



# Global Youth Leadership Training Program --Local4Action Hub Xi'an

10-12 August, Xi'an, China

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## 1 Introduction of Xi'an

Xi'an, a city with over 3,100 years of history, used to be an ancient capital for 1,100 years. Its urban population is around 7.6 million, with a total population of about 10.2 million. Xi'an is one of the cities with highest density of colleges and the largest population who has received higher education in China. The city is also considered as one of the five National Educational and Scientific Research Centers.

Based on the educational and cultural strengths, Xi'an puts forward Local4Action Hubs: Youth Education and Dialogue Hub during the Tangier UCLG Annual Retreat & Campus in February 2020. After in-depth discussion in Rome Executive Bureau, the first Local4Action Hub has been established in Xi'an.

In recent years, Xi'an has conducted mutually beneficial cooperation with cities all over the world and also successively held the Silk Road International Film Festival, Xi'an International Fashion Week, Euro-Asia Economic Forum, etc. Xi'an is open to the world and provides young generations with a platform for exchange and innovation.

## 2 Introduction of Xi'an Jiaotong University

Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU) is one of the oldest universities in China, whose root can be traced back to 1896 when Nanyang College was founded. Today, it is a comprehensive university supported by the central government to develop into a world-class university. XJTU is equipped with 5 national key laboratories and 29 research institutes, facilitating scientific experiment and academic research. XJTU is committed to cultivating outstanding students who advocate the pursuit of science, make practical innovations, work hard and steadily, and have noble-minded virtues and a strong sense of social responsibility. The university is determined to contribute to science and technology advances, social development, and human civilization in the world.

Located in China's famous ancient capital, XJTU is immersed in the rich Chinese culture atmosphere, endowing its campuses with humanistic spirits. It has also built international network with 310 prestigious universities and received 3000 international students from 141 countries. With openness and inclusiveness, XJTU has built an international community.

## 1 China's Practice under Sustainable Development Goals

Up to now, cities are hubs for ideas, commerce, culture, science, productivity, and social development across the globe. Especially under the unprecedented shock of COVID-19 pandemic, it has been vital for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. This lecture is going to depict the status quo, successful experiences, as well as challenges of China's practice under the SDGs in the face of rapid urbanization, and correspondingly provide highlights and policy implications for other developing countries.



Yan Bo is a professor at the School of Public Policy and Administration. He serves as the deputy director of XJTU China Local Government Innovation Research Center, and a researcher at Center for Asia-Europe Research. From 2015 to 2016, he was a visiting research fellow at Harvard University. His research interests include comparative public administration, public policy and performance management, and city governance and innovation. He has undertaken more than 30 scientific research projects funded by public organizations and published more than 50 academic papers in SSCI and CSSCI journals.

## 2 Poverty Alleviation and Rural Revitalization

The dual vulnerability of ecological and livelihood system is a typical feature of the concentrated contiguous poverty-stricken areas. Ecological environment deterioration and poverty trap are two interwoven factors, which altogether constitute the bottleneck restricting sustainable development. A new paradigm of integrating ecological protection with human development is necessary for removing the current restrictions. Such paradigm requires not only technologies at the frontier, but also comprehensive and complicated policy analysis and evaluation under multiple objectives.

The lecturer will present policy analysis and evaluations of major poverty alleviation strategies and the practical needs of sustainable development in ecologically vulnerable areas, explain the possible solutions of poverty alleviation and ecological protection with Chinese cases, and propose the interdisciplinary research path of evaluation policies.



Li Cong, Professor and PhD supervisor at the School of Economics and Finance of XJTU, is one of the top youth talents of the university and Shaanxi Province. His study focuses on poverty alleviation and relocation, ecological protection, and human well-being. Professor Li has published more than 50 papers in domestic and international SCI/SSCI journals, including PNAS, Ambio, Management World, China Rural Survey, and Journal of Agricultural Economics.



### 3 Sustainable Development of the Population and Society

The lecture focuses on population policy and different phases of social and economic development in the context of third-child policy. The lecturer will introduce China's population policies at different stages of social and economic development, and analyze the birth rate, age constitution, gender structure, and urbanization situations. The lecturer will also reveal the major risks in population and social development, including challenges emerged in aging, labor shortage, public health, social stability, etc. Besides, the lecturer intends to propose systematic, equitable, and adaptable strategic principles to guide the journey of seeking solutions for challenges and risks ahead, and highlight the importance of accurate foresight.



