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Op 20 juni 2024 heeft Wageningen University uw verzoek om informatie ontvangen met betrekking tot een aantal op het WUR-intranet geplaatste teksten, na de plaatsing van het artikel "We moeten het over China hebben".

Specifiek vraagt u om:

1. De tekst van een medewerker, waarin de medewerker een uitgebreide opsomming geeft van diens (en van CSC-promovendi in het algemeen) activiteiten / werkzaamheden bij WUR.
2. De volledige tekst van een medewerker waarin de medewerker voorstelt dat Resource een interview met de onder 1) bedoelde medewerker afneemt.
3. De uitleg van een medewerker van WUR waarom de reactiemogelijkheden op de Resource-site zijn uitgeschakeld (vanwege Hitlervergelijkingen) bij het eerder genoemde artikel, en alle reacties op deze post.

Behandeling van uw verzoek

Naar aanleiding van uw verzoek heeft Wageningen University de door u benoemde stukken van het intranet verzameld. In totaal zijn vier documenten aangetroffen die onder de reikwijdte van uw verzoek vallen. Wij hebben deze documenten vervolgens inhoudelijk getoetst op de aanwezigheid van wettelijke uitzonderingsgronden en afstemming gezocht met de betrokkenen.

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Hoogachtend,

Dr.ir. S. Heimovaara
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5.1.2.e YoungWUR
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Recently, an article titled "We need to talk about China" was published on Resource without any interview on its targeted party, Chinese scholarship PhD students. Being shocked by the biased and unfounded views presented in the article, we as Chinese PhDs feel the need to speak out. We left our opinions and voices on the intranet, but surprisingly, the comment section of the intranet was closed early this morning and all our comments are invisible. We are now being literally SPEECHLESS.

I hereby express part of my arguments below, but there is much more to talk about this article and its China Threat implications. For those who is interested to know more opinions of our parties, you may check comments on Instagram: https://www.ins...NF/?img_index=1

The article starts by discussing the low living allowance for Chinese scholarship PhD students, but then shifts the focus towards the issue of 80% of CSC PhD students not paying bench fees, neglecting the truth that many CSC PhDs are involving in education activities without getting paid, and each graduated CSC PhD can save around €150,000 of labour cost while bring the university a promotion fee of about €80,000, which summed up is way higher than the bench fee they are supposed to pay(€ 48,000). These arguments disregards the inherent value of research and educational activities of CSC PhDs by highly monetizing and instrumentalizing their contributions, which is sickening and greatly undermines our well-being and sense of social security.

Another extremely one-sided and hate-inducing populist argument is that enrolling CSC PhD students is using Dutch taxpayers' money to train Chinese scientists. Considering that many fundamental and seed projects in WUR cannot attract sufficient funding and therefore cannot hire salaried PhD students, enrolling CSC PhDs can save significant labor costs while promoting research. More importantly, each CSC PhD student signs an agreement beforehand that the research results and patents will be entirely and permanently owned by WUR. This article amply illustrates how a win-win situation can become a lose-lose situation when scientific collaboration is tinged with stereotyped prejudices and political bias.

Please stop stigmatizing Chinese and deal with sinophobia, the real elephant in the room. Speculating about hidden agendas or external influences can distract from the substantive discussion of the issues at hand.

