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Honorable Partners and Sponsors,

The Fourth Edition of Warsaw-Beijing Forum proved that the idea of Sino-Polish cooperation on the academic level has long been sought after and it can be a success. Bigger and bolder than ever - the Fourth Edition of the Project was an important voice in the debate on the future of Poland and China. We would like to introduce you to the core ideas behind the Project and invite you to play an active role in its creation.

The need for a bustling cross-continental exchange of ideas and experiences gave rise to Warsaw-Beijing Forum. We wanted to create a platform where young people from Poland and China can meet to share inspirations, ask questions, dispel each other's doubts, listen to experienced professionals and establish initial business relations. During the last four editions, students from the University of Warsaw and the China University of Political Science and Law took part in eight bi-annual conferences and engaged with each other during numerous meetings on issues related to business, economy and law.

The international success of the previous editions would not have been possible without the generosity and support of the Project's Sponsors and Partners. We are deeply grateful for the trust placed in us. Therefore, we present the program and achievements of the previous edition. We can already announce that Warsaw-Beijing Forum: Youth for Business will take place in Warsaw and Beijing for the fifth time in 2018.

With kind regards,

Warsaw-Beijing Forum: Youth for Business Team

OVERVIEW: POLAND & CHINA

Since its launch five years ago, the "16+1" initiative has been the focal point of relations between China and Central and Eastern Europe. Its main idea is to boost connectivity, trade, infrastructure-building and people-to-people exchanges, thus opening new opportunities for Polish entrepreneurs. As a major regional country-member and the new seat of the Coordinating Secretariat for Maritime Issues, Poland is becoming China's key partner in the European Union.

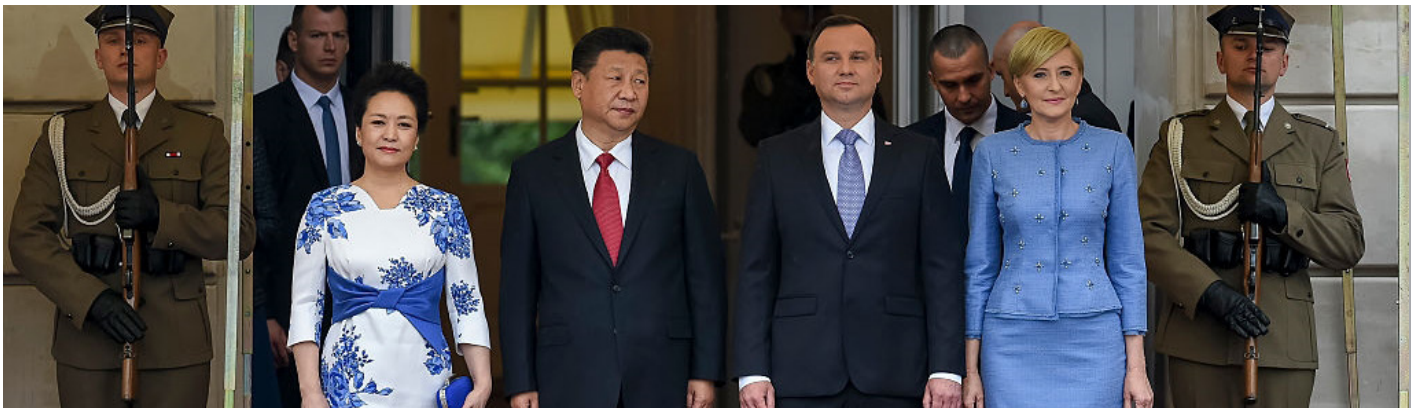
ESTABLISHING A STRONG POLITICAL PLATFORM

In 2016 Poland and China established a comprehensive, strategic partnership and reached a number of agreements that laid the institutional groundwork for deeper economic cooperation. They cover a wide range of areas, such as building sustainable infrastructure and boosting tourism. The stable relationship has been marked by further mutual visits at the national and local level. In May 2017 the Polish Prime Minister participated in the One Belt, One Road Forum in Beijing, emphasizing Poland's engagement in the initiative. As a committed member of the "16+1" framework, Poland is the seat of three organizations coordinating regional cooperation: the China-CEEC Secretariat for Maritime Issues, China-CEEC Business Council and the Secretariat of the China-CEEC Investment Promotion Agencies.

Poland's strategic location makes the country a significant logistic hub for international trade. The Łódź-Chengdu cargo railway connection was inaugurated during the visit of President Xi Jinping to Poland in 2016. In 2017 an agreement between Poczta Polska and China Post Group was signed with the idea of boosting global e-commerce. These undertakings are facilitating Polish export to China which is regarded as a particularly promising market for Polish food products. In 2017, after a ban on imports from countries affected by the avian flu was placed on exporters from the EU, Chinese veterinary authorities re-opened the Chinese market to poultry from Poland, the first EU country to be granted the permission. Besides food products, China is a major importer of Polish copper, electrical equipment and machinery.

CREATING A FRIENDLY INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

Poland has favourable foreign investment policies, as well as a skilled labour force. This makes the country an attractive investment destination for Chinese companies – in November 2017 investors from China made it into the top in terms of the value of projects conducted by the Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH). In Poland, Chinese firms invest mainly through M&A transactions and pay particular attention to the energy and technology sector. Last year, China Construction Bank opened its Warsaw office, making it the third Chinese bank operating in Poland. Chinese startups are also interested in entering the Polish market. Ofo, a bike-sharing company, will likely bring its yellow two-wheelers to Polish cities in 2018.



MAIN IDEA OF THE PROJECT

Warsaw-Beijing Forum: Youth for Business is a project organized by the Students' Organization for Law and Economy of China, established at the University of Warsaw. The Forum consists of two academic exchanges between students from the China University of Political Science and Law and the University of Warsaw. The participants attend a series of meetings, lectures and workshops led by world-class experts. Without a doubt, the Project creates a great opportunity to gain essential knowledge, which will certainly build a new generation of leaders and professionals.

The Forum is an initiative that aims at promoting and developing entrepreneurship, mobility and international cooperation among young professionals from Poland and China. The main objective of the Project is to create a friendly and favourable space for developing knowledge about Chinese and Polish culture, business etiquette and habits. It aims to impact trade, mutual understanding and international business. Another crucial aspect of the Project is the exchange of opinions and experience in the academic field.

BUSINESS ASPECT

From the very beginning, the Forum received much attention and support from numerous global law firms, international corporations and think-tanks. Obtaining partners such as KGHM Polska Miedź, K&L Gates, Norton Rose Fulbright, SDZLegal Schindhelm, Deloitte, PwC, DLA Piper and many others is indeed a remarkable success. The support received from partners and sponsors not only makes Warsaw-Beijing Forum possible in its current form, but also builds a great milieu for developing economic and business skills. The know-how acquired during workshops, meetings and lectures with experienced businessmen and professionals is invaluable.

