

Call for Papers

Biennial Conference of Nordic Association for China Studies (NACS)
Bergen, Norway,
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When China Faces the World: Engagement or Disengagement? Marking the Centenary Anniversary of the May 4th Movement

Modernization is a painful process for any nation with a great tradition. To engage or not engage with the world is still a core question for present-day China - even after one century's vicissitudes since the May Fourth Movement of 1919 that marked elites' consensus to revolutionize the core values of indigenous traditions.

The question of how to engage with the world is increasingly urgent after four decades of "opening and reform". With China rapidly ascending to the center of the international platform as one of the strongest economic powers in the twenty-first century, it also wants to stand tall as an actor with soft power. As China strives to have a bigger stake in shaping the international system, it also wishes to assert its distinction more forcefully.

During this three-day interdisciplinary conference, when contemplating various challenges to China's maintenance of identity amidst its rapid rise to prominence, all participants are encouraged to take a nuanced view with the aim to deepen and enrich the topic of China's engagement with the globalizing world. Although the conference has a theme, it will be treated broadly for submissions under individual topics of interest, including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Art and Archaeology
- ✓ Sociology and Anthropology
- ✓ History (pre-modern, modern)
- ✓ Literature (pre-modern and modern)
- ✓ Philosophy and Religion
- ✓ Politics and Law
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ Environmental studies
- ✓ International Relations
- ✓ Cinema, Media and Performing Arts
- ✓ Gender Studies
- ✓ Translation and Sinology
- ✓ Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language
- ✓ Linguistics

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