

Invitation Letter

Dear _____,

You are cordially invited to attend **Forum on Future of World Academic Libraries (WAL 2020)**, which will be held online **from Nov. 23 to Dec. 11, 2020**.

In recent years, the innovative behaviors of knowledge innovation subject which is the service object of the library have undergone tremendous changes with the rapid development of technologies, from elite innovation to multi-agent collaborative innovation, from discipline-driven to problem-driven practice, from traditional scientific experiment, model induction and simulation to data-intensive research. The demand of the innovation subject for knowledge resources and library services has also changed greatly from traditional digital library and discipline services to research platform and decision-making platform. Compared with traditional service, it might become a more important topic for future libraries to cope with the changing needs of the innovation subject and deal with the evolution of research paradigms.

In order to explore the positioning and future development of academic libraries with a longer-term, innovative and global vision, the first **Forum on Future of World Academic Libraries (WAL)** will focus on "**Service Innovation**", and invited worldwide experts, scholars and professionals in the field of knowledge innovation services to explore scientific and efficient knowledge innovation paradigm, service mode and operation mode. The lectures will be released online from Nov. 23 to Dec. 11. The topics of the forum are as follows:

- Practice of Library Serving Education and Teaching in World-class Universities
- New Model of Scientific Research Management and Library Service in Future Universities
- Integrated Development of Academic Libraries and Digital Publishing
- Future-oriented Service Capability Building of Librarians
- International Innovation Infrastructure Construction

We hereby sincerely invite you to deliver a speech at the forum and share your latest research findings and practical experience. Please refer to Appendix 1 "Forum Information" for details of the forum, and submit Appendix 2 "Registration Form" no later than Nov. 27, 2020.

Hosts:

International Association of University Libraries (IATUL)

Tsinghua University Library

The University of Hong Kong Libraries

China Academic Journals (CD Edition) Electronic Publishing House Co., Ltd.

Organizer:

CNKI

Appendix 1: Forum Information

1. Theme: Service Innovation

2. Topics:

- Practice of Library Serving Education and Teaching in World-class Universities
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3. Form: Online live broadcast + pre-recorded broadcast

4. Languages:

English and Chinese (Simultaneous interpretation will be arranged for the reports, and the audience can choose Chinese or English channel on the live broadcast platform).

5. Forum Arrangement:

The opening ceremony of the forum will be held on Nov. 23 (Beijing Time) when four hosts (IATUL, The University of Hong Kong Libraries, Tsinghua University Library, and CNKI) deliver keynote speeches. From Nov. 24 to Dec. 11, the forum will be held in a flexible way and reports arranged according to different time zones of speakers from different places.

6. Speech Arrangement:

Each speaker is assigned 20-30 minutes to deliver the speech.

7. Broadcast Platform:

Due to different network conditions and transmission distances, the following two broadcast platforms will be used at the same time to ensure transmission. The Audience can watch the lecture on computer or mobile phone and play back the video after the conference.

- Zomo (Chinese version of “zoom”) for delivering speeches and switching among major participants (hosts, speakers, and invited attendees).
- The speeches on zomo will be transmitted to CNKI Online Teaching Platform (k.cnki.net) where worldwide audience will have free access to the live lectures with no limit on the number of concurrent users.

8. Broadcast Form:

According to the presenter’s preference and the network test, two forms could be used for the broadcast:

- Live broadcast: The speaker will give a live speech on zomo.
- Pre-recorded broadcast: If there were any problem with speaker’s schedule or network, the speaker could choose live streaming of pre-recorded video to ensure the quality of the lecture.

9. The Organizing Committee Contact

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Appendix 2: Registration Form

Personal Information	Chinese Name		English Name		Gender	
	Country/ Region		Institution			
	Position		Tel		Email	
Speaker's Photo (For promotion poster)						
Speech Time	Please choose any day or period from Nov. 24 to Dec.11 (e.g. Dec.2 or Dec.7-8).					
Speech Title	Title (Chinese, if any): Title (English): Language: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese					
Broadcast Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Live broadcast <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-recorded broadcast					

Note: Please return the form before **Nov.25** for the Organizing Committee to schedule the lectures, and submit PPT file at least three working days before the conference.