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WINS in China: International Workshop in Institutional Analysis of Social-Ecological System-China (C-WINS) & the Inauguration Ceremony for C-WINS held in Zhejiang University of China during 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, November, 2015

The Land Academy for National Development (LAND) of Zhejiang University established the CWINS between 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in November of 2015 in China. Cooperating with WINS (Berlin Workshop in Institutional Analysis of Social-Ecological System), CWINS is committed to promote the cooperation and communication of Chinese and international scholars with common interest in analyzing the institutions and governance issues of the "Social-Ecological System", especially on China.

More than 90 scholars attended this two-day workshop and the inauguration ceremony. In the ceremony session, the vice president of Zhejiang University, Professor Weidong Luo, the dean of the School of Public Affairs, Professor Wenhua Shen, and the representative of WINS, Professor Markus Hanisch, gave the welcome addresses. Prof. Markus Hanisch together with Prof. Cifang Wu, the dean of the LAND, unveiled the nameplate of the CWINS, which representing the formal establishment of the CWINS.



During the workshop, the scholars from China and Europe discussed together several main themes, including the theories of institutional analysis of the Social-Ecological Systems, land governance, ecological issues, social cooperation, sustainability issues, market and government, and other Chinese practices on governing the Social-Ecological Systems.



Prof. Bojie Fu, academican of Chinese Academy of Sciences, delivered a keynote speech about the SES issues of the loess plateau in the middle of the Yellow River basin in northern China. He detailed how land use cover change and institutions impact on the ecosystem services based on case studies in the area. Also, he held the view that the connection between ecosystem processes and ecosystem services were scientific foundations in ecological restoration and ecosystem service. The relationships between different ecosystem services were solutions to ecosystem service optimization and management.

Prof. Arild Vatn analyzed social institution's influence on human behavior and motivation and explained the process of human cooperation and competition under social institutions. He suggested that human behaviors and their decisions were driven at different rational levels. Appropriate institution analysis is really necessary for actions. Moreover, Prof. Volker Beckmann and Dr. Franz Gatzweiler introduced several different systems and ideas about Institutions of land and systemic sustainability.

Weidong Luo, the vice president of Zhejiang University, put forward the expectation to strengthen academic exchanges between the Humboldt University and Zhejiang University. He believed that as high level of professional academic teams, the BWINS and the CWINS would play an important role in institutional analysis of social-ecological systems.