

# PISA in Shanghai: Context, Findings and Policy Implications

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In 2009, Shanghai for the first time joined the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) managed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The survey showed that Shanghai students performed well in comparison with counterparts in other education systems, and attracted considerable media attention.

Building on the CERC Seminar presented by Zhan Shengli on 19 May which examined some technical procedures for running PISA surveys around the world, this seminar will focus on the policy dimensions for the development of basic education in Shanghai. It will commence with a video prepared by an OECD team, and will comment on the implications of the study not only for Shanghai but also more widely.

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*All welcome!*



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