ACADEMIC ASPECT

Warsaw-Beijing Forum is much more than just business. The Project has a strong academic background and thanks to the cooperation between the China University of Political Science and Law and the University of Warsaw, the participants are able to attend lectures, workshops and meetings with the most prominent experts. Moreover, the close cooperation of the WBF with the recently established Polish Research Centre for Law and Economy of China creates promising perspectives for people willing to broaden their knowledge of the Chinese legal system.

CULTURAL ASPECT

Warsaw-Beijing Forum aims to promote Polish history and customs in China and overcome geographical and cultural barriers that divide us. The Initiative consistently builds an image of Poland as a country worth seeing, with an interesting history, traditions, unforgettable places to visit and amazing cuisine to taste. In turn, in China, the participants have a chance to take part in various cultural events, as well as to visit the most remarkable Chinese sights. This allows the Warsaw-Beijing Forum members to broaden their horizons and get ready to live in a truly global world.

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The Fourth Edition of the Project

The tagline of the Fourth Edition of the Project was ***Common Ambition***, a theme which highlighted the students' drive to improve the Sino-Polish economic, political and cultural relations, their willingness to broaden their understanding of the current affairs in the participant countries, as well as their desire to build a shared platform for discussion.

The Project showed that Poland has much to offer as a country of developed legal tradition, utilizing standards of enforceability of contracts, which makes it **a good place for business**. Furthermore, the visit can inspire the Chinese participants to apply some of the Polish legal solutions to their own legal system in the future. In turn, the events held during the Chinese part of the Project proved that **China is currently one of the leading countries in developing new ideas**, crucial in facing the challenges of the fast-evolving society and economy of the modern world. The Chinese students gained knowledge that could prove useful in **facilitating Chinese investments in Poland and the CEE region,** whether they decide to provide legal service to enterprises interested in investing or try their hand at creating their own business projects in our country.

The events promoted Poland as a place where innovative business can flourish. Moreover, the activities of the Fourth Edition were also focused on **overcoming cultural barriers** arising from vast differences between the students' cultural backgrounds. Many events, such as visits to famous museums, deepened the participants' understanding of the complicated history of both countries. The **mutual appreciation** of great cuisine and marvellous cultural sites of Poland and China is a factor that can stimulate a further exchange of ideas between the students and inspire them to **develop joint professional projects** in the future. This year's edition was enriched by **a visit to Chengdu**, where the students met with the **Consul General of the Republic of Poland - Ms Katarzyna Wilkowiecka**. And finally, as in the previous editions - they were hosted in the Shanghai branch of the main Partner of Warsaw-Beijing Forum - **KGHM Polska Miedź**.

THE WARSAW PART

The first part of the Project was held in Warsaw between 17th and 24th in May 2017. The students not only had the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister of Poland, but they were also acquainted with the theoretical and procedural aspects of the Polish and European law. What is more, the participants saw the heart of the Polish apple production in Grójec. The varied topics of the meetings allowed the Chinese students to gain an understanding of Polish culture, law and economy.

THE BEIJING PART

The second part of the Forum was held in Beijing between 8th and 15th November 2017. The participants gained knowledge of the framework and institutions of the Chinese legal system during lectures held at the Supreme Court of China and China International Economic and the Trade Arbitration Commission. Furthermore, thanks to the visits in various law firms located in Beijing, they had an opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of practising law in China. The meeting and constructive discussion in Mobike's headquarters provided an insight into building a successful startup in China.

The Ministry of Science and Higher Education Grant: The First Polish Academic Conference on Legal and Tax Issues of Trade between Poland and China

Warsaw-Beijing Forum has also been awarded a grant from **the Ministry of Science and Higher Education**. The award allowed Warsaw-Beijing Forum members to organize ***the First Polish Academic Conference on Legal and Tax Issues of Trade between Poland and China***. The event gave the listeners a chance to take a deeper look into one of the most important aspects of the Sino-Polish relations - taxation issues and tax law. The participants had an opportunity to listen to **Mr Tomasz Janyst**, PhD Candidate and lawyer at the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Europe) who held a lecture about financial aspects of commercial exchange with China. Later on, **Mrs Edyta Demby-Siwek**, Head of the Department of Trademarks in the Polish Patent Office, presented a comparison of Polish and Chinese trademark law. Finally, **Dr Marcin Lachowicz**, lawyer at the Ministry of Finance, acquainted the participants with the jurisdiction of tax law concerning Sino-Polish commercial relations. The students could also present their own papers. The conference proceedings have been published and are currently available to the public.

"Wspieramy Rozwój" programme

Warsaw-Beijing Forum has been awarded a grant in the ***"Wspieramy rozwój"*** programme organized by **Cedrob S.A**. Cedrob S.A. is the leader in the meat and processed poultry production and also the largest company with domestic capital in the sector. The aim of the programme is to support various activities which greatly benefit the community. Thanks to this distinction the students were able to foster the 4th Edition of Warsaw-Beijing Forum by **creating a compendium** for Polish enterprises who are considering exporting their products to China.

THE OPENING CONFERENCE OF THE WARSAW PART

Wednesday, May 17th 2017

The Opening Conference of the Fourth Edition of Warsaw-Beijing Forum took place in **the Ballroom of the Tyszkiewicz-Potocki Palace**, one of the most beautiful neoclassical buildings in the city. Apart from the participants of the Forum from Warsaw and Beijing, the conference was attended by the representatives of partner Universities, diplomatic corps, Partners, and Sponsors of the Project. The Conference consisted of official opening speeches given by **Olga Smętek** - the Main Coordinator of the Forum, **Prof. Tomasz Giaro** - Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw, **Dr Piotr Grzebyk** - Academic Guardian of the Forum and **Dr Yuan Gong** - Vice Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies of China University of Political Science and Law. During the event, a special discussion panel took place. The panel titled ***"Sino-Polish cooperation: key industries, promising sectors, common ambitions"*** was enriched with the presence of special speakers: **Mrs. Halina Bajczuk** - Vice Director of Foreign Markets and Intermodal Commercial Office at PKP Cargo, **Mr. Edward Zhu** - Vice President of Polish-Chinese Business Council, **Mr. Marek Wejtko**, Head of Asia - Pacific Unit of the Ministry of the Economic Development, and **Mr. Bartosz Michalak** - CEO of the Polish-Chinese Cooperation Forum. The dynamic debate was moderated by the Co-founder of the Project, **Maximilian Piekut**. The Opening Conference ended with a formal reception, providing networking opportunities for all the guests of the Conference.

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THE WARSAW PART

Thurdsay, May 18th 2017

LECTURE BY THE POLISH INNOVATIVE MEDICAL CLUSTER PIKMED'S EXPERT

Mr. Tomasz Szelągowski - President of the Board of Polish Innovative Medical Cluster delivered a lecture focused on how the healthcare is changing and developing, along with the technology used to raise its standards. The lecturer's main aim was to raise the participants' awareness on the subject of urgent changes in the healthcare system, e.g. the need for creating a new law that will enable to conduct medical examinations and file prescriptions via the Internet. Mr Szelągowski also referred to the differences between Chinese and Western medicine, presenting both the advantages and disadvantages of each.

