

**Report of Erasmus Mundus Fellowship visit at Communication University of China
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I had the honor of visiting China with an Erasmus Mundus fellowship between 25th of August and 25th of September 2010. The host institution was the **Communication University of China (CUC)**. Prof. Dr. Huang Yong of the CUC School of Distance and Continuing Education was my very kind host person. He has helped me tremendously, not only with academic discussions and meetings, but also with practical organization like transport, accommodation (the campus hotel 'International Center'), an office (the Dean's office), sightseeing during the weekends, etc.



My "Dean" office



Campus hotel 'International Center'



Huang Yong, Questier Frederik, Wu Yanxiong, Ji Yanhua, Liu Hongwei

Besides many informal meetings, Prof. Dr. Huang Yong arranged a **workshop with staff members of the CUC School of Distance and Continuing Education**. The audience was very interested, not only in professional experiences from Brussels, but also in the culture of my country Belgium. We discussed opportunities for their in-house developed e-learning platform. I shared the presentation of that workshop for reuse under the Creative Commons at http://www.slideshare.net/Frederik_Questier/culture-and-learning-in-the-digital-age-experiences-from-brussels-and-the-world

News coverage of this workshop can be found at:

<http://news.cuc.edu.cn/shownews.jsp?newsid=10116>



Workshop for Distance and Continuing Education staff



Course for Higher Education Research Institute

I was also invited by the CUC Higher Education Research Institute to give a **course, mainly for the students of Media Education**. The students were very interested in international experiences of education, and showed great reflection about the future of education in China.

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<http://news.cuc.edu.cn/shownews.jsp?newsid=10138>

I had the luck to share three weeks with my VUB colleague Prof. Dr. Johan Swinnen, who was also on an Erasmus Mundus visit in the Communication University of China. Prof. Swinnen has since long time contacts with the **Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts**. That's how I got an invitation to give a **course for their students in Industrial Design**. Not really an audience I'm familiar with, but this gave me the opportunity to explore how my favorite concepts of Open Source Software, Open Courseware, Open Learning and Free Culture can be translated in the world of Industrial Design.

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Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts



Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts

CUC Prof. Dr. Huang Yong also got me invited for a **workshop in the School of Educational Technology at the Beijing Normal University**, where he obtained his PhD. The audience was a great mix of Professors, PhD students and master students in Educational Technology. I shared the presentation of this workshop for reuse under the Creative Commons at http://www.slideshare.net/Frederik_Questier/the-development-of-open-source-elearning-environments-the-chamilo-experience

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<http://fe.bnu.edu.cn/html/1/n/20100925/2388.htm>



Workshop at Beijing Normal University

Beside these great opportunities for courses and workshops, my stay was also a great learning opportunity about the Chinese culture and education. Contacts and foundations for future collaboration have been made, both for research as for education.

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