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1. About CWAS

Center for West African Studies (CWAS) is a University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) based research center, established through the platform of the Ministry of Education of People's Republic of China and in partnership with University of Ghana (UG), University of Cape Coast (UCC), Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), University of Education, Winneba (UEW), University of Development Studies (UDS), and UESTC Alumni in West Africa for West African Studies in April 2017.



The establishment of CWAS is in line with Chinese National Philosophy and Social Sciences “Going Global” Strategy with the need to improve the image of UESTC in West African countries; to enhance China's influence in West Africa; to strengthen China-Africa collaborations, and to serve as a bridge for researchers and practitioners from China, West Africa and beyond to identify and meet the needs of West African development.

Missions and Goals

CWAS creates “1+1+1” new model of a Talents Training Base, a high level Academic & Cultural Exchange Platform and a featured top class “Think Tank” for West African studies.



Missions and Goals

2. Talents Training Base

(1) Academic Lectures

1) **Topic:** Research on the Risks and Countermeasures of International Industrial Capacity Cooperation: “Belt and Road” Initiative Perspective based on Ghana Case

Lecturer: Professor Zhao Shurong, Director of CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Date: May 7th, 2018

Sponsor: School of International Education, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



2) **Topic:** Brexit and International Trade

Lecturer: Professor Nora Ann Colton, University College London, UK

Date: June 28th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



3) **Topic:** ISIS and the Middle East

Lecturer: Professor Fawaz A. Gerges, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Date: June 29th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



4) **Topic:** Education in a Globalized World

Lecturer: Dr. Branislav Radeljic, University of East London, UK

Date: July 5th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



5) **Topic:** Education of International Students

Lecturer: Professor Zhao Shurong, Director of CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Date: September 6th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



(2) International Summer Courses

1) **Course:** Shifts and Shocks in the Global Economy

Lecturer: Professor Nora Ann Colton, University College London, UK

Date: June 25-29th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



2) **Course:** International Relations in a Changing World

Lecturer: Professor Fawaz A. Gerges, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Date: June 25-29th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



3) **Course:** Lessons in Leadership Development: Skills for Public Sector Management

Lecturer: Profess Antoinette A. Samuel, National League of Cities, USA

Date: July 2nd-5th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



3. Academic & Cultural Exchange Platform

(1) Hosting International Conferences

1) **2018 Forum on “The 40th Anniversary of China’s Reform and Opening-up and Its Implications for African Development”**

Date: April 4th, 2018

Venue: Multi-use Building, UESTC, P.R. China

Theme: The 40th Anniversary of China’s Reform and Opening-up and Its Implications for African Development

Sponsors: CWAS of UESTC; Editorial Office of IWAAS, CASS, P.R. China

Supported by: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Media: Reported by *People*, P.R. China





2) 2018 International Conference on Public Administration (13th ICPA) -- Session on West African Studies

Date: December 1st, 2018

Venue: Main Building, UESTC, P.R. China

Theme: Social and Economic Development in West Africa from Global Perspective

Sponsors: CWAS of UESTC; IWAAS of CASS, P.R. China

Supported by: Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, USA;
 Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University, USA;
 Center for African Studies, Peking University, P.R. China;
 Chinese Society of African Historical Studies, P.R. China;
 School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Media: Reported by *People*, P.R. China



(2) Attending International Conferences

1) The 5th Pécs African Studies Conference

Date: May 23rd-26th, 2018

Venue: University of Pécs, Hungary

Sponsors: Africa Research Centre of the Department of Political Studies, University of Pécs, HU; Metropolitan State University Denver, USA

Topic: Risks and Countermeasures of Sichuan Enterprises' International Industrial Capacity Cooperation with Africa: Ghana Case(Prof. Zhao Shurong)



2) 2018 SIIS Africa Forum

Date: June 4th, 2018

Venue: Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, P.R. China

Sponsors: Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, P.R. China; BMGF, USA

Discussant: International Development Cooperation in Africa: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects(Prof. Zhao Shurong)



3) The 7th Member Conference of Chinese Society for Asian and African Studies

Date: July 13th, 2018

Venue: Beijing Foreign Studies University, P.R. China

Sponsors: Beijing Foreign Studies University, P.R. China



4) 2018 IASIA-LAGPA

Date: July 23rd-27th, 2018

Venue: Lima, Peru

Sponsors: International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration, Peru

Topic: Analysis of Chinese Economic and National Security Interests in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor under the Framework of "Belt and Road" Initiative(Prof. Zhao Shurong)