CASE STUDY BY SDZLEGAL SCHINDHELM'S EXPERT

The case study, prepared by Dr Agnieszka Łuszpak-Zając, was focused on doing business in Poland, mainly on trade agreements and the contractual clauses. A crucial part of the meeting was teamworking - the participants were divided into four groups with each working on a different issue. It allowed the members to understand and learn more about the provisions typical for international contracts, possible risk in the contracts, how to secure each part and how to define the key provisions. Dr Agnieszka Łuszpak-Zając also clarified how SDZLegal works with its Chinese partners and pointed out the threats and opportunities of the cooperation between Poland and China.

VISIT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF POLAND

The visit to the Supreme Court of Poland consisted of two parts. Firstly, Prof. Małgorzata Wąsek-Wiaderek introduced the juridical system in Poland and underlined the special role of the Supreme Court. Secondly, the participants were given a unique opportunity to tour the building, which was crowned with a stroll around the gardens of the Court's rooftop. The Beijing Team was eager to ask many questions concerning the role of EU law in the Polish judicial system, the competences of judges, questions in abstracto and in concreto. Ultimately, Prof. Yuan Gang reflected on many similarities between the judicial systems of China and Poland.

LECTURE BY TRINITY LAB'S EXPERT

The lecture focused on a topic crucial for understanding Polish society in the past and in the present: the values of the nobility (called *szlachta* in Polish) and its relations with commoners. After a short introduction to the issue and an explanation of the terminology, Mr. Piotr Frankowski, an expert from the Trinity Culture Lab, described the historical changes which had a major influence on shaping the Kingdom of Poland into a modern country, and the chronology of its fights for independence. Later on, the students had the possibility to broaden their knowledge of the legal aspects of successive republics established by the Poles after uprisings.

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Friday, May 19th 2017

LECTURE BY DR PAWEŁ WOJCIECHOWSKI AND PROF. MAŁGORZATA KORZYCKA

The lecture about the food law was split into two parts. During the first part, Professor Małgorzata Korzycka stressed the relevance of the laws concerning food industry in the European Union and in Poland. Participants also learnt about the Polish legal language regarding the food law. The second part was held by Paweł Wojciechowski, who described administrative and criminal liability in the food law in Poland. Preventive and repressive functions of those two liabilities were characterized. Moreover, the participants were given various examples of punishments executed when one breaches the food law.

MEETING WITH MR JANUSZ PIECHOCIŃSKI - FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER AND CEO OF THE POLISH-ASIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The participants had the honour to meet the former Deputy Prime Minister, Janusz Piechociński. Mr. Piechociński shared many interesting facts about China and its relations with Poland. He highlighted the chances for Poland coming from such projects as the *One Belt One Road* or the AIIB. A significant part of his speech was focused on the current economic exchange between Poland and China and the ways of improving it. Mr. Piechociński also emphasized the importance of cultural and academic exchange as the foundation of mutual understanding and friendship. On a final note, he appealed to the participants to become ambassadors of the Polish-Chinese relationship.

VISIT TO THE APPLE ORCHARD AND FRUIT PROCESSING PLANT IN GRÓJEC

The participants of the Forum took a field trip to Europe's biggest orchard - one of the most important fruit producing regions in Europe (and the biggest in terms of apples) - Grójec district. The Polish and Chinese students had a chance to find out how their food is being made (or, to be precise - grown) - from the apple trees, through processing all the way to the customer. At three different fruit producer groups, the students learned about the tradition of the region, quality assurance and the laws protecting the name of the *jabłko grójeckie* (the Grójec apple), as it received a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) plaque. They were truly surprised to learn that the tradition of fruit producing dates back to the 16th century. Later on, the students were hosted by one of the orchard farmers, who answered all the questions about the ins and outs of the apple production.

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Monday, May 20th 2017

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR GÓRALCZYK

The participants had an opportunity to attend a lecture held by Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk. The meeting was focused on the subject of China's influence, particularly, whether China is ready for the role of a global leader. The students were presented with the historical changes that had a major influence on shaping the Sino-Polish relations. Prof. Góralczyk discussed the economic impact of Poland's geographical location and its potential benefits for the development of the cooperation. He also expressed his hopes for the success of such initiatives as the *One Belt One Road* and the *16+1 Partnership*. The meeting ended with a discussion on the problems both countries are facing, such as language and cultural barriers.

LECTURE BY ECH&W LAW FIRM

The lecture on criminal liability in business was held by Mr Krzysztof Sobieski, an attorney at the Elżanowski Cherka Wąsowski Law Firm. Mr Krzysztof Sobieski explained the importance of fair dealing in business and showcased the risks of conducting business in Poland. He underlined that in Poland companies and people in charge of conducting business can be held liable for criminal offences. At the end of the lecture, the participants of Warsaw-Beijing Forum were given a brief description of the most prevalent crimes and criminal offences. The lecture ended with a lively Q&A session, during which the counter-actions against corporate criminal offences in Poland and in China were discussed.

SEMINAR AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT K&L GATES

At the meeting with the Chinese team of K&L Gates Law Firm, the participants of the Project were introduced to the basic rules and issues concerning foreign investment in Poland. The lawyers from K&L Gates shared their experience and knowledge with the participants of the Project, describing the most famous cases of Chinese investments in Poland. The importance was placed on the experience of Sinopec Group, the Chinese company that built a part of the Łódź-Warsaw highway and had particular issues with finishing the project, which were connected with the different investment environment in Poland and general cultural differences.

VISIT TO GOOGLE CAMPUS

The participants started the day off with a visit to the impressive Google Campus, where they were given a tour around the state-of-the-art campus and later had a chance to experience traditional Polish culture: the language, cuisine, holidays and much more. One could feel that Google Campus is a welcoming place for everyone who has lots of ideas but does not know where to start.

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Tuesday, May 21st 2017

WORKSHOP WITH WARSAW BAR ASSOCIATION AND MEETING WITH DR SŁAWOMIR ŻÓŁTEK

On Tuesday, the participants took part in a workshop conducted by the Warsaw Bar Association, during which the students were negotiating terms and conditions of trade contracts. Before the participants started the negotiation game, Mr Mariusz Maciejewski held a short lecture about the principles of good negotiations. The group work enabled the participants to learn and better understand customs in Poland and China. After the game, the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration - Dr Sławomir Żółtek - paid a visit to the Chinese delegation to officially welcome them on behalf of the Faculty.

CASE STUDY BY CUSHMAN&WAKEFIELD

The meeting on investments in properties in the CEE region was held by Mr Paweł Rudiak. After a short introduction to the company's profile, Mr. Rudiak gave an economic overview of Poland and China, identifying the main differences between the economies of both countries. He compared the largest investment transactions in the CEE region with investments in real property in China. Core investments dominate the Chinese market. At the end of his speech, Mr Rudiak familiarized the participants with the factors behind property pricing: macroeconomic policy, interest rates, planning policy, building condition, risk assessment, rental growth, tenant concentration. The meeting ended with a fruitful Q&A session.

