

## Call for Applications for PhD students

ENLIGHT Workshop at the University of Göttingen  
Centre for Modern East Asian Studies (CeMEAS)

**MORE THAN A DISTANT RELATIVE: CHINA AND ITS NEIGHBOURS IN AN INCREASINGLY  
TURBULENT WORLD**

We are pleased to invite PhD students from ENLIGHT universities to attend our upcoming workshop as discussants!

Our event aims to foster critical discussions and interdisciplinary exchanges on China's current engagement with its neighbouring states and various aspects of China's influence on them.

The workshop looks into China's neighbourhood diplomacy and the transformations it undergoes in light of the increasingly turbulent international situation. Focusing on two adjacent regions, Central Asia and Southeast Asia, participating scholars inquire into China's responses to the most recent domestic developments in the neighbouring countries. In addition, they examine the actorship of China's neighbours and their actual capability to shape China's policies.

Our workshop brings together a group of renowned international scholars who closely follow different channels of China's interaction with the Central Asian and Southeast Asian states. It will look into both theory and practice to enable a timely assessment of China's evolving approaches to design policies toward its neighbourhoods.

### **Workshop Program & Webpage:**

September: 11 & 12, 2023

Place: University of Göttingen, KWZ – Center for the Humanities, Heinrich Döker Weg 14, 37073 Göttingen

Room: 0.602

Webpage: <https://www.cemeas.de/more-than-a-distant-relative-china-and-its-neighbours-in-an-increasingly-turbulent-world/>

### **Financial Support:**

Selected participants will be provided with financial support to facilitate their attendance. Each applicant who is accepted to participate will receive 300€ to assist with their travel and accommodation expenses in Göttingen.

### **Application Requirements:**

To apply for this workshop, interested PhD students are required to submit the following documents:

1. **Letter of Motivation** (maximum 600 words): Please provide a concise statement outlining your motivation for participating in this workshop. Highlight your research interests, relevant academic background, and how your work aligns with the theme of the workshop. Additionally, discuss how your participation in this event would contribute to your academic and professional development.
2. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**: Please include an up-to-date CV highlighting your educational background, research experience, publications (if applicable), and any other relevant academic achievements.

### **Submission Instructions:**

All application materials should be submitted via email to [assist@cemeas.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:assist@cemeas.uni-goettingen.de) no later than **July 3, 2023**. Please ensure that your application documents are combined into a single PDF file with your name as the filename.

### **Important Dates:**

- Application Deadline: 03.07.2023
- Notification of Acceptance: 12.07.2023

**Note:** Successful applicants will be notified via email by 12.07.2023. Upon acceptance, participants will be provided with further details regarding the workshop schedule, logistical arrangements, and any additional information.

Should you have any inquiries or require further information, please contact us under the following email: [cemeas@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:cemeas@uni-goettingen.de) We look forward to receiving your applications and welcoming you to the workshop "More than a Distant Relative: China and its Neighbours in an Increasingly Turbulent World" in Göttingen.

Sincerely,

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