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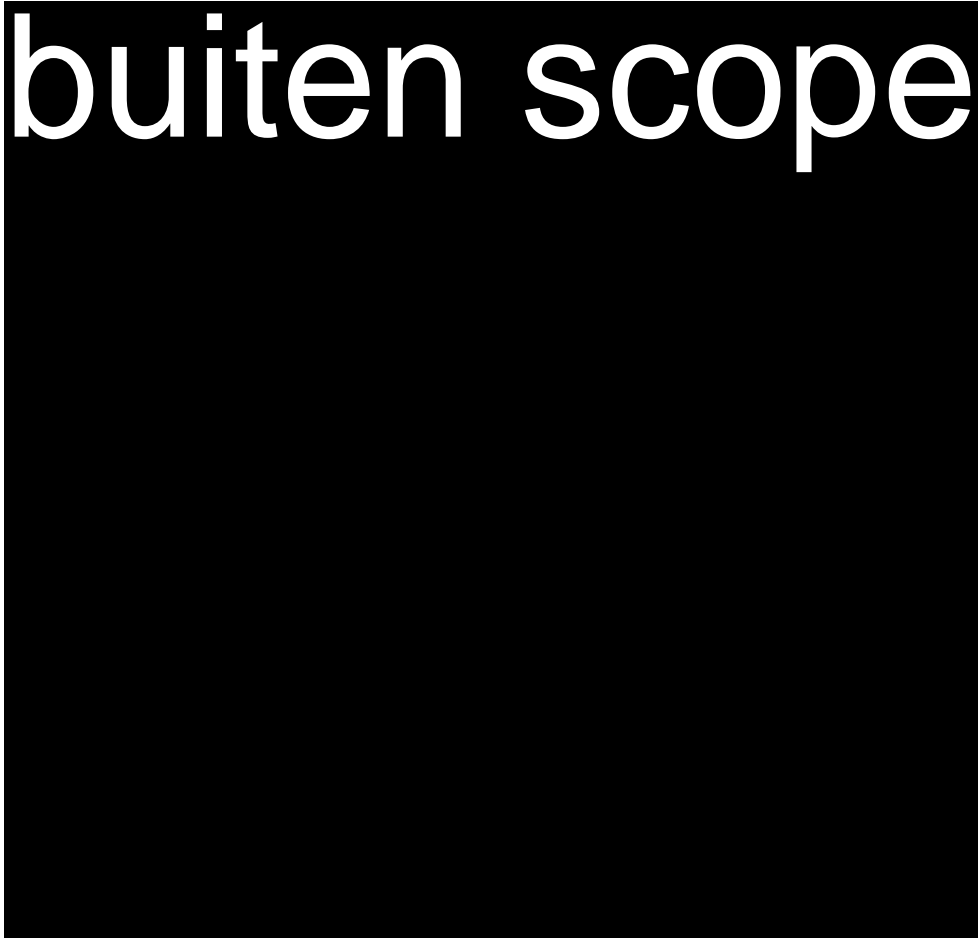
The "We need to talk about China" article in Resource can only be followed by a "We need to talk about sinofobia"-article!

For some reasons, the media seems to collect all we think is wrong about China, smoothens it out to ignore details and nuances, and then views it through a "And we from the West know best"-set of glasses (and being all too happy to ignore our own limitations).

5.1.2.e (who I do not know) sums up quite nicely a number of these biases, but unfortunately many more exist. Biases are unavoidable (I surely have them as well), but discussions about these items and the biases we bring in while discussing them, are the only way to improve our shared understanding. I think a balancing follow-up in an upcoming issue of Resource, of course including an interview with 5.1.2.e is - in my opinion - the only way to bring this debate to the level that is expected from a university.

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The new Resource is out, including the back story 'We need to talk about China': "Cheap Chinese PhD students earn so little that WUR is considering assisting."

And:

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- What inspires serial student challengers?
- ELSA lab works on human-centred AI

You can read this and more in the new Resource. Grab one on campus or read it online [here](#).

Update 12/05/2023 13.45 hours

The reactions under this news item have been turned off, because some reactions seriously crossed the boundaries of decency (such as insults, comparisons with war criminals and playing the man). There is always room for critical comments and discussion at WUR - also on Intranet - but in a constructive way. This morning, there was no way for us, as moderators, to filter and delete only the offensive comments. Hence, we chose to temporarily turn off the reaction option and formulate this response. The reaction button is now open again and reactions containing strong insults and swearing will now be deleted manually. Comments on the post can be posted on Resource's website: [We need to talk about China](#). A response from Resource will follow shortly.

