



Newsletter of the China Centre (Maritime)

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Welcome Remark

A warm welcome to the First/December China Centre (Maritime) newsletter in the year. The CCM is based at the School of Maritime Science and Engineering (SMSE), the Southampton Solent University. It has been a busy 15 months since the Centre's launch at the International Maritime Organisation in late September 2015. The highlights include the **UK-China Joint Maritime Research Symposium 'One Belt, One Road Initiative: Seafarers Development and Environment Protection at Sea'** with East China University of Political Science and Law, 27 January 2016. This stimulating one-day symposium saw papers presented by 15 speakers from China and the UK; it also witnessed Professor Jinsong Zhao, Dean of College of Shipping Law at ECUPSL being appointed as an SSU Visiting Professor and the signing of the collaborative research agreement between Jinsong's College and the SMSE at Solent.

In May, the **First China-UK Joint International Conference on Maritime Policy, Education and Technology (ICMPET2016)** was jointly developed by Shanghai Maritime University and Southampton Solent University and hosted in Shanghai. This vibrant two-day event has attracted more than 60 participants from China, UK and other countries such as Australian, Canada, South America and the US.

We are now preparing **the SSU-SMU joint 2nd ICMPET, 7-8 June 2017, Southampton**. We would like to work with partner organisations and individuals to develop a strong programme content. The aim of this international conference is to bring together a wide range of perspectives and stakeholders including academia, industry and NGOs engaged or interested in maritime issues. Please contact Yuan Li, the Conference Coordinator Yuan.Li@solent.ac.uk for registration and more details.

In addition, **the CCM Research Seminar**, launched in October, has provided a forum for discussions over a variety of fascinating topics and themes concerning UK-China and other international relations focusing on the maritime sector. These seminars have made positive contribution to the vibrant culture in the University and beyond. Keep an eye on our website or contact Dr Jilin Ye Jilin.Ye@solent.ac.uk who leads these seminars, for the upcoming talks in 2017.

The Global Maritime Weekly Digest, started since September 2015 as an industry-oriented weekly publication at CCM aiming to inform maritime staff and student at Solent but also partner institutions and individuals in other parts of the world, has produced about 55 issues. The publication has been distributed to over a large number of recipients including many institutional representatives who further distribute to individuals in the departments and offices of their companies. While the majority of the readership locates in the UK and China, our distribution has a global coverage. We have received encouraging comments and suggestions from a wide range of world locations, including for example the students registered for maritime studies at Solent and from prominent shipping companies in Greece, Hong Kong and Panama. Please contact Yifan.Wang@solent.ac.uk for any queries or comments and suggestions.

We have also seen a good year in academic publication. While Dr Simon Daniels' book **Corporate Manslaughter in the Maritime and Aviation Industries** (Informa Law from Routledge, 2016) provides expert analysis of the relevant evolving law, Dr Pengfei Zhang's **Seafarers Rights in China** (Springer, 2016) leads the CCM ambitious book series publication plan on maritime labour concerning China with four more titles. We have now started working on the second title *The Chinese Seafarer: understanding the largest maritime workforce the world* (forthcoming, Springer). These books, as well as other academic publications from the CCM members will make significant contribution to REF2021 at Solent.

In the past year, on the research but also educational front, the CCM has attracted four **PhD students** whose research deals with key maritime issues, including a study on maritime legal history in China, a project on using LNG as a new marine fuel, an examination of the salvage law in the UK and an investigation into the complex relationship between seafarers' nationalities and maritime training. We are hopeful to see more research students joining in 2017.

The CCM has completed its study on women seafarers in China and contributed substantially to the successful delivery of the **Gender and Empowerment in Multinational Crew Environment (GEM) Project** led by colleague Dr Kate Pike. The research report has been well received by the industry and two academic papers on gender issues concerning China are expected to be carried by a peer reviewed international journal and a book chapter in 2017.

We are excited to announce that CCM has been successful with a award of a **new research grant to study the welfare provisions for world seafarers when their ships call at China's sea ports**. The project will be launched shortly after the Christmas & New Year break. We are looking forward to working together with colleagues and partner institutions for success of this project in the next 12 months.

One further highlight in 2016 is that we have the delight to see the University welcoming and hosting seven **Visiting Academics** from the Chinese partner universities, the first time in such substantial numbers involving a wide range of disciplines including accountancy, English, journalism, construction management, and of course maritime studies such as port operation and management and economics in cruise shipping. These visiting scholars are ambassadors from our partner institutions in China. The last several months have seen them enthusiastically collaborating with colleagues at Solent in various joint projects concerning research, publication, exchange of staff, and recruitment of students from Chinese universities. The CCM has the privilege and honour in hosting some of these visiting scholars at the SAME, and in facilitating their collaborative work across Schools, and indeed for providing a 'home' for these Chinese colleagues in the university.

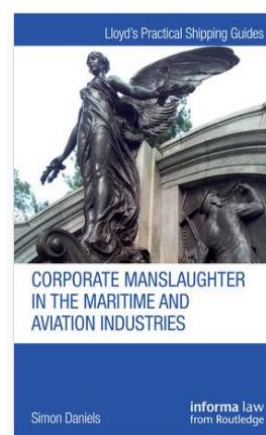
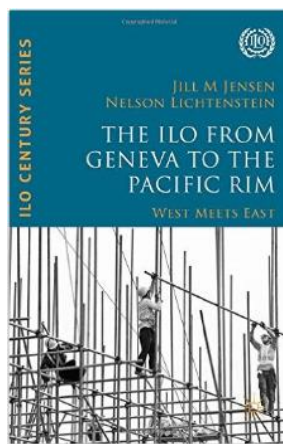
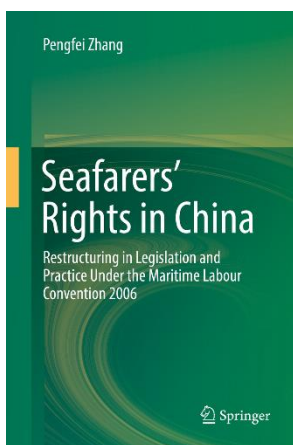
We hope you enjoy this first issue of the China Centre (Maritime) Newsletter, and we look forward to sharing our progress with you in 2017! We wish you a wonderful festive season ahead!

