

Michael Rochlitz/Alexander Libmann:

"Heaven Is High, and the Emperor Is Far Away: Political and Fiscal Federalism in Russia and China"

This is the title of the new book written by Dr. Rochlitz and Prof. Libman from LMU Institute of Sociology.

Abstract of the book:

The book will offer a comparative analysis of the development of center-region relations in Russia and in China. It will explore several dimensions of these relations: fiscal ties and incentives; bureaucratic practices; local government practices; and flows of information. It will also address the determinants of divergence between these two countries. By studying Russia and China, we are able to compare two large authoritarian states and to better understand various practices these regimes use in governing their diverse regions. The book will be based on a synthesis of a large empirical and theoretical evidence on the center-region relations in the two countries, which has been accumulated in different disciplines, but, to our knowledge, has rarely been integrated in a coherent common framework. The book will appeal to the scholarly community in public economics, political economy and comparative politics, as well as to students and policy analysts.

Dr. Rochlitz would like to organize a workshop about the above mentioned topic and invites scholars from the fields of Politics, East-European Studies / Russia Studies, Sociology and related disciplines to submit titles and short abstracts (100 – 150 words) by July 21, 2018.

The workshop will take place on November 23 or November 24th during the Scientific Forum at Peking University in Beijing. All scholars who are selected will be invited to take part in the events related to this year's LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum on "Interactions - Translations" from November 22-24, 2018. In addition, LMU will organize and pay for accommodation in Beijing (conference hotel) for the duration of the conference.