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 #StopStigmatizingChinesePhDs

Let me summarize the essay in this way: it provides justifications for promoting a new form of racism against Chinese individuals. It appears that the author lacks Chinese friends and, therefore, has made little effort to learn about the work and daily lives of Chinese PhDs, resulting in an essay full of stereotypes, prejudice, and unfounded claims. Although my research is not sponsored by CSC, I am Chinese and have many wonderful and hardworking Chinese friends whose scholarships are from CSC. Therefore, I must respond to this essay, which is riddled with baseless allegations.

The essay begins by asserting that CSC-sponsored PhDs earn lower salaries

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despite having the same workload, but then curiously shifts its focus to questioning why they are not paying bench fees. The reality is that CSC-sponsored PhD students are not expected to engage in any teaching activities beyond their research since the funding does not come from the university or the supervisors. They are only expected to conduct research activities related to their thesis. However, as many colleagues are aware, a significant portion of CSC-sponsored PhDs are forced to engage in excessive teaching activities, even against their wishes, due to the demands of their supervisors. What do we call this phenomenon – exploitation or a new form of slavery? Obviously, the author appears unaware that the University of Groningen offers additional funding to CSC-sponsored PhDs to ensure that they receive the same salary while carrying out similar teaching and research duties as other university-funded PhDs. Rather than compensating doctoral researchers for their teaching duties, which is what they deserve, the author blames them for not paying bench fees. This perspective from the author is quite eye-opening in the year 2023!

Additionally, the essay heavily implies that Chinese PhD students funded by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) are controlled by the Chinese government. This insinuation is ridiculous and insulting. Have Dutch researchers ever received funding from NWO or other Dutch organizations? Of course, they have and they continue to have. Using the same flawed logic, one could claim that Dutch researchers lack academic freedom and independence simply because their funding comes from sources other than their own salaries. The author fails to acknowledge that CSC-sponsored PhDs are chosen based on their academic merit and potential, not their political affiliations. Moreover, the author provides no evidence of CSC intervention in the research of its sponsored PhDs. Instead, they insinuate that such intervention must occur and thus avoid interviewing CSC-sponsored Chinese PhDs about their research and academic experiences. This self-reinforcing reasoning loop is both unproductive and offensive!

The most absurd aspect of this article is the attempt to use "diversity and inclusion" as an excuse to cease recruiting Chinese PhDs, simply because there are already many of them and it supposedly hinders integration. It's quite astonishing! I am now eagerly anticipating the author's next article proposing to stop hiring male tenured-track professors because WUR has a disproportionate number of male professors (75%), which, following the author's flawed logic, would be a more significant impediment to achieving diversity and inclusion.

Last but not least, a major issue with the article is its failure to acknowledge the academic contributions and research output of Chinese PhDs. Instead, the author chooses to focus on their country of origin, which is entirely beyond their control. By making unfounded claims about Chinese PhDs, who are individual researchers having individual stories and experiences, the author seems to be pushing a biased and discriminatory agenda against this group. It is worth considering whether the author would make similar claims about PhDs or researchers funded by institutions from other countries, such as the United States or African countries, who are doing research in the Netherlands. The author's emphasis on the Chinese nationality of the researchers is reminiscent of a troubling historical precedent, which raises serious concerns! [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e Is there any guideline on how to request a refund for the time spent on reading an article filled with stereotypes and prejudices? Have to say it's quite necessary, and urgent.

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5.1.2.e Suppose to be a good article that addresses the underpayment issue for international PhDs receiving scholarship from their home countries (especially Chinese students). However, this article throws itself off the track when it talked about the bench fees. Is non-paid bench fees has anything to do with the underpayment? The tone starting from this part becomes discriminatory and biased on China. It's unfair and groundless to state "Chinese students and PHDs lack academic and social freedom", from the "feeling" of an employee at graduate school. Have you ever interviewed any Chinese PhD or student? NO. You didn't even specify what the problem is. In fact, the problem like non-payment bench fees, diversity of working atmosphere, research independence mentioned can occur between WUR and any other countries (or even within the Netherlands). So why China? It's worrying to see Resource publish such an article irresponsibly, and even terrifying to see the misleading and discriminatory texts were publicly present by a journal of an university, which may lead to hatred and racism on China and Chinese students. The article suppose to protect the rights of students, instead, it becomes a weapon, intentionally or unintentionally. [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e How can a university journal [Resource](#) publish such a biased and discriminatory paper as a cover article without any evidence or interviews with the parties involved (Chinese scholarship PhD)??