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New Publications by CCM Members

We have seen an excellent year in academic publication by Centre members in 2016. Dr Simon Daniels book *Corporate Manslaughter in the Maritime and Aviation Industries* (Informa Law from Routledge, 2016) will proved to be a useful tool for practitioners and students in this specialised area, as well as those working in the maritime and aviation industries, such as those who will be accountable under the Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007; the Masters and Pilots who manage the risks; and the insurers who underwrite the cost of the risks.

The article 'Freedom of association: a comparison of China and US approaches to International Labour Organization standards' co-authored by Clifford B. Donn and Minghua Zhao has been carried by a recently published book *The ILO from Geneva to the Pacific Rim: West Meets East*, Jill M. Jensen and Nelson Lichtenstein (ed.) (International Labour Organisation (ILO) Century Series, Palgrave Macmillan, December 2015).



Dr Pengfei Zhang's *Seafarers Rights in China* (Springer, 2016) leads the CCM ambitious book series on maritime labour issues in China. It has extensive discussion on government's obligations and benefits in protecting their seafarers, detailed instructions for seafarers how they could claim and defend their rights, clear explanation for maritime stakeholders how they should respond to the new ILO 'Maritime Labour Convention 2006', and profuse analysis of maritime regulations and policies related to seafarers' rights in China.

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GEM Project, a Successful Completion!

The Gender, Empowerment and Multi-cultural Crew (GEM) research project was sponsored by the ITF Seafarers' Trust and began July 2015. The project was officially launched at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in September 2015 and was initiated to examine seafarers' welfare, focusing on gender issues within the multi-cultural crew environment. The key aim of the research was to extend limited knowledge surrounding these areas and to ultimately help create a safer working environment for all seafarers, in particular women and ethnic minorities, and encourage their participation and retention within the industry. This ambitious project is the first of its kind to examine seafarers' welfare and gender issues in three uniquely different maritime nations including the UK, China and Nigeria, drawing from the

experiences of both men and women seafarers. The research findings have been well-received by key stakeholders in the industry and with strong potential for peer reviewed academic publication in near future. The Project was led by Dr Kate Pike in the School and the CCM has made substantial contribution to the success of this study.



GEM Project launch ceremony at IMO



Chinese Women Seafarer at work in bridge

Visiting Academics from China

Seven visiting academics from six Chinese universities have joined us at Solent since September. These visiting professors and scholars are ambassadors from our partner universities in China. The last several months have seen them enthusiastically working with colleagues at Solent in developing collaborative research, publication, exchange of staff and students and so on. The CCM is honoured to have the opportunity in hosting some of these scholars at the School. We feel privileged to be able to provide a 'home' for our Chinese colleagues at the University and to facilitate their collaborative work across the Schools. These Chinese colleagues' participation in our life and activities in Southampton will make significant contribution to the internationalisation of the university and of the city.



Southampton Group Tour



Professor Huiyun Liu presenting gift to VC



CCM Meeting



Visiting academics attending university seminar

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCM Research Seminar

The CCM Research Seminar series are open to staff, students and to the general public. These seminars cover a variety of topics and themes concerning UK-China and international relations, making very positive contribution to the vibrant academic culture in the University. They are aimed as a forum focusing on dissemination of new knowledge and technologies to boost research output, networking and collaboration with interested individuals and institutions, with topics covering cross-disciplinary fields including but beyond the maritime subject. The following are the first three talks in 2017:

Date/Time	Topic	Speaker	Institution	Venue
W. 15/02/2017 14:00-16:00	Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and Seafarers Rights in China	Dr Pengfei Zhang	Southampton Solent University	Spark Building
W. 26/04/2017 14:00-16:00	Virtual Reality & Industry 4.0 for Maritime Industry in China and the UK	Dr Jilin Ye	Southampton Solent University	Spark Building
W. 21/06/2017 14:00-16:00	Visiting Scholars Research Reporting	All Chinese Visiting Scholars	from several Chinese universities	Spark Building

The 2nd International Conference on Maritime Policy, Technology and Education (ICMPET2017), 7-8 June 2017, Spark Building, Southampton



After the success of the 1st joint international maritime conference (ICMPET2016) with Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) in Shanghai, the CCM and colleagues at the School are now preparing for the 2nd conference ICMPET2017 in collaboration with the Marine College at SSU. We would like to work with partner individuals and institutions to develop a strong programme content. The aim of this international conference is to bring together a wide range of perspectives and stakeholders including academia, industry and NGOs engaged or interested in maritime issues. The following are for your kind attention:

Conference Themes:

- Safety and security at sea
- Marine environmental protection
- Maritime technology
- Seafarers' education, training and career
- Human, social and cultural factors in shipping
- Other key maritime issues

Submission Details:

- Title of paper
- A paper abstract(max.300 words)
- Mini-Bio (max.200 words)
- Author's name, institutional affiliation and email

Deadlines for Submission:

- Abstract:28 February 2017
- Full Paper:15 April 2017

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