

**Smarter and/or Greener?
International Smart Eco-Cities Workshop
11-12 December 2017
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
Workshop Invitation**

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), in collaboration with its international partners, is pleased to invite you to the international workshop on smart eco-cities, themed: **'Smarter and/or Greener? International Smart Eco-Cities Workshop'**, 11-12 December 2017, at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, China.

There are three aims in this workshop. The first is to release the findings of a major multi-national research programme, supported by National Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), German Research Foundation (DFG) and French National Research Agency (ANR), titled "Smart eco-cities for a green economy: a comparative study of Europe and China". This workshop serves as a sharing platform where the findings from the project will be presented to various stakeholder groups such as the academia, governmental bodies, and research institutions and non-governmental organisations and to stimulate discussion and solicit inputs from national and international and Chinese experts in the field.

The second part of the workshop will discuss publication outputs, by bringing together local and international experts to discuss the current issues and debates, in urban sustainability research. The organizers have secured an agreement from Palgrave Macmillan, Palgrave Series in Asia and Pacific Studies, on the topic on **'Smart and/ or eco cities of the world'**. Scholars will present their individual research on the topic, for discussion and later inclusion into the edited book for publication in 2018.

The final session on 12 December morning will then explore research collaboration and funding possibilities. Targeting a mixed-group of stakeholders, this session will be opened by a keynote speaker focusing on the future trajectory of urban sustainability research, and sandpit ideas from various participants on future research ideas. The main aim of this session is to work ideas into future funding application for various Chinese, EU and UK funders. By assessing current funding landscape, opportunities and calls available, this workshop will build teams and innovate ideas for future funding applications.

We will end the workshop with a city tour of vibrant Ningbo and visit one of the most famous local attraction, the ancient library Tianyi Ge.

If you are interested to participate in this workshop, kindly send us an abstract between 300-500 words, name, affiliation and a short bio of your expertise in this field to iaps@nottingham.edu.cn by 01 November 2017. Kindly note participants will have to pay for their own transport and accommodation expenses but all meals and venue will be arranged by the organisers. There is no registration fee for this event. Attendees are expected to arrive on the evening of 10 December and leave the evening of 12 December 2017. Workshop participants are expected to stay for the full duration of the workshop.



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