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The idea that China establishes the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development was initiated and announced by Chinese President XI Jinping during the High-Level Roundtable on South-South Cooperation at the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the United Nations in New York on September 26, 2015. With strong support from the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Finance, and by virtue of Peking University's strength in humanities and social sciences, Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development (ISSCAD) was officially established at the National School of Development of Peking University (NSD) on April 29, 2016.

Combining local knowledge with global vision, the new Institute is committed to excellence in national development research, talent training for developing countries, and dynamic exchange platform for global cooperation, and devoted to promoting equitable, inclusive and sustainable growth by sharing knowledge and experience on matters of public leadership and national development, with developing and especially the least developed countries.

The core faculty of ISSCAD draws heavily from NSD, which has an established reputation both academically and as a policy think-tank in China. Well aware that to craft effective solutions to complex real-world problems would require a multidisciplinary and actionable approach, the core faculty is also supported synergistically by a scalable network of select faculty and professional (including senior government officials) associates from other schools and departments of Peking University and beyond. The purpose is to nurture a vibrant interdisciplinary learning environment that encourages intense inquiry, open dialogue, and cross-cultural learning, and serves as a bridge between theory and practice.

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The Institute offers both degree programs and non-degree executive educational programs. Our degree programs feature a rigorous economics-centered and problem-solving oriented curriculum which also covers quantitative analysis, political institutions, strategic management, leadership, and globalization.

A flagship of internationalization of education at Peking University, the Institute offers regular semester-based courses in English. Through these regular courses, supplemented by fieldwork and workshops on various policy domains (such as education and poverty reduction, population and public health, social security and public safety, urban development and land reform, energy and environment, industrial upgrading and technological innovation, and global governance and foreign policy), students are expected to develop a box of conceptual tools that is cross-disciplinary in nature but adapted for actions appropriate for local or country-specific conditions.

Chinese Government Scholarships Provided by the Ministry of Commerce

Foreign aids in the form of Chinese Government Scholarships, managed by the Ministry of Commerce, are available upon application by candidates from developing countries.

Peking University

Peking University was founded in 1898, located in the northwestern part of Beijing city. Upholding a spirit of academic freedom and inclusiveness, Peking University has been devoted to excellence in teaching, learning, and research in a wide range of disciplines, and has been home to a number of experts and scholars renowned both in China and around the world.

Peking University embraces about 7,000 faculty members and over 42,250 undergraduate and graduate degree candidates, including international students. It has become a cradle for high-caliber talent, an incubator for innovation and research, and a platform for international cooperation and exchanges.

National development calls for public leaders who care deeply about the world, countries and communities, and are prepared to engage and be engaged in shaping a better future with vision, passion, courage and wisdom to turn ideas into action. If you are prepared to do so, we at the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development at Peking University invite you to be part of this exciting learning expedition.

I. Master Program in Public Administration (National Development)

Our one-year Master Program in Public Administration (National Development) is an economics-centered multidisciplinary program that combines rigorous analytical work with emphasis on public policy and leadership. It is designed for mid-career candidates with a record of academic distinction and exceptional professional accomplishment and promise. Candidates for this program are expected to have obtained an undergraduate degree or above in a relevant field and at least three years of substantial work experience, typically in government or public sector. Through a structured program of courses, workshops, and field trips within one year, students before graduation from this program should have earned a total of 39 credits (including a course on Chinese language), which culminate in submitting an applied thesis written under the guidance of an academic advisor.

1) Program Requirement

All ISSCAD degree candidates have course load requirements to ensure the successful completion of their designated degree program by the date of graduation. The following table shows the number of credits required for graduation in the master degree program offered at the Institute.