5) The 1st African English Literature Symposium in China

Date: August 24-25th, 2018

Venue: Shanghai Normal University, P.R. China

Sponsors: Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai Foreign Literature Association, Shanghai Foreign Language Education Press, P.R. China

Topic: Community Collapse in *Fragments* from the Perspective of Confucian Role Ethics(Prof. Zou Tao)



6) The Seminar on " Francophone Africa: Development and Cooperation "

Date: August 26th, 2018

Venue: Center for African Studies of Yunnan University, P.R. China

Sponsors: Chinese Society for Asian and African Studies, Center for African Studies of Yunnan University, Editorial Office of IWAAS, CASS, P.R. China

Topic: • Thoughts on the National Chinese Strategy in the Higher Education Cooperation Between China and Francophone Countries of West Africa(Associate Prof. Li Hongliang)

• Brand Building of Chinese Enterprises in Francophone Countries of West Africa: Experience and Problems(Mr. Li Zhenyan)



7) Inaugural Conference of “Belt and Road” African Studies Alliance and The First Session of Academic Seminar

Date: October 26-28th, 2018

Venue: Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, P.R. China

Sponsors: Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, P.R. China

Topic: Enhancing Public Service Delivery through Decentralization in Ghana
(Prof. Zhao Shurong)



8) The 4th Meeting of the National and Regional Studies of the Ministry of Education

Date: November 14-15th, 2018

Venue: Zhejiang Normal University, P.R. China

Sponsors: National and Regional Studies of the Ministry of Education, Institute of African Studies of Zhejiang Normal University, P.R. China

Topic: Report on the Development of CWAS of UESTC(Prof. Zhao Shurong)



9) Academic Seminar on “Studies on key African Countries”

Date: December 8th, 2018

Venue: Institute of West-Asian and African Studies(IWAAS) of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences(CASS), P.R. China

Sponsors: Chinese Society for Asian and African Studies, P.R. China

Topic: Enhancing Public Service Delivery through Decentralization in Ghana
(Prof. Zhao Shurong)



4. Think Tank for West African Studies

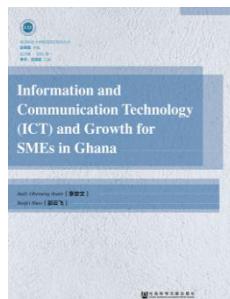
(1) CWAS Book Series on West African Studies

Publisher: Social Sciences Academic Press

Founded in 1985, Social Sciences Academic Press (SSAP), the publishing wing of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), specializes in scholarly publication in the humanities and the social sciences. SSAP is committed to producing classics of broad and long-lasting influence both within academia and beyond, and increasingly, both inside and outside of China. In addition to books in a wide range of topics in sociology, history, law, education, environment, economics, linguistics and other disciplines, SSAP has spearheaded and made great strides in serial publications and multimedia products.



1) **Economy • Ghana I : Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Growth for SMEs in Ghana**



Book Series: CWAS Book Series on West African Studies

Book Title: Economy • Ghana I : Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Growth for SMEs in Ghana

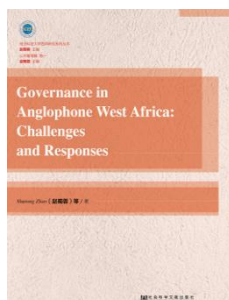
Editors in Chief: Li Ping, Shen Ruichen (UESTC, P.R. China)

Authors: Andy Ohemeng Asare, Shao Yunfei

Publication: November, 2018

ISBN: 978-7-5201-3444-6

2) **Public Administration I : Governance in Anglophone West Africa: Challenges and Responses**



Book Series: CWAS Book Series on West African Studies

Book Title: Public Administration I : Governance in Anglophone West Africa: Challenges and Responses

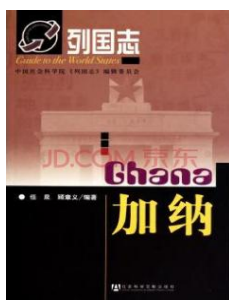
Editor in Chief: Zhao Shurong (UESTC, P.R. China)

Authors: Zhao Shurong etc.

