

## Forthcoming Conference

### **The Global Financial Crisis, Economic Recession and the Rise of Chinese Power**

As the People's Republic of China marks its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the **All-Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG)** is holding a series of high-profile conferences at the House of Commons on critical issues for China and its international relations. The first in the series, organised on behalf of the APPCG and the Parliamentary **Business and Enterprise Select Committee** by the China Policy Institute of the University of Nottingham and the Great Britain China Centre, will focus on the global economic crisis and the rise of Chinese power. The speakers include leading subject experts from think tanks and universities in China and Europe.

In discussions in or around the G20 summit, China adopted an outspoken stance, calling for an overhaul of the global monetary system, a new global reserve currency to replace the dollar and more say for developing countries in the world order. As the recession deepened, Western nations looked to China for help. But with its exports seriously affected by falling demand, how will China create jobs for its own millions of unemployed, for the millions or rural poor wanting to move into its towns and cities and for the 20 million new entrants into its job market each year? Will China's \$586 million-dollar stimulus package succeed in maintaining economic growth at or above the 6.5% projected by the World Bank? How will the crisis affect foreign and domestic investment, China's own plans for investing abroad, and its crucial relationships with the United States and Europe? As the West emerges economically weakened and politically chastened, does this herald a significant power shift in global politics? This conference, addressed by distinguished Chinese economists and experts on China's international relations, will examine the impact of the crisis on China and its policy responses, and the consequences of China's growing power on the world stage.

**Time: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009      2.00 pm to 6.00 pm**

**Venue: The Attlee Room, Portcullis House, House of Commons, Westminster**

The keynote speaker will be **Prof. FAN Gang**, Director of the National Economic Research Institute, Secretary-General of the China Reform Foundation, Professor at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the People's Bank of China, whose topic will be "**China Confronts the Global Meltdown**".

The conference will be opened by **Ben Chapman MP**, Chairman of the APPCG. Other speakers and discussants will include:

- H.E. Ambassador Mme **FU Ying**
- **Shujie YAO**, Head of the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies at Nottingham University, Professor of Economics and Sustainable Development and Coordinator of the China in the World Economy programme at the Leverhulme Centre for research on Globalisation and Economic Policy, on "**The World's Financial Crisis and the Implications for China**"

- **Francois GODEMENT**, Professor and President of the Asia Centre at Science-Po, Paris and Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, on “**Resetting EU-China Relations**”.
- **Yongjin ZHANG**, Professor and Director, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Bristol, on “**China Confronting the Crisis: Power and Responsibility**”
- **Dr Cho-Oon KHONG**, Chief Political Analyst, Global Business Environment, Shell International
- **Yongnian ZHENG**, Professor and Head of Research at the China Policy Institute of the University of Nottingham and Director of the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore, on “**The International Financial Crisis, China’s External Response**”
- **Jonathan FENBY**, China Editor of Trusted Sources, author of a Penguin History of Modern China and former Editor of the Observer newspaper and of the South China Morning Post.

The audience will consist of Members of Parliament, government officials, business leaders and think tank and NGO representatives. Admission is strictly by invitation only. **Ticket applications should be made by Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> to [laura.rivkin@gbcc.org.uk](mailto:laura.rivkin@gbcc.org.uk)**

This conference is co-sponsored by the Nottingham Confucius Institute, the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies of the University of Nottingham, and the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban). The organisers are grateful to them for their generous support. Co-sponsorship opportunities remain available to interested companies.



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