

Forschungsgruppe Politik und Wirtschaft Chinas Research Group on the Political Economy of China

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Objectives of the research group:

- gaining fresh insights and deepening research on the economic and political system of contemporary China
- applying universal social science research methods to China
- while taking seriously the distinctiveness of the Chinese context
- maintaining strict standards of independent scholarly research
- holding regular workshops with national and international, academic and non-academic China specialists

Qualifications of the members of the research group:

- they are educated in political science, economics, business administration or legal studies and they belong to the top performers in MA-level exams.
- they have acquired solid Chinese language capabilities (some are native speakers) so that they can use original Chinese sources for their research.
- they have resided and studied in China for longer periods, are residing there currently, or go on frequent research trips to China.
- by combining these capabilities they are qualified to contribute fresh insights and balanced judgements that go beyond euphoric “China hype” or emotional “China bashing”.

Members of the research group	Main focus of research
Dr Andreas Blume, IPR specialist with a major German corporation; PhD in political economy, Trier University; MA in political science and business administration	protection of intellectual property rights (IPR)
Bjoern Conrad, PhD candidate; Global Public Policy Institute Berlin; MPP Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; MA Trier University in Chinese studies and political science	the making of China's policies toward the European Union
Dr Joern-Carsten Gottwald, professor in political science, Cork University, Ireland; formerly assistant professor at Trier University; PhD Free University Berlin; MA in political science, economics, Chinese studies	regional development strategies
Isabelle Gras, PhD candidate; policy consultant, Paris; MA Trier University in political science, economics and Chinese studies	industrial policy in Shanghai
Sandra Heep, PhD candidate; MA Free University of Berlin in philosophy and political science	Chinese investments in Europe
Dr Sebastian Heilmann, full professor of Comparative Government / Political Economy of China, Trier University.	economic policy-making and regulation; policy process
Dr Kristin Kupfer, Beijing-based journalist; PhD Bochum University in Chinese politics; MA Trier University in political science and Chinese studies	new religious groupings; social development
Dr Cuiping Pang, financial analyst at Shanghai-based bank; PhD Trier University in business administration; MA Trier University in business administration and political science	Chinese investment banks
Christopher Sampson, PhD candidate; presently at the London School of Economics and Political Science; MA University of Bonn in political science	energy policy
Dr Svenja Schlichting, head of China desk at national business association; PhD Trier University in political economy; MA Free University of Berlin in economics	financial system internationalization
Dr Nicolas Schlotthauer, senior bank economist; PhD University of Wuerzburg in economics; MA in economics	capital markets
Niels Schuett, PhD candidate; work experience in German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in development cooperation; MA University of Leipzig in political science and Chinese studies	environmental policy
Dr Dirk Schmidt, senior lecturer of political science at Trier University; PhD Saar University in political science; MA political science and history	economic policy and regulation
Dr Nicole Schulte-Kulkmann, senior researcher in a research project on financial regulation funded by the German National Research Foundation; PhD Trier University in political science; MA political science and public law	legal cooperation; anti-money laundering policy
Lea Shih, PhD candidate in political science; MA Trier University in political and media sciences; BA Beijing Foreign Languages University	industrial policy