SIGHTSEEING WALKING TOUR AND A CRUISE ON THE VISTULA RIVER PROVIDED BY THE WARSAW TOURIST OFFICE

The Chinese students had an opportunity to explore the highlights of Warsaw during a walking tour organised by the Warsaw Tourist Office. The tour was held by a Chinese-speaking guide. He shared his impressive knowledge and revealed a few secrets and curiosities about Warsaw. While visiting the spots that make up the soul of the city - the Old Town, the Royal Castle, the Holy Cross Church and the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews - the participants received both an overview of the city and a good introduction to the Polish history and culture.

Later on, the participants also took a cruise down „the queen of Polish rivers" – the Vistula river. The students marvelled at the picturesque landscape of Warsaw, ablaze in the beautiful rays of sunset. It was also another opportunity to show the favourite city spots of the Project members and talk about the vibrant life of Vistula's banks with the Chinese delegation. Thanks to the modern, well–equipped boats that took the team from Czerniakowski Harbor all the way down to the Old Town area, the students saw the city from a unique viewpoint. These one-of-a-kind city views will definitely last in the participants' memory for a long time.

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Wednesday, May 24th 2017

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER MATEUSZ MORAWIECKI

The last day of the Warsaw part of the Forum started with the week's highlight: a meeting with the Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki. The Prime Minister told the participants about the Polish Government's plans for developing Sino-Polish cooperation. He also highlighted the obstacles concerning this area of international relations. Mr. Morawiecki encouraged the guests to discuss prospects of Sino-Polish economic partnership and answered all questions asked by the students. The participants also had an occasion to propose ideas and exchange some thoughts during a short personal talk with the Prime Minister. After the meeting with Mr .Morawiecki, the students had a chance to take part in discussion with the experts of Ministry of Development. Mr. Marek Wejtko, Mr. Łukasz Porażyński, and Mr. Tadeusz Kościński outlined briefly the work in the Ministry and described the strategy for constructing relations with China.

THE OPENING CONFERENCE OF THE BEIJING PART

Wednesday, November 8th 2017

The official opening of the Fourth Edition of Warsaw-Beijing Forum took place **in the conference hall of the BUPT Hotel**. The guests of the Opening Conference were not only the participants of the Forum from Warsaw and Beijing, but also representatives of cooperating Universities, Partners, and Sponsors of the Project. The ceremony began with official opening speeches by **Gao Huanyue** - Deputy Party Secretary of China University of Political Science and Law, **Prof. Tomasz Giaro** - Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, **Dr Piotr Grzebyk** - Academic Guardian of the Forum, **Xue Xiaojian** - Vice Dean of Law School of China University of Political Science and Law, **Olga Smętek** - the Main Coordinator of the Forum, **Maximilian Piekut** - the Co-founder of the Project, **Wen Xuechun** - the Main Coordinator of the Chinese part of the Forum, **Zhan Ling** - Secretary of Business Development Division of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, **Wan Yingjun** - Senior Partner of Long'an Law Firm, **Gu Jia** - Representative of Huayu Yuandian. The event was a great opportunity to listen to inspirational speeches and to have the first encounter with the Chinese culture. Thanks to the stunning dances and music performances, the participants had the chance to discover the artistic tradition of China. The Conference ended with a magnificent banquet that provided the guests with an opportunity to further discuss the Sino-Polish relations.

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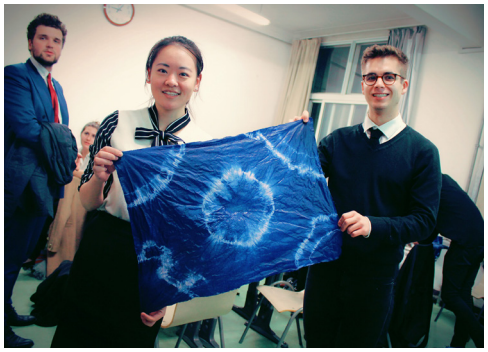
Thurdsay, November 9th 2017

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

Later in the day, the Warsaw-Beijing Forum members had the pleasure to visit the Beijing office of Herbert Smith Freehills. The participants learned about the specifics and methods of working at an international law firm. Afterwards, the students were given a lecture on international commercial arbitration, as the company is considered to have the worldwide reputation of an arbitration powerhouse. They became familiar with Asian arbitration rules from a practical point of view. The last part of the meeting was a workshop on negotiations, during which the delegation of Polish students could negotiate a deal with their Chinese friends.

KING&WOOD MALLESONS

The first lecture of the Forum was held at the headquarters of King&Wood Mallesons, one of the top 10 Global Law Firms and the winner of numerous awards since its founding in 1993. The participants were given hands-on advice on studying law and a profound insight into a lawyer's everyday job by Mr Xy Li, Partner at the firm. Afterwards, the hosts proceeded to the lecture on "Panda Bonds" – bonds issued by non-Chinese entities, denominated in RMB and sold in the People's Republic of China. The students also discussed related issues and challenges and found out that Poland was the first European sovereign government to issue such bonds.



WORKSHOPS ON THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL ART OF FABRIC DYEING

The participants also had a chance to take part in workshops on the traditional Chinese style of dyeing fabrics. Not only was it an occasion for the students to listen and learn about the history and techniques of dyeing, but they were also able to create some extraordinary pieces of art by their own hands. All in all, one can consider it the most creative activity the participants attended in the Fourth Edition of Warsaw-Beijing Forum.

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Friday, November 10th 2017

VISIT TO CHINA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE ARBITRATION COMMISSION

On the third day, the participants of the Fourth Edition of Warsaw-Beijing Forum were invited to the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), one of the major permanent arbitration institutions in the world set up in 1956. The students had an opportunity to learn about alternative dispute resolutions in China and get an insight into the importance of arbitration in international trade. CIETAC's representatives presented the structure, procedures and statistics of the court. After the presentation, students discussed the differences between the Polish and Chinese system and visited the office area of CIETAC.

VISIT TO SUPREME PEOPLE'S COURT

The participants started their visit to the Supreme People's Court with a tour of the Court's Museum. First, they learned about the formation of law in China and how it has been influenced by other legal traditions. Later, Ms. Li Xiao introduced them to the basic concepts of the legal system in China and the role of the Supreme People's Court. The lecture also deepened the participants' understanding of the reforms that China's judicial system is currently undergoing.

MOBIKE'S HEADQUARTES

The third day of the Forum ended with the visit to Mobike, which is the world's largest bike sharing operator by the number of bikes available for hire. Despite only being founded just two years ago, the company is already operating in over 160 cities, including markets outside of China – e.g. in Rotterdam, Milan and Singapore. The hosts unveiled the technical solutions used in all generations of the company's bikes. The students learned about the idea behind Mobike – to enable affordable and easy short urban trips while reducing congestion and carbon footprint.

