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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands China Law Center	2016
Chinese Environmental Law, Chinese University of Political Science and Law	2007
Master of Philosophy, Culture, Environment and Sustainability, Center for Environment and Development (SUM), University of Oslo	2008
Bachelor of Arts, Chinese Language and Culture, Beijing Language and Culture University	2005
International Baccalaureate, Red Cross Nordic United World College	2000

APPOINTMENT

Duke University, Durham, the U.S. 2020.01 – Now

Faculty Affiliate, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions.

- Oceanic plastic pollution research team member (funded by Pew Charitable Trusts).
- Project Lead: Deep dive into China’s national and sub-national regulatory plastic frameworks.
- Team member High Sea at Duke.
- Member of the Institute’s Belt and Road Initiative. Project Lead: Green Belt and Road? The roles of Chinese NGOs.
- Project Lead: China-Small-Scale Fisheries Legal and Regulatory Analysis in collaboration with the Ocean Program at the Environmental Law Institute .

Duke Kunshan University, Kunshan, China 2017.09 – Now

Associate Director, Environmental Research Center

Adjunct Assistant Professor in Environmental Policy, international Master of Environmental Policy (iMEP) Program

- Pivotal founding member of the Center and the Program. Achieving a remarkable growth in the scale and quality of academic research, graduate and undergraduate education, policy outreach, and executive education.
- Established and currently manage several non-degree training programs with distinct DKU Environmental Program features, such as the *Blue Pioneers Program (BPP)*. With the support of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Paradise Foundation, and Yintai Foundation, we launched the Blue Pioneers Program in 2018. The objective of BPP is to build a strong marine conservation leadership in the Chinese Non-Profit Sector. The *Youth Energy Observer Program* has been sponsored by Energy Observer, a magazine affiliated with China’s Southern Grid Power Company. The purpose of the program is to encourage college students to observe, investigate, and analyze energy issues with firsthand experience. To achieve this goal, we provide financial support to support students research project as well as academic mentorship throughout the program. And the *Green Entrepreneur Network (GEN)*. With the support of a private donor, we created the Green Entrepreneur Network in November 2018. The mission of the GEN is to educate the next generation of environmental leaders, produce evidence-based, influential research, and cultivate socially and environmentally responsible entrepreneurs. Since fall 2019 we have been working with the *Green Philanthropy College* at the *Society for Environmental Entrepreneurs in China* to design and deliver tailored courses and training programs for Chinese Entrepreneurs.
- Developed several new courses for graduate programs utilizing innovative problem-focused, case-based and multidisciplinary pedagogical approaches. Awarded funding for teaching innovative programs to facilitated community-based learning. Consistent high scores on teaching evaluation with an average of 4.92 out of 5 on student evaluations.
- Actively participated in creating a diverse community at Duke Kunshan University, and beyond, by speaking up as a women scientist and leader. Hosted a “Women in Steam and Beyond” Panel discussion to share the stories of outstanding female scientists.
- Worked closely with the Duke Kunshan University Development team on fundraising and external network building and management to support the Centre and the Program.

- Project Lead on the Environmental Mission Scholar Program in collaboration with Vermont Law School. Mentoring young environmental attorneys dedicated to environmental public interest law in China. One of the major achievements of this program has been to build bridges between academia and the environmental NGO sector.
- General research grant development, management and reporting.

PILnet the Global Network for Public Interest Law, Beijing Office, China 2017.02 – 2017.08

Acting China Director

- Lead the team of five staff through a challenging period seeking registration of the Office under China's Foreign NGO Management Law.
- Public Interest Law project development, management, fundraising and reporting.
- External relation management.

External Senior Consultant, Beijing, China 2016.10-2017.02

- External Evaluator, "Partnership for Environmental Justice" Program Commissioned by the U.S.-China Partnership for Environmental Law, Vermont Law School
- External Evaluator "Impact Study on the Environmental Advocacy Network", Commissioned by the Danish Institute of Human Rights, China Program Environmental Advocacy Network
- External Evaluator on various project implemented by PILnet the Global Network for Public Interest Law in China

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands 2010.03-2016.10

Research Fellow, The Netherlands China Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, the U.S.

