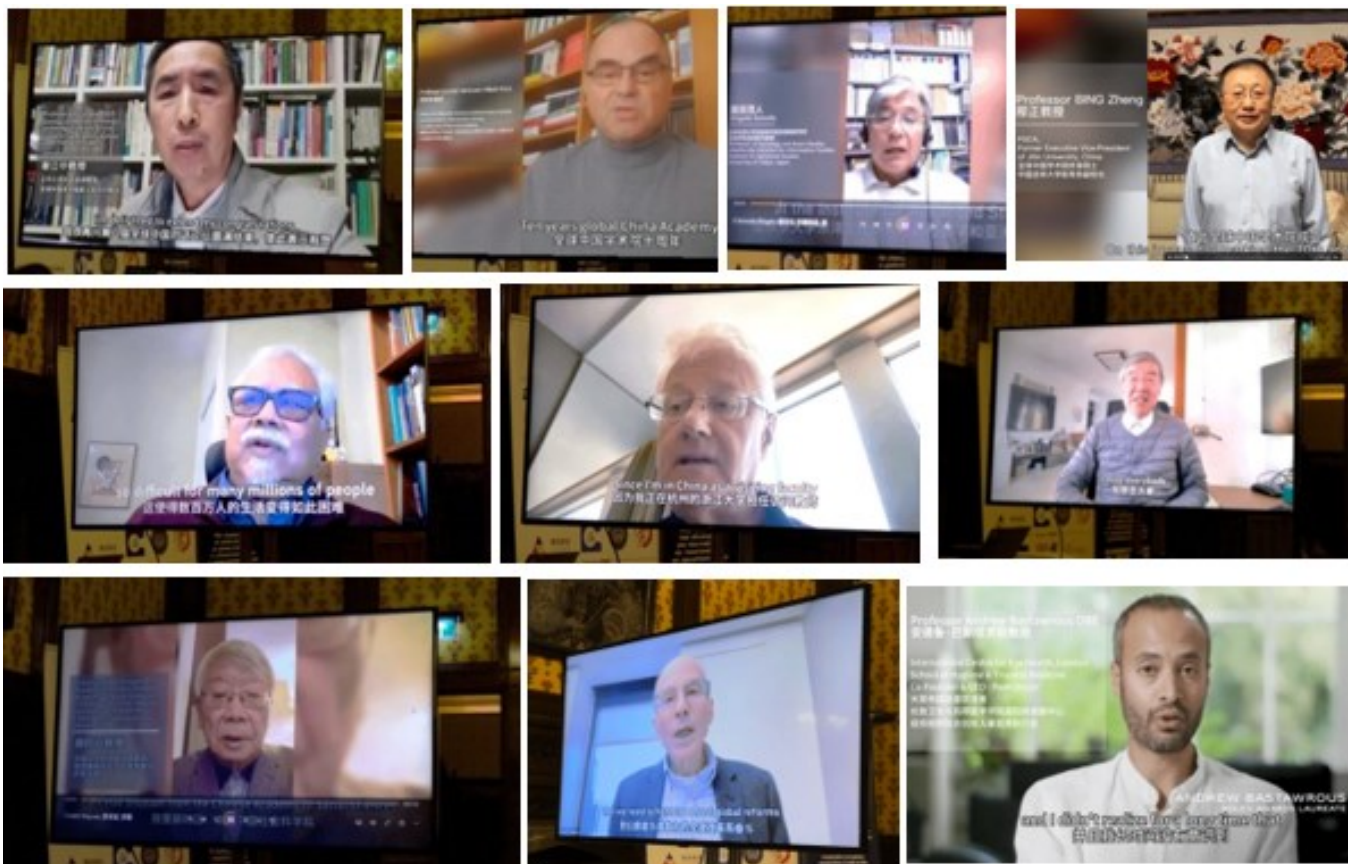
**Recipient:** Dr [QIAN Zhenhua](#) 钱振华博士, Co-Chair of Global China Academy Council

**Dinner 3/3: 21:15-21:25 (After dessert) Greeting messages and videos**



**Chair:** Professor [Tony McEnery](#) 托尼·麦肯尼教授, Chair of Global China Academy Council, reading greeting messages & watching videos from absent GCA Fellows and GCD 8 speakers (left in photo)

**Messages:** from Professor [KOMAI Hiroshi](#) 驹井 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.**

**Absent GCA Fellows include:** 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 (middle 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 (middle 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 (middle 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).

**Invited GCD8 speakers include:** Professor Lawrence Gostin 劳伦斯·戈斯汀教授, Invited speaker of GCD 8; Founding O'Neill Chair in Global Health Law, Georgetown University (bottom middle); Professor Andrew Bastawrous 安德鲁·巴斯塔罗斯教授 OBE, Invited speaker of GCD 8; International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Co-Founder & CEO – Peek Vision (Bottom right).





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 warmly in groups, capturing photos to cherish this memorable occasion.

The Global China Dialogue Organising Committee is pleased to share feedback from a public participant as it 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 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

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

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At an appropriate time, we will issue you with invitations to [recommend Fellows](#), to contribute to our [journals](#) and [book series](#), and to participate in [GCD IX: Global Governance for AI](#).

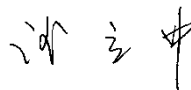
This report / newsletter (about 12,500 words and 330 photos) provides information about GCA, GCP and GCD for the 2023 calendar year and also serves as a Special Edition for the 10th GCA Anniversary (2013–2023). We hope it is informative and enjoyable.

We hope that you will continue to lend us your valued support and interest and to participate in our various events.

With warmest regards and best wishes to you and your families for a very happy and prosperous Year of the Dragan!



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