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# Seminar on Building Governance Capacity for South Africa

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Handbook for Participants

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中国非洲研究院2020年南非治国理政研修班  
2020 Seminar on Building Governance Capacity for South Africa

主 办 单 位：中国非洲研究院、南非国家行政学院、  
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Sponsors: China-Africa Institute

The South Africa National School of Government  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of South Africa

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Organizers: International Cooperation Bureau, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

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## **I. Program Overview**

To implement the guidelines given in President Xi Jinping's congratulation letter on the establishment China-Africa Institute, China-Africa Institute will initiate 3 major exchange mechanism with African countries in 2020, with China-Africa Exchange Mechanism on Governance Capacity Building being one of the them.

Under this framework, China-Africa Institute, in cooperation with the South Africa National School of Government, and the Chinese Embassy in South Africa, plans to host this seminar.

The University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (UCASS) will deliver the online program through the ZOOM platform.

The program intends to enhance cultural and academic exchange between China and South Africa, and to promote mutual understanding and two-way learning.

It aims to introduce China's experience in governance, especially its governance experiences in fighting against COVID-19. It aims to promote the Belt and Road Initiative and the construction of a community of shared future for mankind.

This program is arranged by the National School of Government as part of exposing South African government officials and senior leaders to international models of development and economic governance. It supports priority number one of President Cyril Ramaphosa's 5-Year Medium Term Strategic Framework which is building a capable state to support growth and development.



## II. Program Schedule

Date	Starting Time	Previous Time	Activity	Lecturer/Institute
July 13, MON	15:00-15:40	9:00-9:40	Opening Ceremony	Prof. Wang Xiaoming
	15:40-18:30	9:40-12:30	Lecture 1: China's Economy and Governance under the Pandemic	Prof. Cai Fang
July 14, TUE	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 2: Digital Economy and its Role in China's Fight against the Pandemic	Prof. Lv Peng
July 15, WED	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 3: Xi Jinping's Thoughts on Governance and the Modernization of Governance System	Prof. He. Wenping
July 16, THU	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 4: The Role of Media in Containment of the Pandemic	Prof. Huang Chuxin
July 17, FRI	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 5: BRI and the Construction of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind	A.P. Ren Lin
July 20, MON	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 6: China-Africa Cooperation in Governance and Their Joint Efforts to Fight against COVID-19 Epidemic	Prof. Li Xinfeng
July 21, TUE	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 7: China's Political System and its Operating Mechanism	A.P. Huang Juan
July 22, WED	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 8: CPC's Party Building and Governance Capacity	Prof. Fan Peng
July 23, THU	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Lecture 9: The Sustainable Development of China's Economy and Society	Prof. Chen Ying
July 24, FRI	15:00-18:00	9:00-12:00	Workshop: China-Africa Cooperation under COVID-19	China-Africa Institute

Prof. Cai Fang, Vice President of CASS, Director of China-Africa Institute  
 Prof. Li Xinfeng, Executive Deputy Director of China-Africa Institute  
 Prof. He Wenping, China-Africa Institute, CASS  
 Prof. Lv Peng, Institute of Sociology, CASS  
 Prof. Huang Juan, Deputy Director of School of Management, UCASS

Prof. Fan Peng, Institute of Political Sciences, CASS  
 Prof. Ren Lin, Institute of World Economics and Politics, CASS  
 Prof. Chen Ying, Institute of Urban and Environmental Studies  
 Prof. Huang Chuxin, Institute of Media Research, CASS  
 Prof. Wang Xiaoming, Dean, School for Global Education and Development, UCASS

### III. Course Requirements:

1. All participants must be punctual and be connected for class by 09:00. Classes are from 09:00-12:00. See section IV for connection protocols.
2. A participant(s) who are unable to attend class or will leave the meeting half-way must notify the NSG (Mr Bongani Mayimele, [bongani.mayimele@thensg.gov.za](mailto:bongani.mayimele@thensg.gov.za)) a day before for noting and approval.
3. Please preview the course material provided by UCASS and the reading material provided by the NSG before class. Reading notes must be sent to the Teaching Assistant before the commencement of each lecture.
4. All participants must complete the Course Evaluation Form timely after each course so that UCASS can improve teaching timely.
5. Assignment(s) for each lecture must be completed and submitted to the TA no later than the end of the next day.
6. Each participant must submit a paper within two weeks of the completion/end of the seminar on the topic, "The lessons learned from the seminar and its possible application to the governance practice in South Africa". The paper should be no less than 1,000 words.
7. A joint certificate by China-Africa Institute and the NSG will be issued to participants who will have satisfied the following seminar requirements:
  - a. Completed all courses, with no more than 2 approved absences;
  - b. Complete all reading and after-class assignments and qualify;
  - c. Complete the final paper and qualify.

## IV. Protocols for ZOOM Class

1. **ZOOM Login:** A ZOOM Meeting ID and password will be sent to participants by e-mail before the first class. The same ID and Password will be used for all lectures. Please login Zoom classroom 5 minutes in advance. For better class effect, the participants are recommended to use a computer/laptop. In case a computer is not available, a cell phone can also be used.
2. **Zoom Name:** Please change your Zoom Name as "English Name – Institution Abbreviation". For example "Nancy Li- UCASS".
3. **Mute mode:** In order to create a good environment for call, the host will use the Mute All mode during the class, under which only the lecturer's voice can be heard.
4. **Video:** Please start video before the beginning of each class. You can keep the video off during the lecture. Please start the video when you are asking questions to the lecturer.
5. **Copyright of Contents:** UCASS reserves the copyright for all course contents. Please DO NOT record the video or audio during the class. The lecture slides will be sent to the participants by email after the course.
6. **Question Time:** Usually the lecturer will give 20-30 minutes for questions from the participants. If there is any question during the class, you can first write it down, and then ask questions during the question time. Please click on "Raise Hand" when asking questions.
7. **Break Time:** There will be a 20-minute break around 10:20-10:40. Please keep Mute mode and Video Off during the break.
8. **Class Environment:** Since the video will be on for certain time during the class, please select the appropriate environment for this ZOOM class and pay attention to protection of your personal privacy.
9. **Dress Code:** For the opening and closing ceremony, please dress formal; for the lectures, dress appropriately.
10. **Means of Communication:** We will send all program information, lecture materials and assignments through email.

