Graduate Programme “China in Germany, Germany in China”

Close relations between Germany and China can be dated back to the beginning of the 19th century when travellers, merchants, diplomats, students and missionaries left their traces in the other country and spread their knowledge about China or Germany back home. Numerous sources in public and private archives and wait to be analyzed in order to obtain a more concise picture of Sino-German relations during the 19th and 20th century. The graduate programme provides the framework for research on a broad variety of aspects to gain new insights into social, economic and political transfer processes between the two countries.

The graduate programme intends to focus research interest on the wide field of Sino-German relations starting from approximately 1830 when interactions started to intensify. The programme also aims to bridge the language gap: programme students can participate in Chinese language courses to enable them to include Chinese language sources in their research.

The graduate programme „China in Germany, Germany in China“ was initiated by the partner universities Universität Hamburg and Fudan University as part of the town twinning activities between Hamburg and Shanghai. In Hamburg, the programme is organized by the Department of History and the Asien-Afrika-Institut, and it is also part of the graduate school of the School of Humanities. The three-year research programme includes one year at Fudan University.

Within the framework of cooperation with Fudan University, the graduate programme plans to exchange students, i.e. Chinese PhD students from Shanghai will be supervised at Universität Hamburg. Above that, both sides intend to establish a Joint PhD degree.