Master	Credit		
Core Courses	14 credits		
Specialized Courses	9 credits		
Elective Courses	≥9 credits		
Chinese Language Course	4 credits		
Field Study	3 credits		
Thesis			
Total Credits Required	\geq 39 credits		

2) Curriculum

Core Courses		
China Immersion Program	Required	2 Credits
Public Policy – Legal and Microeconomic Analysis	Required	3 Credits
Statistics in Social Science Research	Required	3 Credits
Public Administration and Leadership	Required	3 Credits
Politics and Comparative Political Institutions	Required	3 Credits
Specialized Courses		
The Role of State in Economic Development	Required	3 Credits
The Political Economy of China's Economic Growth	Required	3 Credits
New Structural Economics and Policy Designs	Required	3 Credits
Elective Courses		
International Economic Development	Elective	3 Credits
Public Policy – Macroeconomic Analysis	Elective	3 Credits
Politics of International Economic Relations	Elective	3 Credits
Political Philosophy	Elective	3 Credits
Seminars on Inclusiveness and Sustainable Development	Elective	3 Credits
Chinese Language Cours	e	
Chinese Language	Required	4 Credits
Social Practice		
Field Study	Required	3 Credits



China Immersion Program

Before regular semester-based courses start, students are required to attend a China Immersion Program. The one-week program is composed of a series of lectures, covering various topics related to national development, such as political institutions and national governance, economic system reform and development planning, China's opening up and globalization, peace-development-cooperation foreign policy, "One Belt, One Road" initiative, educational reform in China, etc.

Chinese Language Course

In accordance with Peking University's regulation, all international students are required to take a one-semester Chinese language course which is worth 4 credits.

Field Study

Field study trips will be arranged for students to visit China's special economic zones. industrial clusters, government agencies, and business corporations, to gain first-hand knowledge of how governments and markets operate under various changing conditions in the reform and opening-up process of China, and to learn about China's success and lessons in economic development. All students are required to participate in the field study trips, which will take place in both fall and spring semesters.

3) Thesis

The thesis shall be written in English, and under the guidance of an advisor.

The thesis shall make an attempt to tackle a major issue emerging from the development practices of the student's home country. Students are expected to apply the theories, knowledge and analytical skills acquired from the program to examine the phenomena, analyze inherent principles, and eventually produce a quality paper with both academic value and practical implications.

By the end of the first semester, each student shall choose a professor as his/her advisor, and determine the subject matter of the thesis. In the second semester, students are expected to complete their thesis and pass an oral defense.

4) Degree Conferment

A master degree of Management will be conferred upon a candidate in the master's program after his/her successful completion of the required credits and a thesis.

II. Ph.D. Program in Theoretical Economics (National Development)

Our three-year Ph.D. Program in Theoretical Economics (National Development) is designed to prepare high-caliber talent and national leaders who are equipped with theories and knowledge, acquainted with China's development experience, and are capable of making decisions and policies related to national development with real-world conditions of his/her own country taken into consideration. Candidates who have demonstrated a proven record of high academic and professional accomplishment and who wish to further hone their skills of leadership and elevate their knowledge on development-related work are encouraged to apply. Minimal academic requirement for the Ph.D. program is a graduate degree in a relevant field at the master level or above and at least five years of substantial work experience. Through a structured program of courses, workshops, and field trips which add to a total 39 credits (including a course on Chinese language), students are expected to develop a conceptual tool kit that draws on the social sciences but is adapted for applications in the real world. The program culminates in students submitting a dissertation with both academic and practical values completed under the guidance of an academic advisor.



1) Program Requirement

2) Curriculum

All ISSCAD degree candidates have course load requirements to ensure the successful completion of their designated degree program by the date of graduation. The following table shows the number of credits required for graduation in the Ph.D. program offered at the Institute.

Ph.D.	Credit		
Required Courses	29 credits		
Elective Courses	\geq 3 credits		
Chinese Language Course	4 credits		
Field Study	3 credits		
Dissertation	1		
Total Credits Required	≥ 39 credits		



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New Structural Economics and Policy Designs	Required	3 Credits
International Economic Development	Required	3 Credits
Public Policy – Macroeconomic Analysis	Required	3 Credits
Public Administration and Leadership	Required	3 Credits
Development Economics	Required	3 Credits
Elective Courses		
Politics of International Economic Relations	Elective	3 Credits
Political Philosophy	Elective	3 Credits
Comparative Political Institutions	Elective	3 Credits
Seminars on Inclusiveness and Sustainable Development	Elective	3 Credits
Chinese Language Course		
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Social Practice		
Field Study	Required	3 Credits
Other Elective Courses		
Selected Courses on Management and Economics	Elective	

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Other Elective Courses

Ph.D. students have the opportunity to take more elective courses on Management and Economics during their 2nd and 3rd year of study, after they have completed the required credits.