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5.1.2.e 🙄🙄🙄 Last Saturday, four Asian people including me in Wageningen got shot by water guns from 3 Dutch people laughing with "Ching chong". This is the general racism and harassment what we (Asian) people always get. Now, thank to Resource, we got "Resource Racism"! Excited!

I am a CSC PhD student. I find the title and content offensive. The title implies that Chinese PhD students are a problem that needs to be addressed. It is not only disrespectful, but also totally contrary to what JEDI advocates, even perpetuates negative stereotypes and the existing inequalities and discrimination faced by Chinese students.

I do agree with the section "work pressure", and I believe that this issue needs to be addressed. Employee PhD students have fixed work hours per day and can extend their contract, while we only have a four-year contract with CSC, which means we have to work extra hard to finish our PhD journey within four years, including weekends. However, low salaries and no bench fees existing for many years, why author now mentioned it?

I also want to point out that the essay fails to recognize the contributions that Chinese PhD students make to WUR. We are not only recipients of knowledge and resources, but also contribute significantly to WUR. For example I teaching, I supervised several MSc students, I published papers for WUR, I contributed a lot to WUR. With the contributions of a lot of "I", WUR can be ranked as one of the top universities in the world. Yet, the essay seems to only focus on the negatives, while ignoring the positive contributions of Chinese PhD students.

Furthermore, the essay includes unfounded claims about Chinese PhD students having to report on each other and those they interact with. This is not true, and such statements only contribute to further prejudice and stereotypes about Chinese students.

I hope that in the future, Resource will be careful of their language and messaging on marginalized communities. [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e We can calculate it this way if calculatable: a scholarship PhD student is required to pay a bench fee of €48,000 over four years, but the university can obtain €80,000 in funding from each graduated PhD student. In addition, a salaried PhD student's total income over four years is €142,152 (pre-tax, based on 12 months per year). Thus, each CSC PhD student graduated can bring the university a profit of about €170,000, not to mention the various monetary and non-monetary benefits brought by their research and educational activities. This article disregards the inherent value of scientific research and highly monetizes the contributions of CSC PhD students, which is sickening.

The article also states that enrolling CSC PhD students is using Dutch taxpayers' money to train Chinese scientists. This is an extremely one-sided and hate-inducing populist argument. Precisely as the article mentions, many fundamental and seed projects cannot attract sufficient funding and, therefore, cannot hire salaried PhD students. In this context, enrolling CSC PhD students is a mutually beneficial choice that can save labor costs while promoting research. More importantly, each CSC PhD student signs an agreement beforehand that the research results and patents will be entirely and permanently owned by WUR. CSC PhD students are supposed to receive training in scientific literacy and integrity, regardless of whether they actually receive it sufficiently or not. If the university really has confidence in its PhD training and is willing to share with and do things for common good, how would this model be concerned as a misuse?

We are also curious about why, after more than a decade of collaboration between WUR and CSC, there is a sudden change in stance amid the rise of global technological tensions and intensified geopolitics. Using the same logic, is Resource publishing such an article being manipulated by anti-China groups behind the scenes?

Assuming that all Chinese students do not have enough academic and societal freedom is also a typical narrative to reinforce bias and misinformation. The definition of freedom may be subjective, but at the very least, my academic research has not been influenced by any intervention from CSC. Everything I need to submit to CSC is simply a summary of my work, which is even required by CSC to be reviewed and signed off by my WUR supervisors. I also believe that CSC has granted me sufficient social freedom. I have never been asked to secretly report on the actions of others, nor have I heard of anyone else being required to do so. Myself and the majority of CSC doctoral candidates around me have enjoyed fair freedom and we are happy with this. The description given in the article is reminiscent of nauseating rumors, conspiracy theories, and unfounded speculations. I don't want to explain too much because I know that everything I say could be interpreted as the words of a "sad victim of brainwashing". Trying to prove something that doesn't exist and waking up someone who pretends to be asleep are both futile endeavors.

