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Workshop om "The Nordic Welfare State Model" i Oslo november 2009 og i Beijing 2010

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Prosjektsammendrag:
The project is a collaboration between ISS at UiO and CASS on organizing three workshops in the period between 2008 and 2010 bases on the theme "The Nordic Welfare State Model: An Answer to Chinese and Norwegian Challenges".
The first workshop held in early November 2008, which was funded by RCN, the University of Oslo and CASS according to the agreement on cost-sharing, focused on the Norwegian model of negotiated settlements of pay and conditions of employment for Norwegian workers. It is the two remaining workshops this application is related to.

The workshop in 2009 will focus on youth, identity, migration and social problems. The Chinese have suggested that looking at methods of handling social inequality and other social problems, as well as criminality, would be of particular relevance. From the University of Oslo this workshop will involve the Department of Anthropology in addition to the Department of Sociology and Human Geography. Furthermore, researchers from Fafo and Norwegian Social Research (NOVA) as well as the Oslo University College will be presenting papers. The preliminary program for the workshop in 2009 is presented in connection with the proposed budget for this workshop in the appendix (prosjektbeskrivelse).

The workshop for 2010 will focus on healthcare, social security and pensions. At this workshop the building blocks of the Nordic welfare state model will be presented along with its instruments: health and social services, pensions and social security, child and family policies. The Department of Economics has already committed itself to come up with participants in that workshop. Again, NOVA and its Welfare State Group as well as Fafo would be key partners.

As a continuation of the workshops individual researchers from both countries shall meet in smaller groups and work on developing comparative research projects that focus on the challenges and problems facing China and Norway.

Etablering av et norsk-kinesisk tverrfaglig nettverk innen forskning på velferd, fattigdom, funksjonshemming og rehabilitering

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Prosjektsammendrag:
Hovedmålet for prosjektet er å etablere et tverrfaglig Norsk-kinesisk nettverk innen forskning på velferd, fattigdom, funksjonshemming og rehabilitering. Flere norske miljøer har i de siste årene utviklet forskningssamarbeid med kinesiske institusjoner omkring temaene funksjonshemming og rehabilitering. Samtidig er nye miljøer i ferd med å starte opp forskning på fattigdom og velferdsproblematikk i Folkerepublikken Kina (PRC). Det er stor faglig og politisk interesse for velferdsfeltet både i PRC og Norge.

En gruppe forskere i PRC og Norge ønsker nå å konsolidere ulike miljøer i PRC og Norge på feltene velferd, rehabilitering og funksjonshemming. Nettverket ønsker å arrangere en felles konferanse våren 2010. Konferansens hovedmål er å etablere et møtested for utveksling av forskning på feltet, samordne pågående aktiviteter og generere nye prosjekter og videre nettverksbygging, både i PRC og Norge. Tentativ tittel for konferansen er Health and Welfare, Disability and Rehabilitation in PRC and Norway med undertema som Welfare and Poverty, Disability and Poverty and Rehabilitation and Public Health. Nettverket vil også arrangere work-shops og institusjonsbesøk mellom PRC og Norge. Målet for nettverket er et skarpere fokus, samordning og synergieffekter på norsk og kinesisk side.

Nettverket vil bidra til å samordne og etablere nye forskernettverk og prosjekter på områdene velferd og rehabilitering i PRC og Norge. Vi vil samtidig skape nye fora for formidling av norsk- og kinesisk velferdsforskning. Aktører i PRC og Norge som ikke har samarbeidet på felles områder vil nå få muligheten til å knytte kontakt. Konferansen vil bidra til å spre informasjon om pågående og planlagt forskningssamarbeid. Målgrupper vil være forskere, politikere og forvaltning i Norge og PRC. En antologi med innlegg vil bli publisert i kjølvannet av konferansen.

Nettverket arrangerer konferanse 10.-11. juni 2010: Conference on Health and Welfare, Disability and Rehabilitation in PRC and Norway

Sino-Norwegian Social Policy Forum

Prosjektansvarlig:
Norsk institutt for by- og regionforskning

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Prosjektsammendrag:
The organisation of two workshops, one to be held in Norway in November-December 2009, and one in China in April-May 2010.