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Monday, November 11th 2017

BEIJING CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION CENTRE

In this year's Edition, the participants of Warsaw-Beijing Forum had a chance to visit an immense site for the development of creative industry in China. The Beijing Cultural and Creative Industry Exhibition Centre displays the best of Chinese creative energy. It is a spot where technology meets culture, and culture meets novel ideas. It is also a place for companies to uncover talents or sign contracts with students who have taken a fancy to innovation. The Exhibition Centre has become an important platform for sharing resources of cultural and creative industries and releasing the vitality of industrial innovation. It is a chance for the city to open a new chapter and build itself into the country's cultural landscape.

THE OLYMPIC PARK

The participants had a pleasure to visit the Beijing Olympic Park established for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. The 2008 Olympics marked China's emergence as a major global player and had a significant influence on the Chinese economy. Beijing Olympic Park is a symbol of building the new China. It was a great opportunity to spend a pleasant Monday morning enjoying the creative masterpiece of modern architecture.

THE PALACE MUSEUM

The students took part in a guided tour around The Palace Museum situated in the Forbidden City, the largest ancient palatial structure in the world. It is one of the most important must-see places in the whole of China. The Forbidden City was home to two imperial dynasties - Ming and Qing. The exquisite ancient architecture of this place left a deep impression on all of the participants.

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Tuesday, November 12th 2017

IN WETEA

The members of Warsaw-Beijing Forum had a unique chance of participating in a meeting combining both knowledge and pleasure of tasting fabulous Chinese cuisine. The meeting consisted of food tasting, a seminar on running a tea business in the most challenging market for tea lovers and the experience of tea brewing on an expert level.

THUNISOFT

During this meeting, the participants of the Project had an opportunity to learn about the usage of artificial intelligence in collecting big data and anticipating court judgments. The lawyers from Thunisoft company introduced students to the theoretical and practical nuances of the functioning of A.I., which was showcased by specific examples of Google's Translator or Amazon system of preferences. However, for the students, the firm's internally developed program was the most impressive. This software can anticipate court judgement by analysing all details of a case and comparing them to other similar cases. The meeting was an excellent summary of all the information the participants acquired about big data and A.I. during the Beijing part of the conference.

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Wednesday, November 13th 2017

TIANTONG

During the visit to TianTong law firm, the students were introduced to its work, history and characteristics. TianTong is one of the leading law firms in China that is solely dedicated to complex and high profile commercial disputes. The stunning location made a great impression on the participants. Placed in the centre of Beijing, beside the Forbidden City, TianTong is situated in a courtyard surrounded by ancient walls with green tiles. The students also had a chance to take a tour around this magnificent, historic place.

LONGAN LAW FIRM

During the visit to Longan Law Firm, the participants learned how to gain more information about one of the oldest partnership law firms in China. Established in 1992, Longan Law Firm's work field mostly concentrates on developing and fostering innovative legal structures for a wide spectrum of business transactions including, but not limited to, capital markets, private equity, project finance, mergers, acquisitions and intellectual property. The participants also received a history lesson as well as a tour around the law firm. The company was granted numerous awards by international organizations including Asian Legal Business or Chambers Asia Pacific Awards. The participants also had the privilege of attending the Closing Ceremony, which took place in the Longan Law Firm's seat.

VISIT TO CHENGDU

November 16th - 19th 2017

For the very first time since the launch of Warsaw-Beijing Forum, the members were able to discover the exceptional city of Chengdu. It was a well-chosen destination. Chengdu is considered a very important place for Polish and Chinese cooperation from an economic point of view. As a mark of that, one can point out the direct train connection between Sichuan's capital and the Polish city - Łódź. Chengdu's flourishing business market forms a friendly and conveniently located space for entrepreneurs, creating promising perspectives for ambitious businesses.

THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND IN CHENGDU

The Warsaw-Beijing Forum members visited the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland. Thanks to the hospitality of Ms Katarzyna Wilkowiecka, Consul General in Chengdu, the participants were acquainted with the work of a diplomatic post in China. The students had a chance to learn about the perspectives and conditions for Polish entrepreneurs in Sichuan, as well as about problems that businessmen face in the Middle Kingdom. The possibilities for Polish business in Sichuan province were the key topics of the meeting. Ms Wilkowiecka answered all questions asked by the students and gave hands-on advice on how to improve chances for commercial success in China.

CHENGDU RESEARCH BASE OF GIANT PANDA BREEDING

Some may not know that one has to get up very early to watch pandas before they fall asleep for the rest of the day. The Warsaw-Beijing Forum Team was ready for such a commitment, so they could not only watch pandas play but also learn some more about these animals. That is because the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding is more than just a zoo. It is a facility where pandas, an endangered species, are given great care and where research, education, tourism and environmental protection all come together.

VISIT TO SHANGHAI

November 21st - 23rd 2017

KGHM SHANGHAI

At the invitation of KGHM Shanghai, the participants of the project once again had an opportunity to visit Shanghai. During the meeting in KGHM Shanghai's headquarters, the students attended lectures prepared by business professionals, who shared their knowledge and opinions about economic relations, future prospects and challenges for the cooperation between Poland and China. Moreover, Prof. Łukasz Gacek - KGHM's expert, described the last forty years of China's road to modernization and focused on current economic areas, which were indicated by president Xi Jinping as the most important for maintaining economic growth in China. The session was a beneficial experience, which gave valuable insight into the world of top-tier business.

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Thanks to the courtesy of Warsaw-Beijing Forum's Partner, the Polish branch of Norton Rose Fulbright, the participants were given a chance to visit the Shanghai department of the Firm. The hosts gave an in-depth lecture on Chinese regulatory matters, which have to be taken into consideration when investing in China. The students learned about issues such as the Foreign Investment Catalogue, investment types of company registration and competition law regime. The young professionals also studied the latest market trends and observations. After the lecture, the members of the Project proceeded to the Q&A session, as they were eager to know even more details about Chinese regulatory matters.

A&Z LAW FIRM

The Polish Investment & Trade Agency, China Representative Office in Shanghai organized workshops in the A&Z Law Firm for the participants. Mrs. Mireia Paolo, the director of the European-American Market and Overseas Investments Projects gave a lecture about the legal basis and conditions of doing business in China. Polish students also participated in a debate with lawyers about the differences between legal systems in both countries. After the meeting with A&Z, the students were given an opportunity to talk with Mr. Andrzej Juchniewicz, the China Representative Office Director in the Polish Investment & Trade Agency. Mr. Juchniewicz gave the students some insight into doing business in China.

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Students attending a lecture at Norton Rose Fulbright
Below
WBF team with KGHM Shanghai's experts

Bottom right
Workshops in the A&Z Law Firm organized by the Polish Investment & Trade Agency

PARTICIPANTS

Beijing Team

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Major: Law

Dr Yuan Gang is the Deputy Dean of Graduate School, Tutor of Master, Associate Professor, CUPL, Research Scholar of the Supreme People's Court of China, Executive Deputy Secretary of China Legal Writing Society, Deputy Secretary of China Association for Legal Education. His academic interests include Legal Education, Legal Ethics, Human Rights Law and European Law. He is the author of Bring Rights Home: National Human Rights Institutions, Beijing: China Legal Publishing House, 2011 and Study of European Ombudsman, Beijing: CUPL Press, 2013.

