

**Seminar on “Portraits of Diversity:
Chinese Universities in the Move to Mass Higher Education”**

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Abstract :

The seminar will explore the experience of Chinese universities of different types and in different regions, as they moved to mass higher education while at the same time seeking to reach international standards of excellence between 1999 and 2009. How was a diversity of institutional types maintained in face of the pressure towards homogeneity around the "global research university" coming from external forces of globalization? How was it possible to maintain and raise quality, while at the same time massively expanding student numbers? What kinds of decisions were made regarding university mergers and campus development in the rapid change process? How did students experience the massification process? Four or five universities of different types will be portrayed in some detail, using photos of significant spaces on their campuses which were selected by students, faculty and university leaders as we carried out case study visits.