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GEC Held the International Interdisciplinary Innovative Talent Cultivation Forum at the 23rd China Annual Conference & Expo for International Education

The 23rd China Annual Conference & Expo for International Education (CACIE) was held both online and offline at the Beijing International Conference Center on February 17, 2023, with the theme of “Reshaping Education: Adaption and Transformation”. Organized by the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), the event brought together educators, scholars, and representatives from various universities, institutions, and academia to discuss the current state and future of education.



People attending the Plenary Session of China Annual Conference and Expo for International Education at Beijing International Conference Center (Picture released by China Education Association for International Exchange)

Sponsored by CEAIE, GEC Academy and Shanghai Jiao Tong University - GEC Academy Center of Innovative Design for Interdisciplinary Studies hosted the **International Interdisciplinary Innovative Talent Cultivation Forum** to discuss directions and goals of nurturing international, interdisciplinary, and innovative talents amid global changes. Hundreds of educators, university leaders, teachers, and relevant experts were invited to join in the conversation for this parallel session.

Followed by guest speeches, Mr. Andre Schlesinger, Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills at The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Professor Jonathan Michie, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Kellogg College at Oxford University, and Secretary-General Wang Yongli of CEAIE, delivered their opening speeches and warmly welcomed every audience respectively.

Professor Jonathan Michie explained governmental efforts on interdisciplinary research in the UK and the endeavor on innovation at Oxford during his speech. “In Britain, we have a Research Exercise Framework (REF), and the exercise takes place every five or six years where the founders of universities look at the research exercise at different universities to decide how much of the national funding should go to each university. I’ve been arguing for a long time - I’ve been involved in this process for a long time at different universities - that the funding process has to take proper care of interdisciplinary publications. Recognition in disciplinary work is very important. I’m pleased to say that in Britain, that research exercise framework now has incorporated interdisciplinary panel members who review the work.” He noted.

Several experts were invited to give keynote speeches during the session.

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Mr. Shen giving a speech during the sharing
(Picture released by China Education Association for International Exchange)

Mr. Shen Cong, CEO of GEC Academy, started his speech with a sharing of the goal of GEC Academy, “GEC Academy is committed to cultivating the next generation of talents with global competence, promoting the developments of talent nurturing from within.” He then summarized GEC’s efforts to achieve the goals in the past few years.

Mr. Shen Cong asserted that global competence is not only crucial for language major students, but for all students. “Especially in the backdrop of confronting complex international issues, students of science and engineering require more global competence training”, he said.



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Mr. Zhao Tianshou, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chair Professor at the Southern University of Science and Technology, who is a renowned expert in the field of energy technology, shared insights on talent cultivation and interdisciplinary research in the field of carbon-neutral energy.

According to Zhao, interdisciplinary research plays a crucial role in the development of energy technology. “To advance the creation of new energy technologies and achieve carbon neutrality goals, both talent cultivation and research and development require interdisciplinary collaboration”, Zhao stated. Zhao’s remarks underscore the importance of interdisciplinary approaches in achieving breakthroughs in the field of energy technology.



Ms. Liu giving a speech during the sharing
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Ms. Liu Hong, President of Dalian University of Foreign Languages, emphasized both the importance of the understanding of one’s identity and the necessity of constant communication with the world. She pointed out that, “in the process of cultivating foreign language talents, we should maintain active communication and cooperation with the international community. Therefore, the transformational training of foreign language talents is very important.”

After several speeches given by the experts, two roundtable sessions were held to discuss topics such as “Research and Practice on International and Merit-Based Innovative Talent Training Model” and “Discussion on the Practice of Internationalization and Cross-disciplinary Talent Cultivation in the Post-Epidemic Era”.

All the participants reached the consensus that international collaboration and exchange are crucial solutions for building interdisciplinary and innovative talent cultivation models. The importance of interdisciplinary studies and talent cultivation in shaping a nation’s scientific and technological capabilities was also highlighted.