PAN SHENGJIN

Position: Beijing Team Coordinator

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Administrative Law

First-year postgraduate student at CUPL. He holds two bachelor degrees from AUFE: in Law and Foreign Languages. He was awarded the National Scholarship and named the Outstanding Graduate of AUFE. After studying at CUPL, Shengjin was awarded the third prize of Legal English Translation competition. He received the Legal Professional Qualification Certificate of the PRC in 2016 and gained vast experience in local courts and law firms. He speaks fluent English.

WEN XUECHUN

Position: Beijing Team Coordinator

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: International Private Law

First-year postgraduate student at China University of Political Science and Law. She was an intern at Clifford Chance, Herbert Smith Freehills, and King & Wood Mallesons, where she was engaged in initial public offerings, inbound and outbound investment and private equity. She has taken part in Price Monroe's Media Law Moot Court organized by Oxford University and International Air Law Moot Court by Leiden University. She has been rewarded merit-based scholarships and admission scholarship. She volunteered to teach English at a primary school for left-behind children. She speaks fluent English, learns French and has a deep interest in Japanese.

HE WANSHAN

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

Postgraduate student at the CUPL. She passed the National Judicial Examination in 2015 and received the bachelor degree in 2016. She received a scholarship for first year graduate students and did an internship in Hubei Best Law Firm in 2013, in court and prosecutor office for half a year and in Guantao Law Firm in 2016. She speaks native Chinese and fluent English.

ZHOU LINSHAN

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: History of Law

She was awarded with the CUPL Outstanding Student Leader Award in 2016, CUPL Second Academic Scholarship in 2016 and CUPL Scholarship for Freshmen in 2015. She is also the Head of Art and Sports Department of College Law's Student Union. She is acquainted with US Judicial System and developed a strong interest in East Europe legal history during "One Belt and One Road" research project. She has taken part in a summer exchange program in Australia East Sydney University. As a photography lover, she runs an independent photography studio.

ZONG XU

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

First year postgraduate student of Constitutional Law and Administrative Law at China University of Political Science and Law. Member of the International Department of the Student Union at CUPL. During the fourth year, she received a special scholarship for outstanding result. She received the Legal Professional Qualification Certificate. She passed College English Test-6. Moreover, she used to work as an intern in the court, DaDao Administrative Law Aid and Research Centre at Datong district bureau. Participating in Warsaw-Beijing Forum for the second time.

KOU XI

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

Postgraduate student at China University of Political Science and Law. Participant and Team Leader during the 9th 'BFSU-WANHUIDA Cup' Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition. She took part in preparation of 'The National College Students' Employment Rights and Interests Protection Report 2013, 2014', Beijing College Innovative Project and Social Investigation of People's Cognition and Legal Consciousness on Light Pollution. She conducted a research in the selected topics, analysed data and completed thesis & investigation reports. She speaks fluent English.

LI BINGRAN

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Administrative Law

Second year postgraduate student studying at CUPL. He graduated from the North East University in 2015 with a Law degree. During his undergraduate stage he served as a Minister of the Student Union. He used to work as an intern at Research Department of Shenyang Intermediate People's Court in 2014 and in Beijing Zhongxin Notary Office last year. He published three articles on the CNKI, including a article in a core journal. His passion are languages: English, French, and Japanese as well as anime.

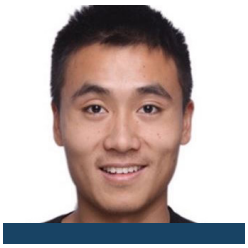
LIN HUI

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

She received a scholarship for first year graduate students. She completed internship in Hubei BEST Law Firm in 2013, in People's Court of Haidian District and Beijing Tianyue Law Firm in 2016. Worked as a volunteer in Chinese Initiative on International Law. She has passed the National Judicial Examination, the Certificate of Accounting Professional and CET6. Currently she is focused on her preparations for TOEFL exam. She is interested in Japanese and would like to learn this language in the future.



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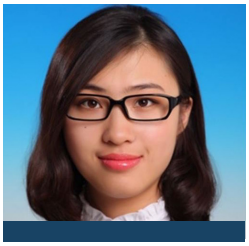
Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

First year postgraduate student at CUPL, majoring in constitutional law. Prior to his current faculty, he studied English. He worked as a paralegal at Yunnan Fafama Law Firm. Also appointed by Educational Administration of Kaiyuan as an escort interpreter for players and coaches of "Campus Football" program. He loves football and used to be the captain of the CUPL football team. With his teammates, he won two consecutive championships in Beijing. Has received the certification of Qualification on PLA's Legal Profession in the successive year. He is interested in Chinese calligraphy and has also conducted classes in this matter for primary school students. Currently he learns German.



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Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Civil and Commercial Law

As a first-year graduate student, she received a Scholarship for Excellent Students of Law School at CUPL in academic years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. She was the Deputy Director of Youth Volunteers Association of CUPL, organizing voluntary teaching in three primary schools in Beijing. She has gained experience in Corporate and Securities Team of King & Wood Mallesons, where she was involved in a M&A project. Furthermore, she interned at DLA Piper, IP & Technology group, researching on IP investment and data protection and at Allen & Overy, Corporate team, dealing with M&A projects. She is fluent in written and oral English, interested in learning Spanish and French.

CAI XINYAO

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Administrative Law

Second-year postgraduate specializing in administrative law at the Law School of China University of Political Science and Law. Bachelor of Law at the International Law School of CUPL. She gained scholarships for excellent students during the college and the first year of postgraduate study. She participated in various volunteer activities and was awarded a title of Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in college. Currently, she is an intern in Beijing Zhonglun law firm. She speaks Chinese and English.

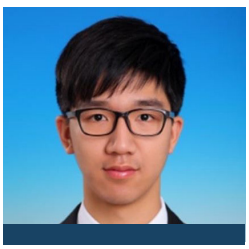
DENG YUHAN

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

Second year postgraduate specializing in Legal History at CUPL. She obtained the Legal Professional Qualification Certificate in 2015. Additionally, she was awarded 6 in IELTS as well as 502 in CET6. Moreover, she received a Scholarship for Freshman in 2015 awarded by CUPL and First class scholarship in 2016. She gained her professional experience as an assistant in a law firm in Sichuan Province. She also joined the student organizations and became a leader of the Cultural and Sport Department of the Student Union. As a result, she was awarded the Merit Student in 2016. She took part in Beijing part of the 2015 Warsaw-Beijing Forum.



REN LINJIE

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Major: Law

He is a first-year postgraduate student. He received a third-class scholarship at CUPL and a competition scholarship. He devotes most of his time to debate team and moot court team. He won Lee and Li Moot Court Competition in 2014. He gained his professional experience during an internship at King & Wood Mallesons and Gide Law Firm. Fluent in English.