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To conclude, this article greatly undermines our well-being and sense of social security as Chinese at WUR. We think it's important for Resource, the voice literally representing WUR's attitude, to approach such issues with caution and avoid making unfounded assumptions or attributing motives without concrete evidence. Speculating about hidden agendas or external influences can distract from the substantive discussion of the issues at hand.

Please WUR and Resource address these issues and promote a more inclusive and respectful environment for all students. [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e It's absolutely wonderful that [Resource](#) has decided to shed light on the underpaid Chinese CSC-PhD students, and to put it front and center to raise awareness and spark discussion within the university. Unfortunately, whoever penned this feature piece appears to have missed the mark as a professional journalist. The entire article is riddled with condescending language and poor logic.

While it's true that Chinese CSC-PhDs are underpaid, so are other international PhD students with their own sources of funding. Why is China singled out as a country, when the funding body is the Chinese Scholarship Council? Is the NWO equivalent to the Dutch government and to Netherlands as a whole? This author seems to be attempting to generalize too much.

The author claims that self-funded PhDs are a massive cash cow because WUR receives €80,000 for every graduate, but then criticizes those same PhDs for not paying the WUR bench fee. This perspective makes WUR sound more like a mercenary business than an academic institution. WUR would be wise to select a more competent editor for [Resource](#) if it hopes to maintain a respectable image.

The author seems to have written the entire article without fact-checking or interviewing any CSC-PhDs. Instead, they seem to have simply copied and pasted information from other media sources, such as the claim that "obligation Chinese PhD students have to report on each other and those they interact with". What is the source of this information? Has it been fact-checked? It's hard to say, and it certainly doesn't give the impression of a well-researched article. [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e The whole article is full of stereotypes and discrimination against China, without factual basis. The author attempts to cover up his criticism and discrimination against Chinese students by calling for an increase in the income of Chinese PhDs. The article pointed out that Chinese PhD lack academic freedom, which is simply nonsense. Every research of Chinese students is based on full communication with WUR supervisors, and they research plan has also been affirmed by the supervisors and agreed by the academic committee. What is even more exasperating is that we were labeled as having no academic freedom without receiving any invitation or interview. As far as I know, more than one-third of the PhD students are paid by Chinese research institutions. At the same time, the problem of bench fee payment also occurs for doctoral students from other countries.

Generally speaking, the whole article is full of ignorance about cooperation. We provide WUR with cheap labor and a large amount of research results, the system of WUR provides good guidance to Chinese PhD students. This is a win-win relationship, but in the author's opinion it is a waste. It is ridiculous that such discriminatory and personal biased comments appear in WUR RESOURCE. We are partners, not affiliates and enemies. We need to be treated fairly. [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e "International scholar PhDs have financial difficulties"

---->"Some of them are from China"

----> Okay, let's talk about China and China's long arm"

----->" Universities are misusing the fund to train Chinese scientists"

----->"Dutch taxpayers are helping to fund the education of Chinese people"

Impressive logic, impressive

The editor has such a talent for moving the point from "student's financial difficulty" to a conclusion he/she wants. It is such a squander of your brilliance to only write for a university-level magazine, ever considered being a politician? 🤔🤔🤔 [show less](#)

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5.1.2.e Will this article improve working conditions for PhD students, or will it increase readers' hatred of the Chinese? We didn't anything in the article

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about what measures are being taken to improve working conditions for ALL PhD students, nor when this improvement will happen, only stereotypes and lack of facts about Chinese students. Why does improving the welfare of all people start with stigmatizing a group?
Stop rationalizing the stigmatization of Chinese students with various excuses.

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5.1.2.e #StopStigmatizingChinesePhDs It is worth considering whether the author would make similar claims about PhDs or researchers funded by institutions from other countries, who are studying in the Netherlands.

