

Call for Papers

Danish Chinese Research Network (DCRN)

5th Biennial Conference

The China Moment: Reflections on a Changing Nation and World

Date: 27 November 2026, 10:00–17:00 (conference dinner TBC)

Venue: Aarhus University, Hejmdal Meeting and Conference Centre, Peter Sabroes Gade 1, 8000 Aarhus C

Conference language: English

Conference Theme

China is navigating economic restructuring, demographic pressures, social inequality, and new forms of digital governance. Internationally, China's diplomacy, technological ambitions, climate engagement, and role in multilateral institutions are reshaping global politics and cooperation, while also intensifying geopolitical tensions.

The "China moment" captures this period of intensified uncertainty and influence, in which China increasingly shapes global debates on governance, business, sustainability, technology, and world order.

This interdisciplinary one-day conference brings together scholars and postgraduate researchers based in Denmark who work on China-related topics. The aim is to share ongoing research, strengthen national research corporation and networks, as well as situate Danish China studies within broader European and global discussions.

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Topics

Proposals related to China are invited on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Domestic politics and governance
- Society, culture, and demographic change
- Environment, sustainability, and climate governance
- Economic transformation and development
- Technology, digitalisation, and innovation
- Foreign policy, migration, and global order
- International cooperation and development
- History, religion, and culture

Submissions

Please submit:

- An abstract of **max. 250 words**
- A short biographical note of **max. 100 words**

Send submissions to: mettethunoe@cas.au.dk

Submission deadline: 1 August 2026

Notification of acceptance: 1 September 2026

Conference Format

The programme will include paper presentations by senior scholars, early-career researchers, and PhD students. A roundtable session on researching and/or teaching China will provide space for collective reflection and exchange.

The conference will be open for registered academics, professionals, and students engaged with China-related topics. Registration opens for participants without paper presentations when the programme is ready.

The DCRN conference series was launched in 2018 by Aarhus University (Arts) and DIIS and has since been hosted by Aarhus University, DIIS, Aalborg University, and Copenhagen Business School. The 2026 conference continues this biennial tradition of national research exchange.

Organising Committee

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