HUANG YANQIN

Position: Participant

University: China University of Political Science and Law, National School of Development of Peking University

Major: Law, Economics

Fourth year undergraduate at Law School of CUPL. Third year student at the National School of Development of Peking University at the Faculty of Economics. In 2015, his team won the first prize in Beijing College Students Entrepreneurship Design Competition. In the same year, he was presented with the first prize in China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modelling. In 2016, he was the champion in the Third Diplomatic Negotiation Competition of CUPL and represented CUPL in the Fourth National College Students Diplomatic Negotiation Competition. He was rated as an Outstanding League Cadre and Outstanding Volunteer in CUPL. From April 2016 he is participating in National Undergraduate Innovation Project and the National Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Project. He was chosen to participate in the government-sponsored exchange program of the University of Western Sydney in 2015. He is skilled at playing Chinese flute and Latin dance. He is interested in travelling and English language.

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Position: Academic Supervisor

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Head of the School of Polish Law, assistant professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Warsaw. Board Member of the European University Centre at Peking University. Judicial assistant in the Supreme Court. Holds the Diploma in an Introduction to English Law and the Law of the European Union, University of Cambridge, 2006. Author of inter alia Jurisdiction in employment matters according to 44/2001 Regulation, Wolters 2011 and Collective Labour Law. Case-law, CH Beck 2010 (both in Polish). Visiting professor in Ljubljana, Zagreb, Sofia and Beijing (Peking University Law School, China University of Political Science and Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences). In 2014 awarded in the Mentoring programme of the Foundation for Polish Science.

OLGA SMĘTEK

Position: Main Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Chinese Studies, Philosophy

Bachelor's degree student at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities, majoring in Philosophy and Sinology. She participated in a summer Chinese language course at Fudan University. She has been involved in many students' initiatives and currently she is gaining professional experience at an advertising agency. Her main passion is travelling. She speaks English fluently, Spanish at an advanced level, and is currently learning Chinese and Swahili.

MAJA SZCZEPANKOWSKA

Position: Marketing Coordinator

University: University of Warsaw

Major: IT & Econometrics, Finance & International Investment

First-year Master's degree student majoring in IT and Econometrics and third-year Bachelor's degree student majoring in Finance and International Investment at the Faculty of Economic Sciences. Interested in market and consumer researches, Big Data analysis, and micro and macro economic studies. Former intern at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union. Speaks fluent English and communicative French. Currently learns Chinese. She is passionate about surfing and yoga.

MARCIN BORYS

Position: Logistics Coordinator

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Fifth-year Master's degree student law student. Cardiff University Law School graduate, where he received a Certificate of Higher Education in Legal Studies (as an Erasmus + student). Currently gaining experience as a junior lawyer in a law firm. He took active part, both as a participant and a group leader, in numerous youth exchanges and youth seminars within the Youth in Action and Erasmus+ programme. Passionate about politics and international cuisines. He speaks fluent English and communicative German.

BARTOSZ NIEBRZYDOWSKI

Position: Partners & Sponsors Coordinator

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Recent graduate of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw. He has been engaged in many academic and NGO initiatives. His professional experience focuses on tax law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions. He loves travelling and playing tennis. Advanced skills in English and basic command of Russian.

HANNA ZAJĄC

Position: Content Coordinator

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Fifth-year Master's degree student at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. She gained professional experience during an internship at a solicitor's office in Dublin as well as in the General Representation of the Government of Flanders in Warsaw. She is particularly interested in international relations and EU law. She speaks fluent English, has basic skills in French and is currently learning Chinese.

CYPRIAN BARTOŃ

Position: Finance Coordinator

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Fifth-year law student at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He was the Student Union President at the Faculty of Law and Administration, member of the Student Parliament of the University of Warsaw and member of the Council of the Faculty of Law and Administration. He is interested in tax law, economic law and intellectual property law. Privately he is a fan of speedway and high-tech. He speaks English and basic German.

MONIKA WIĄCEK

Position: Participant, Finance Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Third – year student at the Faculty of Law and Administration. Very committed to her faculty's life – for the second year she is a member of the Student Union Management Board and the Council of Faculty of Law and Administration. She speaks fluent English, intermediate German and basic Chinese. Privately she is interested in all things art.

MACIEJ MUCHA

Position: Participant, Finance Team

University: SGH Warsaw School of Economics

Major: Finance and Accounting

First-year student at the Warsaw School of Economics, majoring in Finance with specialization in International Financial Markets. One of the youngest participants. Laureate and finalist of various National High School Knowledge Contests. He has taken part in many academic and NGO initiatives. Strongly interested in new technologies (especially AI), science, and politics. Coffee and Asian cuisine lover. He speaks English, Spanish and has basic skills in Japanese.

MICHAŁ KOSMOWSKI

Position: Participant, Finance Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Third year student at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. Active member of many academic and NGO initiatives. Participant of Chinese Law Taught in English Programme at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in Beijing. He loves history, travelling, and cooking. He speaks English and learns Chinese and German.

JANUSZ KIZIENIEWICZ

Position: Participant, Partners Team

University: Warsaw School of Economics

Major: Finance and Accounting

Second-year student at the Warsaw School of Economics, majoring in Finance and Accounting with specialization in Banking. He is a graduate of the Vilnius University (Master of Law). Janusz has advised global financial institutions and major banks in the Baltic States in many high-profile strategic transactions. Strongly interested in capital markets, energy and Chinese investments in CEE. He speaks English, Russian and Lithuanian.

RADOSŁAW ZDULSKI

Position: Participant, Partners Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Chinese Studies, Law

Second-year student at the Faculty of Law and Administration and first-year student at the Faculty of Sinology, both at the University of Warsaw. He speaks English fluently and has basic skills in Chinese. He is interested in international affairs, especially relationship between China and USA. His hobby is épée fencing and military history.

MAGDALENA ŁAPIŃSKA

Position: Participant, Partners Team

University: Warsaw School of Economics

Major: Management and Economics

Second-year PhD student of Management and Economics, Master's degree in Finance from the University of Warsaw and a Paris - Dauphine University graduate (Erasmus+). Entrepreneurial Management Program scholarship holder from the IEDC - Bled School of Management in Slovenia. She volunteered at Amnesty International. Magdalena is passionate about international management and she loves to play squash. She speaks English fluently, has basic command of German and is currently learning French.

MIKOŁAJ GILL

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University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law, Chinese Studies

Fourth-year Master's degree student at the Faculty of Law and Administration and second-year student at the faculty of Chinese Studies at the University of Warsaw. Deeply interested in everything connected to modern China, intellectual property law and international affairs. He speaks English fluently and has got communicative skills in Chinese and Spanish.

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Position: Participant, Partners Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law, Chinese Studies

Third-year Master's degree student at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw and first- year Bachelor's degree student of Sinology. She is particularly interested in intellectual property and copyright law. She speaks fluent English, has basic command of French and is currently learning Spanish and Chinese. Passionate about skiing and dancing.

