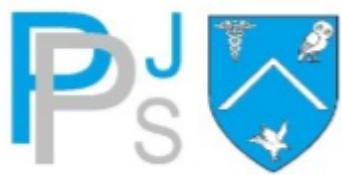


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Report: Zhuhai-Macau (China) Extramural Invited Presentations

November 11-12, 2015

On November 11 and 12, 2015 scholars from Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw Łukasz Zamęcki and Jarosław Szczepański gave series of extramural invited presentations at United International College<sup>1</sup> in Zhuhai (China) and University of Macau<sup>2</sup> (Special Administrative Region of Macau). Lectures were given to undergraduate and postgraduate students of both educational institutions.



Figure 2 - Łukasz Zamęcki

On November 11, 2015 at United International College in Zhuhai academics from University of Warsaw gave two speeches. Their presentation was preceded by short introduction (this basic info on abstracts and bio of speakers) gave by Charles Chong-Han Wu (DHSS, Government and International Relations). Presentations were as follow:

***EU-China: strategic partnership, without partnership?***, Łukasz Zamęcki - speech referred to normative regulation of bilateral relations. But the question



Figure 1 - Charles Chon-Han Wu

<sup>1</sup> United International College (UIC), situated in Zhuhai and jointly founded by Beijing Normal University and Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), is the first full-scale cooperation in higher education between the Mainland and Hong Kong. Its charter has been approved by the Ministry of Education with full support from local authorities.

UIC shoulders the historical mission of advancing the internationalization of Chinese higher education and taking the lead in implementing liberal arts education in China. Since its first enrollment in 2005, UIC has grown into an international institution with innovative educational approaches. Twenty undergraduate programmes are currently being offered by three divisions: namely, the Division of Business and Management, the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Division of Science and Technology. UIC has extended its enrollment of Category 1 candidates from more than 20 provinces and municipalities. There are approximately 5000 students now, including those from Hong Kong and overseas. Teaching staff from more than 20 countries and regions make it possible for UIC to use English as the medium of instruction. Graduates will be awarded Bachelor's Degrees by HKBU and Graduation Certificates by UIC.

<sup>2</sup> The University of Macau (UM) was founded in 1981. Its predecessor was the private University of East Asia. Through 34 years of development, UM has become a leading university in Macao, with marked progress in teaching, research, and community service. The only public comprehensive university in Macao, UM has produced more than 26,000 outstanding graduates for society since its founding.

The UM community currently consists of more than 9,400 students. It offers more than 130 bachelor's, master's, PhD and other programmes, through its Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Chinese Medical Sciences, and Honours College. English is the main medium of instruction, with some programmes being taught in Chinese, Portuguese or Japanese.

was if this „strategic partnership” is real. Partnership presupposes equality of the parties. Author focused on what can be considered as challenges for these relations. In the presentation history of relations, structure of relations, main problems, sources of misunderstandings and areas of potential cooperation and competition were discussed.

***Kuhnian Impact on Political Theory: How to Overcome It with Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes***, Jarosław Szczepański presented critique of khunian approach in thinking about political theory and how to apply philosophy of Imre Lakatos to this field of research. He introduced a way of thinking about eg. pluralism, elitism and institutionalism as of scientific research programmes, not paradigms or simple meta-theories. In this part of presentation the thesis on historical correctness of Imre Lakatos explanation on research programmes evolution was defended. Students were



Figure 3 - Jarosław Szczepański



Figure 4 - audience at UIC

Undergraduate students from United International College in Zhuhai had an opportunity to ask questions after each of mentioned presentations.

Most of questions were connected with their projects that were currently performing at college.

informed about how to use theories and apply them to their respective fields of interest in upcoming papers.

On November 12, 2015 Łukasz Zamęcki performed second presentation at University of Macau. It was delivered to the undergraduates as well as postgraduates. Introduction to the presentation (abstract and bio) was given by Weiqing Song (European Programme Coordinator).

The lecture was entitled *Role of China in institutionalizing the EU raw* Vol. 1, Issue 3, 2015



Figure 5 - Weiqing Song and Łukasz Zamęcki

*materials policy*. In his speech Łukasz Zamęcki presented key issues about role of institutionalization EU raw materials policy, the Chinese effect on it and some predictions to future of EU-China completion in the above field. After delivered lecture he had also an opportunity to answer variety of questions. It was also an opportunity for the students to ask about Easter and Central European politics.



Figure 6 - President Marques opens seminar

On November 12, 2015 Institute of European Studies, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw with co-operation with Institute of European Studies of Macau<sup>3</sup> organized seminar on *China and Central-Eastern Europe Regional Co-operation in 16+1 Formula*. Event was

organized in Macau (headquarters of IEEM) and held in English. Polish delegation consist of deputy dean Wojciech Jakubowski and main speakers of seminar Łukasz Zamęcki and Jarosław Szczepański.

Seminar was opened be president of IEEM José Luís de Sales Marques, who introduced topic and main speakers. The seminar was chaired by president Marques and deputy dean Jakubowski.

<sup>3</sup> The Institute of European Studies of Macau was set up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1995, and started its activities on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1996.

Its is part of the Government strategy which aims at promoting the Internationalization of Macau and the training of senior staff, having in view the liaison with Europe.

IEEM establishment was subsequent to the existent co-operation with the European Union achieved through the global agreement (third generation) with Macau, in 1992, and through the set up of the European Documentation Centre and the Euro-info Centre. It also makes part of the Institutes and University Centres Web recognized by the European Union. Its existence emphasizes the role played by Macau as a platform between European culture and Chinese culture.

The IEEM is a private organization endowed with legal personality, and at present its partners are public organizations: the S.A.R.Government of Macau, the University of Macau - UM; the Polytechnic Institute of Macau; Macau Foundation, Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute; and Macau Monetary Authority.

Its partners are active elements participating in the Institute's activities and contributing to the definition of its yearly program and the approval of its operational budget.

According to the Statutes of the IEEM, the number of partners can increase, and it is planned to enlarge progressively its scope in strategic terms.

The speech addressed the issues of genesis of Cooperation of China and Central - Eastern Europe in the formula “16+1”. Speakers grasped motivations of both sides to establishing China - CEE cooperation, institutional structure and tools of this cooperation. Speakers opinion was that “16+1 format” is not only a important tool to expand New Silk Road, but also a way in which China builds its bilateral relations with selected states of the region.

Thesis of speech were also statements that Beijing's is using “16+1” formula to access the EU “back door” and fragmented EU on its position on China. The most important constraints of strengthened cooperation is diversification of the CEE region, limitations which comes from EU law, differences between EU and non - EU countries, lack of mutual understanding, the asymmetry of economic needs, limited willingness within the CEE region to develop cooperation (also because of critical stance of some CEE countries on China), strong ties of the CEE with US, lack of big infrastructural projects in CEE. Speakers tried to sketch a map with stance of the CEE countries on willingness to cooperate with China. In the speech ware also given particular examples of Poland - China cooperation.



Figure 7 - Questions from international audience

President Marques ended discussion and seminar with speech and in kind words He expressed his gratitude to the speakers and chairman – deputy dean of FJPS UW. As there was more questions than speakers could answer during seminar – fruitful debate was launched once again during lunch break.