3) Independent Research

Students are encouraged to come to ISSCAD with practical problems to be solved in relation to political, economic or social development of the student's home country. Guided by a supervisor, a Ph.D. student is expected to utilize what she/he has learned during the program, carry out independent research by means of literature review, data collection, comparative analysis, field studies, etc., and finally produce a policy report that has both practical implications and social impacts, and is able to give a boost to the national development and social advancement of the student's home country.



4) Dissertation

The Ph.D. dissertation shall be written in English, and under the guidance of an advisor.

The dissertation shall demonstrate that the candidate has obtained a deep understanding of the theories and knowledge of national development and has made serious and thorough reflections in this regard. Under the guidance of an advisor, and on the basis of the independent research conducted previously, students are expected to make use of the theories, knowledge and analytical skills acquired from the program to examine phenomena, analyze inherent principles, and finally produce a dissertation with both academic value and realistic significance.

A student shall choose a professor as his/her advisor in the first semester, and determine the subject matter of research under the guidance of an advisor in the second semester. After having successfully passed the comprehensive examination and an oral defense of the thesis prospectus by the end of the first year, students are expected to spend the next one and a half years searching for evidence in the real world, conducting academic research and composing the dissertation. In the sixth semester, they shall finalize and defend their dissertation. A Ph.D. thesis must pass high standards, and will be evaluated on the basis of its originality, academic contribution, and practical value.

5) Degree Conferment

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A Ph.D. degree in Economics will be conferred on a candidate in the doctoral program after his/her successful completion of the required credits and a dissertation as described above.

Premier Li Keqiang visits NSD and ISSCAD.

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III. Faculty

ISSCAD boasts of first-class faculty composed of distinguished scholars and accomplished practitioners, who have been actively engaged in study of China's development practices and policy issues, and widely acknowledged as experts in their own fields. The Core faculty members are listed in alphabetical order below.



FUIND

FU Jun is Professor of Political Economy and Academic Dean of ISSCAD. He has served as Executive Dean of the School of Government, Advisor to Chairman of the Executive Council of UNESCO, Member of Listing Committee of Shenzhen Stock Exchange, and Vice Chair of Davos Global Agenda Council on New Growth Models. He received his Ph.D. in political economy from Harvard University.







HUANG Yiping

HUANG Yiping is Chair Professor of Economics, Associate Dean of NSD, and a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of China. He previously served as Managing Director and Chief Asia Economist of Citigroup. His major research areas are macroeconomic policy and international financial system. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the Australian National University.

LI Qiang is Professor of Political Philosophy at School of Government, Peking University. He also serves as Director for the Institute of Social Science Survey of Peking University. His major research areas are western political philosophy and political problems in modern China, he teaches constitutional liberalism and state construction. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the

LIN Yifu is Chair Professor of Economics, Dean of ISSCAD, Honorary Dean

of NSD, and Director of the Center for New Structural Economics. He has served as Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank. His research areas are agricultural economics, development economics, and

Chinese economic reforms. He received Ph.D. in Economics from the

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University of London.

LIN Yifu (Justin)

University of Chicago.







LU Feng

LU Feng is Chair Professor of Economics and Director of China Macroeconomic Research Center at NSD. He is advisor to the Chinese Ministry of Finance, and the Chinese Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security. His major research areas are Chinese economic development and open macroeconomics. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Leeds in UK.

SHEN Van

SHEN Yan is Professor of Economics and Deputy Director of Center for Human Capital and Policy at the National School of Development at Peking University. She is a member of Econometric Society and American Economic Association. Her major research areas are econometrics and microfinance. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Southern California.