The main and most important activity of this Network cooperation has been the annual Sino-Norwegian Social Policy Forum, organised by CIRD and NIBR and held in Haikou, Hainan China in November-December in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The main focus of these conferences has been on China's economic and social reform and development. CIRD and NIBR have received financial support from the Norwegian Embassy in Beijing to organize these conferences.

To prepare these events, a series of related activities have been organized as follows:
4.1 Questionnaire survey of policy experts of the network to collect their evaluations of welfare and living conditions of rural areas in general or of particular regions in particular.
4.2 Questionnaire survey of grassroots cadres at provincial /municipal/county levels to collect their judgments of welfare and living conditions of rural areas in general or of particular regions in particular.
4.3 Urban and rural household interviews to understand research target groups' own views of their welfare and living conditions.
4.4 Policy consulting workshops on the design and organization of the most important annual event: The international forum on China's economic and social reform and development.
4.5 Writing of policy recommendations on the basis of all the research activities and the results of the international forum.

All the survey analytical reports, household interview reports, summaries of the policy consulting workshops and the international forum as well as the policy recommendations have been submitted to the Chinese government and publicized by the most influential Chinese media (including TV, newspapers and websites), which have been closely following the research activities of CIRD for many years.

Studies on the implementation of treaties on economic, social and cultural rights in China and Norway (ESCR Network)

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Prosjektsammendrag:
The primary aim of the project is to establish a network for research on the implementation of treaties on economic, social and cultural rights in China and Norway. The network will be based at the Faculty of Law at the University of Oslo. Invited partners in China are the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), The Law School of Beijing University and The Central University of Nationalities (CUN) - all located in Beijing. The main activity of the network will be a research conference in 2010, to be followed by cooperation on publications.

The research focus of the network is relevant legislative measures for implementation of treaties on economic, social and cultural rights and the role of the judiciary in implementing such measures. The research shall describe current implementation of legislative measures, analyse challenges regarding effective implementation and explore possible solutions to the problems identified. Target groups of the project results are legislators, administrators, the judiciary and scholars in both China and Norway.

Network on employment of migrant workers in China

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Prosjektsammendrag:
As China continues to develop its economy in a global context of financial crises and reduced international demand for Chinese goods, the role of migrant workers continues to be crucial. Their livelihoods, rights and social security are important issues for researches and policy makers alike. This projects aims to bring together Chinese and Norwegian researchers in a network on the study of employment of migrants in China. The invited institutions and researchers on the Chinese side are among the leading in work on Chinese migrants, they have long experience in research on migrants and extensive publications in the field.

The network will focus on developing methodology for the study of migrants in addition to research and dissemination of results from completed and ongoing projects. The network also aims to produce new research projects on migrants, linking Chinese and Norwegian research environments. This new research will be focused on the situation of migrants in the current economic situation.

The network applies for support to conduct two workshops for Chinese and Norwegian researcher in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

A comparative analysis of spatial welfare conditions and disparities in China and Europe - driving forces, mechanism, and processes

Prosjektansvarlig:
Norsk institutt for by- og regionforskning

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Prosjektsammendrag:
The basis for the proposed network project is the welfare challenges faced by both China and Europe, from different starting points: China being a developing country, although with a rapid economic growth, and Europe comprising a number of highly developed countries experiencing and facing challenging in sustaining long held welfare arrangements, but also with a number of Central and Eastern European transition countries striving to restore and develop welfare arrangements.

Combining a firm scientific basis and a policy focus the project will address scientific demands related to the understanding of the dynamics of spatial welfare conditions and disparities, as well as policy demands related to China's efforts of developing a Harmonious Society and the European policies for territorial cohesion. A central claim of the proposed project is that China can draw upon Europe's experiences in relation to spatial welfare, but in today's globalized economy Europe can also draw upon the experiences of and efforts made by China.

The network draws upon previous project co-operation between NIBR and the Institute for Population and Labour Economics, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, focusing on spatial classification systems for analyzing regional conditions and disparities in China. The proposed project enlarges this network; first by incorporating the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies, Newcastle University and the Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning, thereby ensuring different European perspectives; secondly by inviting other Chinese scholars and policy makers to attend the workshop.

The workshop will provide scientific publications, provide input to invited policy makers, and lay the basis for developing an application to be submitted to the Framework Programme 7 of the European Union.