Research Fellow, The John S. and Marilyn Long U.S.-China Institute for Business and Law

- Obtained and managed a multi-national five year research grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, WOTRO Science for Global Development in collaboration with Professor Benjamin Van Rooij.
- Organized several international conferences on legal empowerment & environmental governance.
- Taught courses on Chinese law at the Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam.
- PhD project: "Regulating through Leverage: Civil Regulation in China" looks critically at the role that civil society can play in regulation in an authoritarian state like China, focusing on the concept of "civil regulation" which has recently become a new key component of many Chinese environmental protection policy documents. It identifies several different forms of civil regulation and examines both their preconditions and effects. The research includes a near comprehensive set of case-studies of twenty-seventeen environmental NGOs based in fifteen different provinces in China and shows how weak NGOs with limited regulatory space have been able to successfully push powerful enterprises and governments to start to reduce pollution, using the leverage of the international market or the state to generate pressure. The thesis explains what civil regulation is, what preconditions it requires, how it relates to the state, and what it means in authoritarian settings.

University of Oslo, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, China Program, Beijing and Oslo

Senior Consultant (short term substitute) 03.2015- 12.2015

- Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Human Rights, China University of Political Science and Law, taught classes on Environment and Human Rights Law.
- Developed and implemented study tours focusing on UN's Sustainable Development Goals for Chinese Scholars.
- Project development, application, management and reporting.
- External relation management.

China Environment and Health Initiative, Social Science Research Council, Beijing Office, China 2012.09 – 2014.12

Research Fellow, Forum for Health, Development and Environment & Social Science Research Council (New York)

- Developed and managed a project seeking to facilitated interdisciplinary environment, health and development courses at ten Chinese universities.
- Established an online resource hub for Chinese higher education practitioners with an interest in the intersection between environment, health and development. <http://courses.forhead.org/>
- External relation development and management.
- Project development, application, management and reporting.
- Conducted research on environmental and health NGOs in China.

University of Oslo & Sino-Norwegian Center for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research, Beijing Office

Administrative Coordinator

- Facilitated and managed research opportunities and collaboration between Norwegian and Chinese scholars and practitioners with a focus on environmental issues.
- Coordinated and organized several international conferences and meetings, amongst others a state visit by the Norwegian Minister of Higher Education and Research which later lead to the establishment of a bilateral research collaboration between the Norwegian Research Found and Chinese Natural Research Foundation.
- Project development, application, management and reporting.
- External relation development and management.

GRANTS

Principal Investigator, Rockefeller Brother Foundation. *Managing Environment, Health and Development, Lessons from China*. 2020-2021

Principal Investigator, LG Consulting. *Big Data & China Environmental Policy Analysis* 2019 - 2020

Principal Investigator, Vermont Law School. *Environmental Public Interest Litigation in China* 2019 - 2020

Principal Investigator, the David & Lucile Packard Foundation, the Paradise Foundation. *Blue Pioneer Program – China’s local Marine NGO leader cultivation program* 2019 - 2021

Principal Investigator, Forum on Health, Environment and Development. *Research Ethics in Interdisciplinary, Cross-Jurisdictional and International Collaboration* 2019 - 2020

Principal Investigator, US Embassy in Beijing. *Workshop on Climate Litigation* 2019 – 2020

Principal Investigator, Duke Kunshan University, Community-based Learning Faculty Funding. *Environmental Law Governance and Regulation, iMEP* 2019 - 2020

Principal Investigator, Duke Kunshan University, Community-based Learning Faculty Funding. *Environmental Policy Processes, iMEP* 2019 - 2020

Principal Investigator, LG Consulting. *Big Data & China Environmental Policy Analysis* 2018 - 2019

Principal Investigator, Vermont Law School. *Environmental Public Interest Litigation in China* 2018 - 2019

Principal Investigator, the David & Lucile Packard Foundation, the Paradise Foundation. *Blue Pioneer Program – China’s local Marine NGO leader cultivation program* 2018 – 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ENVIORN 803K: Key Topics in International Environmental Policy

ENVIORN 803K: Environmental Policy Processes

ENVIRON 835K: Environmental Law Regulation and Governance

ENVIRON 593K (IND): Independent Study: Electronic Vehicle Policy in China

ENVIRON 593K (IND): Independent Study: Environmental Justice with Chinese Characteristics

PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, Thomas and Kathinka Fürst. Praying for Blue Skies: Artistic Representations of Air Pollution in China, accepted for publication *Modern China* (Forthcoming 2020).