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YANG Zhuang (John) YANG Zhuang is Professor of Management and Co-Dean of BiMBA Business School at NSD. His major research areas are management, global leadership and organizational behavior. He received MPA in International and Public Affairs from the Woodrow

Wilson School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton University, and his

Ph.D. in Management from Columbia University.

XI Tianyang is Assistant Professor of Political Economy at NSD. His research areas are political economy, comparative politics, economic history, and institutional economics. He writes on topics of bureaucratic accountability, meritocracy and political selection, and conflicts resolution. He received his MA in Economics from Fudan University, and Ph.D. in Political Science from New York University.

XUE Zhaofeng is Protessor of Economics at NSD, and Co-Director of Law and Economics Research Center at Peking University. His major fields of interest are

YAO Yang

XI Tianyang

XUE Zhaofeng



YAO Yang is Cheung Kong Scholar Chair Professor appointed by the Ministry of Education of China, Dean of NSD, Executive Dean of ISSCAD, and Director of China Center for Economic Research. His research interests are economic development and institutional changes in China. He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



YU Miaojie

YU Miaojie is a Cheung Kong Scholar appointed by the Ministry of Education of China, Professor of Economics and Associate Dean of NSD, Deputy Director of China Center for Economic Research, and Secretary-General of International Consortium for China Studies. His research interests are international trade and Chinese economy. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from University of California, Davis.



ZHA Daoiiong

ZHA Daojiong is a professor of international political economy, School of International Studies. He specializes in non-traditional security issues in China's foreign relations on energy, food, and trans-boundary water issues. He served on advisory boards of China Chapter of Council for Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii-Manoa.



ZHANG Xiaobo

ZHANG Xiaobo is "National One Thousand Talent Program" Chair Professor of Economics at NSD. His research interests are development economics, agricultural economics and Chinese economy. He received his Ph.D. in Applied Economics and Management from Cornell University.

Faculty and Professional Associates .

At ISSCAD, we take great pride in the connections we make between the classroom and the real world. Our robust network of faculty and professional associates bring together prominent scholars, researchers, senior public officials, business leaders, social entrepreneurs, journalists, educators and students to teach and learn from each other in workshops and seminars. Drawing on their collective intelligence and wisdom, this unique learning environment provides a stimulating setting in which to hone leadership skills, develop cultural sensitivities, track developmental trends, debate new ideas and generate smart policies that help solve public problems. In the same spirit, we also sponsor Peking University Public Policy Forum International - a platform of education and dialogue that brings prominent speakers from around the world to address today's most challenging global issues from entrenched poverty to disease control to climate change. Below is a snapshot of our current network of faculty and professional associates listed alphabetically.





ag. Former Minster of Commerce



Vice-President, DRC State Council



FAN Gang, MPC Member Central Bank





LI Zhaoxii g. Former Foreign Minster



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Peking University



Ql Bin. Deputy General Manager CIC



LIU Zhi, Director

Center

PKU-Lincoln Land Policy

SHA Zukang, Former Under-Secretary-General, UN



TANG Min, Vice Chairman, Social Entrepreneur Foundation



Wang Boming, Editor-in-Chief Caijing Magazine



President, IUCN; Former Education Vice Minister







WANG Yiming, Vice President, DRC State

Council



XU Lin, Director General Development Planning NDRC



XU Jintao, Professor Peking University



IV. Financial Aid

The Ministry of Commerce of China provides "Chinese Government Scholarship" to students admitted from developing countries through the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy. The scholarship will cover tuition, living expenses, accommodation, textbooks and costs related to study trips. It also includes round-trip international airfares (one time per year set at the end of an academic year). In terms of living expenses, it is 36000 RMB/year for the master program, and 42000 RMB/year for the Ph.D. program. There is also a settlement allowance of 3000 RMB/person.

If a student expects to have his/her spouse, children, relatives or friends to visit him/her during the stay in Beijing, the visitor will have to bear all the expenses by him/herself.

