

## PhD studentship (Full-time)



Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of China Studies.
Supervisors	Principal Supervisor: Dr Paweł Zygałdo (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) Co-supervisor: Prof David Goodman (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University); Co-supervisor: Dr Lei Peng (University of Liverpool, UK);
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD Project (world-wide students)
Project Title	<i>Saving Face: Authority and Harmony in Contemporary Chinese Society</i> 拯救脸面- 威权与调和在现代中国社会
Contact	Please <a href="mailto:pawel.zygadlo@xjtlu.edu.cn">pawel.zygadlo@xjtlu.edu.cn</a> (principal supervisor's email address) and copy <a href="mailto:doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn">doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn</a> with a subject line of the PhD project title

### **Requirements:**

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in Social Studies, Chinese or related area. Evidence of good spoken and written English and Chinese is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS score of 7 or above, or an equivalent qualification if the first language is not English. The candidate should also have a New HSK Level 6, Old HSK Advanced Level 9 or TOCFL Level 6 if the first language is not Chinese. This position is open to all qualified candidates irrespective of nationality.

### **Degree:**

The student will be awarded a PhD degree from the University of Liverpool (UK) upon successful completion of the programme.

### **Funding:**

The PhD studentship is available for three years subject to satisfactory progress by the student. The award covers tuition fees for three years (currently equivalent to RMB 80,000 per annum) and provides a monthly stipend of 3500 RMB as a contribution to living expenses. It also provides up to RMB 16,500 to allow participation at international conferences during the period of the award. It is a condition of the award that holders of XJTLU PhD scholarships carry out 300-500 hours of teaching assistance work per year. The scholarship holder is expected to carry out the major part of his or her research at XJTLU in Suzhou, China. However,

he or she is eligible for a research study visit to the University of Liverpool of up to three months, if this is required by the project.

### **Project Description:**

The notion of face (*mianzi*, 面子; *lian*, 脸), has been long seen as an essential and pervasive element of Chinese culture. As David Yao-fai Ho argued 'It is virtually impossible to think of a facet of [Chinese] social life to which the question of face is irrelevant.' (Ho, 1976, 883). As such it has also been closely linked with other crucial for Chinese culture concepts among which authority (*quan*, 权) and harmony (*he*, 和) are of the utmost importance.

The aim of the Proposed Doctoral Research is to examine this relation between the notion of face in China and traditional social values such as authority (*quan*, 权) and harmony (*he*, 和). It will conduct, from philosophical and socio-psychological perspectives, an in-depth analysis of the Chinese notion of face and its dialectical relation with the two other focal concepts in the socio-cultural life of Chinese people.

The Proposed Doctoral Research is to be a critical inquiry into the meaning and application of social values in communication and social behaviour. As such, it will require a significant portion of independent study and research. An in-depth understanding of and ability to apply research methods borrowed from philosophy and social psychology will be indispensable for the successful completion of the project.

For more information about doctoral scholarship and PhD programme at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU): Please visit

<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/admissions/phd/entry-requirements.html>

<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/admissions/phd/feescholarships.html>

### **How to Apply:**

Interested applicants are advised to email [pawel.zygadlo@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:pawel.zygadlo@xjtlu.edu.cn) (principal supervisor's email address) the following documents and copy [doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn) (please put the project title in the subject line).

- CV
- Two reference letters with company/university letterhead
- Personal statement outlining your interest in the position
- Proof of English language proficiency (an IELTS score of 7 or above, or an equivalent is required)
- Proof of Chinese language proficiency (New HSK Level 6, Old HSK

Advanced Level 9, TOCFL Level 6 or equivalent is required)

- Verified school transcripts in both Chinese and English (for international students, only the English version is required)
- Verified certificates of education qualifications in both Chinese and English (for international students, only the English version is required)

**Informal enquiries** may be addressed to Dr Pawel Zygadlo ([pawel.zygadlo@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:pawel.zygadlo@xjtlu.edu.cn)), whose personal profile is linked below, <http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/departments/academic-departments/china-studies/staff/pawel-zygadlo>