With the objective of cultivating the innovators of tomorrow, GEC will continue to provide dedicated service and excellent course delivery in more areas and will be expecting more academic and research opportunities created by the institutional affiliations.

GEC Onsite Research Seminar Returns! Invitation to the 2023 Summer Research Program

We are beyond excited and thankful to announce that our onsite research seminar - GEC Summer Research Program, formerly called AI HUB, is coming back this summer! It is one of the most significant events for GEC Academy, and we plan to bring together around 50 professors from all around the world to China and have hundreds of students to participate in the GEC onsite research seminar, studying, collaborating, and bonding together in the same room. While we have seen so many impressive examples of collaboration in Zoom classrooms as always, we all yearn to be together again in one place and we are delighted to invite you to China to join this biggest offline academic campaign and branding activation of GEC in 2023 summer!



The Summer Research Program is a four-week intensive program that will take place **from the weekend of July 8th to the weekend of August 5th.**

- It will start with two online lectures on the weekends of July 8th and 15th.
- After completing the online lectures, you will be expected to arrive in China around July 23rd.
- During your stay in Shanghai, there will be 7 sessions and 1 final presentation session conducted by you.
- Each session will be two hours long, totaling 20 hours of teaching time for each program.

In addition to the seminar, we are also planning to arrange other activities such as round table meetings, onsite lectures for GEC partner universities and enterprises in and around Shanghai, meeting and mingling with other GEC professors, and GEC's annual event with Shanghai Jiao Tong University. These activities are to be confirmed, but we will make sure to make the most of your time in China.

GEC Academy has previously hosted successful in-person programs before the pandemic, and we are thrilled to bring them back in 2023. It will be a great opportunity for us to meet you in person and an unforgettable experience for the students to study face-to-face, and we would be honored if you could be a part of it.

If you are interested and available to participate in the GEC Summer Research Program, please feel free to contact your academic manager. For new professors, please feel free to contact our outreach specialist Katrina at katrina.wang@gecacademy.com. We are always more than happy to provide you with more information and details about this program or schedule a Zoom meeting for further discussion on the onsite research program. We look forward to meeting you in Shanghai!

Faculty Work Gallery

This month we introduced a multimedia staged musical work - Everything Rises - from Professor Ken Ueno.

If you are interested in showcasing your research, grants, book releases, conference presentations, or any work you deem valuable and interesting to share, please feel free to contact us.

Everything Rises | Music and libretto by Ken Ueno



Everything Rises is an evening-long multimedia staged musical work featuring violinist, Jennifer Koh, and bass-baritone, Davóne Tines, that platforms their experiences with racism in classical music.

Click [HERE](#) to watch this multimedia staged musical work!

Description

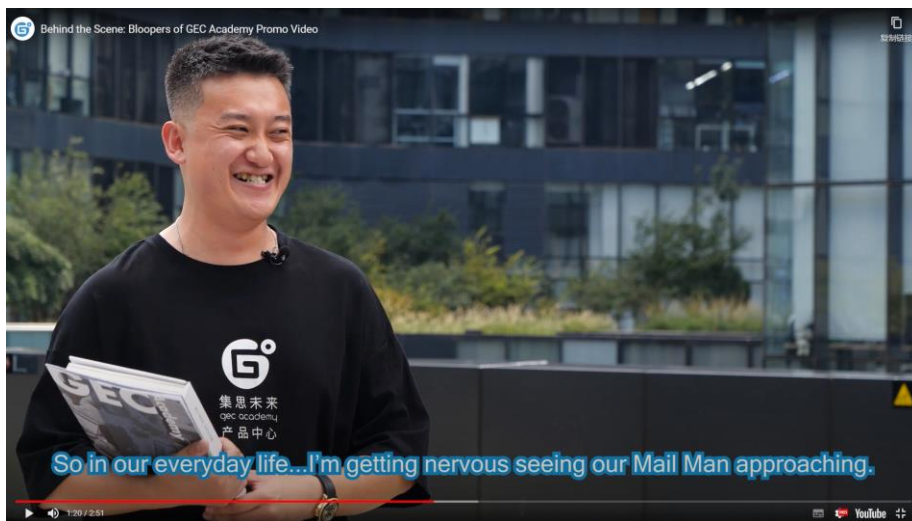
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Please click [HERE](#) to find more information.

