Finding, Surviving and Enjoying an Academic Job in Mainland China

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Abstract
This seminar centers around the issues of finding, surviving and enjoying an academic job in Mainland China. Drawing on my own experience, I will first outline the job-hunting process starting from job market mapping, job searching, credential preparation, job application and interview. Following that, hands-on advice on how to cope with transition challenges will be given in the hope of helping new academic professionals adjust to unfamiliar academic settings, new routines and probably a strange city. Lastly, I will touch on the broader issue of academic identity, the construction of which relates directly to whether academics could enjoy a career in academia.

About the speaker
Yuanyuan Dai, a PhD alumna who graduated in 2018, is now working as a lecturer at School of Education Science, Chongqing Normal University. She earned two M.A., one in Education from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma and one in English Language and Literature from East China Normal University. She has worked as an education exhibition project manager and international education administrator. At Chongqing Normal University, she teaches several courses including Educational Research Methods, Comparative Education, Sociology of Education and Educational Principles.

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