

**To Bridge Social Quality Studies with Social Innovation -- An International Summer School Program on “Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Organizations and Societies: Ecosystems, workplace & social innovation, social quality” held in Zhejiang University on July 18-23, 2016**

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the International Summer School on the theme of Workplace Innovation, Social Innovation and Social Quality was launched at Zhejiang University together with an International Workshop on these subjects. This program was co-organized by The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Zhejiang University (ZJU), Utrecht University (UU) and the applied scientific research institute (TNO) of the Netherlands. In the opening ceremony of this event chaired by Prof. Ka Lin from Zhejiang University, the deputy director in the division of the European Cooperation in CASS Ms. Xuehua Shi, the representative of Utrecht University professor Erik Stam, the dean of the School of Management at Zhejiang University professor Xiaobo Wu, the dean’s assistant from School of Public Affairs prof. Weiwen Zhang, and the representative of TNO senior researcher Peter Oeij, gave celebrating addresses for this event.



In the social innovation session, Prof. Ka Lin gave a speech on *Innovations Studies and Social Innovation in Promotion of Social Quality*, which discussed the mechanism of innovation process in the field of social policy, and evaluating its implication on promoting social quality of society. Prof. Qing Miao from Zhejiang University elaborated the meaning of social entrepreneurship through case studies and Prof. Klaas ten Have from TNO discussed the theory of workplace innovation and its significance on improving industrial relations. After these lectures, the audience make questions and discussion with the speakers to exchange their views and gave admirable feedback.

From the July 19 to 23, the summer school program was operated with 11 lectures delivered. They are divided into two sessions, one on managerial innovation and entrepreneurship and another on social innovation and social quality. In the second session, Prof. Ka Lin introduced the method of social innovation studies and its relation with social quality studies, presented his work on social quality and its methodological development. Senior researcher Wei Li from CASS gave lectures on the experience on social surveys and indicator studies, which reflect the conditions of social quality in China. Senior researcher Peng Lv also made lectures on social entrepreneurship and professor Yi Pan give lecture on social services, both of these lectures refer social innovation to social development, employing a view of social quality theory as the conceptual context of evaluation for their outcomes.



Besides these lectures, the summer school program also included fieldvisiting and social activities for the students. On July 19, the students also visited Hangzhou Dream Town guided by Prof. Gang Zheng, and by July 21, visiting Xie Zhi Hostel and China Community Construction Exhibition Center led by Prof. Ka Lin. These visits enriched students' knowledge about social innovation practices in China, and be helpful for their understanding about nature of the grass-root level actions in the ways of social entrepreneurship, social policy practices and community governance