Professor Yang Xueyan is a Ph.D supervisor and the director of XJTU Institute for Population and Development Studies. Her study interests are population policy innovation and population health promotion. Professor Yang hopes to propose the population and social development issues in the world with China's experiences and Chinese models. Driven by such academic enthusiasm, she has been responsible for more than 30 projects as the principle investigator, published more than 70 papers in Chinese and English (including 20 English papers on SSCI and SCI journals) , and obtained multiple provincial awards.

### 4 Refined Public Security Management Supported by Satellite Remote Sensing and Urban Spatial Data

Currently, the applied penalty measures and strategies have demonstrated various levels of inefficiency in deterring violent agents and crimes against property. The punishment and crime prevention measures based on "deterrence theory" are facing "dead-end" challenges and difficulties. The focus of crime prevention and control research has gradually changed from the passive response of judicial departments to comprehensive management of social security and prevention in advance, from case analysis to the analysis of spatio-temporal patterns and formation mechanisms of crime hotspots.

With rapid development of information technology, crime analysis is approaching a new stage consists of micro-scale modeling, virtual simulation, crime risk prediction, and early warning. Satellite remote sensing and multi-sourced urban spatial data provide indispensable source for refined public security governance. Making full use of technical methods can help further improve the fine-scale crime prevention and refined public security management.



Dr. He Li is an associate professor at the School of Humanities & Social Science. He obtained his PhD in Geography at McMaster University in 2016. His research interests include spatial analysis of crime, environmental criminology, spatial big data, and geographic information system. By far, he has published 17 SCI/SSCI papers in his academic area.

## 5 Ecological Civilization in Urban Governance

This lecture will provide rich practices and policies employed in promoting urban ecological civilization. The lecturer will introduce new development philosophy and key notions that support the ecological civilization development, analyze the main ecological problems we're currently facing, explain the theories to address such challenges, and evaluate the effect of different endeavors with detailed examples.



Du Jinfeng, Associate Professor at the School of Public Policy and Administration. He received his Ph.D degree in Human Geography from Peking University and did his postdoctoral research at Harvard University, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His research interests include land policy and urban/rural development, urban regeneration, and nature-based resolutions.

## High-Level Youth Dialogue Forum on Cross-Cultural Youth Cooperation and Sustainable Development Goals in the Post COVID-19 Era

Our world is home to 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 to 24, the largest generation of young people in its history. Young people, recognized as agents of change, want to and have already contributed to the resilience of their communities, proposing innovative solutions, driving social progress and inspiring political change. Besides, they also promote innovative ways in the advocacy and realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the framework and guiding principles of UCLG, as local and regional governments, we are dedicated to cross-cultural exchanges and building a platform for dialogue and communication among young people to better implement SDGs. This forum, co-organized by Xi'an Municipal Government, UCLG, UCLG ASPAC and Xi'an Jiaotong University, hopes to arouse public awareness that only through solidarity and cooperation among young people could our ultimate goal be better realized, and international cooperation be further enhanced and expanded.



## Tentative Agenda Global Youth Leadership Training Program on Urban Governance Modernization and Sustainable Urban Development

10-12 August 2021, Xi'an, China  
Beijing Time, GMT+8

Date & Time		Content	Lecturer
9 August		Technical Preparation	Head teacher Ms. Kristine Wang
10 August	16:00-17:30	Opening Ceremony	
	18:30-20:00	<b>Lecture 1:</b> China's Practice under Sustainable Development Goals	Professor Yan Bo
	18:30-20:00	<b>Lecture 2:</b> Poverty Alleviation and Rural Revitalization	Professor Li Cong
11 August	16:00-17:30	<b>Lecture 3:</b> Sustainable Development of the Population and Society	Professor Yang Xueyan
	18:30-20:00	<b>Lecture 4:</b> Refined Public Security Management Supported by Satellite Remote Sensing and Urban Spatial Data	Professor He Li
12 August	16:00-17:30	<b>Lecture 5:</b> Ecological Civilization in Urban Governance	Professor Du Jinfeng
	18:30-20:00	High-Level Youth Dialogue Forum & Closing Ceremony	

**\*Notes:**

- 1.The program is subject to change.
- 2.The training program will take place via Zoom. Participants will receive connection details after registration.
- 3.The training program will have interpretation in English and Chinese.