GEC Culture

Behind the Scene - Bloopers of GEC Academy Promo Video

Check out the funny moments of GEC promo video produced by GEC Academic Branding Team!



Please click [HERE](#) to watch the video!

Introducing New Faces

We're pleased to welcome 2 new faces to the GEC team - **Jingjing & Ying!**



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01 Educational background:

Master of TESOL, University of Exeter, 2013-2014

02 What are your current duties?

I serve as the Business Assistant of the President, Mr. Edison Yan at GEC Academy, and I am also a member of the Academic Branding Team. My job responsibility involves assisting Edison, updating brand brochures, producing brand videos, etc.

03 What made you choose GEC Academy?

GEC Academy is known for Project-based Learning, which is a promising and prosperous section in the educational industry. Additionally, my friend who has been working at GEC Academy for years told me about GEC's culture which is vigorous, innovative and united. I was attracted by both the prospect and culture of GEC Academy. So, here I am.

04 What are your specialisms and interests?

After working in the educational industry for 8.5 years, I have accumulated much experience in customer services, talent development, administrative affairs, etc. Those are my specialism which can be applied to what I am doing now. My interests are sports and cats. As for sports, I like swimming, skiing, etc. And for cats, the British Shorthair is my favourite.

01 Educational background:

Master of International Relations, Tsinghua University, 2020-2023

Bachelor of International Relations, Beijing Foreign Studies University, 2016-2020

02 What are your current duties?

Now I am working as a member of our Global Competence Development Program team. I have different duties in different scenarios, ranging from writing academic activity reports, hosting academic meetings, and leading discussions in the Global Competence Development classes.

03 What made you choose GEC Academy?

I chose to work for GEC Academy because of its reputation in the education industry and its values. GEC Academy is well-known for providing quality education and prioritizing the needs of its students and teachers. Another reason is about the potential for career growth and advancement. I believe that GEC Academy provides opportunities for professional development, training, and promotion, which can help me achieve my long-term career goals.

04 What are your specialisms and interests?

As a student majoring in International Relations, my specialism is mostly about international conflicts and cooperation, especially in the area of arms control and global security. I also have a lot of interests, including running, reading books and watching old movies.



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China Inaugurates National University for the Aged

Elderly people in China will have the opportunity to continue their education in a national-level university from the 2023 spring semester onwards. The establishment of The Seniors University of China (SUC) for the aged is a concrete measure to address population aging in China and an important milestone in the reform and development of education for the elderly. The university provides students with skills training, cultural inheritance education, social services, scientific research and international exchanges, and offers both online and offline teaching activities for the elderly nationwide.

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LATEST NEWS OF CHINA EDUCATION

Bluebook Calls for Smarter Education



As China moves toward a modern country with a strong education sector, smart education must see greater growth, according to a new bluebook. Digital technologies are the bedrock for smart education, which features diverse data application and sharing, and calls for the collective creation and sharing of digital education resources and a renewed commitment to a global community of smart education.

