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China-EU School of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law



Mission

It is the mission of the China-EU School of Law (CESL) to support the Chinese Government in its effort to develop a society based on the rule of law. The China-EU School of Law educates a new generation of highly qualified and internationally oriented law students, improves the knowledge, skills and performance of the Chinese legal profession in relation to European and international law and creates a platform for European scholars and students to understand China's legal system.

„We attach high importance to the new Chinese-European venture of the China-EU School of Law. The rule of law belongs to the basic principles of China and its divulgence and anchoring is demanded and needed by the Chinese society.“

Li Keqiang, Executive Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China

„Of course there are hundreds of law schools in China. But this one has a special mission. It will be international and European, and it is committed to the pursuit of excellence through the quality of its students and its professors.“

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

President Barroso and Vice Premier Li Keqiang unveiling the plaque of CESL on Oct 23, 2008



Law School

The China-EU School of Law (CESL) is a joint project of the Government of the P.R. China and the European Union. The School is integrated into the renowned China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), one of the leading Chinese universities in the field of legal education.

The China-EU School of Law is based on a financial cooperation dividing the funding of the school among the European Union, China and a consortium of 13 European and four Chinese academic institutions. The consortium provides the lecturers for the international master programme. It is coordinated by the University of Hamburg, contractual party to the European Commission. 27 associates, including internationally renowned law firms and research institutes, provide further support and expertise.

The China-EU School of Law was inaugurated on October 23, 2008, by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Li Keqiang, Vice Premier of China, as the first Sino-European law school in China.

In carrying out its mission the law school is engaged in four fields of activity: a master programme for Chinese, European and international law, a professional training programme for judges, prosecutors, lawyers and other legal professionals, a research programme and consultancy services.

CESL student posing a question in Prof. Shi Yajun's lecture



Master Programme & Research

Master programme

The master programme of the China-EU School of Law aims at educating a new generation of well-rounded legal experts who are proficient in Chinese, European and international law. It includes a two-year „Master in Chinese Law“ taught in Chinese and a one year „Master of European and International Law“ taught in English. Both can be combined through a Double Master. The Chinese faculty of CESL consists of renowned professors of the China University of Political Science and Law as well as outstanding visiting professors from other Chinese universities. European and international law lectures are held by prominent professors from 13 European partner universities („flying faculty“).

Research

The China-EU School of Law pursues to become a sought-after point of reference for Sino-European legal research. Research activities are carried out through funding programmes, academic conferences and the CESL law journal. These activities reflect the challenges China is facing with regard to its legal transformation process and its relationship with Europe and other parts of the world.

CESL runs its own doctoral programme as well as a programme for visiting Ph.D. students of law. It promotes research visits of European Ph.D. candidates to CESL and of Chinese Ph.D. candidates to European partner universities.

First Research Workshop of CESL in Jan 2009



Professional Training & Consultancy

It is a distinctive feature of CESL to not confine itself to the classic academic activities, but to address legal practitioners and external institutions as well.

Professional training

The China-EU School of Law offers training courses for Chinese judges, prosecutors and lawyers. These seminars cover European, international and comparative law as well as practical skills. Reciprocally, European legal professionals are offered workshops on Chinese law and culture.

Consultancy

Through its large network of partners and associates CESL offers consultancy services on a wide range of subjects to Chinese central and regional authorities, law firms, international organizations and other interested parties.

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Students at the Opening Ceremony of CESL



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