



**Center for World-Class Universities
and Institute of Higher Education
Shanghai Jiao Tong University**

2nd International Conference on World-Class Universities

(WCU-2)

Program

October 31 - November 3, 2007

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China

Wednesday, 31 October

Whole day Arrival of participants

19:00-21:00 Welcome reception

Thursday, 1 November

8:30-9:00 *Opening Session: Welcome remarks and overview of meeting objectives*

Prof. Nian Cai Liu, Director, Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

Dr. Jan Sadlak, Director, UNESCO-CEPES

9:00-10:00 *Session I: Plenary Lecture*

Chair: Dr. Jamil Salmi, Tertiary Education Coordinator, The World Bank

Prof. Philip G. Altbach, Director, Center for International Higher Education, Boston College, USA

“Empires of knowledge: the challenges of world-class research universities in developing countries”

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 *Session II: Conceptual Aspects of World-Class Universities*

Chair: Prof. Hans Weder, President, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Prof. Monique Canto-Sperber, Director, École Normal Supérieure, France

“About evaluation of world class universities: Respect of differences between nations in the definition of evaluation criteria”

Prof. André Siganos, Director General, CampusFrance, France

“Rankings, governance and attractiveness: the new French context”

Uwe Brandenburg and **Prof. Detlef Mueller Boeling**, Director, Center for Higher Education Development (CHE), Germany

“Identifying the best: the CHE-ranking of excellent European graduate programmes in natural sciences”

General discussion

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 *Session III: National Strategies for Building World-Class Universities – Part 1*

Chair: Prof. Monique Canto-Sperber, Director, Ecole Normale Supérieure, France

Prof. Hans Weder, President, University of Zurich, Switzerland

“Quality assurance and promotion of excellence in the Swiss university system”

Prof. Vladimir Troyan, St. Petersburg University, Russia

“Main principles of the strategy on building world-class universities in Russia”

Prof. Bertrand Bellon, Director, ADIS, University Paris-Sud (XI), France

“The restructuring of the national French system of research and world-class universities”

General discussion

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 *Session IV: National Strategies for Building World-Class Universities – Part 2*

Chair: Prof. Detlef Müller-Böling, Director, Center for Higher Education Development (CHE), Germany

Prof. Anders Flodström, Chancellor, Swedish National Agency for Higher Education, Sweden

“Swedish strategies for world-class status in the context of university rankings - metrics for academic science”

Prof. Ivan Rozman, Rector, and **Prof. Marko Marhl**, Vice-Rector, University of Maribor, Slovenia

“Improving quality of universities by world-university-ranking in Slovenia and the Danube region”

Associate Prof. Akiyoshi Yonezawa, Center for the Advancement of Higher Education,
Tohoku University, Japan

“The new direction of Japanese higher education policy: Conflicts between global and domestic logic”

Assistant Prof. Kampechara Puriparinya, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

“Strategies towards the world-class universities of Thai higher education institutions”

General discussion

19:00-21:00 Dinner

Friday, 2 November

8:30-10:00 *Session V: Institutional Practices for Building World-Class Universities – Part 1*

Chair: Prof. Bertrand Bellon, Director, ADIS, University Paris-Sud (XI), France

Prof. Jing Huan Shi, Tsinghua University, China

“Combining the vision, mission and actions: Tsinghua’s experience in building the world-class university”

Prof. José-Ginés Mora, Director, Center for the Study of Higher Education,
Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain

“Strategies for developing a world-class university in a complex context: the case of the Valencia University of Technology”

Associate Prof. Gil Sun Song, Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong
University, China

“A step toward a world-class research university: Seoul National University”

General discussion

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 *Session VI: Institutional Practices for Building World-Class Universities – Part 2*

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Mohrman, Executive Director, Hopkins-Nanjing Center, and
Johns Hopkins University, USA

Dr. Tony Sheil, Senior Manager, Research Policy Office for Research, Griffith University, Australia

“Implications of world university rankings for national and institutional research strategy of small developed nations”

Prof. Richard Russell, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Adelaide, Australia

“The pursuit of ‘scale and focus’ at the University of Adelaide”

Prof. Salem Al-Agtash, Dean, School of Information & Computing, German-Jordanian University, Jordan

“Class universities in developing countries: German-Jordanian University model”

General discussion

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 *Session VII: Cooperation and Competition among Research Universities*

Chair: Associate Prof. Akiyoshi Yonezawa, Center for the Advancement of Higher Education, Tohoku University, Japan

Dr. Kathryn Mohrman, Executive Director, Hopkins-Nanjing Center, and Johns Hopkins University, USA

“Educational exchanges: What world-class universities should not adopt from U.S. higher education”

Anatoly Oleksiyenko, Higher Education Group, University of Toronto, Canada

“Global portfolios and strategic international partnerships of a major research university”

Nicola Owen, Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, UK

“Elite scientists and the global brain drain”

General discussion

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 *Session VIII: World-Class Universities – International Perspectives*

Chair: Prof. Jie Zhang, President, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Dr. Jamil Salmi, Tertiary Education Coordinator, The World Bank

“Creating world-class universities: a World Bank view”

Dr. Jan Sadlak, Director, UNESCO-CEPES

“The impact of ‘seeking world-class status’ from the point of view of internationalization/globalization”

17:00-17:30 ***Final Discussion and Closing Remarks***

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Dr. Jan Sadlak, Director, UNESCO-CEPES