V. Application Instructions

1. Application Requirements

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, with a valid passport, or any other identification certificate which is sufficient to verify his/her nationality;

2) Applicants for the master's program must have attained a bachelor's degree or above, and have at least 3 years of work experience in government or public sector; applicants for the Ph.D. program must have acquired a master's degree or above, and have at least 5 years of work experience in government or public sector;

3) Applicants must be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers or candidates whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English are required to submit a test score of TOEFL or IELTS as proof of English proficiency. Applicants with the following scores are considered competitive:

- TOEFL 100 or above in iBT (Internet-Based TOEFL);

- TOEFL 600 or above in PBT (Paper-Based TOEFL); or

- IELTS 7.0 or above in overall band score.

4) All applicants shall be in good physical condition and not carry any infectious disease which could have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.

5) Applicants must be recommended by government authorities, political parties, non-governmental organizations in their home countries, or relevant international organizations.

6) Only applicants recommended by the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy in the country that accords with the candidate's nationality will be considered.



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2. Application Procedure

1) Application to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy

An applicant shall first of all obtain a recommendation from a relevant government agency in his/her home country addressed to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy regarding his/her program application. With a recommendation obtained, the applicant shall then prepare the following materials and submit them to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy for an inspection.



For emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Offices, please refer to http://www.china-aibo.cn.

All the documents to be submitted should be in either Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.

Applicants shall get back all the hard-copy materials from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development during registration in early September.

An applicant who successfully passes the qualification review should receive a formal recommendation letter from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy.



2) Application to Peking University

The applicant who has obtained a recommendation letter from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office shall then proceed to apply for the program with Peking University at http://www.studyatpku.com.

Master program: Visit the Peking University online application system and register for an account. Select "Degree Programs Application" on the first page that appears, and click "Next" to enter the following page where master's program applicants shall choose "Chinese Government Scholarship Candidates (Master's Degree Program)". To further identify the program, please pay attention to the information below:

Major: Public Administration Research Field: National Development Teaching Language: English

After filling in the required information and uploading an electronic photo, an application form will be created. Print out the form, insert a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it.

Ph.D. Program: Visit the Peking University online application system and register for an account. Select "Degree Programs Application" on the first page that appears, and click "Next" to enter the following page where doctoral program applicants shall choose "Chinese Government Scholarship Candidates (Ph.D. Program)". To further identify the program, please pay attention to the information below:

Major: Theoretical Economics Research Field: National Development Teaching Language: English After filling in the required information and uploading an electronic photo, an application form will be created. Print out the form, insert a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it.

3) Application to Chinese Scholarship Council

Visit the online application system of the Chinese Scholarship Council at http://laihua.csc.edu.cn, and register for an account. Select the program "Chinese Government Scholarship", fill in all the required information, and an application form will be created. Print out the form, insert a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it. To complete the form successfully, please note the following information:

(1) The agency number of Peking University is 10001;

(2) For the master's program, Discipline is "Management", Major is "Public Administration";

(3) For the Ph.D. program, Discipline is "Economics", Major is "Theoretical Economics".



4) Submitting Application Materials to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development

Applicants should submit all the application materials, including the PKU application form, CSC scholarship application form and the recommendation letter issued by the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office directly to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development of Peking University by emails before April 20, 2017. Here is the email address: administration@isscad.pku.edu.cn.

Applications without a recommendation letter from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office will not be processed.

If admitted, candidates should prepare two sets of hard-copy application materials and take them to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development upon registration. None of the materials submitted to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development will be returned.

For documents such as degrees and transcripts, a photocopy with an official stamp on it issued by the institution where the applicant received his/her degrees is required. Please also note that all the original certificates must be presented for on-site verification at the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development on the day of registration.