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5.1.2.e After hours of fermenting anger and mistrust, the function finally was brought back with an explanation indicating that some comments crossed the boundary of decency so the entire comment section was taken off. And it mentioned only constructive comments are acceptable to them.

This makes me wonder what did Resource do when Chinese PhDs found that the article is not discussing issues in a constructive manner and that the content of the article has crossed the line of decency.

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5.1.2.e Shocking to see such an article full of ridiculous logic, and extremely humiliating illustrations on the cover of impacting WUR magazine @resource. Can anyone accept that the flag of their nationality is printed on the big ass of a kneeling elephant????

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5.1.2.e Implying Chinese students as threat of knowledge security (technology thieves) is another deeply narrow, nationalistic and populist argument. Actually, every CSC PhD student is required to sign an agreement beforehand with WUR that the research results and patents will be entirely and permanently owned by WUR. The report submitted to CSC is supposed to be a brief progress update, it needs to be signed and approved by the WUR supervisors before handed in. CSC does not have any requirements for length, data, and technical details. We have serious doubts about the opaque research data and the behavior-reporting mentioned the article. This is highly questionable with a strong taste of political bias and conspiracy, and is definitely not representative, at least not at WUR. Literally what really belongs to the CSC students is the scientific ideation and philosophy they may learn from this programme, but if their academic environment is full of polarization, scientific politicization and populist speech, their learning experience and outcomes are highly questionable and concerning. [show less](#)

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De nieuwe Resource: We moeten het over China hebben



De nieuwe Resource is verschenen, met onder andere het achtergrondverhaal 'We moeten het over China hebben': "Goedkope Chinese promovendi verdienen zo weinig dat WUR overweegt bij te springen."

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- Spontaan actievoeren mag niet
- Nieuw festival 0317
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- Lammergier toch niet beschoten
- Jonge wetenschappers over Zembla-uitzending CRISPR-Cas
- Wat bezielt serial studentchallengers?
- Elsa-lab werkt aan mensgerichte AI

Dit en meer wetenschaps-, onderwijs- en studentennieuws lees je in de nieuwe Resource. Pak er één op de campus of lees hem [hier](#) online.

Update 12/05/2023 13.45 uur

De reacties onder dit nieuwsbericht zijn uitgezet, omdat enkele reacties de grenzen van fatsoen ernstig overschreden (zoals beledigingen, vergelijkingen met oorlogsmisdadigers en op de man spelen). Voor kritische opmerkingen en discussie is altijd plaats bij WUR - ook op Intranet- maar dan wel op een constructieve manier. Er was vanochtend voor ons, als moderators, geen mogelijkheid om alleen de beledigende reacties te filteren en te verwijderen. Vandaar dat er gekozen is om de reactiemogelijkheid tijdelijk uit te zetten en deze reactie te formuleren. De reactieknop staat nu weer open en reacties die sterke beledigingen en scheldpartijen bevatten zullen we nu handmatig gaan verwijderen. Reacties op het bericht kunnen geplaatst worden op de website van Resource: [We moeten het over China hebben - Resource online \(resource-online.nl\)](#). Een reactie van Resource volgt binnenkort.

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5.1.2.e Het lijkt erop dat je een artikel beschrijft dat het probleem van onderbetaling voor internationale promovendi behandelt die studiebeurzen ontvangen van hun thuisland (vooral Chinese studenten). Echter, dit artikel raakt van het pad af wanneer het praat over de bench fees. Hebben onbetaalde bench fees iets te maken met de onderbetaling? De toon vanaf dit punt wordt discriminerend en vooringenomen ten opzichte van China. Het is oneerlijk en ongegrond om te beweren dat "Chinese studenten en promovendi gebrek hebben aan academische en sociale vrijheid", gebaseerd op het "gevoel" van een werknemer op een graduate school. Heb je ooit een Chinees promovendus of student geïnterviewd? Nee. Je hebt zelfs niet gespecificeerd wat het probleem precies is. In feite kunnen problemen zoals het niet betalen van bench fees, diversiteit van werksfeer en onderzoeksonafhankelijkheid zich voordoen tussen WUR en andere landen (zelfs binnen Nederland). Dus waarom China? Het is zorgwekkend om te zien dat Resource zo'n artikel onverantwoordelijk publiceert, en zelfs angstaanjagend om te zien dat de misleidende en discriminerende teksten openbaar worden gepresenteerd door een tijdschrift van een universiteit, wat kan leiden tot haat en racisme jegens China en Chinese studenten. Het artikel zou de rechten van studenten moeten beschermen, maar in plaats daarvan wordt het een wapen, bewust of onbewust. [minder weergeven](#)