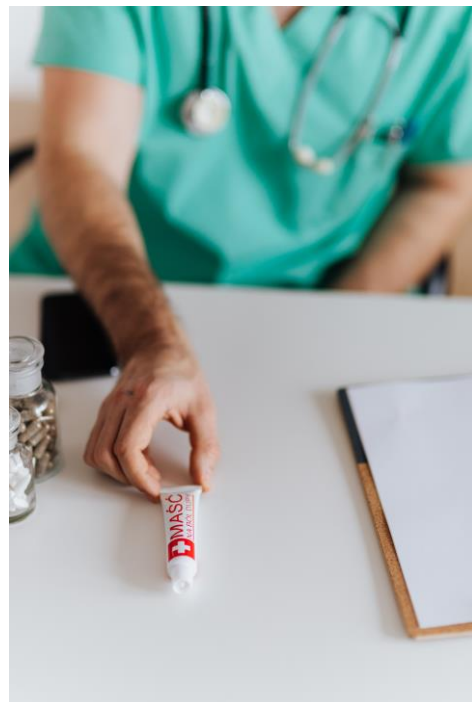
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AMAZING WORK FROM GEC STUDENTS

Each month, GEC will introduce some of our exceptional students' work in a specific research area to our audiences. This month we selected two articles from our previous students in the field of **Biomedical Science**.

Safety Assessment of Electronic Cigarettes and Their Relationship with Cardiovascular Disease

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are sometimes considered as an adjunct to quitting smoking, and the number of people using e-cigarettes among young people and adults is increasing rapidly. Both animal models and human studies have demonstrated that e-cigarette, especially nicotine, is closely associated with cardiovascular diseases. However, there is not that much research focus on the mechanism of how e-cigarettes affect cardiovascular disease. Some studies have demonstrated that the content of e-cigarette, especially nicotine and flavouring additive may result in cardiovascular disease due to damage in the endothelium. The relationship between e-cigarette usage and hypertension has been nearly confirmed, which might be the potential cause of other cardiovascular diseases. This review aims to summarize the trends and existing scientific information on the use of e-cigarettes, focusing on potential cardiovascular health risks and benefits, characteristics related to the use of e-cigarettes, and key areas for future research.



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The Application of BH-3 Only Mimetics in Tumor Therapy

Tumors are divided into benign and malignant, and the further development of malignant tumors becomes cancer. In recent years, the number of deaths from cancer worldwide increasing rapidly. To better fight cancer, targeted therapy is a more precise method. Among them, BH-3 only protein is a representative protein for targeted therapy. BH-3 only protein is a BCL-2 family protein with only one BH domain and acts as a pro-apoptotic protein to regulate cell apoptosis. Different BH-3 only proteins have different binding options with anti-apoptotic proteins in the BCL-2 family. BH-3 only protein has an excellent performance in inhibiting cancer cells, and the research of BH-3 only mimics constantly updated. This paper will introduce drug research on tumor treatment by studying the effects of targeted BH-3only mimics and expanding drugs' development for its related family proteins.

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WHAT PROGRAMS DOES GEC OFFER IN March 2023 SEMESTER?

In March, GEC launches a total of 42 online research programs in the areas of Finance, Marketing, Economics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geoscience, Communication Studies, and so on, partners with 12 Chinese universities to develop students' global competence through the GEC Global Competence Development Course and provides a personalized Global Entrepreneurship program for Nanjing Tech University. In this Spring, GEC also set up 6 customized lectures for Nanjing University of the Arts and Zhejiang University. We will continue to gather students, faculty, and staff for an unrivaled academic experience.

The tables below show detailed information about the programs that GEC launches in March.

[GEC 2023 March Program List,](#)
[Universities offering GEC Global Competence Courses in March 2023](#)
[GEC Personalized Programs for Universities](#)
[GEC Customized Lectures for Universities in March 2023](#)

Please click [HERE](#) to find previous program/course offerings.

GEC Team Role Clarification

The introduced teams include the Leadership Team, the Teaching Team, the Academic Team, the Academic Branding Team, the Product Management Team, the Application Team, and the Finance Team. Their aims and responsibilities have been elaborated on in detail.

Additionally, the roles of each team have been clarified, including the president, the director, the leading instructor, the teaching fellow, the academic manager, the program coordinator, etc. The clarification centers on their responsibilities, and their names, titles, photos were also attached. Click [HERE](#) to access the recording.

Please download GEC Team Introduction [HERE](#).

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