Below is a complete list of application materials to be submitted to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development:

	Documents	Original Copy	Photocopy
1	Recommendation letter issued by the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy	1	1
2	PKU application form	2	
3	Chinese Government Scholarship application form	2	
4	Degree certificates (photocopy with an official stamp)	1	2
5	Official transcripts (photocopy with an official stamp)	1	2
6	Personal statement	2	
7	CV	2	
8	Two recommendation letters (one by a superior, and the other by a professor)	2	2
9	English language proficiency test result	1	1
10	Physical examination form	1	1
1	Passport photocopy (information page)	1	2
12	Two-inch photos	5	

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VI. Application Deadlines

The application deadline for both the master and Ph.D. programs is April 20, 2017.



VII. Interview and Admissions

After the application deadline, the Admissions Committee of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development will make an initial round of material review and select qualified candidates for interviews.

In April, 2017, the institute will send an admission team to selected countries for on-site interviews.

In May 2017, the institute will organize a leadership program and invite the rest of candidates to visit China and attend the program, during which on-campus interviews will take place. Shortlisted candidates shall receive a notice from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office regarding details of the trip by the end of April, 2017.

Based on candidates' application materials and interview performance, the Admissions Committee of the Institute will make a comprehensive evaluation of each candidate and make a final decision whether the candidate is admitted or not. No explanation will be made regarding admission results.

Admission letters will be sent out by the end of June, 2017. They will include necessary documents for visa processing.

VIII. Registration

Registration will take place in early September 2017. The exact date will be specified in the admission letter.

IX. Contact Us

Contact person: Ms. Helen Hu E-mail: administration@ isscad.pku.edu.cn Telephone: (86-10) 62766005 Fax: (86-10) 62766005 Website: www.ISSCAD.pku.edu.cn











"The program gave us a good opportunity to learn from China's experience. We were also impressed by Chinese people's diligence and dedication to work."

Desta Tesfaw / Ph.D. Candidate State Minister of Public Participations and Organizations in the Prime Minister Office, Ethiopia

"The academic model is very engaging and exciting. It exposed me to a lot of new knowledge and a free academic atmosphere that enabled us to share different thoughts in the class."

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John Solunta Smith, Jr. / Ph.D. Candidate Federation of Liberian Youth/Ministry of Youth & Sports Secretary General / Head of the Secretariat, Liberia

"The program is prolific and enlightening, especially it offers a number of seminars and lectures that helped us get extensive background and experience in China's reform and opening-up, which developing countries should learn from to lift their economies from the doldrums and embrace economic development."

Joseph Davies / Ph.D. Candidate Director of Human Resources Sierra Leone Ports Authority

"This unique program is not only assisting me in obtaining understanding of China, its economy, policy-making, culture and society, but it plunges me into the diverse environment of world's cultures, making my classmates and great friends being nationals of different parts of the world. We learn from each other, teach one another, and eventually get to know much more than what we came for."

Elena Balbekova / Ph.D. Candidate

Director of Int'l trade and economic cooperation and European integration department Ministry of economic development and trade, Ukraine



"The Field Study Trip to Shenzhen is an eye opener as what we learned in class was seen on the field (integrating theory with practice). We saw the role of state, market and social organizations, and how a good interplay among them guarantees social development."

Kolawole Elijah Omole / MPA Candidate Special Assistant, Office of the Vice President, Nigeria







I am impressed with the professionalism of our professors and the experience they have. The courses are engrossing and the various exercises and assignments such as debates and oral presentations are very helpful. I have benefited a lot from such group work.

Ayman Fakih / Master Candidate Junior Researcher, Ministry of Finance, Lebanon



"The program is very excellent since it was exclusively designed to match with the context of developing countries in developing their own economy. The professors are all skillful scholars with rich experiences. The topics of lectures and seminars are very crucial and practical together with special guest speakers."

Vichda Long / MPA Candidate International Affairs Official Anti-Corruption Unit, Cambodia

"It is a life transforming experience. The program exposes us to both theoretical and practical aspects of economic development that speak to the peculiar challenges faced by the global south. The diversity of the students also offers a rare opportunity to interact with some of the most critical thinkers working towards shaping a new course of economic development in developing countries"

Willie Davison / Ph.D. Candidate Director for Research Development and Innovation Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development, Zimbabwe