MICHAŁ JĘDRZEJCZAK

Position: Participant, Partners Team & Content Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Second-year law student at the University of Warsaw. He participated in the Parliament of Children and Youth as a deputy and in many Model United Nations events. Former chairman of Youth City Council of his hometown. He completed traineeship in Center for Dispute and Conflict Resolution. At present Legal Department Intern in LOT Polish Airlines. Strongly interested in ADR, corporate law and aviation, as well as traveling and folk dances. He speaks English and German but also learns Mandarin.

KATARZYNA HAJDUK

Position: Participant, Content Team

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Major: Financial Law

First-year Master's degree student at the at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw, majoring in Financial Law. She studied at the North University of China in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, China. Author of publications about China. Interested in Chinese law and economy. She speaks English, German and Chinese.

JAKUB TURCZYN

Position: Participant, Content Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law, Liberal Arts

Fourth-year Master's degree student at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities, majoring in Law and Liberal Arts. Interested in various aspects of hi-tech related law as well as in China's economy. He speaks English and basic German.

MICHAŁ MARUSZAK

Position: Participant, Content Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Fifth-year Master's degree student at the Faculty of Law and Administration. He is interested in commercial and tax law. Former participant of Legal Clinic at the University of Warsaw. Currently he gains professional experience in one of international law firms. He speaks English and is about to learn Chinese.

MARTA MUSIDŁOWSKA

Position: Participant, Marketing Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

First-year student at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. Member of marketing team of Warsaw-Beijing Forum since 2016. She was a leader during two Youth in Action exchanges and a member of Trickster Association, that aims to organise meetings with polish writers and journalists. She is crazy about travelling and writing about it on her travel blog. Keen on sports such as volleyball and skiing. She speaks English, Spanish and has a basic command of French.

MARTA KĄDZIOŁKA

Position: Participant, Marketing Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law, Psychology

Fifth-year Master's degree student and a graduate of the University of Bonn (Erasmus+). An Alumnus of the European Academy of Arbitration. She was also awarded with DAAD Scholarship. Now, she puts the acquired knowledge into practice at an international law firm. Marta has always been engaged in academic organisations and is a former member of a student's theatre. She speaks fluent English, German and basic Spanish. Loves Chinese culture, art history, travelling, aviation and psychology - her second major.

PIOTR MACHAJEK

Position: Participant, Marketing Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Chinese Studies

Third-year student of Chinese Studies, Warsaw-Beijing Forum's fresher. Coffee-fueled enthusiast of China and Chinese, spends every single hour of his free time cultivating his sinology knowledge and skills. He speaks English, Chinese, and basic Russian. Not only a Chinese learner, but also personal tutor, not afraid to work with kids and to face new challenges. Piotr is also keen on music and literature.

KRZYSZTOF PRZYBYLSKI

Position: Participant, Marketing Team

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Major: Finance and Accounting

First-year student at Warsaw School of Economics, majoring in Finance and Accounting with specialization in International Financial Markets and Corporate Finance. Member of Consulting and Business Students' Organizations at Warsaw School of Economics. He is interested in new technologies, foreign affairs, politics, and science. Sport lover, with great passion for skiing, scuba diving and cycling. He speaks English and German.

JAKUB CICHUTA

Position: Participant, Marketing Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law, Philosophy

Third-year student at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities. Participant of Chinese Law Taught in English semester-long course at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in Beijing in 2016, organised by the China-EU School of Law. He speaks English, Spanish at B1 level, and studied Chinese during his stay in Beijing.

WERONIKA SZWAJDA

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: Warsaw School of Economics

Major: Global Business, Finance and Governance

First-year Master's degree student at Warsaw School of Economics, she holds a BA in Arab Studies from Adam Mickiewicz University. Former Youth Delegate of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations General Assembly. Awarded Casimir Pulasky Foundation scholarship for International Security Program in Academy of Young Diplomats. Spent a few months working and volunteering in Beijing as a participant of Deep Into China BFSU project.

KLAUDIA PŁAWECKA

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Chinese Studies

Second-year student at the faculty of Sinology at the University of Warsaw. Although a Warsaw-Beijing Forum's freshman, previously involved in organising of various workshops and activities. She adores Russian literature and constantly deepens her knowledge of the Middle Kingdom. Plans to conduct her Master's degree in China and afterwards go on to become a simultaneous interpreter. Speaks fluent English as well as communicative Chinese and Russian.

LENA RAZUMNIK

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Applied Linguistics

Fifth-year Master's degree student at the Applied Linguistics Department, majoring in Russian and English with specialization in translating and teaching. She obtained a Bachelor's degree at the Sinology Department. In summer 2016 she participated in a summer course "Understanding China" organized by Confucius Institute and held at Beijing Foreign Studies University. She successfully passed HSK 5. She loves studying foreign languages and playing mahjong.

ALEKSANDRA SZYMCZYK

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Korean Studies

First-year Master's degree student of Korean Studies at University of Warsaw. She's interested in politics of Korean Peninsula as well as Korean-Japanese and Korean-Chinese relations. She's also passionate about theory of Confucianism and Taoism and their influence on East Asian countries. Apart from Korean, she learns German and Japanese. She's fluent in English and has basic knowledge of Mandarin.

SZYMON JEZIERSKI

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Sinology, Law

Second-year Bachelor's degree student at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities, majoring Law and Sinology. He is interested in politics and foreign affairs. Speaks fluent English, advanced German and basic Dutch. Fascinated in history, philosophy and literature, mainly french and polish. He is crazy about historical monuments, medieval castles, pre-war design and abandoned houses.

BARNABA RUD-CHLIPALSKI

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law, Chinese Studies

Second-year student at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities at University of Warsaw, majoring in Law and Chinese Studies. New member of Warsaw Beijing Forum. Modern China is his area of interests - starting from politics and economy, through observing development of the Chinese football league, ending up in following trends at the art market. You may find him on a football pitch, as well as in a art gallery. He speaks English, Spanish and Chinese.

SANDRA KAŁWAJTYS

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Chinese Studies

Second-year student of Chinese Studies at the University of Warsaw. Fascinated with Chinese culture, language and history. From the very first days of studies truly involved in many projects. Member of AIESEC University of Warsaw. She speaks fluent English and Spanish and has communicative skills in Chinese and French. She is passionate about numerous things, such as travelling, art and foreign cultures.

JAN CZARNOCKI

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Third year student at the Faculty of Law and Administration. Active member of University of Warsaw Faculty of Law Student's Union and University of Warsaw Student's Union. Former intern at Center for Polish-Asian Studies. Interested in law, history, philosophy, and politics. He speaks English and learns Chinese.

JAN PTASZYŃSKI

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Fifth year student at the Faculty of Law and Administration. Passionate about the theory of law and history. He gained professional experience during an internship at one of the Big Four companies and a traineeship at the legal department of an international coffee company. Born to run, especially to strike a powerful forehand at a tennis court. He speaks English and French and has basic skills in Czech.

KATARZYNA DĄBROWSKA

Position: Participant, Logistics Team

University: University of Warsaw

Major: Law

Fourth-year student of the faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. Participated in the Erasmus in Netherlands, organizer of conferences on comparative and medical law. Interested in competition law and Chinese culture. She speaks English and Spanish fluently.

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