Gleiss, Marielle Stigum, Elin Sæther and Kathinka Fürst. Re-theorizing Civil Society in China: Agency and the Discursive Politics of Civil Society Engagement. *China Information* 33, no. 1 (2018): 3-22.

Guttman, Dan, Oran Young, Yijia Jing, Barbara Bramble, Maoliang Bu, Carmen Chen, Kathinka Fürst et al. Environmental Governance in China: Interactions between the State and “Non-State” Actors. *Journal of Environmental Management* 220 (2018): 126-135.

Fürst, Kathinka. Regulating through Leverage: Civil Regulation in China. *PhD Thesis, Amsterdam University*, 2016.

Van Rooij, Benjamin, Rachel E. Stern and Kathinka Fürst. The Authoritarian Logic of Regulatory Pluralism:

Understanding China’s New Environmental Actors. *Regulation & Governance* 10, no. 1 (2016): 3-13.

Fürst, Kathinka and Jennifer Holdaway. Environment and Health in China: The Role of Environmental NGOs in Policy Innovation. In *Civil Society Contributions to Policy Innovation in the PR China*, pp. 33-76. Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2015.

Fürst, Kathinka. Access to Justice in Environmental Disputes: Opportunities and Obstacles for Victims of Pollution in China, *MA Thesis, University of Oslo, Centre for Development and Environment*. 2008.

WORK IN PROGRESS (Forthcoming 2020)

Fürst, Kathinka. Responsive Regulation in an Authoritarian State: Prospects and Limits of Environmental Civil Regulation in China. In *Oxford Handbook on Comparative Environmental Politics*. Edited by Jeannie Sowers, Stacy D. Van Deveer and Erika Weinthal.

Fürst, Kathinka. Perceiving and Debating the Socio-Economic Costs of Reducing Air pollution in China: The Role of Environmental NGOs. In *China's Green Leap*. Edited by Jennifer Holdaway and Benjamin Van Rooij.

Rongwei Jun and Kathinka Fürst. Environmental Justice with Chinese Characteristics.

Fürst, Kathinka and Benjamin Van Rooij. Defining Regulation in the Age of Governance: Lessons from Civic Pollution Regulation in China.

Fürst, Kathinka and Eungkyoon Lee. Regulatory Effects of Civil Regulation in Authoritarian Regimes: Lessons from China.

SELECTED CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS, SYMPOSIA & WORKSHOP (2018-2019)

2019. Think Local, Act Global: Chinese Environmental NGOs Utilization of International Market Forces as Leverage to Influence Domestic Enterprises. Conference on China's New Development Strategies: Moving Up and Moving Abroad in Global Value Chains, Duke Kunshan University.

2019. From CSR to SDGs: New trends in Corporate Social and Environmental Engagement in China and Beyond', Shenzhen SASAC, Duke Kunshan University.

2019. Green Belt and Road: The role of NGOs, International Studies Association, Toronto.

2019. Regulating through Leverage: The Role of Chinese Environmental NGOs in Regulation of Industrial Pollution Risks, Changshu UWC TEDx.

2018. Saving the Oceans: The role of Chinese NGOs, Workshop on Plastic Waste and Marine Pollution on the Occasion of the Norwegian King and Queen's official visit to China.

2018. Green Belt and Road? The Roles of Chinese NGOs, Great Silk Road Economic Belt of Central Asia Workshop, Duke Kunshan University.

2018. How to Improve Marine Protection Work in China Under the New Marine Management Framework', Marine Protected Areas and Marine Biodiversity Protection Workshop, China Dialogue, Beijing.

2018. Regulating through Leverage: The Role of Chinese Environmental NGOs in Regulation of Industrial Pollution Risks, the Fourth Annual Environmental Politics and Governance Conference, Stockholm.

2018. The Emergence of Smog Art in China: Artist's Respond to Air Pollution, Symposium on Communication, Ecology and Cultural Heritage, Penn Wharton China Center.

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

Environmental Justice Taskforce, Environmental System Governance, Member.

Environmental Mission Scholar Program, Vermont Law School, Mentor.

Nordic Center at Fudan University, DKU Representative.

LANGUAGES

Norwegian Native speaker).

English (Native speaker).

Mandarin Chinese (High Professional Competency).

REFERENCES

Available on request.