



Activity summary of CIAS fellow in Budapest

**Name (with title):**

Chenggang Xu, PhD, invited distinguished research fellow

Partner(s) in Hungary:

CIAS in partnership with the Department of Comparative and Institutional Economics (DCIE)

Academic Year / Semester: 2019 Spring

Duration: 1 month

Sponsor(s): MOL Group

Project (title and description):

Institutional Genes: A Comparative Analysis of Origins of China's Institutions

Prof. Xu has been studying the origins of contemporary China's institutions. His main questions are:

- What are the features of China's fundamental institutions?
- What are the origins of these institutions?
- How and why have these institutions evolved in the ways we observe?
- Are there any similarities between the institutions of the Soviet-type Bolshevik dictatorship and the contemporary China's institutions?
- What are the perspectives of institutional changes and related issues in the future?

Achieved result(s):

This is an ongoing research project. Some preliminary results were presented by Prof Xu during his visit at CUB when he held two public lectures.

Connected publications:

He wrote a working paper, but it is not available at the moment for the audience. A monograph will be the final product of the research.

Additional activities (presentations, professional meetings, public lecture etc.):

He presented a public lecture for the students at the University of Corvinus
He met with faculty members of the DCIE, moreover started a joint research project with the Corvinus Center for Central Asia Research.

Future plans, planned return (if any):

He will return in September 2019 and most probably in April 2020 to continue the research project.