Publication: December, 2018

ISBN: 978-7-5097-5009-4

3) Guide to the World States -- Ghana



Book Series: Guide to the World States

Book Title: Guide to the World States -- Ghana

Authors: Center for West African Studies of UESTC, P.R. China

Publication: 2019 (Manuscript submitted)

(Here in Cited 2010 edition Cover is only for reference)

(2) CWAS Lecture Series on West African Studies

1) **Topic:** Call-and-in the Response Dialogism in African Music & Literature

Lecturer: Professor Tan Huijuan, Director of the Institute of African American Literatures, Hangzhou Dianzi University, P.R. China

Date: January 5th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Foreign Languages, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



2) **Topic:** UESTC International Students Learning 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation

Lecturer: Professor Zhao Shurong, Director of CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Date: September 4th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



3) **Topic:** Global Inequalities and a World on the Move

Lecturer: Professor Adrian Favell, Vice-Minister of Social Sciences, University of Leeds, UK

Date: October 25th, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



(3) CWAS Essays and Projects on West African Studies

Publications for SSCI

- 1) **Title:** Analyzing the Impact of GDP on CO2 Emissions and Forecasting Africa's Total CO2 Emissions with Non-Assumption Driven Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory
Author: Bismark Ameyaw, Li Yao
Journal: Sustainability
Publication: August, 2018
Key Words: CO2 emissions; bidirectional long short-term memory (BILSTM); Africa; West Africa; diversification of energy sources; climate change; forecasting
Link: <http://cwas.uestc.edu.cn/view-479-906.html>

- 2) **Title:** Zero-Coupon and Forward Yield Curves for Government of Ghana Bonds
Author: Victor Curtis Lartey, Li Yao
Journal: SAGE Open
Publication: September, 2018
Key Words: Ghana bond market, Government of Ghana bonds, zero-coupon yield curve, forward yield curve, piecewise cubic hermite method
Link: <http://cwas.uestc.edu.cn/view-479-904.html>

- 3) **Title:** Probabilistic Linguistic Aggregation Operators based on Einstein T-norm and T-conorm and their Application to Multi-criteria Group Decision-Making
Author: Kobina Agbodah
Journal: Symmetry
Accepted Date: December, 2018
Key Words: Group decision-making, Shanon entropy, PLTSs, Einstein t-norm and t-conorm, Power aggregation

Application for National Research Project

Application Date: June 23rd, 2018
Project Title: History of English Fiction in West Africa
Key Words: West Africa, English Fiction
Project Category: National Social Science Foundation of China
Principal Researcher: Professor Zou Tao, Associate Director of CWAS of UESTC

5. Chinese Culture Experiencing Activities

1) “Bamboo Culture”: Wangjianglou Park

Date: January 16th, 2018

Sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Supported by: Blue Horse International Art, P.R. China

Essay Competition: International Students Experiencing “Bamboo Culture”



2) “Red Culture”: The Museum Community of Deng Xiaoping’s Former Residence

Date: March 31st, 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, School of International Education, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Essay Competition: International Students Experiencing “Chinese Red Culture”



3) “Chinese Song”: International Students Singing Chinese Songs

Date: April 19th, 2018

Sponsor: School of International Education, School of Public Affairs and Administration, School of Computer Science and Engineering, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Singing Competition: “Singing Chinese Songs by International Students”



4) **“China-Africa Friendship”**: 2018 **“China & Africa-China Friendship in My Eyes”**

Date: May 9th, 2018

Sponsor: University of Electronic Science and Technology of China; Center for African Studies of Peking University, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC; School of International Education, UESTC, P.R. China

Supported by: Chinese Society of African Historical Studies, P.R. China

Essay Competition: 2018 “China & Africa-China Friendship in My Eyes”



5) **“Ancient Town Culture”**: Huanglongxi Town, Anren Town

Date: May 20th, 2018; November 17th 2018

Sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, School of Computer Science and Engineering, UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China



6) **“Panda Culture”**: Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

Date: December 23rd, 2018

Sponsor: CWAS of UESTC, P.R. China

Co-sponsor: School of Public Affairs and Administration, UESTC, P.R. China

Essay Competition: International Students Experiencing “Panda Culture”



About UESTC

UESTC is a multidisciplinary university under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Education P.R. China. It is a harmonious integration of science, engineering, management and liberal arts, with a strong feature in electronic information science and technology.



Brief History

1956 UESTC was founded (original name: Chengdu Institute of Radio Engineering) from the electronic divisions of such well-established universities as Jiaotong University, Nanjing Institute of Technology and South China Institute of Technology

1960 Ranked as one of the nation's key higher education institutions

1997 Included in the first group of "Project 211 universities (Top 100)"

2001 Selected as one of "Project 985" universities (Top 39)

2017 Selected as one of the "Double First-class" universities (Top 36)

Faculty Members

2,200 in total, 8 academicians of CAS and CAE, 550 full professors

Students

34,400 in total, 21,000 undergraduate students, 11,300 graduate students, and 2100 doctoral students





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