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5.1.2.e Hoe kan een universiteitsblad zoals [Resource](#) zo'n vooringenomen en discriminerend artikel als coverartikel publiceren zonder enig bewijs of interviews met de betrokken partijen (Chinese PhD-studenten met een beurs)? [Sociale Veiligheid/Social Safety](#)

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5.1.2.e Als het berekenbaar is, kunnen we het zo berekenen: een beurspromovendus moet over vier jaar een benchfee van € 48.000 betalen, maar de universiteit kan van elke afgestudeerde promovendus € 80.000 aan financiering krijgen. Daarnaast bedraagt het totale inkomen van een promovendus in loondienst over vier jaar € 142.152 (vóór belastingen, op basis van 12 maanden per jaar). Zo kan elke afgestudeerde CSC-promovendus de universiteit een winst opleveren van ongeveer € 170.000, om nog maar te zwijgen van de verschillende financiële en niet-financiële voordelen die hun onderzoeks- en onderwijsactiviteiten met zich meebrengen. Dit artikel negeert de intrinsieke waarde van wetenschappelijk onderzoek en maakt veel geld vrij voor de bijdragen van CSC-promovendi, wat misselijkmakend is.

In het artikel staat ook dat het inschrijven van CSC-promovendi het geld van de Nederlandse belastingbetaler gebruikt om Chinese wetenschappers op te leiden. Dit is een uiterst eenzijdig en haatzaaiend populistisch argument. Precies zoals het artikel vermeldt, kunnen veel fundamentele en seed-projecten niet voldoende financiering aantrekken en kunnen daarom geen betaalde promovendi aannemen. In deze context is het inschrijven van CSC-promovendi een wederzijds voordelige keuze die arbeidskosten kan besparen en tegelijkertijd onderzoek kan bevorderen. Belangrijker is dat elke CSC-promovendus vooraf een overeenkomst tekent dat de onderzoeksresultaten en patenten volledig en permanent eigendom worden van WUR. CSC-promovendi worden verondersteld een opleiding te krijgen in wetenschappelijke geletterdheid en integratie, ongeacht of ze die daadwerkelijk voldoende krijgen of niet. Als de universiteit echt vertrouwen heeft in haar PhD-opleiding en bereid is dingen te delen met en te doen voor het algemeen belang, hoe zou dit model dan misbruikt kunnen worden?

We zijn ook benieuwd waarom, na meer dan tien jaar samenwerking tussen WUR en CSC, er een plotselinge verandering van standpunt is te midden van de toenemende wereldwijde technologische spanningen en geïntensiverde geopolitiek. Wordt Resource die een dergelijk artikel publiceert volgens dezelfde logica achter de schermen gemanipuleerd door anti-Chinese groeperingen?

