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Vision 20: International Summit on Global Governance's New Frontiers

IAR Organizes Coalition of Global Think Tanks Ahead of China's G20



Faculty members, senior administrators, and graduate students from the Institute of Asian Research were in Hangzhou, China at an event coordinated by Professor Yves Tiberghien, Director of the Institute. The event, which brought together a large global coalition of policy schools and think tanks, sought to bring COP 21 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the leadership priorities of the forthcoming G20 summit.

The event brought together fifty world-class speakers and a dozen universities to seek a bigger-picture approach to the G20, initiate a new network, and produce a blue paper and book to influence the G20 in September 2016.

Members of the University of British Columbia were present at every panel.

The Institute of Asian Research would like to thank the Rockcheck Group for making the conference possible, and the Istuary Innovation Labs Inc. for their support in the Blue Paper research.

Selected Speakers

Pascal Lamy	Former DG of WTO and former EU Commissioner
Bertrand Badre	Outgoing CFO and Managing Director of the World Bank
Justin Lin	Former Vice President of the World Bank
Mahendra Siregar	Former Minister of Finance, Vice Minister of Trade and Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
He Yafei	Former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, China
Paul Martin	Former Prime Minister of Canada (via video)
Mike Callaghan	Former Deputy Minister of Australia and former G20 Sherpa
Masahiro Kawai	Former CEO of the ADB Institute



Student Leadership and Experience

After an open selection process, a team of 22 UBC students, along with staff and volunteers, was put together in January.

The 22 UBC students included five MAAPPS students, one MPPGA student, nine political science graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and two Sauder students.

The student team created the term Vision 20 (V20), its logo and the communications plan. The students also managed key VIPs on the ground.

A highlight of the summit was a working group on Saturday, April 2 to discuss the results and the blue paper. Two tables were set up: one with ten top global scholars and the other with UBC students. The two groups proceeded to partake in lively interactions and debates (photo below). This was an unprecedented experiment.

Students also embarked on tours of Hangzhou and engaged in a roundtable discussion with Peking University professors in Beijing on Sunday, April 3.



Publicity

CCTV and Phoenix TV sent full-time crews on site.

Students were involved in social media outreach.

Several newspapers followed up on the event.

More news coverage is expected following the release of the Blue Paper, which features the findings of the conference.

Partnerships

IAR/UBC and China Council

Zhejiang University

Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto

Brookings Institution

School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University

Center for International Political Economy at Peking University

Outcomes

A blue paper core committee was put together to work on three outcomes:

1. A 10 page report to top leaders with suggestions for long-term and for this G20
2. A Blue Paper (30-page report) to be disseminated globally, including at Think 20 and to governments
3. Blue book to be published this summer by Zhejiang University

All documents are bilingual in English and Chinese.

Creation of new V20 network beyond this year