## V. Contacts

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## VI. Program Sponsors and Organizers

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## China-Africa Institute

### Background

On September 3, 2018, President Xi Jinping launched "eight major initiatives" in collaboration with Africa in his opening speech at the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), and announced that China has decided to establish the China-Africa Institute (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute") to enhance mutual learning between Chinese and African civilizations. The establishment of the Institute was listed under the "people-to-people exchange" of the eight major initiatives. It is under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

### Mission and Function

The Institute aims to enhance mutual learning between Chinese and African civilizations and to strengthen exchanges of their experience in governance and development. It seeks to provide intellectual and talent support for the "Belt and Road" construction collaboration, and for comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership facing the future between China and Africa to build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future.

The Institute will focus on the following four aspects and function as an exchange platform to engage actively academic exchanges between China and Africa, to deepen mutual understanding, and to promote people-to-people communications; a research base to organize collaborative research programs to facilitate China-Africa cooperation in "Belt and Road" construction; a hub to gather talents and train high-end professionals for China-Africa cooperation; and a window to communicate stories of China-Africa friendship and cooperation.

### Activities

Supported by strong research strength of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and its good cooperation with Africa, the Institute organizes its work in various ways and through different channels, by integrating research, exchanges, training and public outreach. The Institute will continuously engage in high-level, comprehensive and professional activities. The Institute supports Chinese and African scholars to conduct exchanges and cooperation in forms of collaborative research projects, exchange of visits, seminars, training programs, etc.



## Cooperative Research Projects

In pursuit of building a closer China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era, providing intellectual support in the "Belt and Road" construction collaboration, and deepening a comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership between China and Africa, the Institute will support research projects on China-Africa cooperation. The key research areas include:

1. Infrastructure construction and economic and trade cooperation;
2. Poverty reduction in the benefit of the people;
3. Ecological and environmental protection;
4. Peace and security;
5. Mutual learning between civilizations (history, philosophy, religious studies, etc.)

## Communication Platform

1. Journal of China-Africa Studies. The journal will publish the high-level research papers on China-Africa development and cooperation and people-to-people exchange.
2. The website of China-Africa Institute in both Chinese and English languages will release authoritative research results on China-Africa cooperation of the Institute, reflecting significant progress and development of China-Africa cooperation.

Website: <http://ecai.cssn.cn/>



## University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (UCASS)

### Profile

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) is the premier academic organization and comprehensive research center of the People's Republic of China in the fields of philosophy and social sciences.

CASS is made up of 41 research institutes, which carry out research activities covering over 300 sub-disciplines. At present, CASS has more than 4,200 staff members in total, of which more than 3,200 are professional researchers.

Established in 1978, the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (GSCASS) is the postgraduate institution directly affiliated to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Approved by the then state leaders Deng Xiaoping and Ye Jianying, it has the mandate to cultivate postgraduates under doctoral and master programs across various disciplines in humanities, philosophy and social sciences.

By leveraging the well-established strength in research and faculty resources of CASS, GSCASS has built 6 divisions with both teaching and research functions and 40 departments. Equipped with 757 doctoral supervisors and 1132 master supervisors, the GSCASS represents the first-class postgraduate institution with the most comprehensive setup of disciplines in humanities and social sciences, with 17 first-level disciplines of doctor's degree and 16 of master's, along side 108 sub-disciplines of doctor's degrees and 114 of master's. An addition of 8 professional master's programs authorized to award corresponding degrees have also been put in place.

Built on GSCASS, the University of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (UCASS) was established in 2017, with its undergraduate education programs entering into full operation in the same year.



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## The National School of Government (NSG)

The National School of Government (NSG) is a State training institution tasked to build public sector capacity to implement the South African Government's developmental agenda. The establishment of the NSG is premised on the fact that a **capable public service is a necessary condition for various sectors of society to flourish**, therefore realising sustainable development outcomes. This is in line with the Constitution of South Africa, which calls for **public administration to promote the progressive realisation of human rights under a public administration dispensation that is governed by democratic values and principles of development**. The NSG is at the forefront of this huge responsibility, which calls on building an **ethical, professional and capable public sector in the service of the people of South Africa**. The main focus of the NSG is to build the capacity of the state across all three spheres of government. In addition to its domestic obligations, the NSG also works with a network of similar institutions in Africa and around the world to promote democratic governance and development of the public sector on the African continent. The NSG responds to the dictates of the South African Constitution, the National Development Plan, AU Agenda 2063 and UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in as far as building capable and well-governed institutions is concerned.

The NSG delivers quality education, training and development (ETD) interventions that are relevant to the needs of the public sector. Our ETD interventions cater for: **Cadet and Foundational Development, Middle Management Development, Senior Management and Professional Development; and Executive Management and Leadership Support**. This arrangement aims to meet capacity development needs of public servants across their career phases. Therefore, NSG programmes and interventions include pre-entry, induction, and in-service training in various themes of administration, management and leadership.

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