Partnering with the China Studies Centre
The significance of studying China today

At the China Studies Centre, our goal is to learn how China is dealing with issues of global relevance. We believe that local knowledge and expertise on China is profoundly relevant to serious engagement with the increasingly connected issues of our time.
Who we are

Established in early 2011, the China Studies Centre is a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening understanding and collaboration in researching global issues in China. We foster engagement with China by supporting multidisciplinary research, in-country study, academic events, public forums, publications and industry partnerships.

Why partner with us

We develop relationships with a range of stakeholders, such as industry research partners, international businesses and academics, and translate that collaboration into improved knowledge and expertise on China. As a partner of the China Studies Centre, you join a community of industry leaders in building China-Australia relations. Partnering with us maximises your opportunity to benefit from collaborative research and commercialisation and increases your organisation’s social impact.
Our research excellence

The centre is defined by the excellence of its research community.

We work with a network of more than 330 researchers across 19 disciplines, including architecture, design and planning; arts and social sciences; business; music; engineering and computer science; health sciences; law; medicine and health; and history.

They are engaged in innovative multifaceted research on China broadly, including Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and overseas Chinese communities.

Supporting the University’s strategy for research engagement on China, we have defined seven research clusters to address the issues that affect our understanding of China.
Research clusters

China Studies Centre

- Business and economics
- Environment
- History
- Language, literature, culture and education
- Law and politics
- Science and technology
- Wellbeing

340+ student members

5 visiting fellows a year
China in the Urban Age

Nowhere in the modern world has the phenomenon of territorial and social transformation been more rapid, comprehensive and all-encompassing than in China.

In 2018, we launched the research theme ‘China in the Urban Age’ to take a multidisciplinary approach to urban issues in China. The research theme challenges well-established ways of seeing the city to facilitate broader conversations on the issues of urbanisation. This theme engages not only our academic members but also colleagues and collaborators from across Australia and internationally, across all disciplines.

Average household income has increased 400% in the last 10 years

854 MILLION internet users, 99% on mobile phones

25% of population will be over the age of 60 by 2030

Australia’s NO. 1 trade partner by far
70% of population will live in cities by 2030

Among the world's TOP 20 most innovative economies

The world's LARGEST electric vehicle market

Medical device industry set to be worth over $24 BILLION

China feeds more than 20% of the world's population
Partnership opportunities

We connect researchers to the community and engage with government and industry through public forums, exclusive industry events and projects which tackle complex social, technical and business challenges. Through these events you can expand your network, consolidate relationships, and strengthen your profile as a thought leader in business and policymaking.

What our partners say

A Chinese approach to AI and big data
“Our co-hosted breakfast event with the China Studies Centre raised awareness of BDO’s China capabilities internally and externally, and also allowed us to pursue several new third-party relationships in China-relevant activities.”

BDO

Smart transport in China and Australia
“The industry seminar we co-hosted with the China Studies Centre strengthened Sydney-China business ties and engaged global leaders and entrepreneurs in emerging opportunities in intelligent transport.”

City of Sydney

Smart agriculture: the present, the future and the opportunities
“By co-hosting our industry seminar with the China Studies Centre, we had an opportunity to increase our brand visibility and share our expertise in the industry with our target audience.”

Australian Native Products
1900+ attendees at 10 industry events

28 business partners, including HSBC, National Australia Bank, Westpac, PwC and FINSIA

52 public seminars per year

25 student events per year
Publications
We support and celebrate the research our members and partners are doing that will make a difference for China, Australia and the world.

We collaborate with our academic and industry partners to publish joint reports on research achievements in a wide range of industry sectors.

You can find more information about our centre publications, staff, students and partners on our website.

- sydney.edu.au/china-studies/publications

Fostering China knowledge
The China Studies Centre is a hub for our diverse community of students who are exploring important issues related to China. We help students develop cultural competence through in-country experience, student-facing events featuring industry speakers, and access to resources and opportunities to develop their research and ‘China literacy’.
We acknowledge the tradition of custodianship and law of the Country on which the University of Sydney campuses stand. We pay our respects to those who have cared and continue to care for Country.

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