Ervan uitgaande dat alle Chinese studenten niet genoeg academische en maatschappelijke vrijheid hebben, is ook een typisch verhaal om vooringenomenheid en verkeerde informatie te versterken. De definitie van vrijheid mag dan subjectief zijn, maar mijn academisch onderzoek is op zijn minst niet beïnvloed door enige tussenkomst van de CSC. Alles wat ik bij de CSC indien, is gewoon een samenvatting van mijn werk, dat zelfs door de CSC moet worden beoordeeld en afgetekend door mijn WUR-begeleiders. Ik geloof ook dat CSC mij voldoende sociale vrijheid heeft gegeven. Er is mij nooit

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gevraagd om in het geheim verslag uit te brengen over de acties van anderen, noch heb ik gehoord dat iemand anders dit moet doen. Ikzelf en de meeste CSC-promovendi om mij heen hebben een eerlijke vrijheid genoten en daar zijn we blij mee. De beschrijving in het artikel doet denken aan misselijkmakende geruchten, complottheorieën en ongegronde speculaties. Ik wil niet teveel uitleggen, omdat ik weet dat alles wat ik zeg kan worden geïnterpreteerd als de woorden van een "triest slachtoffer van hersenspoeling". Proberen iets te bewijzen dat niet bestaat en iemand wakker maken die doet alsof hij slaapt, zijn beide nutteloze pogingen.



Als stem die de houding van WUR vertegenwoordigt, vinden we het belangrijk dat Resource dergelijke kwesties met de nodige voorzichtigheid benadert en geen ongefundeerde aannames doet of motieven toeschrijft zonder concreet bewijs. Speculeren over verborgen agenda's of invloeden van buitenaf kan de aandacht afleiden van de inhoudelijke bespreking van de lopende zaken.

We hopen dat WUR en Resource deze problemen kunnen aanpakken en een meer inclusieve en respectvolle omgeving voor alle studenten kunnen bevorderen. [minder weergeven](#)

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5.1.2.e De auteur citeerde de uitspraak van 5.1.2.e "Universiteiten misbruiken de promotiebonus om Chinese wetenschappers op te leiden. Op deze manier helpt de Nederlandse belastingbetaler mee het onderwijs van Chinezen te bekostigen". Volgens het bericht van 5.1.2.e op het intranet was de oorspronkelijke bedoeling van deze opmerking blijkbaar om kritiek te uiten op het bedrijfsmodel van de WUR van het CSC-doctoraatsprogramma, aangezien de universiteit verklaarde dat beurspromovendi studenten zijn in plaats van werknemers. Wat in het artikel werd gepresenteerd, was echter inderdaad een eenzijdig, uit de context gehaald, populistisch argument dat haat opriep.

Het artikel zei dat de investering in China niet de verwachte voordelen opleverde. Hoe wordt dit voordeel gedefinieerd en gekwantificeerd? De onbetaalde onderwijsactiviteiten van CSC-promovendi, de besparingen in personele kosten, de waarde van hun onderzoeksresultaten en de reputatie die ze aan de universiteit geven, en de verschillende samenwerkingsmogelijkheden die ze na hun afstuderen initiëren, lijken opzettelijk te worden genegeerd. Om nog maar te zwijgen van het feit dat het artikel niet voldoende alle WUR-professoren en wetenschappers die met China hebben gewerkt, heeft geïnterviewd en verzameld.

Chinese studenten zien als technologiedieven is een ander bekrompen, nationalistisch en populistisch argument. Eigenlijk is elke CSC-promovendus verplicht om vooraf een overeenkomst met WUR te tekenen dat de onderzoeksresultaten en patenten volledig en duurzaam eigendom worden van WUR. Het rapport dat bij CSC wordt ingediend, is bedoeld als een korte voortgangsupdate, CSC stelt geen eisen aan lengte, data en technische details en moet voor het inleveren worden ondertekend en goedgekeurd door de WUR-toezichthouders. We hebben ernstige twijfels over de ondoorzichtige onderzoeksgegevens en de gedragsrapportage die in het artikel worden genoemd. Dit is hoogst twijfelachtig met een sterke smaak van politieke vooringenomenheid en samenzwering, en zeker niet representatief, althans niet bij WUR. Letterlijk wat echt bij de CSC-studenten hoort, is het wetenschappelijke idee en de filosofie die ze van dit programma kunnen leren, maar als hun academische omgeving vol polarisatie, wetenschappelijke politiek en populistische spraak is, zijn hun leerervaring en resultaten hoogst twijfelachtig en bezorgd. [minder weergeven](#)

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