

# White Rose University Consortium: College of Arts and Humanities

## Arts and Humanities Research Culture in China

### Academia

#### Differences

1. Chinese postgraduate supervisors have more power than the UK supervisors, because they have more research resources to allocate and the decisions made by them value more.
2. Chinese universities are supervised by the Chinese Communist Party, the real head of the university is the head of the Party of the university, the president of the university is usually the vice head of the Party of the university.
3. Chinese postgraduate students are more like research assistants of their supervisors, UK postgraduate students are more independent in their own research.
4. Chinese culture encourages people to respect the seniors, so the critical thinking of Chinese academic culture seems weaker than the western culture.
5. Teaching methods in Chinese academia are more like “teachers teaching, students remembering”, but things started to change in big cities, some teachers encourage students to do presentations or run seminars to express their own ideas.
6. Chinese universities all have walls around their campuses, students mostly live within the walls, hence their identity of their university is more than UK university students.
7. More than 95% Chinese university students live in university dormitories, sharing a room with 3-7 other students.
8. More than 95% Chinese university students eat at university canteens, because they are not allowed to use high-power electronics (hobs or boilers) in dormitories.

