

**PhD studentship (Full-time)**

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of China Studies
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Dr. Geoffrey Chun-fung Chen (XJTLU, Department of China Studies) Co-supervisor: Professor David S. G. Goodman (XJTLU, Department of China Studies) Co-supervisor: Dr. Sarah Clement (UoL, Department of Geography and Planning)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	China and the Political Economy of Climate Technology Policies 中国与气候科技政策的政治经济学
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**Requirements:**

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in within a Social Science discipline, particular Political Science, International Studies, or Sociology. Evidence of good spoken and written English is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS score of 6.5 or above, if the first language is not English. Mandarin proficiency would be an advantage. This position is open to all qualified candidates irrespective of nationality. Applicants are expected to have profound knowledge of qualitative research methods who have an ability to conduct empirical research in China.

**Degree:**

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

**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 use of climate technologies, as part of the solution for stabilizing global warming, has been promoted in China for the past decade. This project aims to understand how the Chinese economic governance system relates to the diffusion of climate technologies and how the state can provide technology-oriented environmental goods.

Two topics will be explored in particular — transport and energy policies — to analyze, understand, and extrapolate changing patterns of the governance of sustainable infrastructure development as a perceived path to preempting environmentally induced conflicts. Elite interviews and archive strategies will be adopted to investigate policy formulation and practices of sustainable infrastructure in China. The goal of these strategies is to further explore from the governance mechanisms embedded in the structure of political economy, thus enriching our understanding regarding the potential new mode of sustainable infrastructure development for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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

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### **How to Apply:**

Interested applicants are advised to email [chun-fung.chen@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:chun-fung.chen@xjtlu.edu.cn) (XJTLU principal supervisor's email address) the following documents for initial review and assessment (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 6.5 or above)
- 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)

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